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BETH LEIGHFIELD CO17

British Longboard 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. When not at uni Beth lives in Bude.

Beth recently took part in the ISA World Longboard Surfing Championship (WLSC - 26th May – 2nd June) held in Biarritz, France. 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.

The four home nations all competed to get a place in the team to represent Team GB, the successful athletes were:

Elliott Dudley (Wales), Ben Howey (England), **Beth Leighfield (England)**, Emily Currie (England)

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



RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS:

British Women's Longboard Champion 2019
19th in the ISA World Championships 2019
Former 3x British Junior Champion

Beth hopes to be a good ambassador for the sport and commented:
'I was really happy to take the win at the British Championships. The event took me through to the World Championships in Biarritz, France, from which I have just returned. 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.'

Read more about Beth in the forthcoming *Truronian* magazine, to be published in August.

SAM HODGE CO11

BCL (OXON); BA (OXON); LLB (QMUL)

Ranked third in the UK out of all prospective barristers

Sam left Truro School with five A-Levels in Biology, History, Religious Studies, Spanish and Chemistry (AS) and went on to study Philosophy and Theology (BA Hons) at the University of Oxford, Regent's Park College, graduating in 2014. From there he continued his studies, opting for Law with Senior Status (LLB Hons) at Queen Mary University of London, which is a two-year undergraduate course for those who already hold another undergraduate degree. He graduated in 2016 coming top of his year. His studies didn't stop there, as this was followed by a Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL) - a postgraduate course - once again at the University of Oxford, Oriel College. Sam graduated with distinction and obtained the Law Faculty Prize in Constitutional Theory.



In July 2018, Sam was called to the Bar of England and Wales by Lincoln's Inn after completing the Bar Professional Training Course. He was ranked top of Lincoln's Inn's 2018 cohort, and came third in the UK out of all prospective barristers. He is now over half-way through his first year of practice at the Bar - a year known as "pupillage". He works at Enterprise Chambers (9 Old Square, Lincoln's Inn), and is regularly taking instructions and appearing in Court on a range of insolvency and property matters. The highlight so far has been his selection to act as junior barrister, and being led by his Head of Chambers (the most senior barrister in his set), in two extremely complex and high value fraud cases which are listed to go to trial early next year.

He now lives in Crouch End in north London with his partner, Gillian, who he met whilst they were both studying at Queen Mary University of London.

Sam is one of our valued alumni who are willing to offer guidance to our Sixth Form students who are considering studying law, a career at the Bar, or studying philosophy. He is also willing to offer help or advice to fellow alumni who might be considering a similar career path. We look forward to seeing Sam again at this year's London Networking Reunion at Juxon House.

If you would like to link with Sam please just email tsfpa@truroschoo.com and we will be happy to put you in touch.



CALUM SANDERS CO07

And the new P&O Cruise Ship Iona



At present Calum is a Second Officer on-board the P&O cruise ship *Oceana*, however in October he will be moving ship and relocating to Germany for a few months to be part of the build team for P&O's newest ship, *Iona*. She will become the fifth largest cruise ship in the world and carry more than 5000 passengers.

At the moment my main job entails being in charge of a navigational watch on-board the ship, safely navigating her through the world's waters following our passage. However, there are so many more safety related and passenger focused responsibilities on-board that a Deck Officer has to complete. Then when in the shipyard, I shall be part of the team bring Iona to life and successful complete and deliver the largest cruise ship ever brought into the UK market.

We featured Calum in a newsletter back in March 2017; he has enjoyed a successful career in the shipping industry and after 12 years is still finding it very rewarding.

Whilst today I am a Deck Officer (Navigator) on-board cruise ships, originally, I wanted to become a Naval Architect; I started doing Geometrical and Technical drawing at School, and designed and built a 9ft sailing dinghy for my GCSE Design Technology. However, my A-Levels went quite up to scratch for Naval Architecture, so instead of designing ships, I decide to navigate them instead. 12 years later, I'm still there!

Calum left Truro School in 2007 and told us that he enjoyed his time very much at school and is very glad to have had the opportunity to attend TS.

My most special memory was designing and building a boat for my GCSE Design Technology. She was a 9ft sailing dinghy and got me top marks for my GCSE! I still have her 14 years later, although I don't sail her very much anymore as I struggle to find the time with my career and family life taking a lot of time up.

At the age of 18, Calum began an apprenticeship with Carnival UK (the company that owns P&O Cruises and Cunard) in the September after leaving school. His apprenticeship began at Warsash Maritime Academy in Southampton, however, he was only there for a few months. Shortly after his 19th birthday he was sent to his first ship, *Star Princess*, and began practical training at sea. She spent 3 months cruising around South America and Antarctica, before relocating to Alaska for her summer season. This meant I completed the entire western side of the Americas in my first trip

There are certainly many memorable moments along the way; I can remember sailing the waters of Antarctica was special; hosting the Captain's Table on the QE2, and being her last ever Deck Cadet before she retired to Dubai; being part of the team to bring the first ever American cruise ship in 50 to visit Cuba when we brought Adonia to Havana in 2016, and of course my happiest moment was meeting my wife, Kathryn, on-board Queen Victoria.

