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YESTERDAY AND TODAY

# Chair's Report

**I find myself writing again at the end of another busy and successful year for the TSFPA. This year our alumni events have continued to grow, largely thanks to the tireless work of Jayne Grigg, Nicky Berridge and Jo Wood in the Development Office and the commitment of my colleagues on the committee, to whom I am very grateful.**

A great highlight of the year for me was this year's London Reunion, which took place in October and coincided with the Girl Choristers singing evensong at St Paul's Cathedral. In my other role, as a mentor to the Choristers, I hear these amazing musicians perform on an almost daily basis, but there was something utterly magical about hearing them in this spectacular setting. Following evensong, we had a short walk across the square to Juxon House for our drinks reception where we were able to mingle on a balcony overlooking St Paul's itself. It was great to see both the rekindling of old friendships and the establishment of new connections between former pupils of a wide range of vintages. Watch this space for information about the Choristers' return visit to St Paul's and this year's forthcoming London Reunion.

I count myself very lucky in retaining many close friendships from my own school days and my husband, Guy, and I enjoyed celebrating our 20-year reunion with many friends from the class of '98 back in September. Ticket sales for this year's annual dinner, which takes place on Saturday 7th September are already at record levels, so please do contact Nicky and book your space if you would like to join us for this event.

We have been pleased to welcome **Nancy Kenward**, CO96 (née Channell) to the committee this year and are very grateful for the work she continues to do in putting current students in touch with alumni for careers guidance and mentoring. You can read more about Nancy's work on pages 36 and 37 and I know that she would be pleased to hear from you if you can offer support or advice to current pupils or alumni and become part of TSConnected.

This past year has seen new levels of engagement from our alumni and we are always pleased to hear about your ideas for new events or initiatives, to talk to you about becoming a member of the TSFPA committee or just welcome you back to your old school for a visit.

The committee and I hope that you enjoy reading this edition of the Truronian and that it gives you a flavour of what has been happening in your school community over the past year.

I wish you all a happy summer and hope to see you at one of our events soon.

**Rachel Vaughan**

Teacher of English and Drama

Lead Mentor to the Choristers of Truro Cathedral



# A message from the President

Not only has 2019-20 been, yet again, a very busy year for the School, but the Development Office has also ensured there has been lots of correspondence with our alumni and a range of successful events for you to attend. The half-termly Newsletters never fail to highlight our alumni's wide variety of exciting and interesting exploits. As we look towards our 140th anniversary in January 2020, it is wonderful to see the continuing warmth and affection for the Truro School Community.

At Speech Day we said goodbye and thank you to staff who many of you will remember: John West-Letford after 10 years assisting our Design Technology pupils; Bob Warren, DT Teacher after 20 years, Claire Murphy after 10 years teaching Science, PE, PSHEE and as Housemistress for Malvern; James Austin after 22 years teaching PE and Games although many will remember him as Housemaster of Trennick; and Andy Lawrence after 35 years as PE teacher and Housemaster.

Such has been the success of our London Networking Reunion, held in October every year, that in 2020 we will launch our first similar such event in Bristol to be held at the prestigious Clifton Club. Under the banner of the new TSConnected, we look forward to it being equally as successful, especially as we have so many recent alumni currently studying in Cardiff, Bath, Bristol and Exeter.

The Development Office team are absolutely delighted, as am I, at the incredible response from alumni and, in some cases, their parents to help with TSConnected. We hope that not only will we be able to bring the advantages of networking to our Sixth Form but that recent alumni will also benefit – indeed within the first week we have been able to put a CO16 alumni law student in touch with 2 other alumni Barristers CO11 and CO09 to help and advise in his future career plans.

In September 2020 we will provide 3 further Foundation Bursaries. We still have some way to go to reach our target of 20 and I urge all our alumni to consider whether they are in a position to be able to make a contribution to our Bursary Appeal. I am fortunate to see, first-hand, how much pupils can benefit from the Foundation Bursaries and, as a school, we would love to be able to offer more.

We had the pleasure of welcoming **Mr Tim Just** CO94 back to Speech Day as our guest of honour, along with **Vicky**, his wife CO95. Not many schools are able to say they had the Head of Space address their Speech Day although I think most of the pupils' lasting memory will be the difference between knowledge and wisdom; in this case, what to do, and what not to do, with a tomato! You will have to watch the video for the explanation.

I very much look forward to meeting you at one of the alumni events throughout 2019-20 and would be really pleased to hear from any of our alumni who would like to help through TSConnected or to join the TSFPA Committee; please just let us know.

I do hope you enjoy browsing through this year's *bumper* Truronian.

With my best wishes and thanks,

**Andrew Gordon-Brown**  
Headmaster and President of TSFPA

# Bex Hogan CO99

## Author, the *Isles of Storm and Sorrow* series

**Bex Hogan (née Spence) made her debut as an author with her first book, *Viper*, published in April this year. The three-book fantasy series has been acquired by HCG (Hachette Children's Group). The second book, *Venom*, will be published next year and the final book of the trilogy, *Vulture*, will appear in 2021.**

*The Isles of Storm and Sorrow series is set in the Twelve Isles, where the Viper - supposed to be a protector of the citizens - has turned to poisonous cruelty and corruption. There's only one person who might be able to avenge the islanders and defeat him, and that's his daughter, Marianne. Trained as an assassin since birth, can Marianne become the killer she is fated to be, or will she find another way?*

Editor Lena McCauley said:

*This enthralling new fantasy series has everything - a powerful female heroine, an intricate world of extraordinary islands and monster-filled oceans, heaps of action, a heart-stopping romance and incredibly polished writing - I'm so excited to introduce *Viper* and Bex Hogan to the world in 2019.*

In her own words, Bex describes her journey from leaving Truro School in 1999 to becoming a published author 20 years later.

My school years were probably like most people's – full of ups and downs. I was very shy, and not a natural academic, so there were plenty of daily struggles to overcome. Fortunately, I had a small but lovely group of friends who kept me going. By the time I reached the Sixth Form, I definitely felt more comfortable in my own skin, and it was a relief to leave behind subjects I never really got to grips with.

From my earliest memory, I wanted to be a vet. When I was eight, I did a day's work experience at our local surgery, and watched operations with great excitement. But when I was taking my GCSEs, one of my teachers very kindly took me aside and pointed out that I wasn't actually any good at science, which was going to be quite the stumbling block! I'm very grateful to that teacher, because although at the time it left me with no idea what to do with my life, I was free to take A Levels I actually enjoyed, and was good at.

One of my favourite school memories was performing a duet at the Christmas concert in the cathedral in my last year of A Levels. I was playing the flute, and my friend

**Jane Bulpin** CO99 was playing the oboe, with the orchestra accompanying us. It felt like a perfect culmination of my musical journey through the school, from nervous first year joining wind band to becoming first flute and studying music A Level. It was a magical evening.

Not long after leaving Truro School I got married. I had no idea what I wanted to study at university, and so got a job to support my husband while he did his degree.

I actually returned to Truro School in the middle of 2000 to take part in a LAMDA showcase in the (then new) theatre. I was studying for my grade 8/gold medal exam with the wonderful Maggie Hutton and she kindly invited me to perform one of my pieces along with her other students. The Burrell Theatre hadn't been built when I was a student there, so it was great to come and have an opportunity to act on its stage.


Then I had my daughter, and I became a full-time mum. I pursued acting for a while, doing the best I could with a small child at home. However, I quickly realised it was telling stories that I enjoyed, not performing them, and soon after started creating my own.

It took a long time between writing my first novel to getting a publishing deal. It took six manuscripts and seven years before I signed with an agent, and then another year to sell *Viper*. There were times when I questioned whether I should give up, wondered if I was ever going to make it, but I kept persevering and weathered the storm. It was definitely worth all the heartache when I saw my cover for the first time.

I live in Cambridgeshire now, with my husband, Joe, and two beautiful daughters, Kara and Odette. The county has its own beauty, but I miss the rolling hills and coastlines of Cornwall. Kara took her GCSEs this summer and Odette has just completed year one at primary school, so there's a fun age gap.

When I'm not writing, I love to go horse riding. I rode when I was younger, and then didn't for many years. But when my daughter wanted to start lessons, I decided I didn't want to stand and watch and signed myself up. I also love pottering in my garden, though sadly my fingers aren't quite as green as I'd like.





My mum and dad still live in the house we grew up in, and we come back to visit at least twice a year, more if we can face the seven-hour drive! It still absolutely feels like home, although we moved away twelve years ago. My mum, Sue Spence, was Head of English from 1997-2012, and taught me both for GCSE and A Level. We still enjoy talking books as much today as we did then! I'm also still in touch with quite a few of my friends from school – we try and get together at least once a year. The best thing about school friends is even though you hardly see them, when you do get together, it's as if no time has passed at all.

**We asked Bex if she could offer any advice to any aspiring novelists:**

It's hard to give advice for a career that is reached by many different paths – no two writers seem to have the same story! But I would say to any aspiring authors, keep writing, keep reading, and repeat. Write for yourself first and foremost, write the book you would want to read, and never give up. You'll need patience, determination and resilience by the bucket load!

Right now, I'm living my absolute dream. I'm promoting Viper, I'm editing book 2 in the series and writing book 3. There is nothing I love more. As for the future, well I certainly hope there'll be more books to come...

# Beth Leighfield CO17

## British Longboard Surfing Champion

**Beth left Truro School in 2017 and is currently studying Geography at the University of Exeter, Cornwall campus in Penryn with the aid of a sports bursary. Within her studies, whenever possible, Beth is also focusing on aspects that relate to the environment and sustainable choices. When not at uni Beth lives in Bude. She joined Truro School for Sixth Form, boarding from 2015 – 2017 and attained Geography A\*, Geology A and Business Studies A\*.**

*I really enjoyed my time at Truro. Boarding really helped me make the transition to university in terms of independence and study approach. Even though I didn't join until Sixth Form, it was easy to quickly settle in and I have some great friendships from my time there.*

Beth's passion is Longboard Surfing. She began in Bude and attended a Groms Surf Club from the age of 9, run by Big Blue Surf School which is still running but nowadays Beth coaches for them. Whilst at Truro School Beth supported surfing as her Wednesday afternoon activity:

*It was so great that you could benefit from quality surf training from Sam Lamiroy midweek. The video analysis when on the school surf trip to Portugal was particularly helpful, and the trip was a highlight of my time at TS!*

Her achievements in the sport are very impressive; ranked 3x British junior champion 2015/16/17, 2nd Women's division English National Surfing Championships 2018 and 14th in Europe. Her more recent achievements include: British Women's Longboard Champion 2019, 19th in the ISA World Championships 2019.

The ISA World Longboard Surfing Championships (WLSC) were held in Biarritz, France from 26 May - 2 June 2019. In an effort to promote women's participation across all disciplines of surfing, the ISA has made each event in its World Championship Series gender equal, offering equal slots for men and women on each team. A record-breaking 104 athletes from 32 countries took part, making 2019 the biggest edition of the event to date.

As part of the opening ceremony, as National Champions, Beth and co-competitor, Elliot from Wales, were chosen to carry the flag and pour the sand from Great Britain into the casket where all countries did the same.

Beth hopes to be a good ambassador for the sport and commented:

*I was really happy to take the win at the British Championships which took me through to the World Championships in Biarritz, France. For my first major Women's international event, I was so pleased as I managed to achieve 19th place and the GB team finished 6th overall. It was an amazing experience representing Great Britain and the support back home was really motivating.*

Beth was recently featured in SurfGirl Magazine and with permission from the magazine we have included some of the information from the article for you to enjoy.

### Describe surfing at home?

*It's great surfing in Cornwall rather than abroad sometimes, as it's always nice to see some friendly faces in the water and the atmosphere is usually really welcoming. Also as it's not always super consistent, it makes you appreciate the good days even more. (Saying that, wouldn't say no to clean waves all the time haha!) The only major downside is the winter is a little cold, but I have great wetsuits, and by the time I get in the sea I always forget how chilly it is anyway!*

### Tell us about your favourite spot to surf at home?

*At the moment it's probably Godrevy, although it's pretty busy it normally peels nicely making it ideal for longboarding. Or when I'm home from uni, Summerleaze in Bude is my go to!*

### You must spend most of your time in a wetsuit and on the beach. But, as a UK surfer, it must get tough in the winter. What encourages you to surf during the cold days?

*It's always good to go in with friends as it can be hard to motivate yourself when it's raining and your suits wet. But I still try and get in as much as possible! I am studying in the University of Exeter's Cornwall campus in Penryn, and so that's the perfect location to access both coasts. With a bit of searching, I can nearly always find a clean spot to surf.*

### Where is next on your map for you and your surfing adventures?

*I'm heading to Spain at the end of August for a WSL event and then going to spend a few weeks around France before heading back for uni in September. Before then, I am just going to try and surf as much as possible, in between my summer job as a surf instructor!*

### Have you been able to travel much and surf new spots? If yes, where has been the best place you've surfed?

*I haven't been on any major road trips yet, but been to Barbados a couple of times and really love some of the waves there. But as soon as I finish uni, I'm planning on heading off to travel and surf as many new places as possible.*

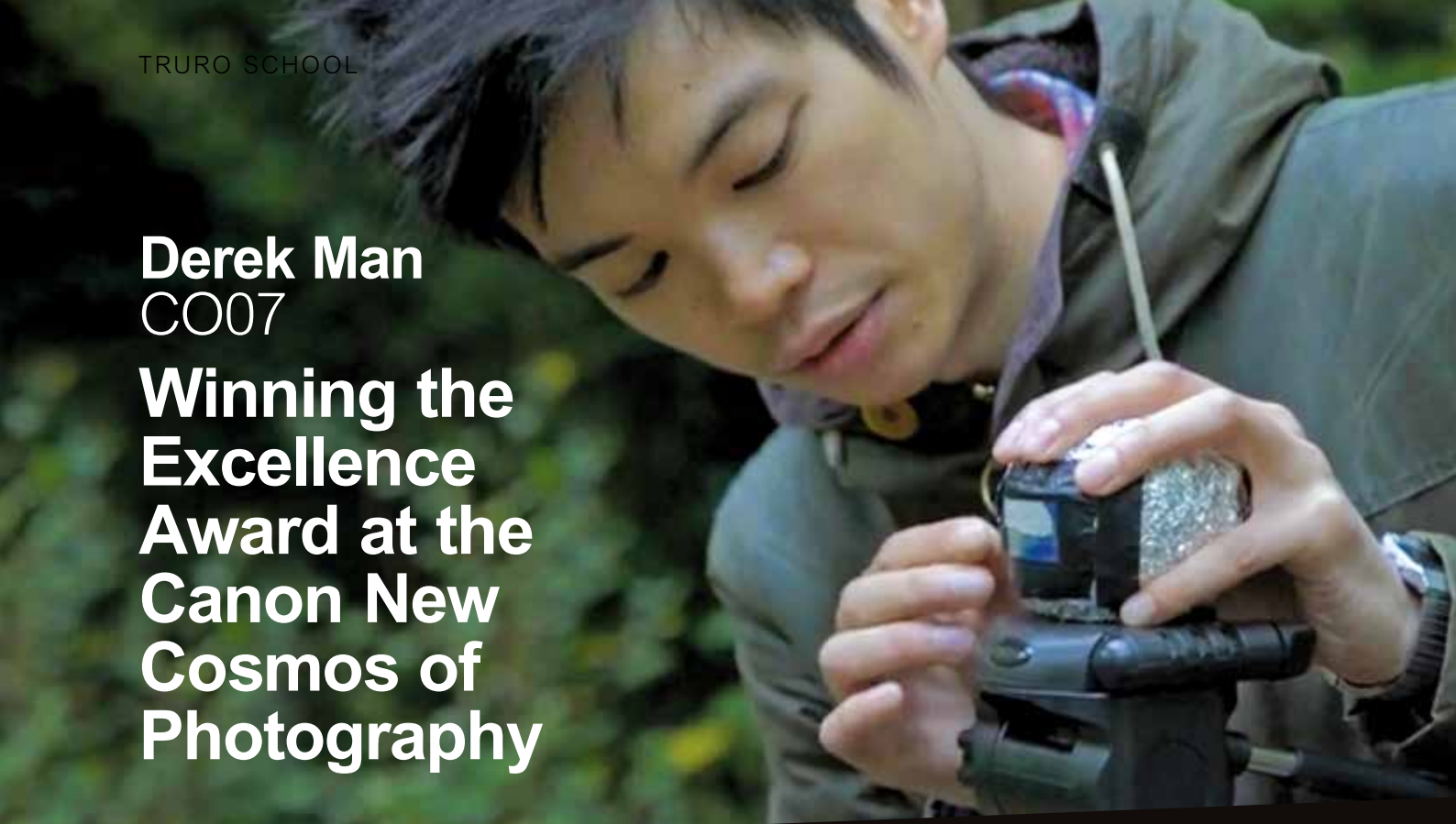
Everyone at Truro School sends warmest congratulations to Beth and we look forward to hearing more news of her future successes. We all wish her luck for the WSL event in August.

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**Derek Man**  
CO07

# Winning the Excellence Award at the Canon New Cosmos of Photography



**Derek Man was born in Hong Kong in 1988. His full name is actually Tsz Chun Derek Man, but when he moved to the UK 14 years ago he became known as Derek whilst at school.**

*I moved to England and joined Truro School Sixth Form at the age of 17. Having grown up in Hong Kong, it was quite the cultural shock to find myself at a boarding school in Cornwall. I'd be lying to say those first months were easy, and it took me a while to get used to this whole new world. Looking back, however, I always hold them as one of the fondest memories I have in my adopted country.*

Derek spent almost all of his free time between the Music School practice rooms and life drawing room at the Art Department but he also has fond memories of the post-prep time impromptu football games at Trennick House which he remembers always being good fun.

Other than occasionally wondering what a career as a translator / interpreter might be like Derek always felt he would be either a musician or an artist.

*Both the art and music classes at Truro School shaped my understanding and thinking tremendously. I am still grateful to Mr Meads for encouraging me to take up art*

*as a subject. Although whether art's gain is a huge loss for biology we'll never know...*

*While at Truro I realised I probably wasn't going to make it as a career pianist. I still play occasionally though, especially after a few beers with friends, and my repertoire these days has more Bowie than Beethoven. I carried on with visual art, which later on morphed into design and photography.*

Immediately after leaving Truro School Derek enrolled in the Art & Design Foundation at Falmouth College of Arts (now Falmouth University).

*When I joined Falmouth I wanted to be a painter but I also knew I'd need some kind of 'proper job' in order to get the work visa after university. A girlfriend at the time wanted to be a designer, so I thought I'd give it a shot as well. I got into Kingston University for a Fine Art course, but switched to Graphic Design at the last minute, which was lucky as Kingston's Graphic Design course was considered one of the best in the country. While I was there I fell in love with photography. I worked as a designer in London full time for a few years before pursuing an MA in Documentary Photography at the University of South Wales. Not the most straightforward route admittedly.*

## Have you been back to TS?

*I've been back a couple of times, but it's been a while. I'm still in touch with **Freddie Brown** CO07, who was in the same music class as me. We used to meet up in London regularly, until I moved to Cardiff for my MA. After I came back he decided to take up a job at the WNO and now lives in Cardiff.*

Derek's role now comprises of freelance photography, branding design & art direction.

*It really varies by the project but they all require a lot of staring at screens and doodling with a Wacom [a tablet which allows artists to capture their artwork digitally].*

His advice to any fellow alumni or students wishing to follow a similar path would be to work on personal projects whenever you can and he says those are the ones that tend to get you noticed.

We met up with Derek at the October 2018 London Reunion, as he now lives in London with his partner Becky. They were just about to travel to Tokyo for Derek to receive a very prestigious award within his industry. This mark of recognition was given for his photography project What Do You See, Old Apple Tree, a milestone achievement and something Derek is rightly proud of.