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Kathryn and Calum married in 2014 and share a beautiful baby girl called Emerson.

Emmie was born only a few weeks ago at the beginning of May so both of us are still getting used to being parents for the first time! We live in a little village called Barnaderg in County Galway, Ireland.

Kathryn is Irish so Calum relocated over to Ireland so she could be with her family whilst he way away at sea.

However, Calum's parents, Lesley and Michael, still live in Newquay, Cornwall and so he tries to visit the county regularly.

I try to come back to Cornwall when I can (normally a couple of times a year), but it is difficult with my job and the limited time I spend on land anyway. I haven't returned to Truro School since I left, however in the future I'd like to come back to see if there are any old faces I remember. I still have contact with a couple of people

from school, however with my job and the fact I now live in a different country, I haven't been able to keep in touch with a lot of school colleagues.

Does Calum have any advice for anyone considering a similar career?

Always be mindful that if you consider deep sea shipping, the time away is long and the hours can be hard, but the rewards are plentiful if you can handle it. The quote of Christopher Columbus is very true – "and the sea shall grant each man new hope, the sleep brings dreams of home."

Calum's plans for the future include remaining at sea to continue his career, whilst juggling the responsibilities of family life and being a new dad. He has very kindly agreed to keep us updated on the progress of the Iona so watch out for the next update, in your alumni newsletter, later this year.



THOMAS SWAIN CO16

Hopes to Become a Criminal Barrister



Throughout his time at Truro School, Thomas had his heart set on a path to join the RAF as an officer. However, on leaving, he discovered a newfound love for the legal world.

Thomas has since started a career in Law and is currently a paralegal working at a transatlantic law firm called Womble Bond Dickinson (WBD) in Plymouth. He operates within the 'Legal Solutions Centre' team who specialise in Real Estate matters and disclosure projects. The purpose his role is to help optimise the workflow of the solicitors by absorbing parts of their workload, which in-turn speeds up the delivery of an outcome for their clients.

Whilst completing an English degree Thomas joined the University's law society, where he attended various networking events. It was during these types of events that he managed to push for legal work experience from the attending professionals.

My mantra of 'don't ask, don't get' resulted in two work experience placements with solicitors, a mini pupillage with a barrister's chambers – where I followed three criminal trials- and even my current paralegal position.

Since this Thomas's CV has become a testament to his networking ability and his new love of law.

Talking about his change in career plan, Thomas said,

As much as I love the law, the book is still very much wide open. If there's one thing I've learned, it's not to make any big attempts to organise every future life decision before you've even made it that far.

He hopes to continue forging his way into his new career by completing the steps needed to become a criminal barrister.

My immediate plans are to embark upon the graduate diploma in law (GDL) conversion course for non-law postgraduates at the University of Exeter. Looking forward, my longer-term vision is to continue nurturing my love for the law. I want to see where it will take me, and to hopefully figure out what areas of law really interest me.

Thomas also spoke about how he believes his time at Truro School had a positive impact on his life,

The School's nurturing environment and fostering of confidence, talent and achievements has helped me to carry myself through life with a certain level of decorum and pride. The Truro School ethos and atmosphere is something that never really leaves you.

When he isn't working, Thomas can be found enjoying the Cornish coast with his family and dog, Syd. He also enjoys a range of creative activities as well as a spot of water sports such as kayaking.

Thomas finished by saying,

I loved being a student at Truro School and I always fondly look back at my time spent there. Truro School has morphed me into the person I am today. The encouragement from teachers and abundance of activities available from academia to sport have all been instrumental in preparing me for the real world and creating some of the most long-lasting friendships I have to date.



YOYO YUE CO15**Former Pupil Visit**

On the 12th June, Nancy Kenward, Head of Careers, was delighted to receive a visit from former pupil, Yoyo Yue

Yoyo has just graduated from the University of Hong Kong with a degree in Management and Business Administration and has taken a trip back to the UK to celebrate, before joining a logistics firm back in Hong Kong. She was a boarder at Malvern and left 3 years ago.

YoYo told Nancy she was so pleased to be back and said that the best thing about being at Truro school as a student was the one to one teaching and support she received from all her teachers. Jayne Grigg was very sorry to have missed Yoyo's visit but hopes to catch up with her when she visits Hong Kong in October.

We wish Yoyo every success with her career and look forward to receiving further visits and updates.