*Winning the Excellence Award at the Canon New Cosmos of Photography was definitely a high point. Not only did I get to exhibit at the Tokyo Photographic Art Museum, I also got to present on stage to the jury, including curators from Unseen Amsterdam and San Francisco MoMA, and in front of an audience of two hundred.*



To view the full project: <https://derekman.com>

## And what inspired this piece of work, commissioned by the A is for Apple Project?

*Since the 1950s, over half of traditional orchards in England have disappeared due to development, conversion of land to other uses, and intensive farming. The Orchard Project is dedicated solely to the creation, restoration and celebration of community orchards. Working in collaboration with the national charity, I visited sites under restoration and created pinhole cameras out of apples at each location.*

*Utilising these site-specific cameras, the work captures team members, volunteers and visitors, who are all integral to the survival of the orchards. By piecing together, a narrative from the perspective of the preserved apple, the project seeks to highlight and reflect on the intertwined relationship between agriculture and community.*

The future is undoubtedly bright for Derek and he already has a number of projects in the pipeline:

*I'm working on a new commission from Open Eye Gallery in Liverpool, which will see me working with the Chinese community in Liverpool. The new work will form part of the LOOK/19 Photography Festival (<https://openeye.org.uk/look>) later on this year.*

*My partner Becky (a writer and food blogger) and I have also been commissioned by the BBC to work on our photography project idea together. It will be all about food and relationships and hopefully will run in the summer.*

We can't wait to see the results of Derek's projects but Truro School's Art Department are also planning a project of their own with this amazing photographer. David Meads and Vicky Cucknell are in talks with Derek about an exhibition of his work in the Heseltine Gallery, something definitely not to be missed.



# Chloe White CO15

## Graduate Scheme participant with Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water

**Chloe White left Truro School in 2015 and went on to study at the University of Bath. For the last year, since leaving university, she has been on the graduate scheme at Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water. In our interview she tells us, in her own words, how the wide variety of experiences and learning at Truro School have assisted her to transition from school to university and now in her work environment.**

*The A levels I studied at TS were Maths, Further Maths, Chemistry and Physics. Dr Brogden, Mr Picton and Mrs Wormald all played key roles in helping me decide to study Natural Sciences at the University of Bath, and I am incredibly grateful for the guidance I received during my application process.*

*I rowed a lot during my time at school, at Castle Dore Rowing Club and I think this translated to a direct understanding of the need for us to improve river quality. Every year, the graduates of Welsh Water are tasked with raising £10,000 over 6 months for The Prince's Trust. Working in this year's team, Team Credu, (which means 'believe' in Welsh) has been a challenge of team working, a skill I developed while playing hockey and a variety of other team sports at school.*

*DofE was a real highlight for me as it sparked a wanderlust and desire to protect our environment, along with influence from geography teacher Mrs Wormald to study our surroundings. I enjoyed the variety of opportunities available at school, and I know I will continue to develop a lot of the interests that started at school, like photography and art.*



*I would be more than happy to chat to anyone who would consider working for a company with excellent morals. There are a huge range of roles available, as with such a large organisation there are inevitably multiple sectors - commercial, legal, retail, IT, health and safety, technical roles, and many more.*

*Whilst at university, I specialised in chemistry and physics, and was inspired to work in the water industry during one lecture about how we can use physical chemistry to treat waste water. In my final year of three, I undertook some work experience with an environmental consultant at Wessex Water, and took up extra chemical engineering modules in Waste Management Legislation and the Water Cycle and Human Health. This work and learning fuelled my desire to work in the water industry, specifically in the waste sector.*

*After graduating, I applied for a number of roles within the water industry and was lucky enough to land a role on the graduate scheme with Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water. The application process was taxing but with every step helped me to realise how the role and company would align with my ethics: not for profit, customer focused, environmentally responsible, technically challenging, health and safety focused, with a lot of responsibility to perform.*

*Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water's graduate scheme is very management focused, and we have been given a wide variety of opportunities, training and tasks as part of our grad scheme. Each placement of the two-year programme is six months long, which is the perfect amount of time to feel settled within a role, and learn the basics, before moving on to a new challenge. I can't promote the graduate scheme with Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water enough, my personal experience has been exciting, diverse, challenging and rewarding.*

Chloe has kindly offered to join the growing number of alumni willing to offer advice and guidance to current TS students, which is an invaluable resource for the School to utilise, especially for our Sixth Form students.

*I would be more than happy to chat to anyone who would consider working for a company with excellent morals. There are a huge range of roles available, as with such a large organisation there are inevitably multiple sectors- commercial, legal, retail, IT, health and safety, technical roles, and many more. With the graduate scheme giving a broad range of tailored experiences (Waste, Clean, Retail and Commercial), it helps to fine tune the business area or speciality that you would be most suited for.*

Chloe's new role has also meant moving and she told us:

*Living in Wales is also great! Especially if you enjoy things like hiking, cycling or running, or generally being outdoors.*

We look forward to welcoming Chloe back to Truro School in the near future to further inspire our current students.

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## Caitlin Maxwell CO17

# British fencing athlete continues fine season with Junior European bronze medal in Italy



**Caitlin Maxwell, a participant in the British Fencing Athlete Development Programme (ADP), has achieved one of her season's goals by winning the Women's Sabre individual**

**bronze at the Junior European Championships in Foggia, Italy. The 19-year-old Truro Fencing Club member secured Great Britain's first medal on the sixth day of the Championships in Italy. This is the best individual result by a British Junior fencer at a major championships since Philip Marsh won gold at the 2011 Junior World Championships in Jordan.**

Caitlin had a tough start to the day, only winning three of her six first round matches, meaning a ranking of 32 for the elimination stage of 64. This meant a potential clash with one of the favourites for a medal in the round of 32.

First, in the round of 64, she faced World No.39, Maria Ventura of Spain who had also taken three poule fights from six. Caitlin returned to the form she'd been showing all season, winning comfortably, 15-6. Next up was Andreea Lupu of Romania, who despite being ranked 31 in the world, won all of her first round fights, finishing as top seed for the direct elimination stages. She proved to be a tougher opponent but after falling behind 13-10, Caitlin strung together an outstanding series of attacks in the middle to completely turn the tables to win 15-13.

In the round of 16 she faced the talented Turkish 15-year-old, Nisanaur Erbil, ranked 62 in the world. Erbil had already won the Cadet title a few days earlier but the British fencer dominated from the start. She combined her trade mark parry-ripostes in the middle of the piste with consistent long attacks. Caitlin took the fight 15-8, meaning that one more victory guaranteed a medal.

Standing in her way was Italy's 17-year-old World No.15, Benedetta Taricco who had claimed bronze medals at the World Cups in Algiers and Segovia earlier in the season. The crowd were right behind the home favourite but Caitlin once again started strongly, breaking up her opponent's attacks with perfectly timed late parries. After the Italian tried a comeback in the second half, Caitlin turned up the concentration levels and closed out 15-11.

In her first ever Championship medal match, Caitlin took on the reigning Champion and World No.2 from Russia, Alina Mikhailova. This season the Russian had won the Segovia World Cup in January as well as picking up a silver medal at the Dormagen World Cup in December and a bronze at the Tashkent World Cup in November. After struggling in the first half with the Russian's counter attacks, Caitlin went 8-2 down at the break. A rousing comeback by the British fencer saw the scores close to 9-7 down but she couldn't land enough attacks to take the victory, losing 15-9 and having to settle for bronze.

Liza Pusztai of Hungary went on to beat Mikhailova in the final 15-13 to take the title, and Italy's Guilia Arpino shared bronze with Caitlin.

**Speaking straight after the medal ceremony Caitlin said:**

*Although I'm disappointed not to have won the competition, a Championship medal was one of my fencing goals, so to achieve that is great. I'm especially pleased with my comeback in the round of 32 and the fact that I kept my concentration in the quarters to close out the match – ignoring the fact that I was about to be in the medals! I'm so grateful to my parents and my coach Jon for their years of belief and support and to have had the chance to have had such a great foundation in the sport at Truro Fencing Club. Thanks also to British Fencing – I'm aiming to go at least one better at the World Championships!*



Proud coach, Jon Salfield added:

*For the whole season we've been focused on the goal of a Championships medal and after taking two World Cup medals this season we knew Caiti had a chance. I'm delighted that once again Caiti reacted so well to pressure and was able to achieve her goal. This is the culmination of years of hard training. We started working together 10 years ago and I have no doubt that Caiti will continue on to the Junior Worlds and her senior career with the same focus and professionalism.*

Those World Championships took place between the 6 - 14 April 2019 in Torun, Poland.

Lucy Jupp, Deputy Head of Sixth Form, Overseas Universities Advisor and Head of Fencing commented:

*This is such a fantastic result for Caitlin and her coach, Jon Salfield. Whilst at Truro School she continued to show full commitment to her training and the partnership with Truro Fencing Club, which is based on site, allowed her to build her training conveniently around her studies. It is the culmination of years and years of blood, sweat and tears and is thoroughly deserved after such a strong season. This is just the start for Caitlin, I'm sure, and I'm looking forward to watching her progress to secure more championships medals in the coming years.*



# Gabriel Vyvyan CO17

## Translation - An Artist's interpretation of Whale song

**Gabriel left in Truro School in 2017 and was the last of the 5 Vyvyan brothers to attend Truro School. He now studies History of Art at the University of York.**

In 2017 Composer and Musician Heloise Tunstall Behrens approached Gabriel with an interesting but 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 to be repeated 9 times by nine bands - each band responding to the track which had gone before. The 9th track was then passed back to Landshapes who developed the 10th and concluding piece. Heloise was interested in the idea of creating a visual artefact that reflected this evolution and suggested that Gabriel might undertake the task. Gabriel said:

*In order to do justice to this phenomenal task would require collaborating with another artist and so I enlisted the help of Sandra Goodenough, the mother of a former classmate and whose work I had become familiar with.*

*Can the visual truly be reflective of the audible? Our eventual response, rather than to struggle with an abstract representation of the feeling of music, was to accept that it cannot. The 2 senses are separate in many ways. Sometimes a sound may cause us to recall a visual link to the texture of a noise, such as the scraping of a chair across a floor, but the image does not directly reflect the pure feeling of the sound, let alone of music - it is diluted by the visual. This was our first translation, one of many that allowed us to sieve the Whalesong collection from music to image.*

How would Gabriel and Sandra represent the sound in a visual form? After some contemplation, they settled on dance:

*We found dance to be the most obvious - or at least the most easily observable. When one hears a melody or song, especially as written by a contemporary band, one does not automatically draw a picture. Thankfully Heloise and a few friends agreed to video themselves dancing to each track. This was in itself a beautiful and spontaneous translation. They are not professional dancers and Sandra and I felt this to be in no way a problem but rather, key.*

Sandra and Gabriel have distinct but separate styles but they needed to create a similar visual language. They decided to try and capture as many movements and gestures as possible on a single scroll of paper - at first with brush and Indian Ink, then by layering them, covering them over with further charred-coal and coloured paint.

*We began to establish a lexicon of gestures and eventually both of us could take a single dancing figure and translate her movements using the similar instinctual reaction. We did this for all the tracks on one scroll of paper in a spontaneous stream of creation.*

*The next translation was to focus in on individual moments in each of our reactions to the music, deciding which area we thought best inferred the dynamism of each track. Having cut out these parts we then expanded the images to fit in succession on a 10 x 3 metre scroll of paper.*

*For us the figure had become truly abstracted and the energy, the core of each track, enhanced. We had come full circle by a reverse process, from the objective to the abstruse - in doing so accepting that instead of holding a mirror up to the original "Whalesong" we had instead translated it.*

*At each stage of this process many micro-translations occurred, some planned and others that grew out of the making process. Some form of re-imaging had to occur at every stage with every commitment to the page. Within each section the remnants of the dancers may be seen, or a certain mark may recall a specific moment of dance - to these Sandra and I added touches of gold leaf in order to echo the scrolls past and its roots in the original dance.*

## Contents of the exhibition

The scroll was the main artefact in the exhibition and the Whalesong album was accessed through SoundCloud so that the viewer could listen to the music and place each track with each section on the scroll. Besides this there was also a video projection which melded both the handmade visual media and the original video footage of the dancing so that a link was made for the viewer between the two.

The Translation exhibition was enjoyed by pupils, staff and visitors to the Heseltine Gallery in March 2019 and Vicky Cucknell, Art Teacher and Curator of the Heseltine Gallery, hopes to welcome more artists from our alumni community in the future.

If you are a member of alumni, and are interested in exhibiting your work please contact Vicky in the first instance via [tsfpa@truroschoo.com](mailto:tsfpa@truroschoo.com)



# Amelia Luck CO18

## Saving Turtles in Gran Canaria

Amelia left Truro School last year and in February 2019 embarked on a sailing trip with family friends, the Redheads, from Lostwithiel. Parents Dave and Tor and their 4 children are on a 2-year sailing trip around the world and Amelia was lucky enough to join them for part of their adventure.



Amelia and her brother Olli were brought up around the water, sailing extensively on the family yacht with parents Adam and Jilly and also racing dinghies together from a young age. As well as being an experienced sailor Amelia is a qualified sailing instructor and teaches at the local sailing club as well as working as a lifeguard at the Sir Ben Ainslie Sports Centre. She is also a member of the Fowey Lifeboat Volunteer Crew and intends to continue with her RNLI qualifications as soon as she gets back from her adventure.

Adam and Jilly explained: *Amelia had a lifelong ambition to sail across the Atlantic and this trip gave her the perfect opportunity to achieve that.*

The group set off from Fowey in Cornwall in their 63ft ketch last September and Amelia joined the crew of the Sea Lion earlier this year. Whilst on-board Amelia took her turn with watches, as well as catching fish and being lucky enough to see some beautiful sights such as dolphins and turtles.

However, the whole crew were all quite horrified to see the amount of plastic in the ocean.

Amelia said:

*The plastic problem is really bad, its everywhere. We were watching all the turtles and dolphins and came across a turtle that we thought was eating jellyfish. When we got closer we were horrified to see that it was wrapped in a plastic sack. It couldn't dive so we had to help it.*

The family hauled the turtle aboard and cut it free before releasing it again. Amelia explained: *It was a very lucky little turtle and it was amazing to be able to free it.*

This unique experience will no doubt prove useful when Amelia returns and takes up her place at Plymouth University to study Marine Biology. Adam and Jilly told us: *We expect this wonderful experience will have fuelled Amelia's passion further and feel sure she will pursue a career on the sea.*

As the crew of the Sea Lion approached the half way point of their voyage crossing the Atlantic, 1200 miles from Cape Verde Island to Barbados they celebrated in style with a fancy dress party.

Amelia stayed on the Sea Lion until April when, after 3 months on board she returned home, leaving the Redhead Family to continue their travels.







**Jerry Barnes**  
CO79



## Managing Director at Bristol Private Office Services Ltd & Founding Member at Bristol Private Equity Club Ltd

**Jerry Barnes lived in Redruth and passed the 11+ to Redruth Grammar School, but his Father decided that despite his being an Old Boy of RGS, the impending change to comprehensive meant Truro School would be a better option for Jerry. At the time Jerry disagreed!**

*What started then was 6 years of train commute and a long walk. However, it was fun on that train and some good mates made (also from the High School!). My special memories will be mostly around sport. I captained the cricket team in the early years (until Turk Aldwinkle discovered my less serious side!) ably replaced by **Paul Triniman** CO79. I think 3 of us made it to the U19 Cornwall Cricket side. It was a good year for Rugby. **Grant Champion, Billy Hunter** to name just 2. We had great away trips with many stories best left to history!*

Jerry left Truro School with 10 O-Levels much to his surprise but at the time he had no clear career plans.

He made the decision to go to University “mainly to escape home”. At that time Jerry recalls that taking a gap year was not an option but he did enjoy a great last summer in Newquay as his parents had moved there from Redruth. He remembers being packed off on the

train with a huge trunk to King’s College, London, to study a BA in Geography.

Jerry takes up his story from that point:

*When I graduated in summer 1982, I tried to get a graduate trainee position. However, these were almost impossible to get given the economic situation at the time. With a flat in London etc I needed a job, so I took on a student training contract with a Top 20 firm of accountants (Saffery Champness) in London. This was a private client firm, so I avoided much of the audit work and spent most of my time in various parts of the country dealing with the landed estate of the aristocracy. My rural background and love of country pursuits did help me with this work. After qualifying in 1985 I was seduced by the City of London and spent 2 years working for the Merchant Bank, SG Warburg. Trips to Tokyo and New York helped to pass the time and ‘Big Bang’ was an exciting time to be in the City. I re-joined Saffery Champness in 1987 and was made a Partner in 1990.*

Jerry has helped train and motivate many people over the course of his career and given them opportunity to do well, something which gives him a great sense of pride and satisfaction. After nearly 30 years in the accountancy profession as a senior partner and opening



an office in Bristol (circa 1998) Jerry left to set up his own business: A Multi Family Office where Jerry assists international private clients to manage their wealth. *I probably should have done this many years ago but school fees etc keep you tied to the rat race!*

Jerry also runs a Private Equity Club, which he describes as “a sort of polite Dragons’ Den” in Bristol. This matches wealthy individuals with new businesses that need growth capital. In just over 3 years they have invested over £5 million in around 19 local businesses.

*It’s a great way for us to give something back to our local economy and use skills we have gained over many years. It’s brilliant to work with some very bright, energetic young people and see them succeed. My experience enables me pass on some of what I have learnt over the years; just keep doing your best with every task / job you are being given. Never be afraid of taking on good talent; get a job and immediately plan your succession; that way you quickly move up any ladder!*

Jerry still has strong ties to the Cornish community, with both his parents having long Cornish histories (Truro and Chacewater) but sadly they have now both passed away. Jerry has 2 brothers; his elder brother Steve lives in Cornwall and his younger brother **Tim** CO82 (he left TS in 1980 after O-Levels) still lives in Truro.

And what of life now for Jerry:

*I have 2 sons, both who work in London as professionals (Investment Management and Commercial property). I also have a teenage daughter still at school (Redmaids’ High School), in Bristol.*

*Jerry and wife Delphine married in 2008 after meeting through work when Delphine was an event manager and the company she worked for organised his firm’s corporate events.*

*My family and I visit Cornwall a lot. We are looking at buying a retirement home in Fowey – fingers crossed! I haven’t been back to the school much but did go to the Rugby Dinner last year. There were some interesting (and old!) faces there.*

*I am still keen on sport and played rugby in London until I was 39 years old. I am a member of the MCC and now watch a lot of cricket! I am a keen fisherman and have a gun dog for many days in the countryside over the winter. We like interesting holidays as a family, the last being a 3-week trip to Ecuador, including the Galapagos Islands.*

Jerry has been affiliated with The Clifton Club in Bristol for many years and has just completed his 2-year term as Chairman. During this time, in May 2018, Jerry, Delphine and members of The Clifton Club staff, ran the Bristol 10k, raising funds for the *Brandon Trust* (a charity that exists to enable children, young people and adults with learning disabilities and autism to live life in the way they choose). He also hosted a royal visit, with Prince Edward attending the Club’s 200th Anniversary celebration lunch.

Jerry has been very helpful in assisting the Development team in securing the prestigious Clifton Club for our newest event, **TRURO SCHOOL CONNECTED – BRISTOL**, which will take place on **Wednesday 26th February**. The event is similar to our London reunion, designed to provide networking opportunities for our alumni, and we hope as many alumni as possible as well as members of the Truro School Community will join us, making it as successful as our London event which is always held in October. (This year Thursday 10th October). To attend any of these events please reserve your place by emailing: [tsfpa@truroschoo.com](mailto:tsfpa@truroschoo.com)

We look forward to seeing a lot more of Jerry once he starts to visit his holiday home – who knows maybe a permanent return to Cornwall in the future!

# Richard Bridge CO81

## A life on the ocean wave

Richard Bridge was born in Padstow and attended Truro School from 1974 to 1979. After leaving TS at 17, he went to Falmouth Technical College to complete a 'pre-sea' course and after that he joined Ocean Fleets Ltd of Liverpool in 1981 on a four-year cadetship.

*I wasn't the best academically but whilst at TS really appreciated the focus on sports. I remember scoring with my head against Newquay Tretherras School in a 2-2 draw – didn't score many headers so it stuck in my mind! I can also remember playing Christmas carols with the school band at the Creation Centre [now Truro Pannier Market] and around Truro. I made some good friends but was always looking forward to getting away.*

Richard thinks the inspiration and desire to go to sea came from two of his uncles who were both in the Merchant Navy. His mother recalls that he had made the decision by the time he was nine. He never really considered any other career, although there was a moment, when he flew for the first time to join his first ship, that he pondered a career as a pilot. That was short-lived and his love for the sea prevailed.