Annual Events:

Annual Alumni Sports Reunion

Saturday 7th September 2019

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

Saturday 7th September 2019

Reception Drinks in Heath Dining Hall at 7:00 pm, followed by Dinner served in the Old School Dining Hall. **See page 8 for full details.**

TSCONNECTED London Event

Thursday 10th October 2019

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Drinks and canapés at:
Offices of Sarasin & Partners LLP
Juxon House,
100 St Paul's Churchyard
London, EC4M 8BU

TSCONNECTED Bristol Event

Wednesday 26th February 2020

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Drinks and canapés at:
The Clifton Club, 22 The Mall
Clifton, BRISTOL, BS8 4DS



INVITATION

Truro School CONNECT – London



Date: Thursday 10th October 2019

Time: 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Venue: Offices of Sarasin & Partners LLP
(Roof-Top Terrace weather permitting)
Juxon House, 100 St Paul's Churchyard
London EC4M 8BU

Refreshments: Canapés and wine
+ soft drinks

Hosted by:

Headmaster: Andrew Gordon-Brown

Former Headmaster: Mr Paul Smith

Former Headmaster: Mr Guy Dodd

Purpose of the event:

Open to the Truro School Community but especially:
Alumni – Former Staff

An opportunity to meet or reunite with fellow alumni over a drink and canapés, chat about university, discuss career development, opportunities, achievements, entrepreneurial ideas, future plans and much more.

Reserve your place by:

Emailing: tsfpa@truroschoo.com

Online: Reservation Form

Telephone: 01872 246094

Royal Cornwall Show

Thursday 4th – Friday 5th –
Saturday 6th June 2020



ROYAL CORNWALL
... SHOW ...



Alumni Afternoon Tea

Friday 3rd April 2020
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Truro School Old Dining Hall

An opportunity to reunite with fellow former pupils, wives and partners from pre-1975

To reserve your place for any event please email tsfpa@truroschoo.com
All our alumni functions are free of charge with the exception of the Annual Dinner.



Forthcoming Events:



TSFPA ANNUAL REUNION DINNER 2019



Former Pupils ~ Former Staff Current Staff and Guests

Truro School Former Pupils' Association
extend a warm invitation:

Please joins us for the 99th Annual Reunion Dinner

Especially honouring those who left school 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 or 60 years ago

The Classes of 09 ~ 99 ~ 89 ~ 79 ~ 69 ~ 59 and ALL our Seniors

SATURDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2019

7:00 pm—11:00 pm

Truro School Dining Hall

Tickets £27.50 each

Arrival Drinks, Dinner and Speeches

Black Tie or Lounge Suits / Evening or Cocktail Dresses

RSVP - Please request a booking form:

Email: tsfpa@truroschoo.com

Telephone: 01872 246094

Why not book accommodation and stay overnight in Truro

if you are attending the Alumni Annual Reunion Dinner on Saturday 7th September 2019.

Truro School are delighted to be linked with **Manning's Hotel and Restaurant**. Owner Lynn Manning (former parent of TS) has very kindly agreed to offer special rates for any Alumni who wish to stay in Truro for the forthcoming Annual Dinner on Saturday 7th September 2019.

Standard Doubles - £75.00 per night

City Doubles / Twins - £95.00 per night

Apartments - £115.00 – per night

All of these rates will include free car parking and an English breakfast so, it's a great rate.

To book visit [Mannings Hotel in Truro](#) or call **01872 270345**

Please quote REFERENCE: "**KIM L MERRIFIELD RATE: TRURO SCHOOL ALUMNI**"



DAVE HODGE C081

Charity Cycle Ride – Update

In the last issue of our Alumni Newsletter we reported on the charity cycle ride which Dave Hodge was taking part in.

Dave has kindly given us an update:

It all went well, a very long and a times tough ride, much of it against the wind, of 372 miles to Sleaford.

It turned out to be a very poignant and rewarding experience with hundreds of people turning out to welcome us at Sleaford Golf Club and the total raised to date being over £17,000 for LIVES. Hopefully we've done some good.

Everyone at Truro School sends huge Congratulations to Dave and all those who took part – what an amazing achievement.



Announcement

By Kim Conchie, Chair of Governors



Recently I announced to staff, parents and pupils that the Headmaster, Andrew Gordon-Brown will be leaving Truro School in July 2020 to take up the headship of Kingswood School in Bath. Kingwood is the original Methodist independent school established by John Wesley himself. It is a leading MIST-affiliated school so those of us who have connections across the group will continue to meet Andrew at MIST events in Bath and elsewhere for many years to come.

Kingswood is a highly regarded large boarding school in a lovely part of the city. It is a great opportunity for Andrew, and we wish him all the best. He will have spent 8 years in a very successful and developmental period for Truro School which is just over the average term of office for a Head; and he has always kept me abreast

that he probably had one more headship in him. He has said to me how welcoming and collaborative Truro School, Cornwall generally and the Methodist education ethos have been. He – and the Governors – are delighted that he feels so positive about staying within the fold. Truro School is both a bedrock of life in Cornwall and the leading, progressive, independent educator of young people in the Duchy. We are proud of our ongoing leadership in the place we love which, of course, will continue unabated.