Having completed the course with Ocean Fleets, Richard continued to work with them as 3rd Officer then with other UK shipping companies before getting a position as navigator on the tall ship STS Lord Nelson.

*I gained my Class 2 certificate after a year in college in 1990 and then joined my first passenger ship the QE2 in 1991. I gained my Class 1 Master Mariner's certificate in 1993 before sailing again on the QE2 as Senior First Officer. I left the Cunard Line in 1997 and spent a brief time with Stena Line ferries and Suntours Cruises before joining Windstar Cruises as Chief Officer.*

In 1998, aged 35, Richard was promoted to the rank of captain with Windstar and commanded their MSY Wind Song and Wind Spirit before being assigned to the MSY Wind Surf where he enjoyed a very successful few years.

Richard told us: *The parent company, Holland America Line, wanted me to transfer to their larger ships but after a trip on their MS Amsterdam I decided it wasn't for me. As luck would have it at the same time I was contacted by a superyacht owner looking for an experienced captain.*

Richard had been with Windstar for 5 years and as super yachts increased in size, and required unlimited tonnage certification, (until that time the vast majority of yachts were less than 3000 gross tonnes) Richard secured his first position on a superyacht, taking command of the 126m MY Octopus for the final stages of the build. This was Richard's introduction to the superyacht world and he took delivery of Octopus in Kiel, Germany in December 2003. The Octopus was one of the first larger yachts and therefore required a Class 1 Unlimited Master Mariner.

Richard went on to command some of the largest and most elite superyachts launched over the next 15 years (115m Pelorus, 162m Eclipse, 96m Vava II, 138m Rising Sun). He worked with helicopters, private jets and submersibles, as well as organising and overseeing operations at major events with VIP guests together with managing and motivating anything from 14 to 115 multi-national crew members.

**We asked Richard if there is a vast difference between captaining a cruise liner and a superyacht?**

*It is very different - as captain of a cruise ship you are very much a part of the 'entertainment' – hosting cocktail*



*parties, dinners and even marrying people! The ship is essentially managed from ashore. On a yacht the captain is very much more one of the crew and will rarely dine with guests. He is expected to manage the yacht and is very much more involved and responsible for all operations – many outside the 'normal' remit for a captain.*

Richard's time at sea has been very varied and taken him on many different paths. During his time on superyachts he has explored the Indian Ocean, Indonesia, Australasia, South Pacific, Alaska, Patagonia and Antarctica as well as the more usual yachting destinations in the Mediterranean and Caribbean. In 2004 he co-ordinated and executed a project to find and film the wreck of a WW2 aircraft carrier at a depth of 1000m in the Mediterranean Sea, culminating in a two-part BBC documentary. These are just a few of the highlights of Richard's career and he told us that he is especially proud that throughout his career as captain, spanning more than 20 years, he has never had a major incident at sea.

### **Do you have any advice for anyone considering a similar career path?**

*It's not for everyone but if you are self-motivated, enjoy travel and want to explore it is marvellous. I served my time in commercial vessels but with the large number of superyachts these days it is possible to work your way up on yachts.*

In 2018 Richard finally said farewell to life at sea to start a new venture – his own yacht consultancy business.

*I now advise yacht owners and potential owners on the purchase, build, operation and deployment of their yachts. This new venture includes anything from yacht management, captain recruitment, worldwide itinerary*

*and expedition planning as well as new build and refit consultancy and management.*

Richard tries to return to his home county at least once a year to visit family as he has a sister, Amanda, in Truro, his step-mother in Sticker and cousins in Padstow. He has four children, three girls, Molly, Bethany and Jacquetta, and a son, Charlie

*They spent many years with me on cruise ships at holiday time. They are all grown-up now in their chosen careers. They all sailed as youngsters but none has chosen to follow in my footsteps by going to sea.*

Nowadays leisure time is spent either on his old Oyster 435 sailing yacht that he keeps in the Mediterranean or keeping fit by running and he loves to cycle long distance, mostly mountain routes.

He is still in contact with the friends he made all those years ago at Truro School, and regularly cycles with fellow alumni **Dave Hodge** CO81 (and former DT Teacher) and **Chris Keast** CO81. Richard has completed two alpine cycling holidays with Dave, and Chris also joined them on a trip from Mont Ventoux to Alpe d'Huez. Earlier this year in May, they all cycled around Corsica together as part of a larger group.

*I made good friends at Truro School. The School is well respected and I feel that how I learned to interact with people has helped me greatly through life and especially as a captain working with all manner of individuals, owners, passengers and crew alike.*

The future for Richard includes making a success of his new venture [www.bridgelyachting.com](http://www.bridgelyachting.com) and to sail, cycle and run as much and as often as he can.

## Victoria Just CO95 Science and the Media

At the launch of the  
Milner Centre for Evolution

**Vicky Just (née Winter) joined Truro School Sixth Form in 1993, uncertain at the time whether to choose arts or sciences as she enjoyed both. Ultimately, Vicky made the choice to go with biology and chemistry and very quickly developed a real passion for science, discovering the field of biochemistry, which she went on to study at university and continued through an early career in academic research.**

*When I started delving into Biology and Chemistry at A Level, I decided I wanted to become a scientist. Dr Gainey's Biology lessons introduced me to biochemistry and really inspired me to study the subject further. I found it fascinating to be able to explain biological processes with chemistry. I remember how Mr Clarke used to play classical music during our lab sessions in Chemistry, which always promoted a relaxing atmosphere. I was the only girl in my group for Chemistry, which was strange at first, especially since I had come from Truro High previously, but others were friendly, and I felt like part of the gang pretty quickly.*

Vicky also studied English Literature at A Level, along with biology and chemistry, which many considered was an odd combination. However, unbeknown to her at the time, it would turn out to be a good choice later in her career.

On leaving Truro School, Vicky studied Biochemistry at Cardiff University, which included a year-long industrial placement at the pharmaceutical company SmithKline Beecham in Harlow, working on drug discovery and screening. She then undertook a PhD in Biochemistry at the University of Bristol, studying the 3D structures of malarial proteins using a technique called x-ray crystallography. Vicky told us:

*Basically, this entails growing crystals of proteins and firing x-rays at them and using computers to figure out the 3D structure of the protein strands from the diffraction data. The way the protein strands coil and fold tell you a lot about how it works. You can also use this information to design drugs that bind to the protein and inhibit it.*

Vicky became a Post-Doctoral Researcher at the John Innes Centre in Norwich for three years, before returning to the University of Bristol to work for a drug discovery spin-out company. However, during her time in Norwich and Bristol, she began to grow weary of lab work and started looking for a way of continuing her passion for science that was outside the lab.

*I've always been passionate about science and wanted to be a scientist. I initially followed the conventional career path for a scientist and I enjoyed many aspects of academia - such as the freedom to plan my own work and doing research that had never been done before. However, I felt I was becoming over-specialised and wanted to take a step back from the detail and the repetitive lab work, and instead look at the bigger picture and recapture the love of learning that got me excited about science in the first place.*

She tried lots of different things, including presenting science workshops in schools, organising hands-on exhibits at science festivals, and even spending a week shadowing her local MP in Westminster as part of the Royal Society's MP-Scientist pairing scheme, learning about how science policy was made.

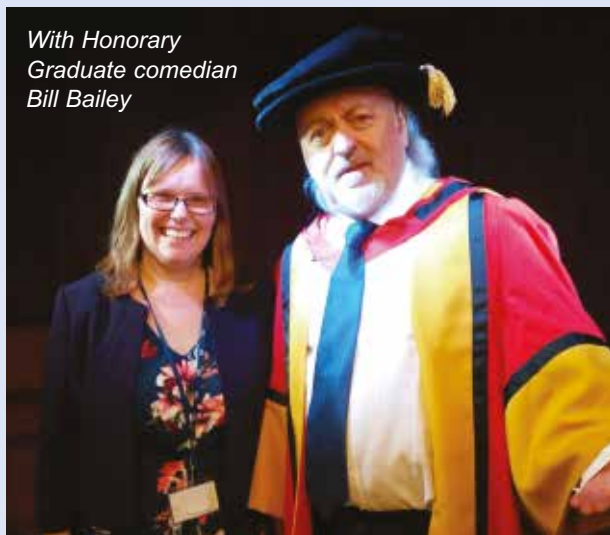
Then, finally a new path emerged when she got her first taste of media work winning a competition to be a

press officer for the Society for Experimental Biology, promoting the research presented at their annual conference. She had found her niche.

*It was really thrilling to see my press releases resulting in stories in the national and international news and in 2008 I started working in the press office at the University of Bath, promoting the scientific research from the university, and I haven't looked back.*

Vicky's role is to raise the profile of scientific research at the University of Bath through press releases to the media, setting up radio and TV interviews with their academics to give expert comment on issues in the news, making videos to promote research on social media and answering journalists' enquiries about the university and its research

*In my current job, I get to learn about the latest research and work with the top brains in lots of different fields, from genetic evolution to motion capture technology - there is always something new, which keeps my job interesting.*



That unusual combination of English Literature with biology and chemistry in TS Sixth Form proved very useful as Vicky explains:

*In my current role, working as a Media & PR Manager at the University of Bath, I spend my time writing about scientific research at the University and work to promote it in the media. So, actually, it turned out to be a pretty good choice of A Levels!*

*It was tricky making the change from the lab to science communication, having to develop a new skill set and mind-set. The media works to tight deadlines and you have to be flexible to be able to drop everything when a story breaks or urgent query comes up, however that part can also be very exciting. A large part of my job is to translate complex academic language and concepts into a compelling story that can be understood by a lay audience, simplifying without dumbing down or sacrificing accuracy. With the public losing confidence in science portrayed in the media, it's a big responsibility to tread the fine line of promoting a story and its impact on people's lives without sensationalising or overselling it.*

*Journalists often don't have time to check all the facts, so it's important to get the press release right.*

Last year Vicky had the chance to meet inspirational scientist and broadcaster Professor Alice Roberts, when she came to officially open the university's new Milner Centre for Evolution. Vicky led the PR campaign promoting the launch of the new Centre, which secured national coverage on BBC News and the MailOnline and the project was selected as a finalist in the PR & Marketing category of the Guardian University Awards 2019.

*I love my job and there have been many highlights over the last 11 years, including getting several of my stories on Radio 4's Today Programme and meeting my comic idol Bill Bailey when the university gave him an honorary degree last year.*

### **And what advice would you offer to our students:**

*I would offer the advice that doing your best doesn't mean you have to be perfect at everything.*

*Success can be measured in lots of different ways, it's not just having a prestigious or high earning career, the most important thing is doing what makes you happy. Whilst I enjoyed my academic career, I really love what I'm doing now, helping academics tell the world about their amazing research, and I have a good work-life balance which means my life isn't defined purely by my job.*

### **Do you have special memories of Truro School?**

*Truro School was also where I met my now husband, Tim, who was in the year above me. So, it will always be a special place for both of us. Tim and I met at a Truro School Christmas Ball in 1993. We went to different universities - Tim went to Plymouth, whilst I went to Cardiff, so we did a lot of travelling between the two cities and had big phone bills. When I started my PhD in Bristol, Tim's job moved to Norwich and he spent a lot of time working off-shore on oil rigs, so we continued spending a lot of money on phone calls and train tickets! We finally managed to settle down and get married in 2003. We now live in Wiltshire with our daughter Emily (8) and son Henry (6).*



*My in-laws are still living in Constantine, so we regularly visit Cornwall in the school holidays. We visited TS in 2014 for Tim's 20th anniversary reunion and I came back the following year for my 20th reunion. It was strange coming back and seeing how everything had changed - it seems like a lifetime ago that we were there. We're looking forward to coming back in July for Speech Day.*

# The Goodhand Family Story

Ian and Derek Goodhand were both born in Karachi, India (now Pakistan) where their father worked as a banker and in 1934. At the tender ages of 6 and 5 respectively, Ian and Derek were taken to England and entered into Treliske as boarders in 1935. During those years when not at school, the young boys were raised by their maternal grandparents, who lived in St. Ives, Cornwall. Both boys were not to see their parents again for 12 years, until 1946, when the world was finally at peace. Their parents, together with their sister Dawn, were then able to travel safely back to the UK and permanently settle in St. Ives, and were, at long last, reunited with their sons. Christopher Goodhand CO70 (son of Ian) continues the story of the two boys:

*Derek is my uncle and the younger brother of my father, Ian, and both attended Treliske and Truro School. They might actually have attended both places for at least as long, and perhaps longer, than any other student in the history of the school.*

*My father eventually became Head Boy after his close friend, the late **Robert Shaw** (actor and TS 1939-1945), who was Head Boy at the time, decided in the first term to forgo university and immediately take up a place at RADA in London.*

*At the end of the school year in 1946, my father fulfilled his 12-month national service with the RAF then took up his place at St. John's College, Cambridge. He was succeeded as Head Boy by his brother Derek, who, after leaving school in 1947, then went onto Sandhurst to train as an Army Officer.*

*My father was always a very keen sportsman. With another notable alumnus, **John Kendall Carpenter** (TS 1939-1943), he played for (captained, I believe) both the school's 1st XV rugby team as well as the 1st XI cricket team. His passion was rugby and he went on to play for St. Ives RFC, Cornwall County, the RAF, St. John's College, Bath and Harlequins RFCs. Very successful at fly half, we have a large scrapbook of newspaper cuttings describing his achievements. Unfortunately, a bad injury to his knee ended his playing days at a fairly young age.*

*At 21 years of age, on 5 August 1949, while holidaying in St Ives, playing rugby and enjoying a break from university, Ian attended the 17th birthday party of his sister, Dawn at the Porthminster Hotel in St. Ives. His brother Derek had invited a couple of girls he'd met on the beach that day to the party and Ian experienced an immediate attraction to one of them. It was clearly a mutual attraction as Estella and Ian married 2 years later.*

*Derek successfully completed his time at Sandhurst and passed out as an Officer where he spent the next 8 years in various posts around the world. He left the Army because he knew that he was destined to spend his career behind a desk, whereas he wanted to see action (he was turned down several times for assignment to Korea during that war). Seeking new challenges, he decided a life in Canada would present an exciting future and so moved to Montreal in the mid 1950's and started a new career in finance and as a Stock Broker. After he*

*arrived in Canada in 1955 he was invited to a party by his room-mate where he met Sue and they were married within 3 months. Their son, Michael, was born 2 years later and they eventually adopted a daughter, Jayne, to complete their family. Derek retired about 20 years ago and he and Suzette have been married for 62 years.*

*When Chris visited Derek and they chatted about Truro School, Derek fondly recalled his favourite master, the late **Bert Willday**. He also remembered his days of playing cricket and recounted a story about one of his, not so favourite, masters (who shall remain nameless): In one game the ball landed near a cow pat and the teacher yelled at Derek to throw the ball back to him. Derek immersed the ball in the cow dung and threw it, so when the teacher caught it he was covered in the stuff. Despite the teacher's suspicion, he couldn't prove that Derek had done it deliberately.*

## So what of Christopher?

*As for myself, my time as a boarder at Truro School (1963-1970) was far less notable than that of my father and uncle, although it was there that I discovered my interest in woodworking, under the tutelage of **Dennis Keam** (TS 1962 - 1998). He seemed to recognize my love of working with wood and eventually trusted me sufficiently to allow my unsupervised access to the 'wood shop' on the upper quadrangle below the science block [now site of the Sixth Form]. My love of the craft has continued as a hobby throughout my life and I have been fortunate to have my work appear in galleries and win awards at juried art shows. Like my Uncle, I too moved to Toronto, Canada in early 1975 where I started a career in banking, eventually working in a variety of locations in North America and Europe. My wife Carin and I permanently returned to Canada 20 years ago with our young daughters Jenny, Emily and Meagan. Now retired, I keep very active with renovation projects (my daughters' homes) and playing with my five grandchildren, Lilly, Owen, Teddy, Jack and Henry.*

*Sadly, just before writing this lovely account last year, Christopher's father Ian, passed away on 20th October 2018 and he told us:*

*I was with my father, Ian, as he passed away at the grand age of 90. That mutual attraction which began all those years ago on August 5th 1949 certainly stood the test of time; Estella, 89 and in excellent health, was also at her husband's side, 69 years later when he died peacefully at their home in Hertfordshire. They were rarely apart during their married life.*

*Both he and Derek have always looked back very fondly at their time at TS and, following my father's passing, I now have his old school tie, blazer badge (*Esse Quam Videri*) and wall shield (same school crest), all of which I can now add to my own school memorabilia.*

*We were delighted to welcome Chris to the Afternoon Tea in April – our reunion guests certainly travel from far and wide, all the way from Canada!*



1946, *Taming of the Shrew*



*Prefect in 1944*



*Ian, 1945 1st XV rugby captain*



*Chris and Ian*

# Tim Etherington-Judge CO95

## RUN424242

Although Tim has a brother, he was the only member of his family to attend Truro School and left in 1995 following GCSE's, having no clear career path in mind. His family home was in Hayle so Tim boarded from 1988 to 1993, was in school house **Wickett** and particularly enjoyed all the sporting activities that Truro School had to offer.

*I have extremely fond memories of my time at Truro School. As someone who's been active their whole life and enjoys sport in so many of its forms, being able to partake in so many sports, including representing the school at rugby, was fantastic. Obviously many of the teachers stand out from Mr Hunt who saw a shy, ginger haired boy eating a tuna sandwich during his lunch break and immediately ordered me to attend his next rugby training session; 2 weeks later I was representing the school. Or Mr Buxton, surely the leanest man ever to teach at Truro School, and his infamous lessons when he caught someone leaning back on their chairs.*

Tim moved to Penwith College in Penzance for Sixth Form and recalls how strange it seemed playing against his old friends when the School played Penzance College.

Upon leaving college Tim went to work at Kernow Special School in Redruth, working with severely Autistic and Down Syndrome children. However, he admits that for many years his career path was still not clear:

*My career floated around all over the place. I tried my hand at many things, from working with special needs children to sales manager for DJ mixer company Allen & Heath with temporary hospitality jobs mixed in. The death of my mother in 2005 at the tender age of 53, was a huge life-changing moment as you can imagine. I bought a one-way plane ticket to New Zealand with the dream of becoming a cocktail bartender. By 2009 I had travelled the world, and was awarded the title of 'New Zealand Bartender of the Year'.*

Nowadays life is rather different. Tim lives in Amsterdam and is a successful businessman owning and running 3 companies, all operating within the hospitality industry. **Healthy Hospo CIC (UK)** and **Healthy Hospo LLC (US)** work to improve the health and wellness of the global hospitality industry. **Avalen Spirits** is an alcoholic spirits producer making Calvados, a French apple brandy.

*Having explored and experienced many different career paths, I found that hospitality is an amazing industry to work in, offering a vast array of different and interesting opportunities, many more than I had imaged when leaving Truro School.*

However, Tim points out that the hospitality industry is one of the unhealthiest industries in the world, with the highest rates of drug abuse and sexual abuse of any industry, and the third highest rate of alcohol abuse. According to a recent report by **The Benevolent**, (a trade charity that provides help and support to current and former employees of the drinks industry and their families) a third of all drinks industry workers in the UK suffer from mental health problems.

Tim's company **Healthy Hospo** is the first not-for-profit company working to build a healthier, happier hospitality industry on a global scale. The idea was conceived from Tim's personal challenges and experiences. **Healthy Hospo** provides education, support, events and business development for individuals, outlets and brands working in, or with, the hospitality industry based around a platform focusing on sleep, nutrition, mental health, exercise and social connection.

Raising awareness to these problems is one of Tim's passions and he has chosen to use another of his passions; running, in a bid to try and raise a large sum to support the work of **The Benevolent** in helping to tackle mental health issues. This is something that has touched Tim personally when he suffered a breakdown in 2016 caused by a toxically unhealthy lifestyle and a lifelong battle with depression. During this time, he survived a suicide attempt and as a result dedicated his life to helping others facing similar challenges.

*After surviving a suicide attempt in 2016 I'm lucky to be here, and I wanted to take on a life changing challenge to inspire others to take action to improve their own mental health and to raise money for projects to improve mental health for all of us in the hospitality industry.*

And so **RUN424242** was born: starting on 20th July 2019, to celebrate his 42nd year, Tim began the immense challenge of running 42 marathons in 42 days, hoping to raise £42,000.

This amazing challenge will take place in the USA, Netherlands and the UK. Tim is calling on friends and colleagues in the industry to support him: come and run with him; help fundraise and gather donations; sponsor him; give him a cheer and share his challenge on social media. Mental health awareness is high on the agenda of Truro School, it can affect anyone's life at any time and the work of individuals like Tim is of vital importance.

*We need to challenge the issues head on and begin to change the conversation if we're going to tackle the growing rates of mental health problems, suicide, substance abuse and burnout.*

*I'm hugely grateful to colleagues who will be travelling from as far afield as New Zealand, India and Canada to run with me.*

*I've been training for 6 months to get to this point and couldn't have got this far without the support of my sponsors On Running, Patagonia and Stance who are donating shoes technical clothing as well as the best running store in the world: Run & Become in Victoria.*

Tim's 42 days of marathons will take in New Orleans, New York and Amsterdam, and will culminate with a 42nd marathon in London on 30th August in London, home of **The Benevolent** and the UK's drinks industry.

If you would like to support Tim, you can use the link below. All donations will go to **The Benevolent** for projects directly related to mental health within the drinks industry: [www.kindlink.com/charity/the-benevolent/1477/fundraising](http://www.kindlink.com/charity/the-benevolent/1477/fundraising)

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Tim's father still lives in the family home in Hayle, Cornwall and he visited last summer enjoying the amazing weather and wonderful Cornish beaches, 'remembering what summer is supposed to be all about'. He is still in touch with friends made whilst at TS.

*I occasionally spend time with **Andy Gaunt CO92**, whose brother **James CO95** was in my year, as we both work in the same industry. I'm also in touch with **Veronica Edwards** and am family friends with the **Lay family (Naomi, Tamsin CO97 & Ian CO01)**.*

The future for Tim includes continuing dedicating his life to building a healthier, happier hospitality industry through his work at **Healthy Hospo** and to save wild bee populations with **Avalen Spirits** and to continue his healthy lifestyle including running, and his true love, cycling.

**Everyone at Truro School wishes Tim well and hopes he achieves his goal of £42,000. Watch out for an update in the October issue of the half-termly newsletter.**

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## School Leadership Award

**The Rank Fellowship was launched in November 2003 to mark 25 years of the Rank Foundation School Leadership Award, a bursary scheme funded and administered by the Rank Foundation, a grant-giving charitable trust.**

Since 1978, over fifteen hundred young people have benefited from financial assistance from the Rank Foundation's School Leadership Award. The assistance was anonymously given until the 1990's: since then, students have been aware of the Rank Foundation's role. During their years in the sixth form, they undertake 2 Community Action Placements with charitable projects associated with the Foundation. They also attend a Leadership Day each September.

To qualify for the award, applicants must be at a participating independent or state school, in need of financial support to complete their school or university careers, and regarded by their Head as having outstanding leadership potential.

In recent years, 5 Truro School Sixth Form students have received the Rank Foundation's School Leadership Award:

**2011 Truro School Sixth Form Girl**

**2012 Harry Lobb CO14**

**2012 Locryn Williams CO14**

**2016 Truro School Sixth Form Girl**

**2016 James Brazier CO20**

**We took the opportunity to interview some of the award recipients and find out how they feel the award has influenced their lives and where it has led them.**

*Since 1978, over **1,500 young people** have benefited from financial assistance from the Rank Foundation's School Leadership Award.*

# 2012

## Harry Lobb CO14



Born in Cornwall Harry is one of 4 siblings, all of whom attended Truro School. After leaving TS, having followed the Medical Pathways Programme whilst in Sixth Form, and a summer working on the King Harry Ferry, Harry went straight to the University of Liverpool Medical School in September 2014. He had never been to Liverpool previously but thoroughly enjoyed his years at University there. Harry received the Rank Foundation Leadership Award in 2012 as he began Sixth Form and told us what the award meant to him at the time:

*It left me humbled that so many people, not just within the Truro School community, cared so greatly about my education and life beyond. It was a very exciting time as it opened many doors for me and created another new and interesting aspect of life to explore.*

Harry's community action placements involved 2 weeks in an activity centre in the Peak District, helping with daily activities and team building exercises etc.

*It was a great experience because I was able to develop my own leadership skills and interpersonal skills. Interacting with such a wide range of people, from children with learning difficulties, teenagers from youth clubs and colleges, as well as the centre staff, taught me a great deal about communication. At the time, I didn't realise how valuable this would be for my chosen career path. The experience and knowledge gained from the community placement undertaken as part of the Rank Leadership Award helped me hugely with my medical school applications and gave me communication skills that I now take for granted as a medical student!*

Harry has just completed his BSc (with honours) in Critical Care, which included working as part of the team in Warrington Hospital Intensive Care

Unit developing practical skills and undertaking projects within the department. His first project involved looking at confusion/delirium in post-operative patients in ICU using new National Early Warning Score (NEWS2), recently implemented in Warrington Hospital, one of the first centres in the country to do so. He also completed an elective placement in Malaysia during the summer of 2018, something for which his Rank community placements helped prepare him.

*My elective in Malaysia was in Orthopaedics - my consultant also had a special interest in orthopaedic oncology so we saw many patients with osteosarcoma. The most eye-opening thing for me was the difference in patient confidentiality – often there might be 2 or 3 patients all being attended to at the same time, in one clinic room. Other than that, the standards and quality of specialist care in orthopaedics is quite similar to that of the UK.*

*Anaesthetics and ICU is the career path I am potentially considering so working in the Intensive Care Unit is a great opportunity to build my CV and give me a head start in the doctoring world!*

*I now know that regardless of how active I am with Rank, we will always remain in touch and everyone in the Rank Foundation is contactable and willing to offer their help with anything, particularly with putting fellows in touch with the right people to help you along the way with whatever your ambitions may be! It's just like an extension of the Truro School Community really. It is always lovely to hear from Truro School and I am very keen to remain a part of the community as best I can.*

Harry returned to Truro School in December 2018 to offer help and advice to current students preparing their own medical applications. Supporting others is something else Harry learnt during his time at Truro School and from the Rank community placements:

*I enjoy giving back in this way, as I am very aware how much it helped me when others did the same when I was in that position. It also brings a sense of self-achievement when helping others achieve their goals. Medicine is very much about learning, practising and passing on the skills you have just learnt and that can be done whilst still a student and not just when qualified.*

Everyone at Truro School wishes Harry the best of luck as he begins his final year at Liverpool Medical School and look forward to hearing news of his graduation in June 2020.

2012

## Locryn Williams CO14



Locryn enjoyed a stellar rugby career at and after Truro School, captaining Cornwall U18s to the national title and playing in New Zealand. Concussions led to his rugby retirement so he took up judo and mountaineering. Locryn has combined a BSc at Oxford Brookes with working for the National Citizen Service.

*The Rank Leadership Award meant that I could stay at Truro School and gave me the opportunity to travel to Yorkshire and London to meet a wide range of people with varying skills and leadership qualities. It really opened my eyes to how Rank can help support individuals. It has had a lasting effect on how I view others and myself.*

Locryn's community placement involved working with the Lower Wensleydale Youth Project and he spent a week with a Christian youth group where he assisted taking young people on adventure activities and leading sport sessions. The Youth Leader Sam, a member of the mountain rescue team, had also been a recipient of the Rank Award grant through university.

*The time assisting Sam was very rewarding and enlightening. I realised that without people like Sam, passionate and driven, stepping up to help, these young people would not be given the opportunity to experience these adventurous, exciting outdoor activities such as hiking, navigation and climbing. We were even able to teach them to surf. During my placement, we also helped organise and take part in a fundraiser for the Mountain Rescue Team, raising awareness and much-needed funds to support their work.*

Since finishing his studies, Locryn has been an NCS Leader with Cornwall College and BF Adventure for the last 3 years. (BF Adventure is an outdoor education charity, based in Cornwall, with a mission to support children and young people. The charity are passionate about enabling them to overcome barriers to education, work and social interaction.)

*I have been fortunate to meet hundreds of inspiring young people through the programme. The adventure activities and social action phases have helped young people and communities across the county and has been an inspiration to me personally.*

Locryn has received considerable praise from the NCS Trust for his outstanding leadership abilities, something he believes Truro School and the Rank Foundation Award helped him develop. He is now in the role of NCS/Student Engagement Support Officer with Activate in Tiverton, working across Somerset, Devon and Dorset to increase the amount of young people taking part in the programme.

*The programme has changed lives, quite literally, and being a part of that change, trying to bring about programmes that will give opportunities to young people across the country gives me real job satisfaction.*

Locryn was able to draw on his experiences with the Rank placements in his own time of personal difficulty, after his rugby career was prematurely cut short as he was medically retired due to multiple concussions. The rock climbing with the youth club in Yorkshire provided an alternative avenue for his athletic ability.

*My life turned upside down but, fortunately, I was able to draw on my experience and things learnt with the community placements. At a time when I needed it, I was able to channel the drive and determination the project had created, giving me the confidence to take my rock climbing to the next level. I used it as a form of rehabilitation, increasing my climbing sessions, trips and expeditions to include deep water soloing in Mallorca and alpine climbing in the French Alps, the Cuillin Ridge in Isle of Skye and multiple trips to the Cairngorms. The Rank Foundation took me out of my comfort zone and pointed me in the direction. I met young people who had gone forward in the face of adversity, and smiled. These experiences, which, at the time, I didn't know I would need to draw upon so soon, served me well. I hope to use the knowledge and life lessons learned at Truro School, with Rank and NCS to lead more youth programmes at home and abroad, helping more young people to broaden their horizons and push themselves to achieve.*

Writing was something that began at Truro School and Locryn has completed his first book *A Long Road Home* which follows his journey and battle with mental health issues following his medical retirement from rugby.

*I started writing again as a form of escape from all that was going on in my head. Unbelievably, I made the final of the school bookworm competition and I used to write poetry and stories which, at the time I refused to share.*

At the end of 2018 Locryn received a publishing deal and we look forward to seeing *A Long Road Home* on bookshelves in the near future.



## 2016

### James Brazier CO20 Lower Sixth Form

*I have just completed my Lower Sixth Year, and am studying Biology, Chemistry, Maths, and am writing an EPQ on antibiotic resistance. I am also a child in care, so have been the recipient of a full bursary since first year. The Leadership Award from the Rank Foundation has enabled me to continue studying at Truro School, as it covers a large percentage of my full school fees with the remainder being covered by a Truro School bursary.*

*Also, it has given me an opportunity to learn more about what it means to be a leader, like on the Leadership Day that I attended in London. On that day, we created a film on why leadership is important and the characteristics that a leader needs to possess. Since then, I have been conscious about trying to set a good example and trying to show good leadership characteristics. I have not yet taken part in a placement, but will be accompanying the Essex Boys and Girls Club on their trip to Maes Y Lade in Wales.*

*I think that this will be a good placement as it will give me an opportunity to be a leader but it will also give me an insight into the lives of children less fortunate than I am, who don't have the privilege of going to a school like Truro School; so I am very excited for this placement.*

*Once I leave Truro School, I hope to study medicine at Exeter or Bristol University, and then go on to become an anaesthetist. I also hope to do a gap year working for an overseas missionary organisation, and then maybe even working for an organisation like Médecins Sans Frontières (sometimes referred to as Doctors Without Borders, is an international humanitarian medical non-governmental organisation of French origin best known for its projects in conflict zones and in countries affected by endemic diseases.)*

At this year's Truro School Speech Day celebrations James was also awarded the Hatcher Prize for Outdoor Education.

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# TSCONNECTED

Offering advice, guidance, networking and opportunities for current students and alumni.

**Head of Careers, Nancy Kenward, talks about the invaluable resource that is Truro School Community; alumni and parents and the difference they make to our current students.**

The Careers Department within Truro School has had another busy year and we have continued to work alongside the Development Office and made lots of successful links with our alumni.

We have also had a fantastic season of business lunches and again, our alumni have offered some excellent advice over lunch in the Heseltine Gallery (former Lower Sixth Form Common Room and before that some will remember it as the gymnasium) and the Careers Room.

**Matthew Pitman** CO17, kicked off the season with fascinating talk

about film and media - he left us 2 years ago to work for a social media marketing agency, and is now Head of Video at Clokkemaker, a global marketing, advertising and design agency.

**John Williams** CO95, from NMCN, a national engineering firm delivering critical national infrastructure projects across the UK, has continued to be a huge help to our pupils, attending the Engineering Business Lunch and the Post 18 Options Days to



talk about STEM industries. For this year's lunch he was joined by his brother **Huw CO97**, who works as a hydrologist and runs a firm called Agua Enodo, providing specialist groundwater consulting services. They were able to explain just how many different specialisms there are within the industry itself, and Huw also described some of the opportunities to travel within engineering, having recently returned from Australia and dividing his time between Cornwall and Spain.

The Finance Lunch was well attended as always, with lots of students eager to find out more about the industry. We were joined by Simon Holdsworth, a current parent who started Duchy Wealth Management after returning to Cornwall from London. Our Headmaster, Andrew Gordon-Brown was also able to attend and offer the benefit of his own experience in the City. **Kitty Jenkins CO11**, and **Callum Waldie CO13**, attended our packed Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary and Allied Health lunch in the Spring. Kitty is now a

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large animal vet at a large practice in Bodmin. Callum completed his Medical School finals at King's College London in 2018 and undertook his elective at Treliske Hospital earlier this year. After graduating in July 2019 Callum intended to head up to Aberdeen to begin life as a junior doctor. It was great to have such recent leavers give an insight in to how they made career decisions and top tips about applications. We were lucky enough to also have visitors representing physiotherapy, speech therapy, dietetics and nursing as well, organised by Jane Mitchell who is a current parent.

Opportunities such as these offer networking experience and valuable first hand advice from industry professionals to our pupils; they wouldn't be possible without the generosity of our parents and alumni who are willing to give up their time to attend them.

Our annual Post-18 Options Days were held in June and my LinkedIn post asking for help from recent former pupils was swiftly answered - lots attended and gave our Sixth Form students the opportunity to quiz them about degree subjects, gap years, universities and career options. Some even delivered their own workshops to students; **Ollie Lobb** CO02, ran an excellent session about living and studying in London. Ollie has had a successful career in London and returned to Cornwall last year to start up his own property development business. **Warwick Royden**

CO05, ran an insightful workshop on running your own business as he is a successful entrepreneur and owns Skyline Cinemas. It was lovely to catch up with so many students, and hear about their experiences since leaving Truro School. We were also joined by **Richard Stevens** CO91, one of the UK's leading designers, and **Jonny Innes** CO15, a recent design graduate, who spoke to our A Level DT students.

The Truro School Community page on LinkedIn is an excellent way of staying in touch with us. We update the page with local and national job opportunities, information on work experience, conference and internships which will be of interest to our former pupils. We would encourage all former pupils, no matter what age, to connect with us so that they too can access this amazing network of Truro School alumni and become part of TSCONNECTED.

**Nancy Kenward**, Head of Careers, Teacher

If you would like to be an active participant and become part of our newly branded TSCONNECTED, whatever the level of help you can offer, whether it is offering job opportunities or think you could offer advice, guidance or work experience, or be part of the Careers Convention, or if you would like to help fellow alumni in your career field then please, get in touch with either: Nancy Kenward [nk@truroschoo.com](mailto:nk@truroschoo.com) or Nicky Berridge [tsfpa@truroschoo.com](mailto:tsfpa@truroschoo.com)





## Speech Day Guest of Honour

### Tim Just CO94

## Head of Space Programme, Innovate UK



**Tim Just was a boarder at Truro School in Trewinnard Court and in Vinter Day House. He left TS Sixth Form in 1994 having finished his A levels (and meeting his future wife). Headmaster, Andrew Gordon-Brown, and Nicky Berridge met Tim at the 2018 London Reunion and they learnt a little more about Tim's career path since leaving school and University.**

After leaving Sixth Form Tim went to Plymouth University to study Hydrographic Surveying. *Having found a love of sailing and the sea whilst at Truro I set my sights on becoming a hydrographer. I spent the next 10 years explaining what a hydrographer is! It is somebody who maps the ocean floor.*

After graduating he was keen to follow his calling and 'ran away to sea', starting work straight away for the *Racal Group* as a surveyor though quickly became the 'go to expert' on satellite navigation. Tim continues his story:

*I had a varied time as a surveyor and trouble-shooter all over the globe, from the High Arctic, the Middle East, Australia, USA, Norway, Brazil and most of Africa including some pretty wild times in Angola, Equatorial Guinea and Mauritania. Not your usual travel destinations. I eventually returned to the UK on a more permanent basis and married my long suffering fiancée **Vicky (née Winter)**, another former pupil of Truro CO95. We have been together since the Sixth Form but it took a while to tie the knot. At least my being away all the time gave Vicky the chance to fully pursue her career as a research scientist (Biochemistry) at a variety of UK institutions and then a start-up company. (See Vicky's story on pages 26 and 27.)*

*On returning to the UK I then ended up working between London, Paris and Brussels on the now infamous Galileo Satellite Navigation system; a true insight into the European Union and the complexities*

*of managing the interests of so many member states. Whilst looking for a change of direction in career and something a little closer to home I applied on a whim to become a public servant in the UK Government (for what we are now not allowed to call to Quango). I found myself starting there less than 2 weeks later - which must be some sort of record for the public sector. The organisation was called the Technology Strategy Board, now renamed Innovate UK.*

#### A bit about Innovate UK:

Innovate UK is a government organisation: the UK's innovation agency and is part of UK Research and Innovation. The organisation drives productivity and economic growth by supporting businesses to develop and realise the potential of new ideas, including those from the UK's world-class research base. The organisation consists of around 500 staff, drawn mainly from business, working across the UK, with a head office in Swindon. The organisation connects businesses to the partner, customers and investors that can help them turn ideas into commercially successful products and services. Innovate UK fund business and research collaborations to accelerate innovation and drive business investment into research and development. Since 2007, Innovate UK have invested around £2.5 billion to help businesses across the country to innovate, with match funding from industry taking the total value of projects above £4.3 billion. They have helped 8,500 organisations create around 70,000 jobs and added an estimated £18 billion of value to the UK economy.

*I signed up thinking 3 years would be enough but now nearly a decade on I am the 'Head of Space', designing and delivering bespoke national space programmes to boost the UK space sector and the wider economy. I have had the privilege to recruit a world class team of space experts working to assist in this. Not only do we manage national programmes but also act as the UK delegates to the European Space Agency, Europe's version of NASA, to work on the bigger projects that need international collaboration. I found myself back working on Galileo, this time in a governance role as the UK delegate. Designing eye watering expensive programmes is one thing, representing the tax payer who is paying for it is quite another. Rest assured we got a good deal. I also helped set up the new UK Space Agency and the space centre/cluster in Harwell in Oxfordshire, we started with an old government lab and a coffee shop and now have a globally recognised business and science cluster.*

Space is more than just rockets and astronauts though and has proven to be a key part of the high tech sector. Think global connectivity and sat navs. It has grown at a consistently high rate, through recession and austerity alike and is now attracting serious private investments as well, a key objective of our original growth strategy. It has even reached down to Cornwall with the planned spaceport in Cornwall and reviving Goonhilly Earth Station. Both these exciting ventures give me an excuse to come down to Cornwall a little more often and I was very proud to be invited to speak at the Eden Project for the launch of the Space Action Plan, an initiative by the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership.



### We asked Tim what have been the highlights of your career?

I have had a fantastic time working in government, for many years I represented the UK as a delegate to the European Space Agency: I have led 3 trade missions to Silicon Valley, to prove to the US and our own native companies who come along, that the UK is on a par with the US in terms of satellite technology; funded and saw launched a UK built satellite packed with novel new UK technologies (including a trip to the launch site in Kazakhstan), the satellite even took one of the first 'satellite selfies', now a common procedure. I have also worked with some amazing people and continue to support entrepreneurs, investors and all sorts of innovative people in the space sector.

Any students thinking of a career in the space sector should recognise it is much like any other high tech sector, although we do need rocket scientists and

astronauts there are many career paths though different businesses and agencies. It certainly makes for a better dinner table conversation opener to say you work in the space industry. Like so many other career paths early exposure and experience helps massively and the space sector has huge numbers of outreach and experience programmes, recognising the inspiration space offers across all STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) disciplines.