Andrew will continue to lead Truro School with the same enthusiasm and expertise for the next year. The rest of our amazing Senior Leadership Team at both schools including Sarah Patterson, Head of Prep, will continue to drive ahead, develop education and other activities and impress children and parents alike, as will the rest of our committed and excellent staff.

Andrew and the Governors are putting together a 5-year plan 2020-2025; our mission will continue to be a beacon of academic excellence where children are inspired, nurtured and offered a real breadth of challenging opportunities in an environment which is internationally-minded and environmentally responsible.

However, when a Head leaves a school, it feels like a seminal moment for reflection and taking stock. So, as we start the recruitment process for his successor, the Governors will be carefully considering where the independent education, Truro School's role in Cornwall and indeed, in the Great South West need to be. We want to be thought leaders at the forefront of education, welfare and life skills development. We want to continue to be a successful, Christian, agile, forward-looking organisation offering our young people visible and identifiable values for life. And there are plenty of challenges too, of course. We will need a dynamic, thoughtful, innovative, grounded and unique person to lead Truro School into the next phase of its history.

I take this opportunity on behalf of the Governors to start by thanking Andrew for his intelligent and hard unstinting work which truly has enabled Truro School to progress and flourish in austere times; and to wish him well as he progresses to the next stage of his personal journey. And I know he wishes Truro School every success in our future.



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Ten Tors Challenge 2019

Joining 400 teams from across the South West, our four teams did incredibly well to navigate unaided across Dartmoor. The weather on the moor was beautiful for spectators but challenging for participants, however, all our teams finished in style and should be very proud of their achievement.





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Fowey Festival of Arts and Literature

Our Lower Sixth music students were invited to attend the Fowey Festival of Arts and Literature, with both solo and group performances.

Martin Palmer, Director of Music, commented; *Our talented, Diploma-standard Lower Sixth music students gave stunning performances today to a large and enthusiastic audience.*

The girls are all Choristers in Truro Cathedral Choir, and Helena is also an ex-BBC Radio 2 Chorister of the Year. Both boys are also ex-choristers and excellent instrumentalists. It's always delight to return to Fowey to perform at this prestigious event.





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Charity Committee Beach Clean

To tie in with the school's recent charity day in aid of Ocean Cleanup and Surfers Against Sewage, members of the Charity Committee organised a beach clean in Perranporth.

On Friday after school the group met Lizzie from SAS who provided them with gloves and bags and they spent a windswept hour picking up hundreds of pieces of rubbish and plastic from the dunes and shoreline. It was a great evening and everyone agreed that they would like to make it a regular event.



Student Harlyn Price-Lewis celebrates film premiere

The premiere screening of the film in which Truro School student Harlyn appeared was shown at the Princess Anne Theatre at BAFTA.

Widow's Walk was filmed two years ago and Harlyn's co-stars include Virginia McKenna, David Caves and Miranda Raison. Harlyn plays a central character called Trevor in the film, which is a poignant and eerie ghost story set in Suffolk.

We look forward to seeing the finished product which the director hopes will be released in the near future.

Bethany Whell wins prestigious LARA prize

Budding artist Bethany Whell recently won the London Atelier of Representational Art (LARA) Young Artist prize.

Her drawing, *Window Light*, was on display at London's Royal Over-Seas League as part of the Royal Society of British Artists Rising Stars competition. The competition selected 21 finalists, from 247 submissions, for their commendable standard of work. Beth's drawing took the first place prize and she will now have the exciting opportunity to attend a LARA short course.

Beth also received a prize for her sketchbook in the Fine Art: Painting category. Her sketchbook was based on her grandparents which the tutors found to be an emotional and personal project.





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Truro School Girls and Boys Perform on BGT

There has been great excitement at Truro School following the performance by Truro Cathedral's Choristers, most of whom are educated at Truro School, on Britain's Got Talent at the weekend.

The boys and girls from Truro School are very used to singing in front of crowds, with over seven performances a week with both the Truro Cathedral Choir and within the School's own choirs, but as the Cathedral's Director of Music, Mr Gray, said in an interview with *The West Briton*:

The Britain's Got Talent experience was entirely different. When we got to the first chorus the audience were cheering and on their feet. We don't get that in Truro Cathedral.

In the interview, Mr Gray also commented: *When I turned around, having finished conducting, we heard that the audience was very enthusiastic and they were all cheering and, to see the four judges on their feet, that I was not expecting.*

That was very special. None of them come from a background of choral music like ours. The idea that we could connect with people who don't have a choral background like ours was fantastic.

When the West Briton asked him if he was proud of what they had achieved, Mr Gray commented; *I'm always proud of the boys and girls. I have been here for 19 years and director of music for 11 years and they still surprise me.*



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Truro Cathedral has had a choir in the traditional form of boys and men since it first opened its doors in 1887. September 2015 witnessed the addition of girl choristers, like the boy choristers, they rehearse each weekday morning before school with the Cathedral's specialist musicians. They sing services and concerts at the Cathedral with the twelve professional gentlemen who sing the lower parts. In addition to these regular services and concerts, girl choristers share BBC broadcasts, CD recordings and foreign tours that the Cathedral Choir undertakes each year.

Following Saturday's TV show, the West Briton interviewed three Truro School pupils, writing:

Young members of Truro Cathedral Choir have spoken of their nerves ahead of wowing the judges on Britain's Got Talent. They were showered with praise as the audience stood to applaud the 36-strong choir.



Greg Martin / Cornwall Live

Head choristers Benji and Oliver, aged 13, and Lawrence, aged nine, were in rehearsals in a room beneath the cathedral before school on Tuesday.

Benji said: *"It was incredible just to see all the judges. It was really, really good. I think the adrenaline of doing it and going on stage on the TV show stopped the nerves."*

Lawrence said: *"I was really nervous before I went on, but then when I went on I wasn't really nervous but excited seeing all the judges in front of me."*

He said his family were delighted he'd been on TV, adding: *"They're really proud of me, which is really great."*

Oliver said: *"We were nervous that some of them weren't going to like it, maybe that it was too mainstream just standing up and singing, but they all liked it, which is really good."*

"It was pretty weird considering that lots of people think about how great it would be to go on the telly – but actually going on the telly, that was amazing."

Truro School Headmaster, Andrew Gordon-Brown, commented:

"How amazing to see Truro Cathedral Choristers on Britain's Got Talent and what a fantastic performance they gave. Quite surreal to see all of those familiar Truro School and Prep faces on the big screen quite clearly enjoying their experience. With a standing ovation and all of us watching them, I'm quite sure they had more than the four 'Yeses'"

You can view the audition by visiting the ITV website.

On the show, the four judges led the audience in a standing ovation and gave four 'yeses'

"Absolutely stunning"

was the verdict from judge **Simon Cowell**.

David Walliams said:

"Well that was absolutely stunning. That was perfection, beautiful from the first note to the last and created a very, very special moment of Britain's Got Talent. Thank you."

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Alesha Dixon agreed:

“Every single one of you should be really proud of yourselves, you created the most beautiful sound, it had a purity it was delicate, and you have the ability to make everyone in the room feel calm and good, and that’s what we expect from a choir.”



Amanda Holden said: “

“What I loved most of all was how classic it was, it was beautifully arranged, the harmonising was gorgeous. We have lots of choirs audition and they all kind of jazz it up and do a bit of dancing and they’ll try everything to make themselves different but sometimes they just need to stand still and sing and that’s what you did today and you delivered and it was beautiful.”

Simon Cowell told the choir: *“You’d be amazed actually how many choirs we have, where actually no one in the choir can sing in tune. And to actually hear all those leads and harmonies was fantastic.*

“Most importantly I think because it’s a kids’ choir you’re singing song which you all like, we like, because it can be torture, when you’re having to sing some of these songs in Latin and stuff, but for you guys to be able to do something different I think is really, really key here.”

The girl choristers (and boys entering the choir since 2017) are all educated at Truro School where they receive a scholarship from the school, supplemented by a means-tested additional bursary if required, to ensure the selection is based on pure ability.

To find out more about joining Truro School as a Cathedral Chorister, please contact Truro Cathedral’s Director of Music, Christopher Gray, Tel: **01872 276782** or email: christophergray@trurocathedral.org.uk

School News

Truro School Drama Students perform 'The Promise' to Local Primary Schools

Truro School's drama students have been performing at local primary schools as part of the School's outreach programme.

The School's outreach programme is designed to provide free masterclasses and workshops to primary schools across the county in different curricular and co-curricular areas, aiming to inspire and motivate young learners.



The programme also provides a unique opportunity for Truro School students to engage and interact with other schools and businesses. On this occasion, the Truro School drama students visited Devoran School, Bosvigo School, Truro School Prep and Roselyon School and also entertained residents at the Trewidden Care Home in St Ives.

Ben Oldfield, Truro School's Director of Drama, said:

"One of the loveliest things about the project is working with young people from across the county. You can see the children's eyes light up when our students start to perform; it's wonderful watching the children laughing, pondering and reflecting on the ethical message behind the story. The children have also been participating enthusiastically in the interactive workshops."

"Our drama students have become proficient practitioners of their art – a truly functional theatre ensemble delivering a clever performance without a set, costume or make-up to hide behind. They really have delivered the show with professionalism and decorum."