Tim tells us 'this more normal', if very busy, new career allowed him to settle down near Bath and raise a family with Vicky. Tim and Vicky's parents still live in Cornwall and so they remain frequent visitors to the County.

We have 2 children, Emily aged 8 and Henry, aged 6. They both love spending summers in Cornwall with the grandparents and are gradually learning all our old haunts (though hopefully not all of them! They are not old enough just yet).

Hope to make it to the next London reunion in October 2019!



# 2019 Speech Day

On a beautiful warm summer day, parents, staff, and friends gathered outside the SBA enjoying the warm sunshine with Pimms and pavlova, courtesy of the Cookery School, before entering the sports hall for the 2019 Speech Day Ceremony.

The Truro School Jazz Orchestra entertained whilst guests and pupils took their places in the sports hall, and the platform party were welcomed to *The Opener*, Ken Harris and Chaplain, Rev Aubin deGruchy offered opening prayers.

As is tradition, this year's Upper Sixth leavers were hailed by rousing applause from the assembled Truro School Community. The proceedings, as always, were opened by Chair of Governors, Kim Conchie, offering a warm welcome to honoured guests, ladies, gentlemen and students as he reflected upon the past year in the life of Truro School.

Before handing the baton to Headmaster, Andrew Gordon-Brown, Kim thanked all the teaching and support staff for their hard work during the year, as well as all those volunteers and committee members who so ably and willingly support Truro School. He finished by heartily wishing the leavers every success in whatever their next adventure might be, urging them to put the thought of exam results to the back of their minds for just a little while, and instead enjoy this last summer in Cornwall, before venturing to pastures new.

The Headmaster's address focused on the many achievements of the pupils, but not only those who would be awarded prizes during the speech day ceremony:



*We are very proud of our prize-winners but Truro School's DNA is about all pupils over their time being encouraged to develop their talents and to find new ones.*

He recounted the academic successes, as well as sporting, musical and thespian achievements;

*In our big team sports of netball, rugby, hockey, cricket we have had teams being crowned county champions. In rugby, our boys U16 team for the 5th consecutive year in a row, and for our girls U16 netball, not just county champions but national semi-finalists. We are cross country county champions as well with 11 of our runners selected to represent Cornwall and even one, Finn Birnie, to run for England.*

*Four of our U13 boys have been selected to represent the south west for football and well done to Meila Fabby who is playing for Cornwall girls U14 football.*

*It was a record Year at the Public Schools' Fencing Championships - securing our position yet again as the number 1 public school at sabre fencing in the country. Truro School made up almost half of the GBR Fencing Squad in the European Championships.*

*Racquet sports have really taken off – for the third year in a row one of our girls' badminton teams has medalled at the national championships, this year our boys KS3 and KS4 Squash Teams took silver medals in National Schools Squash Championships, so now ranked number 2 in the country. And watch this space because our tennis players are building some great momentum with our senior boys making the national semi-final.*

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*Anya Hocking set a new National Record at the Great Britain Surf Life Saving National Championships and is the new National Champion for the Under 15 Girls. Sam Norton was selected to represent the GB surf life-saving team. Tegan and Eva Blackford are winning national surfing championships.*

*Our sailors and windsurfers are doing great things with Max Beaman competing this week in the foil class windsurfing world championships youth section, in Püeck, Poland. An amazing highlight has to be Finn Hawkins bronze medal at the youth Olympics in Buenos Aires on his windsurfer.*

*In music among the many achievements, following the Music for Youth Regional Festival Series (in which some 40,000 young people from all over the country took part) we are delighted to announce that the Truro School Chamber Orchestra progressed and performed at the esteemed Music for Youth National Festival 2019 at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire... our choristers were invited to perform on Britain's Got Talent, receiving a standing ovation and a comment from Simon Cowell about how nice it was to have young people on the show who really can hold a tune.*

*There can be no better school in Cornwall to get involved in drama. Mr Oldfield and 10 students are preparing to take the Edinburgh Fringe by storm once again while rehearsals for This Sceptered Isle are well under way.*

The impressive, lengthy list continued after which Andrew acknowledged staff members who would be leaving Truro School and moving to pastures new. He also paid tribute to members of staff celebrating significant anniversaries with the School.

*Sonya Newton, Jackie Flack, John Chambers, Jo Wright and Mark Vanstone 20 years, Steve Champion our carpenter 25, Adam Laity just completed 30 while Pete Seymour our Chemistry technician has completed 40 years at Truro School. In the Autumn term one member of staff will have completed 45 years, but I'll tell you about that next year.*

Drawing his speech to a close, Andrew made reference to the importance of equipping our young people with all the skills required to move on to the next phase of their lives and how Truro School is committed to excellent pastoral care and mental wellbeing of all students.

*As much as it is a school's job to guide students to good grades, it's also our job to help develop good character. Our Upper Sixth leavers are a fantastic bunch of resourceful characters and I am sure are ready to influence the world.*

Finally, he closed his address by quoting wise words from one of the School's most influential sources:

*John Wesley, the founder of Methodism and to whom this school owes its existence said "that an ounce of love is worth a pound of knowledge. Do you inculcate... that without love, all learning is but splendid ignorance, pompous folly, vexation of spirit?" For Wesley, the success of education, was measured not only in terms of academic performance but in terms of the quality of the life that each person leads in developing and using their talents to serve other people.*



Andrew then asked honoured guest and former pupil **Tim Just** CO94, Head of Space for UK Research and Innovation, to present this year's prizes followed by an interesting and inspiring address by Tim. (You can read more about Tim on pages 36-37 and wife **Vicky** CO95 in this publication). The final presentation was, as always, the Opie Shield and Andrew announced this year's results:

And now for the biggest prize of all, the Opie Shield. All pupils in the whole school contributed in some way to gaining points for their house to win the Opie Shield. Points were awarded throughout the year for music competitions, the Maths challenge, the top house quiz, commendations and 10 different sporting events. Once again it was a closely contested competition.



In fourth place: **Wickett 158** points  
 Third place: **School 163.5** points  
 Runners up: **Vinter 181** points  
 Winners: **Smith 189.5** points

Following a wonderful musical interlude, *Homeward Bound, Keen arr Jay Althouse*, performed by Upper Sixth leavers the Vote of Thanks were delivered by Head Boy, Finn Birnie and Head Girl, Joanna Pauley.

Again, the amazing Jazz Band accompanied the congregation in the hymn, *Be thou my vision, Irish c8th century; translated by Mary E. Byrne; versified Eleanor H. Hull*, and followed by the Final Benediction: *Rev Aubin de Gruchy*.

Formal proceedings concluded, everyone departed the SBA to gather again, this time in the Old Sports Hall, to enjoy a glass of "fizz", pasties, much chat, some tears but much celebration, to finally mark the end of another academic year at Truro School.

# Parent Farewell Reflections



Speech Day 2019 marked the end of our 7-year journey with Truro School. Mr Thompson's jazz version of 'Be thou my vision' was as surprising as it was uplifting, and a fitting choice for

the occasion. Astonishment turned into smiles all around. Our daughter, Eleanor CO19, was playing her saxophone with the band and at that moment she couldn't have been happier.

Ellie's brother, George CO17, left Truro School 2 years ago and, after completing his first year at Edinburgh University, was home in time to join us for the day. Some of his friends were there as well, to be with their siblings and also, perhaps, to remind themselves of what their time at Truro School meant to them. The fact that George hurried off to find his former teachers to tell them how happy he is at Edinburgh and how much he is enjoying his degree course, is a measure of the gratitude he has for their education, influence and encouragement, as well as their patience, through thick and thin. They were no longer his teachers, nor he their pupil, but they were delighted to hear his news and he was very pleased to have the opportunity to thank them in person.

Inspiration is fuelled by opportunity and is sometimes to be found in unpredictable places. George probably did not expect any of the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme components to have so great an influence on his chosen career pathway. Hiking, camping and the activities and skills - in his case, sailing and music - were his motivation for engaging with the scheme, but it was the voluntary work he undertook at the Royal Cornwall Hospital, together with some work experience at The Nuffield School of Medicine

in Oxford, which steered him firmly towards a degree course with a possible future career in medical research in mind.

After 3 happy years at Truro High School, Ellie joined her brother at Truro School after they'd both independently declared their wish to be at the same school together again. While, like George, she arrived later than some, Ellie remembers being made to feel at home from the first day, quickly forming friendships which she's maintained all the way to the end of Sixth Form, and always feeling able to move easily between the different peer groups. If there was ever one 'set' to which she felt she particularly belonged it was, again, with her fellow Duke of Edinburgh participants. Having completed all 3 levels, and deriving every possible benefit from them, it is in no small measure we credit this, and all her teachers, tutors and expedition leaders, with helping her develop the qualities common among those who take part: thoughtful, helpful and sharing; super organised, self-assured, independent, competent and resilient; they have adventurous spirits and enquiring minds.

When they joined the school, we correctly assumed that, academically speaking, George and Ellie were going to be in safe hands, but that won't be our lasting impression of their time here. Our children are leaving Truro School with happy memories and enduring friendships, a love of learning and a determination to make the most of every opportunity, find their passion and reach their potential. And also a desire to keep in touch and come back, now and then, to say "Thank you!"

**Henrietta and  
Richard Sneesby**



## Truro School Leavers

A very warm welcome to our newest TSFPA members - CO19

|                   |                 |                 |                     |                 |                    |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Charlie Armstrong | Molly Carleston | Morgan Hare     | Millie Macdonald    | Callum Penry    | James Vanstone     |
| James Arthur      | Ella Carr       | Luke Haynes     | Alexander McCartney | Sophie Poat     | Olessia Vardar     |
| Jemma Ball        | Charlotte Crump | Toby Haywood    | Em McIntosh         | Oscar Pringle   | Pedrek Venton      |
| Fred Bareham      | Isobel Dennett  | Isaac Heron     | William Moore       | Warwick Pryor   | Justas Vysniauskas |
| Billy Bateson     | Sammy Dorn      | Ollie Holmes    | Tommy Murray        | Olly Pugh       | Finn Walker        |
| Finn Birnie       | Sam             | Ellie Holmes    | Naomi Needham       | Ben Reed        | Sophie Whinney     |
| James Bourguignon | Dunn-Rundle     | Bucknill        | Jordan Opie         | Keely Rodda     | Alexander White    |
| Elinor Bradbury   | Luke Elliott    | Chris Keung     | Hannah O'Reilly     | Max Sampson     | Charlie Wood       |
| Thomas Bradley    | Sarah Ellis     | James Kincaid   | Jay Osborne         | Cheuk Yu        | Molly Wood         |
| Joshua Bray       | Charlie Ellse   | Hector Lane     | Josef Ovenden-Hope  | Cherry Sin      | Andrey Zhukov      |
| Ollie Brocklebank | Ethan Elwell    | Simon Liddicoat | Ross Paling         | Eleanor Sneesby |                    |
| Matt Brunyee      | Maia Fashokun   | Tom Lovett      | Joanna Pauley       | Charlie Standen |                    |
| Alfie Burns       | James Fawcett   | Oliver Lucas    |                     | David Taylor    |                    |
|                   | Lisha Guo       | Haoyuan Ma      |                     | Edward Townsend |                    |

# 140 years of Truro School

The academic year 2019-2020 marks 140 years since the school began, providing an opportunity to take a look at the origins of the school and why it exists.

Lessons at the Cornwall Wesleyan Middle Class School for Boys, in Truro, began on 20th January 1880, but the idea for Methodist middle-class schools first emerged at the annual Methodist Conference in 1878. This conference, held in Bradford, was the first time that laymen were able to participate fully with ministers in the meeting, and in a 'characteristically Methodist way' a 'Thanksgiving Fund' was collected to celebrate the occasion. From the generous donations (the total promised exceeded £172,036), £10,000 was assigned to promote the establishment of middle-class schools. The Methodists had long established schools for ministers, day schools and Sunday schools as well as training colleges, but lacked secondary schools for the wider Methodist community where they 'could have their children trained after their own hearts'. By the following year the Conference was presented with proposals for a middle-class day school in Bradford as well as a boarding school in Truro.

Cornish representatives at the 1878 conference included William Bickford-Smith, George Bazeley, John Lake and Samuel Hicks, all of whom were later directors of the School.

The foundation of Truro School could be seen as a bridge between old and new; it was born out of the educational movement and set up as a business instead of relying on a charitable organisation, but like older schools was set up by an independent body, with its own religious philosophy.

The years around 1880 were also a turning point in Truro's history: the cathedral was being built for the newly formed diocese, while trade was slowing down, leading to the closure of the port. The town was again evolving, losing some of its old functions but gaining impetus from its new status as a cathedral city.

By the summer of 1879 the Cornwall district had appointed a school committee which 'resolved to establish as soon as possible a day and boarding school at Truro'. Newspapers from the time report that Richard Boyns of St Just advocated to the Conference that Cornwall's quick response to the scheme was in order to remind everyone that Methodism had been 'the Church of Cornwall' but with the establishment of the Truro diocese

*now the Church of England was to the front. There were more bishops, priests and deacons in the town of Truro than there were Wesleyan ministers in the county of Cornwall. The Church party was putting forth its utmost endeavour to own the young in Cornwall by establishing schools, and they, as Cornish Methodists, wished the Conference to help them to hold their own by the establishment of a middle-class school in Truro.*

*The Birmingham Daily Post, Saturday August 9, 1879.*

*The Cornishman* on 17th July 1879 gave a preliminary notice that 'a Wesleyan County School is to be established here'. Truro was chosen for the new school's location to attract students from the west of the county; the east was already catered for by Dunheved College in Launceston.

The first advert for the school appeared in *The West Briton* at the end of August.

*The Committee have made arrangements to open the new school in Truro at Christmas next, in the commodious school room and premises (temporary) belonging to the Congregational Chapel, River Street.*

*Headmaster's residence for boarders – No. 4 Strangways Terrace.*

*Terms for boarders will not exceed 25 guineas and will be equally favourable for day pupils.*

The next step, once the premises had been arranged, was to appoint the teaching staff of the new school. Firstly, the headmaster. George Owen Turner, formerly a pupil at Woodhouse Grove



School before starting his teaching career at Kingswood School, took up the position and came from Dunheved College, where he taught mathematics, with his young family. Frequently described as one of the main pioneers of the school,

*during these years Mr Turner did much to lay the foundations for future success, and many of the best traditions of the school date back to his time. Others have entered into his splendid pioneer work and are profoundly thankful for the high ideals, which inspired his life and work.*

F.W. McCoskrie, the first head prefect, recalled 'the education was given in a first-class way by Mr Turner...It was pleasantly and effectively administered...in a manner leaving little or nothing to be desired. There was one great feature in the school life – the motherliness of Mrs Turner... that made the school after all a home'.

William Vincent from Camborne was appointed as the assistant teacher, who 'with great energy and tact, threw himself into the work and life of the school'.

The position of the Cornwall district's committee was formalised when the Cornwall Wesleyan Methodist School Association (Ltd) was created with a board of





directors - local businessmen such as merchants, drapers, grocers and bankers – on 26th November. Several of the first pupils were the sons of the directors, reflecting the need that was felt for a Cornish middle-class boarding school, and the direct involvement of parents in its establishment and direction.

Preparations for the new school continued. Furnishing Strangways Terrace with beds, bedding and other items for 30 boarders cost roughly £220. However, the first boarders spent the first few nights of the brand new term in January 1880 uncomfortably sleeping on makeshift beds because the furniture was not delivered on time for the school's opening.

## What's in a name?

The mouthful that was the 'Cornwall Wesleyan Middle Class School for Boys, in Truro,' quickly changed to Truro Wesleyan Middle Class College, and then shortened further to Truro College. When the school first opened the name Truro School was already used for the Grammar School.

The name Truro School was adopted in 1931, after the Grammar School had become Truro Cathedral School, and at a time when it was no longer considered appropriate for a school with pupils under the age of 18 to be styled a 'college'.

The opening ceremony of the new school was held on 19th January 1880, with various local dignitaries invited to the school room in River Street, where a dedication was performed by Rev. Hugh Jones, chairman of the Methodist District, because Rev. Benjamin Gregory, the President of the Wesleyan Conference, was unable to attend due to ill-health, and the President's speech was read out by Rev. J.S. Pawlyn. Just as the occasion was coming to an end, Rev. Gregory made an unexpected entrance, surprising everyone, but was met with an ovation.

*He was forbidden, he said, to exert his voice by speaking in public, but he might assure the meeting that they were only just in time to be first in this movement, as steps were being taken in Salisbury to open a similar school there...The schools were required all over the country, and to Cornwall must belong the honour of initiating the movement.*

After the ceremony a lunch was held at the Royal Hotel, followed by a meeting of the directors 'when it was determined to at once build premises capable of accommodating 120 boys'. It wasn't long before four and a half acres overlooking the city,

above The Parade, known as Nicoll's Park or Nicoll's Estate, was secured for the new school building. The architect was Elliot Etwell, and Julian & Sons the builders. The foundation stone was laid on 7th June 1881, and the gothic-style building was completed the following Spring.

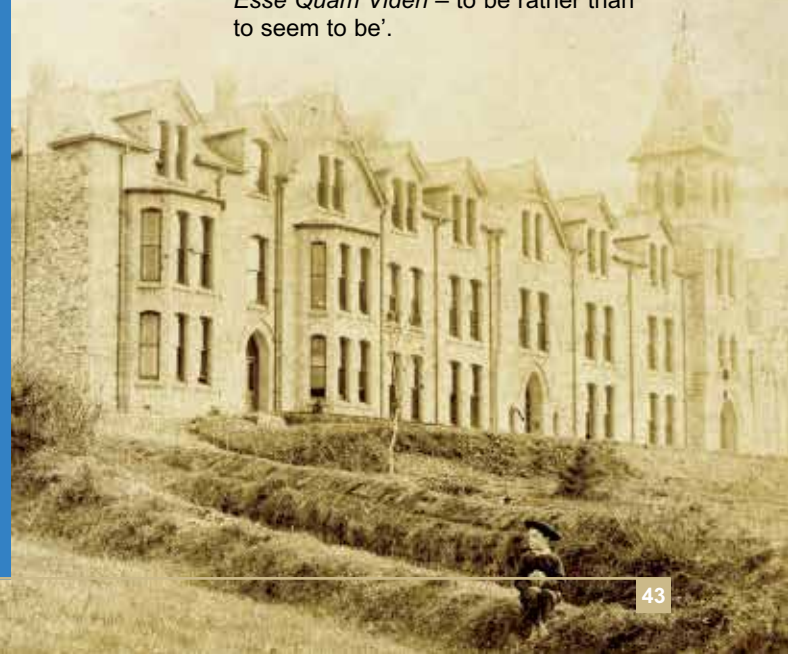
Early memories of the school in Strangways Terrace included the 'perpetual smell of tan' that pervaded and the lack of grass in the play area, which was so small that before long every corner of the garden was well known by pupils and teachers alike. Turner recalled several years later that despite the difficulties inseparable from the start, life then was very enjoyable.

English, arithmetic, Latin and the humanities were the first subjects taught, with some music and sport, (mainly rugby played in a field near Lander's Monument). The school's aim was to provide an education fit for a middle class boy, whether classical or commercial, to enable further study or to enter a trade, combined with a 'foundation of truth, the principle of all Christian morality' which it was thought 'alone can make a worthy British Citizen'. From the outset Mr Turner said that 'they would try in that school to work on the principle that what was worth doing well and carrying out in its integrity the motto on the school seal *Esse Quam Videri* – to be rather than to seem to be'.

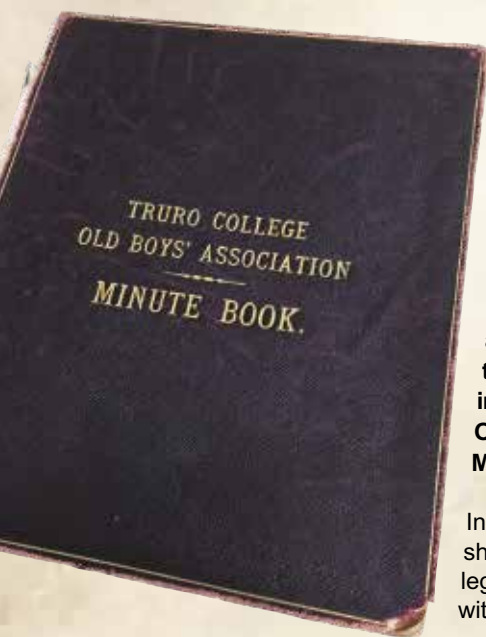
## The School's 'Founding Fathers'

### The first Directors in 1879

William Bickford-Smith, of Trevano, Helston, gentleman.  
 Alfred Lanyon, of Redruth, draper.  
 Humphrey Trembath Williams, of Redruth, draper.  
 Edward Kendall, of Truro, draper.  
 William Henry Powell Martin, of Truro, merchant.  
 Edward Banks, of Falmouth, draper.  
 George Bazeley, of Penzance, merchant.  
 George John Smith, of Trevu, Camborne, gentleman (later of Treiske, Truro).  
 Richard Boyns, of St Just.  
 Amos Jennings, of Truro, grocer.  
 John Doidge, of Truro, banker.  
 Samuel Hicks, of Bodmin.



# An Archive Object in Focus



It is nearly 125 years since a formally recognised organisation for the school's alumni began and I thought I would take the opportunity to have a closer look at a rather tatty notebook hidden away in the archive. Emblazoned on the deep red front cover in gold is 'Truro College Old Boys' Association – Minute Book'.

Inside the marbled end sheets, in one of the more legible and elegant hands within, it starts:

*Amongst the Old Boys of Truro College there has existed for a considerable time an impression that it would be extremely desirable to form an Association for the purpose of more closely uniting the Old Boys to one another and to the College, thereby securing for themselves the many advantages which arise from mutual cooperation, and establishing and maintaining for the College a greater measure of distinctiveness and public prominence. In order to realize this object, the opportunity presented by the presence of a goodly number of Old Boys at the annual Speech Day Reunion August 1895 was taken advantage of, and an informal meeting was held in the Dining Hall of the College under the presidency of H.W. Vinter Esq M.A. Headmaster on the evening of August 1st after the conclusion of the Old Boys Cricket match.*

**It goes on to set out the aims and purpose of the Association:**

## **Resolution I.**

*That the time is ripe for the formation of an Association of the Old Boys of Truro College, for the purposes, amongst others, (1) of maintaining and increasing their interest in its prosperity (2) of affording opportunities for rendering one another assistance (3) and of encouraging in the Present Boys a spirit of emulation, by placing before them a record of the highest and best achievement of those who have left the School.*

## **Resolution II.**

*That the Old Boys here assembled and whose signatures are appended agree to the formation of the Truro College Old Boys Association and promise to do their utmost to extend its influence and to contribute to its success, proceeding forthwith to draw up a code of rules and to elect officers for the ensuing year.*

## **Resolution III.**

*That each member of the Association shall be either an Old Boy or Past or Present Master of Truro College, and shall be admitted on giving his full name and address to the Secretaries, and paying his subscription in advance. The subscription shall be 1/- per annum.*

## **Resolution IV.**

*That for the ensuing year the officers consist of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer and two Hon. Secretaries, who shall together constitute the organising committee, three to form a quorum.*

## **Resolution V.**

*That the officers for the ensuing year be as follows:-*

*President – H.W. Vinter Esq M.A. Headmaster*

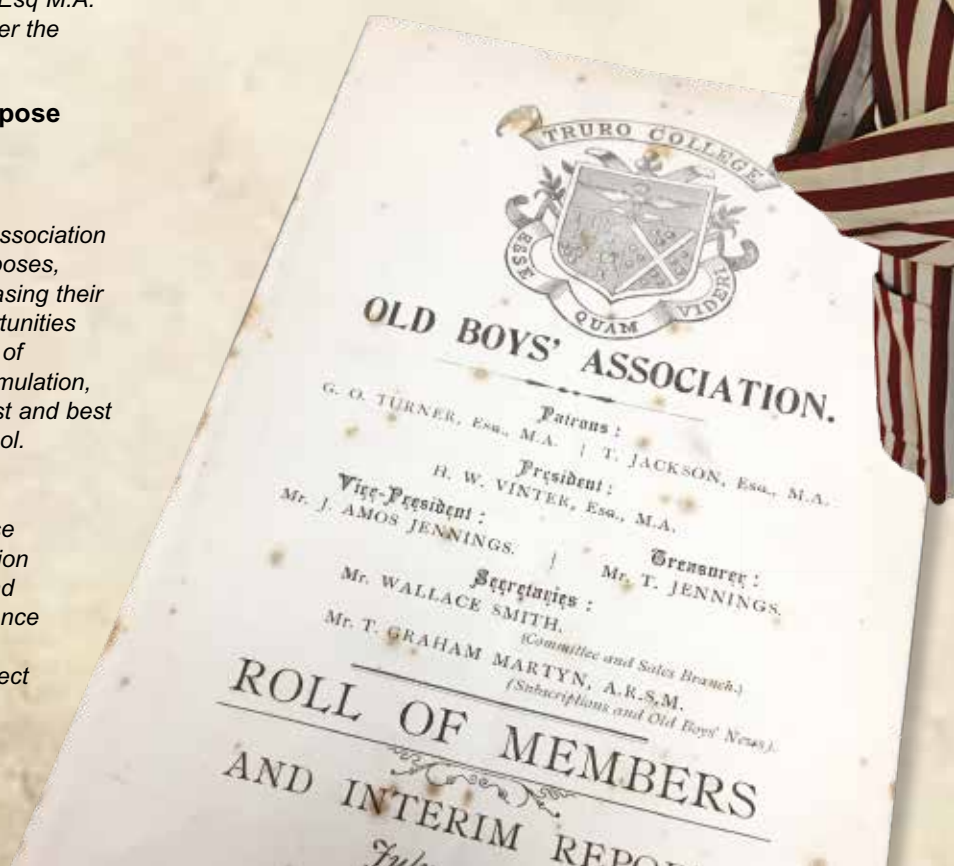
*Vice-President – John A. Jennings*

*Treasurer – T. Jennings*

*Secretaries – T. Graham Martyn and Wallace C. Smith*

*From the first, plans were made to draw up a register of the names of Old Boys, as complete as possible, to be distributed among the members, with supplementary lists and amendments made when necessary. The first was printed in 1898, and data was collected by word of mouth. Ordinary members were*

*for the time being be regarded as local correspondents and shall be expected to ascertain as far as possible the names and addresses of all Old Boys in their districts and to forward the same to one of the Secretaries, and to allow no opportunity to escape of obtaining and forwarding information that concerns & that may be of interest to Old Boys.*





Association information and news was also to be passed to the editor of the school magazine. It wasn't until the 1970s that a separate newsletter was published for the Association, until then there was a section in the school magazine – particularly large during the war years.

The book holds the minutes of all the meetings held between 1895 and 1937 (when the space runs out) apart from gaps between March 1914 to October 1922 when no meetings were held. Unfortunately, the minutes from 1904 are also missing, when preparations for the first Annual Dinner were made, but a brief summary was given at the following meeting in October 1905.

*Mr Vinter also reported that he had received numerous letters from various parts of the world from Old Boys approving of the Old Boys dinner which was held in February 1905 at Tregoning's Dining Saloon.*

*The Secretary reported that this dinner was the outcome of a suggestion made at the Annual Reunion of 1904 and the whole affair was a brilliant success.*

*More than 50 Old Boys were present under the Presidency of Mr Vinter, & the guests included Sir Geo. Smith, H. Rice etc.*

*Mr W.F. Rowe proposed and Mr J. Jennings seconded that another such gathering should be arranged early in February & that the details be left to the Cmte [sic].*

Among other interesting items mentioned, the South African War memorial was made by an old boy, F.R. Pool of Hayle, and when the Association reconvened in October 1922 it was decided to have an annual chairman; until this point the Chair had been filled by Mr Vinter, but he retired as headmaster in 1921.

Between the pages near the back of the book (the mid-1930s) is a scrap of cloth, a sample for an old boys' blazer. As early as 1897 suggestions were made for memorabilia, including a blazer, in the school colours of the time of ruby and ecru. Early items included a hat band for 2/-, a crest for band 1/-, ties at 2/6 each, sashes at 5/6 each, blazers at 25/- and crests for blazers an extra 2/-.



By 1935,

*it was resolved that we have a new blazer with tie & scarf to match, & that present stocks (subject to Dr Magson's approval) be used for the present school & that any loss be borne by the association. The Colour to be ecru & crimson in stripes of equal width. The Badge of the same design as used in the car badges to be worked in the pocket.*

It took a while for the pattern to be approved, but Messrs Collett & Seymour of Boscawen Street, Truro, were quickly chosen as the stockists

During the 1930s activities and entertainments organised by the Association increased. Cricket matches were held, OBs playing present pupils again. Football and rugby matches were also played.

Ladies were invited every other year to the annual dinner and it was around this time that an annual dance was held for the first time. In 1933 attempts were made to increase the interest of Old Boys' in the Association and various sub-committees were assembled to form a tennis club, a swimming club, a motor club, among others. There was even a proposal for a Ladies' night from the newly formed entertainment committee. The last entry in the book, in September 1937, includes plans for a debate with the School, a musical evening and a rugger match as well as deciding that the annual dinner would be a men-only affair held at The Madeira Hotel in Falmouth in February 1938.



# TSFPA v School 1st XV Rugby Match

## Saturday 8 September 2018

### Truro School 1st XV: 3 - Former Pupils' team: 12

Truro School 1st XV were put under pressure from a robust former pupils' (FP) side this year and their spirited response augurs well for the season to come. It was a keenly contested game in which both sides impressed: the effort, commitment and skill levels were all high and a sizeable crowd was treated to some great rugby.

We all enjoyed the straight running of the school centres and hooker taking the game straight into the midfield of the bigger and more experienced opposition. The FPs were always in front and were clinical in punishing school mistakes. A last quarter rally by the much fitter school side was hampered by some simple missed overlaps and white line fever, which against a tiring FP side, may have brought the score even closer. There were a number of 5th year pupils playing for the school and each and every school player could come off the pitch with their heads held high. In the end, the experience and nous of the FPs told and they would finish the game victorious. A big thank you to all involved and good luck for the coming season to all players.

The committee and I would like to wish Dan Sanderson (Director of Sport) and Tom Hatfield (1st XV coach) all the best as they settle into their new roles and will be watching the team with interest this season.

Many thanks to the school staff for hosting the day: the grounds men; the catering team; Jane, Nicky and Katy from the School Development Office and of the course Andrew, our stoic Headmaster.

The TSFPA committee are keen to reinvigorate former pupils' rugby and would love to hear from players of any age who would like to be involved in future matches.

Please email Katy to express your interest:  
[tsfpa@truroschoool.com](mailto:tsfpa@truroschoool.com)

**Matt Mullaly** CO85, TSFPA Committee



# Annual Easter Football: Alumni CO18 v School 1st XI

On a glorious Easter Saturday Truro School 1st XI welcomed back a squad of alumni. The Former Pupils' team were quick to show their quality but the 1st XI showed all the determination and desire to battle against them. A shot from Fred Bareham (1st XI) took a wicked deflection and deceived Matt Ellis in goal and ended up looping over him. The FP fought back and equalised with a scrambled goal. The 2nd half took a similar pattern, with the FP pushing for the win but the 1st XI looking dangerous on the break.



With 7 minutes to go the 1st XI had a corner. A delightful cross from Charlie Armstrong saw Calum Penry brilliantly judge the flight of the ball and headed the winner into the top corner. The FP pushed for the equaliser but the 1st XI showed their determination to hold on for the win. It was a pleasure to welcome back our alumni and thanks must go to the 1st XI squad for representing the school on Easter Saturday.



Glynn Hooper, Head of Football

## Easter Beach Rugby

On Good Friday, Matt Mullaly CO86 and TSA Committee Member, brought friends and former pupils together for a game of touch rugby in the sand at Perranporth beach. The weather was perfect and clearly there was some new 'budding talent' to watch out for!

Matt told us: *A really great run out on Good Friday. Amazing multi-generation hook up. Ages ranged from 6 years old to 51 years old and everyone enjoyed the game and the sunshine. Apologies were received from Geoff Jenkins CO67 who is training for gig racing at Flushing and Mark Pascoe CO81 similarly.*

Players included:

Matt and his children, Isabel (aged 9) and Tom (aged 7) Harry Somers CO06 and Stan Somers CO17 James Tresidder CO04 and his nephew Paddy (aged 6)

Andrew Chilcott CO93 and son Charlie Chilcott (age 16 and current TS pupil).

Matt hopes to make this a regular annual fixture, so please make a note in your diary for next Easter or email [tsfpa@truroschool.com](mailto:tsfpa@truroschool.com) if you would like to register your interest.



# Annual Reunion Dinner

## Saturday 8 September 2018

The 2018 sell-out annual dinner was a wonderful evening of fun, food and friendship as usual. We began with a drinks reception, with accompanying jazz provided by current pupils, where Jo Woods' carefully collated displays of school memorabilia were pored over with great interest and many exclamations about dated hairstyles and shared memories.

We were pleased to welcome former pupils from across the globe this year with attendees from Canada, Germany, Australia, New Zealand and the Isles of Scilly. The age range of attendees spanned over 6 decades. We were particularly pleased to welcome back former headmasters, Guy Dodd with his wife Helen and Paul Smith with Kathy as well as Andrew and Harriet Gordon-Brown.

The school kitchen staff did us proud, as always, providing a sumptuous three course dinner which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. I would like to extend my personal thanks to Nicky Berridge and Katy Sweeney for making the dining hall look so glorious and for the many months of work behind the scenes which went into preparing for this event.

After dinner, Andrew Gordon-Brown spoke about the school's many recent accolades and successes and also paid tribute to former Head of English, Watson Weeks, to whom a memorial plaque is now in situ in the foyer of the Burrell Theatre, in recognition of Watson's great contribution to drama at Truro School.

As a member of the class of '98, I was celebrating my own 20 year reunion and couldn't resist reflecting on a few of my own school memories in my chair's address. It also fell upon me to introduce the evening's speaker, **Philip Rule CO78**. It was lovely to note that, despite the twenty year gap between our school days and our very different perspectives, Philip and I shared many similar experiences at Truro School and have both gone through life speaking French with a Blackpool accent thanks to the lasting impact of Mr Alan 'WAJ' Johnson. Philip's speech raised many laughs, and even more eyebrows, but nobody present could fail to be touched by his obvious affection for his alma mater.

It was a great privilege to be part of such a wonderful occasion once again and to raise a glass to happy memories of Truro School and friendships rekindled. I am now looking forward to seeing many of you at this year's reunion on Saturday 7 September 2019.

**Rachel Vaughan CO98,**  
TS Teacher & Chair of TSFPA Committee





# Truro School Girl Choristers' Evensong Performance at St Paul's Cathedral & 2018 London Networking Reunion

Over the last few years, the London Reunion has proven extremely popular with our alumni and after only 2 years at the East India Club, we found ourselves searching, yet again, for a larger venue. We also changed from a Thursday evening, to Friday this year; as the TS Girl Choristers were due to perform Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral as part of their tour. We couldn't miss the opportunity to offer this experience to our reunion guests and many enjoyed prime seats in the exclusive Quire area of St Paul's and under the Dome. Our thanks to Chris Gray, Truro Cathedral Director of Music, and Rachel Vaughan, TSFPA Chair and Lead Mentor for TS Girl Choristers, for arranging this very special treat.

**Ian Shrimpton** CO55 wrote: *A short note to thank all concerned for inviting my wife and me to Evensong on Friday evening and the reception afterwards. It was good to hear the girl choristers and I think they acquitted themselves very well. The reception was most enjoyable and gave me the opportunity of meeting the Headmaster for the first time, having a chat with Guy Dodd whom I have met before and meeting some other former pupils for the first time. Altogether, a very memorable evening. As usual, I look forward to the next Newsletter.*

Thank you Ian and we hope you enjoy this edition.

The drinks reception following Evensong, took place just across St Paul's Courtyard in Juxon House, the prestigious offices of Sarasin & Partners LLP where 94 former pupils, former staff, and guests gathered. The weather was kind enabling our guests to enjoy the magnificent views afforded from the roof top terrace, which extended out from the Board Room, whilst enjoying drinks and canapés on such a beautiful autumn evening. As always, Paul and Kathy Smith were there with their usual warm welcome for old friends and new. Andrew Gordon-Brown, Headmaster, was delighted this year that another former headmaster, Guy Dodd and wife Helen, were also able to join the "ensemble".

**Adam Smith** CO03 said:

*Thoroughly enjoyed attending the evening and lovely to see Guy Dodd this year.*

Headmaster, Andrew Gordon-Brown, gave a short address during the evening thanking the Choristers for the wonderful performance in St Paul's Cathedral and the Development Office team for organising the reception. He also warmly expressed his thanks to Guy, Helen, Paul and Kathy for once again continuing to support Truro School at every opportunity; especially since they all joined us, and over 100 alumni, only a few weeks ago at the Annual Reunion Dinner in the School Dining Hall. He also thanked Guy Dodd for his continuing work in guiding the Truro School Foundation



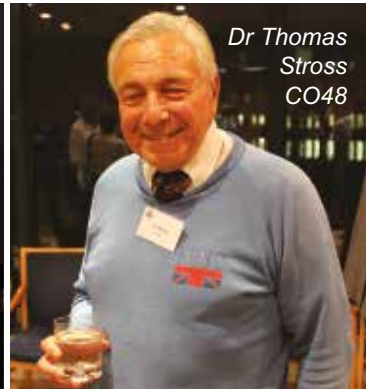
(TSF) in his capacity as Trustee and Chairman. Andrew offered a brief update on the success to date of the TSF 20 x 20 Bursary Campaign, launched in March. He remarked how, not only do the 4 and 6 figure donations received do great work, but also just how much difference the smaller, £10 a month regular contributions, can and are making. He praised the power of collective giving; how together Truro School alumni can change the lives of youngsters, enabling them to benefit from a Truro School education and all it has to offer. Andrew closed his address by thanking all the alumni and guests for attending and he hoped to see them all again at the next alumni event in Cornwall, or next year in London.

It was marvellous to welcome so many new faces - some who were attending their very first TS alumni gathering - we hope they will return year-on-year. With such a broad age range of former pupils present, spanning almost 70 years, all chatting and laughing together, it made a very special sight and equally warm atmosphere. **Dr Tom Stross** CO48 was our most senior guest in attendance, chatting with **Ian Berridge** CO84, about Ian's late father, Peter, whom Tom was at school with for 7 years. Tom was at TS from 1941 - 1948 and Peter from 1938 - 1948 as he began as a boarder at Treiske. Tom was almost "pipped at the post" as most senior alumni in attendance, but **Trevor Jaggard** CO43 and wife Eiry, sadly were unable to join us at the last minute. Trevor recently celebrated his 93rd birthday with his usual 1km swim, followed by lunch with his family; we hope to see them both very soon. When accepting the invitation Trevor wrote to tell us:

*It is 75 years this year, since I left TS for Bristol University. I have now been retired for 28 years and been very fortunate with health and family. I have had a good life and interesting work. I owe Truro School a lot. I still have some school team and prefect photographs. Some of them include the renowned Freddie Wilkes (Former Teaching Staff) and John Kendall-Carpenter (TS 1939-1943) who was a contemporary of mine. Sadly, I know of no contemporaries who are still alive, though there may well be some.*



Guy Dodd (HM 1992 – 2001)  
Andrew Gordon-Brown (Current HM)  
Paul Smith (HM 2001 – 2012)



Dr Thomas Stross  
CO48



Ian Berridge CO84 and  
Michaela Best CO79



Thomas Harvey, Callum Waldie,  
Alex Young CO13



Max Levene CO10, Andrew Gordon-Brown  
and Tim Just CO94



John Coleman CO73 and  
Andrew Scales CO71



Choristers with Chris Gray  
and Rachel Vaughan



Sasha Lawrence CO17 with  
some of the Choristers



Joe Hicks CO8 and sister  
Sophie Hicks CO04



Alex, Katharine & Callum CO13



Guy Dodd and Edward  
Shaw CO02



Anthony Oliver CO03 with  
Andrew Gordon-Brown



Gaby Cecil CO11



Rachel Vaughan & Helen Dodd



Rachel Vaughan & Ross Glyn CO94



Pip and Tim Tregidgo CO61



If you were at school with Trevor, or know of anyone who might have been, please do get in touch with us ([tsfpa@truroschoo.com](mailto:tsfpa@truroschoo.com)) we would love to be able to pass the information on to him, and who knows, even put him in touch.