He continued: *"It's one thing to be confident and enthusiastic but another to be good at performing and sharing those skills with an audience. These students, aged between 13 – 15, have been working together all year and have formed a tightly knit group; their friendship and togetherness can be felt in their performance."*

The aim of the outreach programme is to inspire young people, whilst encouraging a positive approach to community living in our own students. Mr Oldfield commented: *"Our drama students help run the workshops, so it's an opportunity for them to show their leadership skills and feel like they are giving something back to the community whilst learning new life skills and greater independence."*

Andrew Gordon-Brown, Truro School Headmaster, commented:

"It is an absolute pleasure to share our excellent resources with the wider community. At Truro School, we understand that education is about far more than students achieving a clutch of grade-A results. We have always favoured a holistic approach, putting emphasis on the importance of a fully-rounded, character-building timetable that extends far beyond the set academic curriculum. One crucial aspect of this is getting students involved in the community, whether that's through our outreach programme or charitable work at home and abroad."





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Hidden Worlds

Using some powerful and emotive sculpture, Truro School art students have been exposing the impact that pollution from plastic and waste has on our deep-sea habitats and sea life.

The sculptures of sea animals regurgitating pieces of plastic found on our beaches, and of jellyfish made out of used plastics, serve as a shrewd reminder of the damage that can be done by single-use plastics.



Students Dive into Extra Curricular Activities

A handful of students have been busy learning how to dive during their Wednesday Afternoon Activity.

They have been getting to grips with the basics before they take to the seas with their new found skills.



School News

Leavers Day

On Friday 17th May, Upper Sixth students, parents and staff gathered in the Chapel for their Leavers' Service, followed by a celebratory lunch on the terraces. The service followed a morning of merriment on the cricket field where the Upper Sixth enjoyed a BBQ breakfast, slip and slide, sumo suits and a large inflatable obstacle course. Look out for our full feature in the forthcoming Truronian.



Class of 19

A very warm welcome to our newest TSFPA members:

Charlie Armstrong
James Arthur
Jemma Ball
Fred Bareham
Billy Bateson
Finn Birnie
James Bourguignon
Elinor Bradbury
Thomas Bradley
Joshua Bray
Ollie Brocklebank
Matt Brunyee
Alfie Burns
Molly Carleston
Ella Carr

Charlotte Crump
Isobel Dennett
Sammy Dorn
Sam Dunn-Rundle
Luke Elliott
Sarah Ellis
Charlie Ellse
Ethan Elwell
Maia Fashokun
James Fawcett
Lisha Guo
Morgan Hare
Luke Haynes
Toby Haywood
Isaac Heron

Ollie Holmes
Ellie Holmes Bucknill
Chris Keung
James Kincaid
Hector Lane
Simon Liddicoat
Tom Lovett
Oliver Lucas
Haoyuan Ma
Millie Macdonald
Alexander McCartney
Em McIntosh
William Moore
Tommy Murray
Naomi Needham

Jordan Opie
Hannah O'Reilly
Jay Osborne
Josef Ovenden-Hope
Ross Paling
Joanna Pauley
Callum Penry
Sophie Poat
Oscar Pringle
Warwick Pryor
Olly Pugh
Ben Reed
Keely Rodda
Max Sampson
Cheuk Yu Cherry Sin

Eleanor Sneesby
Charlie Standen
David Taylor
Edward Townsend
James Vanstone
Olessia Vardar
Pedrek Venton
Justas Vysniauskas
Finn Walker
Sophie Whinney
Alexander White
Charlie Wood
Molly Wood
Andrey Zhukov



Sad news

Mrs Glenys TALL

06/09/1956 – 06/06/2019

**Former TS Teaching Staff &
Prep School Staff 1999 – 2019**

Everyone at Truro School and Truro Prep School were deeply saddened by the loss of a valued and well-loved member of staff, colleague and friend, Glenys Tall.

Glenys passed away at home with her family by her side on Thursday 6th June aged 62.

Our thoughts and prayers are with her husband Tim, daughter Amie (CO10) and son-in-law Karl, son Edward (CO12) and all their family and friends.

Mrs Pam SCANTLEBURY

It is with great sadness that Truro School learnt of the recent passing of Mrs Pam Scantlebury.

Pam supported husband, and former pupil, Maurice (TS 1938 – 1944) in his duties as Chairman of the TSFPA.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends at this difficult time.