It was a joy catching up with **Derek Man** CO07, hearing about his planned trip to Japan to find out whether his latest project *What Do You See, Old Apple Tree?* wins the Grand Prize in the Canon *New Cosmos of Photography Competition* – we wish Derek the best of luck and hope to hear good news in November.

**John Coleman** CO73 wrote:

*Thank you very much for inviting me to the St Paul's function on Friday. I thoroughly enjoyed both the service and the reception. I met some wonderful people and it was great to feel 'included'.*

It was so nice to see twin brothers **Patrick and Richard Stevenson** CO64 and their wives Fran and Catherine again. Richard organises a class of 64 reunion every 5 years, using Truro School Old Dining Hall, for a very special group of individuals who travel from far and wide (including across the globe) to return to TS. It was one of the first reunions that I was privileged to help with when I joined the Development team in 2016. Richard kindly sent us a note after the London Reunion: *Thank you for organising it so beautifully as usual and it was good to meet you and Ian again. We would certainly like to attend next year but arranging Evensong in St Paul's again might be a bit of a problem!* At this point, I must say an enormous "thank you" to my husband and former pupil Ian, yet again he came along, not just to relax and enjoy the evening, but to

take all the photographs and to carry all my bags, name badges, registers and banners across London. I guess this is the advantage of being married to a TS former pupil – one of my wiser decisions in life, I must say!

It is always a pleasure when we have alumni attending one of our events for the first time, seeing them interact with their fellow former pupils, reminiscing and travelling back in time. Following the Juxon House reception, we heard from **Rob Riddle** CO74: *Just a brief note to thank all concerned for Friday evening. This was my first "formal" reunion and it will not be my last. Again very many thanks to all concerned.*

Welcoming back familiar faces is always good, as it reminds us that TS Alumni keep going from strength to strength and that our "Community" has so much knowledge and experience to offer. It was great to see, **Gabby Cecil** CO11, **Jack Hughes** CO09, **Sophie Hicks** CO04 and **Joe Hicks** CO08, **Max Levene** CO10, **Lydia Manuell** CO08, **Lawrence Sly** CO09, (to name a few) all chatting away with Paul and Kathy Smith, catching them up since the last time with all that they are doing and achieving.

**Timothy Tregidgo** CO61 is a frequent London Reunion attendee, but we were delighted this year to welcome Pip, his wife. Tim said:

*Now that Pip is part of the gang I'm sure will come along to more things. He added that as they are often in Cornwall they might be able to make next year's Annual Reunion Dinner – we will hold you to that Tim and very much look forward to seeing Pip again too!*

Paul told us: *There were a group from class of 13: **Alex Young, Callum Waldie, Katharine Lawrence***

*and Thomas Harvey, who spent the evening together talking about their time since leaving school. Alex has just relocated to Hertfordshire where he works for a large, Multinational IT Consultancy' Callum is in his final year of Medical School at King's College London; Katharine has returned from overseas to join Guidepoint Global UK as an Associate and Tom has just completed an LLM (Master of Laws) degree at Queen Mary University London.*

Brothers Christopher and Michael Pooley are regular attendees at the London reunion and we were delighted they were able to join us again this year. **Christopher** CO75 has had a long career in banking, working for Merchant Banking Group Singer & Friedlander Ltd in the City and since taking retirement worked on a contract basis for (among others) Zenith Bank a Nigerian Bank and for Santander Global and Commercial. He is currently contracting for FBN Bank (UK) Ltd. **Michael** CO76 is Managing Director of his own Consultancy business, which he set up 5 years ago on his return to the UK after nearly 20 years working in Switzerland and Asia. His experience is wide ranging, spanning nearly 40 years, across 5 continents, in sales, food and material sourcing, supply chain, 24/7 operations, customer service, hospitality, culinary excellence, logistics and new business development. Michael is also a Mentor at Oxford Brookes University and offers regular advice: He takes workshops on career options and next steps, to a number of students and alumni and supports their entry into employment where possible. Christopher has generously offered his time and experience, to help students at Truro School and we are delighted to have been able to pass his contact details to Nancy Kenward, Head of Careers. We look forward to seeing Michael at Truro School soon.

If you can offer time and help to Nancy and the students at Truro School, we would be delighted to hear from you: [tsfpa@truroschoo.com](mailto:tsfpa@truroschoo.com)

There were so many present, it has not been possible to mention everyone by name but I hope you have been able to get a flavour of the evening from this article. You can enjoy more photographs in our picture gallery and share the views from this special venue: Alumni Community Events Gallery

We certainly look forward to seeing you all (and more) next October in London. If you enjoyed the evening, spread the word. We also hope many of you will consider attending the Annual Reunion Dinner on Saturday 7th September 2019, held at School in the Dining Hall. Perhaps you could plan a visit to Cornwall to coincide and arrange to meet up with fellow classmates. If you feel you might be able to organise a group, please do get in touch.

**Nicky Berridge**, Development Manager

# Royal Cornwall Show

Carla Lamb, Head of Marketing and Communications at Truro School, re-designed Truro School's Royal Cornwall Show stand this year with the theme of sustainability in mind. Our team varied over the 3 days and along with Carla included, Headmaster, Andrew Gordon-Brown, Business Director Kieran Topping, Jayne Grigg, Director of Admissions and Development, Dan Sanderson, Director of Sport, Emma Williams, Admissions Officer, Sarah Patterson, Head of Truro Prep and Kate Williams, EYFS Co-ordinator.

This event gives staff the opportunity to meet and greet members of the Truro School Community in an informal environment and the team had a great time (despite the challenging weather at times) and enjoyed welcoming prospective parents and their children, current parents and pupils as well as our ever-welcome alumni and former parents. This year we had a record numbers of former pupils coming to say 'hello', enjoying some refreshments and telling us what they are up to now, as well as those familiar faces that we see each year and whom, we hope, will continue to visit us for many years to come.

Jayne Grigg said: *The Royal Cornwall Show continues to be one of the highlights of our calendar – entertaining visitors, including prospective pupils and their parents, our current parents and alumni and their parents, all chatting together about Truro School is a wonderful example of what it means to be part of the Truro School Community – once a member, always a member.*





# TSA Annual Afternoon Tea Friday 12 April 2019

It was once again a great pleasure to welcome 77 visitors for Afternoon Tea on Friday, 12 April 2019, 49 of whom were former pupils. They ranged from CO '45 to CO '73 with Mr John Langdon having joined Trelliske in 1937 during its second term.

The Headmaster, Andrew Gordon-Brown, welcomed our guests and together we toasted absent friends and sent celebratory good wishes to two of our regular attendees, **Stuart Bird** CO64 and Janet, who were away celebrating their Golden Wedding anniversary.

Old friends met again after many years; David Southgate and Peter Reseigh CO60 had not seen each other since 1958 when they had beds next to each



other in Epworth House dormitory. Epworth House featured again later when I toured a small group of alumni to see what had changed over the years and one pointed out that his bed would have been where Mr Palmer, Director of Music, keeps all his music files.

Our visitors came from close to home and from far afield with Michael Hutchings from Kerry, Ireland and Chris Goodhand from Ontario, Canada. I was left intrigued by Chris' passing comment that he was on the school tour to Prague that didn't actually tour! Having spent all day travelling from Austria to Prague, they were given a late night snack and packed off to bed ready for the next day's tourist treats. Sadly, that didn't happen as during the night they were woken by teachers urging them to get up and pack quickly. The Soviets had arrived and they left Prague escorted by Soviet tanks having seen nothing. I cannot imagine the press repercussions these days and it brings a whole new meaning to "risk assessment".

Jo Woods, our Archivist, had put together another wonderful array of files, reports and photographs with a slide show running throughout the afternoon. It made for lots of memories and stories being retold.

Thank you to everyone who comes and makes this day so special for so many people.

**Jayne Grigg**, Director of Admissions and Development

# Truro School Black and White Midsummer Ball Saturday 29 June 2019

Once again the weather was kind and guests to the Old Sports Hall were greeted by blue skies and a refreshing breeze. They gathered outside in the sunshine with a cool glass of prosecco (and the largest blackberries ever seen!) posing for photos and chatting, parents catching up and students behaving as though they'd been apart for months, not just a few short weeks.

Once inside, there was the usual amazement at how the Old Sports Hall is transformed; even the climbing wall was praised for looking 'cool' under its pink lights. The vision of the group of mothers of departing Upper Sixth Form students, was realised in glorious fashion; the smart black and white theme beautifully set off by collections of green foliage, fairy lights and white flowers. The photos don't really do it justice – it was coolly and simply stunning. Thank you ladies, for all your hard work and generosity of spirit in creating such a beautiful space for everyone to enjoy.

A hearty thanks is due of course to the staff of various departments within the school: Events (Sarah Knowles and Lindsay Fletcher) and Marketing (Carla Lamb) work on the Summer Ball for months leading up to the event, and in the last couple of days the hours of work put in by Swen Keary, Technical Resources Manager, and the theatre team have to be seen to be believed. It all comes together (at the last minute, seemingly) and never disappoints.

David Connelly, Catering Manager, bowed out from Truro School to great acclaim – the food was highly praised (and delicious, I can confirm) and a fitting swansong for the popular member of support staff, as he bid us farewell at the end of term. For a school to put on an event of this scale and quality is quite something.

As one parent said, this was a:

*Joyful event - Amazing transformation of the Old Sports Hall. Great food, great company, beautiful venue and the added bonus of a boogie! Black jack and roulette wheel draw for those who shy away from the dance floor.*

The 'gambling' tables were full all evening – clearly a very popular choice of entertainment.

We are keen to promote the Summer Ball to everyone involved with Truro School, as it is truly a celebration of the school year. Far more than a 'leavers' ball' (what Upper Sixth students may say to their parents non-withstanding) we would like to see even more colleagues, parents from lower down the school and, especially, ex-pupils come back and celebrate with us. The departing students form only a portion of the party and – while they may be the most immediate to storm the dance floor, they are far from the only enthusiastic users! Good food, good company, beautiful surroundings and a chance for a dance – what more could one ask to see out the school year in a celebratory fashion.

See you next year?

**Jo Shaw**, Sixth Form Administrator



“  
It was an amazing night; sports hall was unrecognisable  
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“  
Well done to you and the team for fabulous decor and food. It was so sophisticated and a most relaxed enjoyable evening. Thank you!!  
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“  
*A very good night and very well organised. I particularly liked the casino table!*  
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“  
*Wow - the ball was amazing - I can see how much work you all did and it was stunning.*  
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## Behind the scenes – Friends of Truro School

In the midst of the dark Cornish winter, the Friends of Truro School (FTS) and the Events team at Truro School start their quest to bring together volunteers from the Upper Sixth parents, to begin preparations for theming the Truro School Ball. This year, the talents of the parent team were put to very good use.

The students requested a traditional black and white ball but in order to pool the parent talent and choose an ‘on point’ theme we added an eco-twist - this year there was to be no plastic at all at the ball – ‘reuse, recycle and biodegradable’ were the buzz words which formed the spirit of the ball. To this end we added a ‘Midsummer’ theme to the evening, with natural foliage decor, hoops of flowers hanging from the ceiling, a huge foliage crown above the dance floor and tall floral table decor. Drapes of black and white photographs of all the leavers, plus similar black and white photographs showcasing the many activities at Truro School were hung around the hall, together with beautiful black and white hand drawn floral themed charcoal drapes created by Sandra Goodenough. A photo booth allowed students and families to take informal family group snaps and a casino table kept the students entertained.

Many thanks to everyone at Truro School who helped make the ball a great success - Sarah Knowles and Lyndsay Fletcher; the student who created the invitation, Ella Williams; Sven Kearey and the crew; David Connolly and the whole of catering; Charlie Fraser and his team - security and grounds staff and xall the caretakers

**Laura Rundle**, Friends of Truro School

**Headmaster, Andrew Gordon-Brown and everyone at Truro School would like to thank the FTS for all their hard work in making the Leavers Ball such a resounding success and for all their efforts throughout the year to support the pupils of the School.**

## Obituaries

**Mr John Alan SWEET**  
(TS 1943 – 1948)

**Prof William Jervis JONES**  
(TS 1951 – 1959)

**Mr Donald Ryley RAWE**  
(TS 1941 – 1948)

**Mr Ralph Lawrence NODDER**  
(TS 1944 – 1947)

**Mr Richard Rossalyn CHEFFERS**  
(TS 1937 – 1942)

**Mr Kenneth Henry HITCHENS**  
(TS 1933 – 1939)

**Mr Robert Christopher JARVIS**  
(TS 1950 – 1957)

**Mr David John William ROWE**  
(TS 1942 – 1946)

**Mr Michael Elliston BARKER**  
(TS 1939 – 1948)

**Mr Ian Frank GOODHAND**  
(TS 1935 – 1946)

**Mr Raymond Charles Ray STEPHENS** (TS 1946 – 1952)

**Mr William Neil BOUGHEY**  
(TS 1939 – 1949)

**Dr Simon Ross COWIE**  
(TS 1995 – 2002)

**Mr David Andrew BOLTON**  
(TS 1987 – 1994)

**Mr Anthony John 'Tony' VOKES**  
(TS 1939 – 1945)

**Mr Colin Clive WARD**  
(TS 1948 – 1952)

**Mr William John OLIVER**  
(TS 1945 – 1949)

**Mr Chris YORK**  
(TS 1959 – 1954)

**Mrs Poppy Alice GAMBLE**  
(TS 1992 – 1995)

**Dr Gregory DOUGHTY**  
(TS 1973 – 1980)

**Mr Julian Mark DAVEY**  
(TS 1971 – 1976)

**Mr Lionel HODGE**  
(TS 1946 – 1951)

**Mr Martin Austin FIDO**  
(TS 1948 – 1957)

**Rt Rev Prof William Peter STEPHENS** (TS 1945 – 1952)

**Mrs Glenys TALL**  
(TS 1999 – 2018)

**Mr Brian John WHITE**  
(TS 1968 – 1975)

## Tributes and Memories

**David BOLTON**  
(TS 1987 – 1994)



Dave sadly passed away peacefully in his sleep on December 19th last year after a year-long fight against lymphoma cancer. Dave was a student at Truro School from 1987 - 1994, before moving to Royal Holloway to gain his degree in economics. After university he joined the London Metropolitan Police. Then followed a 20-year career in a job he loved, rising through the ranks to Detective Chief Inspector, he was respected and admired by many in the force. He was involved with numerous serious cases, received commendations and appeared in a couple of television programs about the police including Crimewatch. He was about to start a high-profile role heading a team in one of the special forces.



Dave kept his friends from Truro School, these chaps had been David's friends right through school and on through universities, marriages, (some pretty lively stag parties!!) and children. The group were joined by friends from university and work, and stayed with him to the end.

Early on in London he met his lovely wife Stacey and they had 2 children, Tom and Katie, the family made frequent trips to Cornwall, their second home they still say!

Dave proudly took Tom and Katie up to Truro School which he remembered with affection from his schooldays.

*Tribute written by: his parents,  
Andrew CO69 and Anne Bolton*

**Neil BOUGHEY**  
(TS 1939 – 1949)

### Truro School Memories

Neil Boughey, my husband, unfortunately died shortly before the request to send memories of Truro School was made. However, as he often spoke about his happy school days at Truro School, I thought perhaps he would be pleased if I wrote to you.

Neil was very proud of being a Cornishman, and, living in Truro, was a day boy at Truro School from 1939-1949, so this was mainly during WW2. He remembered his time at the school as being very happy. He enjoyed the school work, but had a problem with the English essays. He could never see the point in writing them, a view not shared by his teacher, Mr Willday. His main interest in life was sport, playing in the cricket 1st XI for the school for 3 years (1947-1949); also playing for Truro City and Cornwall while at school. He also played football for the school, but avoided rugby, as he hated "being ground into the mud" a particularly well-remembered incident involved Robert Shaw.

The boys must have taken part in what is now called "work experience", as Neil recalled spending a few days making a fire poker at a local forge.

Neil left school in 1949, having gained a place at Charing Cross Hospital Medical School in London, and was always grateful to Truro School for the excellent teaching.

*Tribute written by: Mary Boughey*

**Richard Rosslyn ('Ross') CHEFFERS**  
(TS 1937 – 1942)



Born into a Methodist family in Mawnan Smith near Falmouth, Ross found himself on a day trip to Truro with his parents in the summer of 1937, when suddenly they pointed up

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the hill to Truro School and said “that’s where you’ll be going next term!” It was rather a shock as he had had no knowledge of the arrangements that had been made. However, he needn’t have worried, as the next five years proved to be very happy and fulfilling. He would recount memories of multiple games of, the newly released, Monopoly simultaneously taking place in the common rooms; of the sick-bay nurse whose dialect/nasal way of speaking led the word ‘normal’ to almost sound like ‘doorbell’, thus tempting mischievous boys recovering from illness to enquire when their temperature had been taken – “am I ‘doorbell’ yet, nurse?!”

Ross was foremost a scientist but had a great love of music, singing alto in the chapel choir alongside his friend Richard G (Dickie) Jones under the direction of Housemaster and music teacher, Sammy Way. On a visit to Truro in 1985, Ross was able to meet up with the retired Sammy Way and despite the countless numbers of boys who he must have taught, he clearly remembered him, saying “there was only ever one Cheffers!” Music and science came together one morning before school assembly when the battery powered blower for the organ had packed up – Sammy Way at once called for Ross to remedy the situation, sending him scurrying over to the physics lab (where he had become technician) to get a spare battery, which he wheeled over on a sack-barrow at great speed! Never one for sports he avoided rugby, football and cricket as much as possible but did once come 4th in a cross-country race.

After leaving Truro School, Ross got a job as a lab boy at I.C.I. Ltd in Welwyn Garden City. A break of three years followed for war service as a Bevin Boy in the coal mines of South Wales and then after graduation from Exeter University he followed his chosen career as an industrial chemist, firstly back at I.C.I. and then in 1956 a move to Marconi Instruments Ltd. in St. Albans where he remained until his retirement in 1989.

He met his wife, Mary, in the Methodist Church in Welwyn Garden City and they were married in 1954. Two children, Christine and Richard, followed and Ross thoroughly enjoyed immersing himself in family life. He was also a keen gardener and practical man, undertaking many DIY tasks around the house and passing on those skills to his son.

Ross maintained his membership of the Methodist Church through to the end of his life. He held most offices within the church at various times, including Sunday School superintendent, steward, property steward and, in retirement, organist. In addition, he was a local preacher for 71 years after being “pushed” into the pulpit one Sunday morning in South Wales, as there was no-one else to take the service! After completing his preaching studies, he was a fully accredited Methodist Local Preacher for 63 years.

Ross enjoyed good health throughout his life, spending his last three years in a Salvation Army care home near St. Albans. He passed away on October 1st 2016, aged 90 years.

Truro School provided some lifelong friends, in particular, Jim Bates and Billy Williams, a great education and many happy memories all of which Ross was very grateful for. However, perhaps he didn’t pay as much attention in English lessons as he should have done as sometimes his spoken grammar was somewhat in error. On being challenged about this by his wife, he would retort, with a wry smile, “perhaps it’s because I didn’t go to a grammar school!!”

*Tribute written by: his son, Richard Cheffers*

## Martin FIDO

(TS 1948 – 1957)

### Memories of a friend

I first met Martin Fido when I arrived at Main School in 1955. I was then H.J. Davies, an unhappy feral lad, sent from Tanganyika for schooling. My achievements that first term included a record breaking 42 house-points for Vinter, being caned by Headmaster Lowry Creed, and being recaptured by a policeman in Falmouth on my attempt to run away to return to Africa.