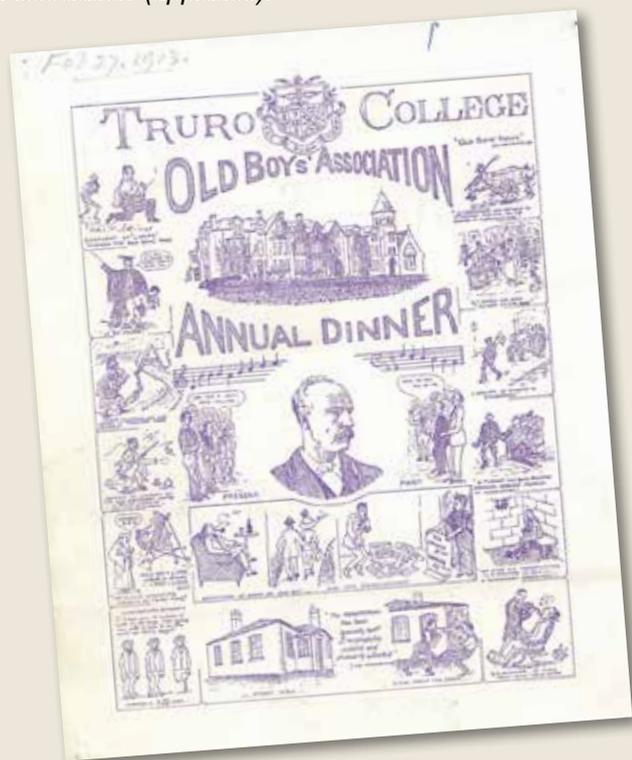
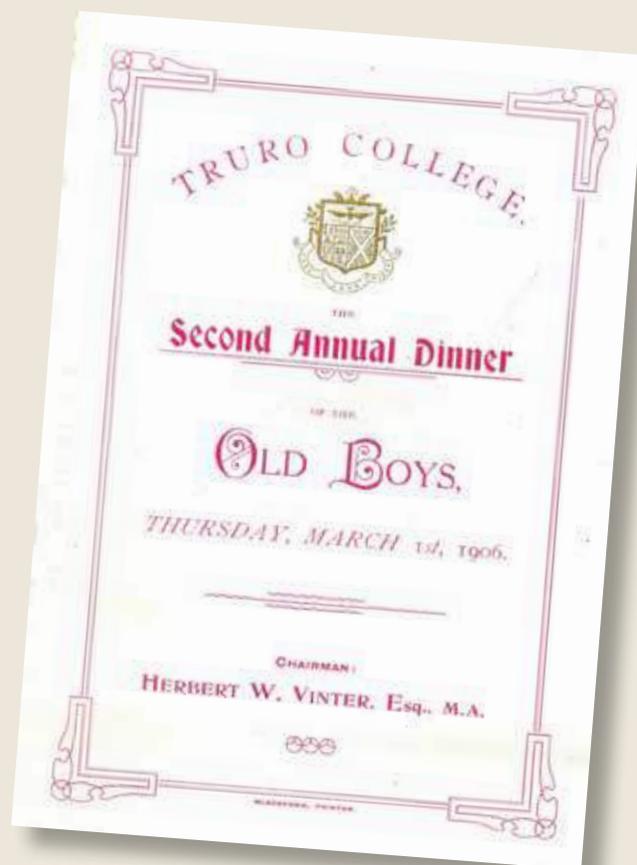
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History of the Annual Dinner

The first dinner was held on Thursday 16th February 1905 at Prince's Restaurant in Truro. About 60 guests attended and 'the whole proceedings from first to last were of an exceptionally enjoyable nature'.

At the dinner among the various toasts was one to the Former Pupils' Association given by Mr J.B. Read who said

considering the purpose of the gathering, the toast which he had to propose – 'Truro College Old Boys' Association' – might be fairly considered the toast of the evening (applause)... The work of the Old Boys' Association was very valuable, bringing the old boys into contact, not only with each other, but with the present boys as well, and thus led to a continuity of the work of the School and its influence (hear, hear)... He trusted such gatherings as those would be continued (hear, hear)... That Association, he believed, would, among other things, help to cement and continue those personal feelings of mutual friendship, and, therefore, he proposed with great heartiness 'Success to Truro College Old Boys' Association' (applause).



We only have reports from the first dinner, but for subsequent years we also have programmes, which show the changing tastes in what was included on the menu on such occasions.

In the early years the dinner entertainment was provided by some of the guests with an informal concert. Before 1914 the toasts were broken up with a song between each. The occasion also included a 'business meeting' of the Association but I get the impression this was often hurried through to prevent it interrupting the festivities.

After 1914 the annual dinner was not held again until 1923 due to the war and again there was a hiatus when war broke out in 1939 until February 1947, when the dinner was held at Treleavens Restaurant in Truro.