Martin was the most civil and civilised man at Truro while I was there. Nobody quite knew how to deal with him, he was evidently brilliant but so urbane! I got sent to him once when he was Head Boy, and instead of detention or cubes, or whatever one was expected to dole out, we talked about books. Martin hated punishing people, doubtless that Quietistic/Quaker streak in him, and when, a few years later, I became Head Boy I followed his example: I didn’t punish anybody either - but I could roar - and did intimidate - which Martin never needed to do. Fellow former pupil Ken Pye and Martin co-produced the dormitory play at Pentreve during the Christmas term of 1955, and Ken claims to have started my career as an actor! Many years later when I contacted Martin, I reminded him of the dormitory play, he replied by saying “Goodness, I’d have boasted about that if I’d remembered!” He told me he not only remembered me but had watched me with delight “accompanying Indiana Jones and Frodo Baggins”. We reminisced about Derek Burrell and Watson Weeks. As I recounted my memories of him, he corrected me and said that indeed he did roar; “it was essential”, though he once had to say “Oh, I’m sorry, Mr Smith” (lovely man, taught Art and Chess) as he emerged from underneath the rugby scrum and riot in the art room – which Martin had just quelled by bellowing.

I was sad to have missed his memorial service as I would very much liked to have attended. He had the most fully developed sensibility at Truro in my time and I send my sincere condolences to his family, and especially to his wonderful brother Hugh, whom I first knew at Treiske in 1953.

*Tribute written by:*

*H.J. Davies aka John Rhys-Davies, CO62*

## Kenneth Henry HITCHENS

(TS 1933 – 1939)

Kenneth Henry Hitchens passed away on 12th September aged 96. Beloved husband of the late Elizabeth, father of Glynn, Chris and Neil and Grampy to his seven grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

Ken was born in Feock and educated, together with his younger brother Trevor, at Truro School. He matriculated in 1939 and took a position at County Hall until volunteering for the Royal Navy during World War II. He was trained as a radio communications engineer P.O. and had many passages across the North Atlantic aboard the ‘flat top’ HMS Patroller. After demobilisation in 1946, he married Elizabeth (formerly Ham) and moved to Truro to join his father and brother in their nursery and floristry business until closure and retirement in 1988. An active member of the horticultural section of the Cornwall branch of the NFU having been a former chairman of the Cornwall Nurseryman’s Committee and he was a founder member and past chairman of the Cornwall Nurseryman’s Association.

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He enjoyed sport, was an honorary life member of the City of Truro Rifle Club. A keen fisherman, a member of numerous clubs and he was particularly interested in the Fal complex and the reintroduction of salmon to the system.

*Tribute written by: Tristan Hitchens*

## William (Bill) Jervis JONES

(TS 1951 – 1959)

A Camborne boy, Bill's early promise brought him to Truro School at the age of just 10. Multi-talented – for instance achieving a high standard as a self-taught pianist – he was described by Stephen Wickes as having a "tremendous capacity for work".

He started to study German at 13, under the late John Morris, and decided to specialise in Modern Languages, going up to Oriol College, Oxford, in 1960 to read German and French. He was awarded 1st Class Honours in 1963 and a number of Travelling Scholarships and Fellowships followed. He met his wife-to-be, Val, in Vienna, where she was teaching English.

Bill's teaching, research and administrative career was based in London University, first as an Assistant Lecturer at Westfield College, and later as Head of Department. In 1990 he was appointed Professor of German at Royal Holloway & Bedford New College. His work was much appreciated both by pupils and colleagues, more than one describing him as simply the nicest person they knew!

His voluminous publications constitute a major contribution to German Philology.

In 2006 he and Val retired to the Sussex coast, where among other activities he enjoyed sailing and astronomical observing.

His life and career should be an inspiration to us all.

Bill is survived by his wife, two children and four grandchildren.

*Tribute written by: Herbert E. Fleming*

## William Peter STEPHENS

(TS 1945-52)



Bishop W. Peter Stephens died on 1st April 2019. He was a President of the Methodist Conference 1998-1999 and one of Truro School's most distinguished Methodist ministers and academics – those who were his contemporaries recognise that the seeds of his dedication were sown in his family life and nurtured in the School.

Peter Stephens was born in Penzance in 1934 and was the first Cornishman to be designated

President of the Methodist Conference since 1839 and also the first minister serving in Scotland to achieve that office.

Peter was at Truro School from 1945 to 1952, became Head Prefect and won an Open Exhibition in Modern Languages at Clare College, Cambridge and later became an Exhibitioner in Theology. After preparation for the Methodist Ministry at Wesley House, Cambridge, he was World Council of Churches Scholar in the University of Lund, Sweden, where he did research on Luther's understanding of the two kingdoms. On his return he

taught Greek and New Testament as Assistant Tutor at Hartley Victoria College, Manchester. He was ordained at the Liverpool Conference on 7th July 1960.

His ministry took him firstly to Nottingham where he was Methodist Chaplain to the University and then to Croydon. Between these two appointments he did research on Martin Bucer in the Universities of Strasbourg and Münster, leading to his doctorate on the Holy Spirit in the Theology of Martin Bucer, published in 1970.

From 1971 to 1986 he ministered in three theological colleges: Hartley Victoria College, Manchester, Wesley College, Bristol, and The Queen's College, Birmingham. From 1986 to 1999 he was Professor of Church History at Aberdeen University, where he was Dean of the Faculty of Divinity (1986-89) and Provost of the Faculty (1989-90).

From 1995 he was President of the Society for Reformation Studies and in 1997 he won the Max Geilinger Prize for The Theology of Huldrych Zwingli (Oxford University Press, 1986). He published many academic works, particularly on the theology of the Continental Reformation and his research and demand for his time as a lecturer took him all over the world.

It will not surprise his contemporaries at School to know that in his ministry, Professor Stephens was active in ecumenical, European, and social and political affairs – he first stood as a Liberal candidate in the School Mock Election of 1950 – losing to the Head Prefect of the day! His activities included involvement in anti-apartheid, world development, and human rights issues – Founding Chairman of the Anti-Apartheid Group in Croydon (1970-71), Founding Chairman of the World Development Movement Group in Withington (1972-73) and member of the Human Rights Forum (1978-81). He was a city councillor for seven years in Bristol (1976-83).

His ecumenical activity began at Cambridge, where – besides being President of the Methodist Society – he was Study Secretary of the SCM, arranging for speakers from each of the main Christian Churches to speak about the tradition of their church in every college. At Nottingham he initiated joint work in Lenton with the Baptist Church and the Church of England and he continued his ecumenical work throughout his Ministry in the United Kingdom and much of Europe. He also participated in a variety of theological commissions – at National, European, and International level.

He was an active member of the Methodist Conference since 1972, and served on a variety of committees and boards, including as a representative to the World Methodist Council.

At his induction on 20th June 1998 as President of the Methodist Conference many of the robes of office were gifts from people and institutions that Peter held dear, including a cassock from the School. After his installation, Peter travelled widely to carry out his Presidential duties – Romania, Sri Lanka, Columbia, South Africa and all over the United Kingdom, including a visit home to Cornwall in April 1999, when a visit to the School was planned for 19th April.

His later appointments included Superintendent Minister of the Plymouth Methodist Mission Circuit 1999-2000, Minister of the Mint, Exeter and Methodist Chaplain to the University of Exeter 2000-2002, Superintendent Minister of the Liskeard and Looe Circuit 2002-2003. Peter was Minister in the Uckfield and Lewes, Mid-Sussex Circuit from 2004 to 2006.

From 2003 to 2004 he was Chair and General Superintendent of the Methodist Church in The Gambia and from 2010 to 2012 he served as the Presiding Bishop. After this he returned to

Cornwall, still active within the Church, firstly as Superintendent Minister of the Saltash Circuit from 2012 to 2014, and then as a Minister in the West Penwith Circuit, finding a little more time to spend on his leisure activities which included theatre, coastal walking, swimming and gardening.

*Information from TSA Newsletter February 1999 and the Methodist Church website, methodist.org.uk*

## Glenys TALL

(TS Prep School Staff 2005 – 2018)

Our Prep School community was shaken by the news of Glenys' death on 6th June; although she had been away from school since the previous autumn, it seemed so horribly sudden when it actually happened. Although we were, and still are, so sad at the loss of our colleague and friend, what I notice is that whenever anyone speaks about Glenys, it is always with a smile.

Glenys worked at Truro Prep for nearly 14 years and had many responsibilities in different areas of the school. She was first and foremost our first aider (she hated it when I referred to her as matron in my first couple of weeks at the school) and so her job was looking after children – a most important one. She was keen to be involved in everything! She loved the residential trips away and would get stuck in to any activities whether that meant diving head first into mud or taking to the skies in the 'high' challenges. Her trips to France with our Year 6 children were always a highlight for her and she loved sitting and chatting to the children and the staff about anything and everything.

Glenys loved to tell tales of her family; never a chat went by without her referring to her children or her grandchildren or her Tim. I can't count the times that she told me what 'a brick' Tim was and how well he cared for her. I can still picture her wheeling a pushchair around the summer fair and smiling from ear to ear as she looked after her granddaughter.

Music was another one of Glenys' loves and you would often hear her humming or singing quietly to herself as she went about her work. She loved to come into assembly for the hymn singing and to hear what was going on.

I will best remember Glenys for her wholly positive approach to life, even when she was feeling so poorly; she was always able to turn things around and make people smile. At school, we have thought long and hard about what Glenys meant to us and I would like to share some of the comments that the children have made about her, to say what she meant to them.

*'She will be missed but not forgotten'. - Beatrice*

*'She will live on in our hearts'. - Lowena*

*'I am sorry for your loss. Thank you for looking after me'. - Oliver*

*'I'll miss Mrs Tall; hope you find your way to God safely. I'll miss you'. - Olliver*

*'Mrs Tall helped me lots of times when I hurt myself. Even though I came in Year 4, she helped me loads of times. I really appreciated it and I will never, ever forget it'. - Joshua*

*'Mrs Tall made me feel safe at Truro Prep'. - Scarlett*

*'...we are all very sorry for your loss but will remember Mrs Tall and her spirit will be around us forever'. - Elsie*

*'Thank you for everything you did for Truro Prep School. I will never forget the chats we had whether they were inspirational or funny! You will be missed'. - Emily*

*'I'm sorry for your loss. She helped me so many times when I hurt myself. She was really kind'. - Freddie*

*'I will always remember your kindness and smile'. - William*

*'Mrs Tall made me feel welcome into her room when I was sick and always supported everyone'. - Flo*

*'Mrs Tall wasn't tall but a very good, funny and helpful first aid director when you were feeling sad or hurt'. - Kayo*

One of Glenys' colleagues, Steve Hobson, wrote:

**G** Generous, Genuine, Genial, Gentle

**L** Likeable, Lion-Hearted

**E** Efficient, Energetic, Entertaining

**N** Natural, Naughty

**Y** Young-at-heart

**S** Sassy, Sentimental, Spirited

My favourite quote wasn't signed so I am not sure who wrote this but it fully resonates with everything that I would want to say about her:

**'She was a great lady and I think she'll go down in Prep history'.**

*Tribute written by: Sarah Patterson, Head of Prep School*

## Colin WARD

(TS 1948 – 1952)

Colin was born on 28th November 1940 in Crawley – where his parents had a ladies' lingerie business.

In 1942 his parents took in a family of refugees which included two teenagers, Herta and Erich Pohlmann. Herta, who was 17 was to become Colin's nanny.

1943 saw the family move to Porthleven, Cornwall, where his father became a councillor and campaigned for the introduction of milk bottles in Cornwall for the health of the public – previously milk was delivered in buckets and ladled out into jugs on the doorstep and this practice was believed to be the cause of the outbreak of polio, or infantile paralysis as it was called then. It was ironic that Colin, at the age of seven, himself developed polio whilst boarding at Treiske in Truro. He, and several of his class mates, spent several months in an isolation ward receiving daily painful injections to treat the disease. Colin had vivid memories of that time and counted himself one of the lucky ones as he was only affected on his chest and left arm, several of his mates had to endure being sealed in a contraption known as an iron lung which regulated their breathing. Sadly, several of the children did not survive.

Colin was always interested in the military and joined the Territorial Army and later the Royal Observers Corp.

Due to his mother's failing health, the family moved to be near relatives in Cockfosters. For three years he worked at Telequipment in Southgate where, in 1962, he met a girl who was to become his wife. Other jobs included Rediffusion in Camden Town and Vista Rentals before starting his own business as a chauffeur in Finsbury Park.

His eldest daughter Yvonne was born in London and then the family moved down to Hampshire where his daughter Anne, and later his son James were born, and he started his own TV repair company, Winchester Communications.

During the mid '70s he got very involved in the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) serving on various committees in Portsmouth, Basingstoke, Southampton and the New Forest. In fact, Colin was one of the founder members of FSB, together with Lawrence Reynolds and Brian Rayner, campaigning for the rights of business owners. They became known as 'The Three Musketeers'. He was passionate about supporting small businesses and became a recruiter for the Wessex Region bringing the organisation to the largest business support group in the country.

# Tributes and Memories

Following his divorce Colin moved to a flat in West End from where he continued to support small businesses for many years, and it was through this work that he met Christina Pullen, when he walked into her tearooms in Hamble and persuaded her to join the FSB. He must have been very persuasive as she later joined the local branch committee and accompanied Colin to many business events and in fact shared his life for 15 years, until he passed away in 2018.

In 2008 Colin went for a routine health check and was told he needed a heart operation immediately – the resulting triple bypass was successful.

In 2011 Colin joined SW Hampshire Raynet-UK using his radio skills to provide communications at various events such as the New Forest Endurance Ride, Totton Carnival etc. and joined the committee from 2014. The last event, in which he was involved, was at the end of September reporting traffic levels during the M27 closure for the Romsey road bridge replacement..

Colin had for many years been a supporter of Hamble Players attending many of their productions and later he supported Chris in her role as Front of House Manager. He would stand in the foyer of the Memorial Hall, looking very dapper, in his dress suit, meeting and greeting the audiences as they arrived, and doing what he was so good at ...talking to people and making them feel important and involved.

As his health deteriorated he preferred to sit at his desk and write his memoirs on his PC. The document is entitled My Life Until Tomorrow and the opening lines read:

*As a Christian, I am constantly surprised by the 'start again' philosophy of our Lord. My Father once said to me: "If you want to hear God laugh, tell him your plans!"*

Colin will be greatly missed.

*Tribute written by: Christina Pullen*

## Chris YORK (TS 1959 – 1964)



*Chris worked with me to help with the London Branch of the Old Boys Association as it was then known. I took over the Hon Secretary & Treasurers role in 1990 after John Delbridge retired. I always remember Chris' chuckle and ready sense of humour which always made the job easier.*

*Janet & I were married 50 years ago in Winchester, so we had lot in common with him. Furthermore, I was about to start work in the City and welcomed his careers advice. He was a shipping broker and thoroughly understood the markets.*

*One evening we were walking back through the City to catch the tube, when he took me to his place of work. It was in the Lloyds building, that wonderful piece of architecture where Alan Sugar's apprentices are given the final grilling!*

*I rang the Lutine Bell and read the shipping register of the day, it was fascinating how one of our oldest markets operated. We then meandered our way through the backstreets of London to the train, but had to try a pint or two on the way! Without his help I would have never made it for my train! Such was the joy of being in his company! We all miss him, and send Ann and her family our heartfelt condolences.*

**Janet & Stuart Bird - CO64**

*Just a quick memory of Chris - after the reunion in 2006 we visited the Eden Project with Chris and Ann on our way home. You can see from the photo Chris enjoyed the visit but of course before we could set off from Truro Chris had to collect the pasties to keep us going!! How come he never had a spare ounce of flesh on him?*

**Richard Payler - CO64**

*Chris was always a smart dresser and I remember how well he dressed at Truro School in the 1950s. I so envied his polished brown brogue shoes and cavalry twill trousers! But he will be most remembered for his generous and willing smile and lovely laughter.*

**Richard Stevenson - CO64**

*I remember Phillip as a fellow rugby forward, indeed we were props in the various level of school teams up to and including the 1st XV. He was always a staunch comrade when sometimes the games became a little "rowdy". I remember him with great affection.*

**John Chappell - CO67**

*Prefects' photo of 1964 (below) in which we see Chris, again, with that nice smile.*

**Stuart Sylvester - CO64**



# My view of the Truro School Community



I left Truro School in 1958 and eventually ended up back in Cornwall, re-establishing contact with the school by way of the Truro School Former Pupils' Association and in January 2016 became a committee member. A year later, Guy Dodd, Chairman of the newly formed

Truro School Foundation, suggested that I might like to consider becoming a Trustee, which I did, thus becoming a "link" between the 2 committees.

There was now the opportunity to see my "alma mater" in a fresh light. The first thing which became apparent was that it was not just 'Truro School', but very much '*Truro School Community*'. The elements are Truro School, what was Treliske, the preparatory school, the Friends of Truro School, the Truro School Former Pupils' Association and, more recently, the Truro School Foundation. The aim being to contribute towards providing the education which the school offers to all with the necessary ability.

The interrelation of most elements is fairly obvious. I would however like to say a few words about the interaction between the Truro School Former Pupils' Association and the Truro School Foundation. The aim of the Truro School Foundation is to produce the funding to enable those with the ability, but not the financial resources, to benefit from an education at the school. The Truro School Former Pupils' Association can be considered as offering a supporting role. The Association has in fact resources in its members which can be made use of, yes, financial of course and I would urge you to support the 20 x 20 Bursary Appeal if you are able to do so, because those who have benefited from an education here I am sure wish to see others profit as well.

Beyond that, an extremely important resource is what might be termed 'a knowledge base'. Very many leave Truro School, and making their mark in life are able to provide important information and advice concerning their profession or occupation. It is the 'raison d'être or mission' of the Association to maintain contact with and between past pupils, this being done at the moment by the provision of sporting and social events, the half-termly newsletter and annual Truronian magazine. The launch of the new **TSCconnected** will further enable alumni and parents to provide careers support to more recent leavers and to current pupils.

Once again, it is best seen as a community, not just a school.

My suggestion is that, for the benefit of all, please maintain contact with the school when you finally throw your caps in the river, or whatever you now do in its place on leaving and live up to the school motto 'Esse Quam Videri' to be rather than seem to be.

## Gerald Chegwidden

Former Pupil CO58, TSFPA Committee Member and TSF Trustee

If you would like to support the 20 x 20 Bursary Appeal or to find out more, please look at the Truro School website and search for Truro School Foundation ([www.truroschooll.com/truro-school-community/truro-school-foundation](http://www.truroschooll.com/truro-school-community/truro-school-foundation)) or contact Nicky: [tsfpa@truroschooll.com](mailto:tsfpa@truroschooll.com) – telephone **01872 246010**

## 2020 Bursary Campaign



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# Annual Events 2019-2020



Saturday 7  
September 2019

## ANNUAL ALUMNI SPORTS REUNION

### Netball SBA

1:15 pm  
Alumni v School 1st Team

### Rugby 1st Team Pitch

2:00 pm  
Leavers Team v School 1st Team

### Hockey Astro Turf

3:00 pm  
Alumni v School 1st Team

*Refreshments served from  
4:00 pm in the Sixth Form Centre*

## ALUMNI ANNUAL REUNION DINNER 2019

### Reception Drinks in Heath Dining Hall 7:00 pm

followed by Dinner served  
in the School Dining Hall –  
Tickets £27.50 pp

*(Wives, husbands, partners and  
guests welcome).*



Thursday 10  
October 2019

## TSCONNECTED LONDON EVENT

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Drinks and canapés at:

Offices of Sarasin  
& Partners LLP  
*(Rooftop Terrace  
weather permitting)*

Juxon House  
100 St Paul's Churchyard  
London  
EC4M 8BU



Wednesday 26  
February 2020

## TSCONNECTED BRISTOL EVENT

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Drinks and  
canapés at:

The Clifton Club  
22 The Mall  
Clifton  
Bristol  
BS8 4DS



Friday 3  
April 2020

## ALUMNI AFTERNOON TEA

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

An opportunity for former pupils  
pre-1975 to reunite.

Truro School Dining Hall  
*(Wives, partners and  
guests welcome)*



Thursday 4 –  
Saturday 6 June 2020

## ROYAL CORNWALL SHOW

Visit the Truro School stand where  
refreshments and a warm welcome  
await.



Development Office events are open to ALL alumni and are free of charge  
with the exception of the Annual Dinner.

To reserve your place for any of our functions please email: [tsfpa@truroschool.com](mailto:tsfpa@truroschool.com)