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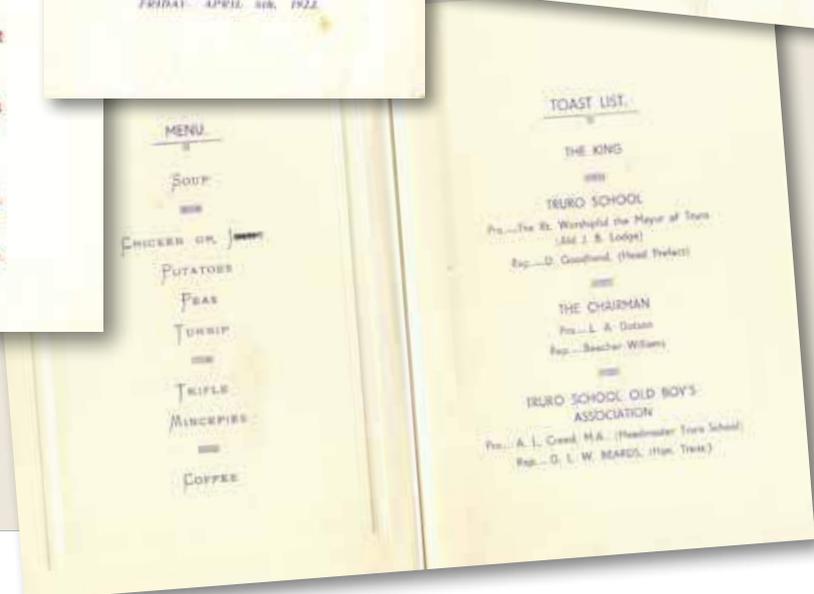
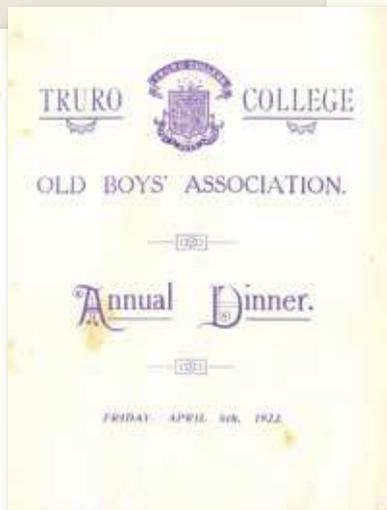
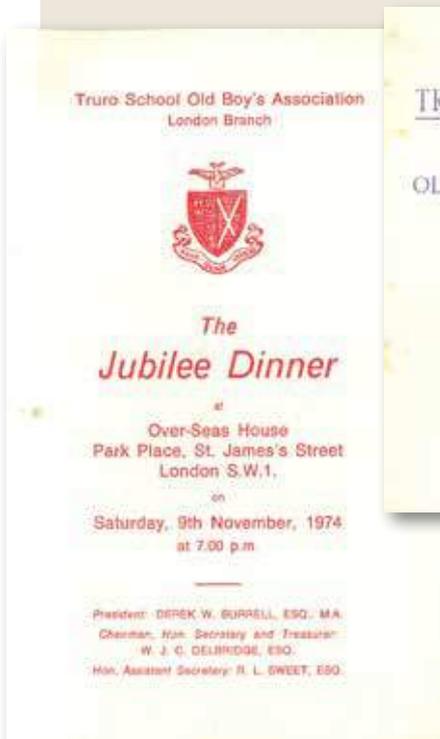
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TSOBA London annual dinner at the Albert Hotel, Victoria, in 1949



(above) Programme from 1923 annual dinner
(left) 1947 menu

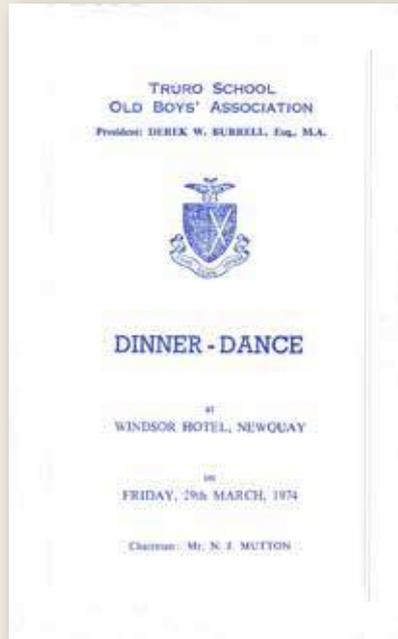
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The annual dinner was held in hotels or restaurants in Truro, Newquay or Falmouth, but in the 1970s it became a dinner-dance held in March or April. However, support for the event slowly waned and the dinner-dance in 1987 was cancelled due to lack of support. As well as the dinner-dance, in the early 1980s a Whitsun reunion weekend was held annually, which included a dinner



at the school. The date of this reunion dinner gradually moved, first into July to accommodate more guests, and taking the place of the annual dinner-dance, then in the 1990s the September Reunion Dinner became well established. The dinner has become increasingly popular in recent times with over 100 people attending for each of the last 3 years.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back again to the school this year for the 99th annual dinner (or is it the 100th?) and we hope it will be a sell out

Jo Wood, Researcher / Archivist.

If you would like to share any archive memories with Jo, please email tsfpa@truroschool.com

Happy news

Liane Holt & Mike Robey were joined by new son Miles on Saturday 4th May 2019 weighing in at 7lb 3oz.

Liane was due to begin maternity leave on Friday 3rd, but she was unable to manage the last day as Miles had begun to make it known he was about to make an appearance.

All good wishes and many congratulations from everyone at Truro School. We look forward to welcoming Liane back sometime in 2020.



SUMMER ACTIVITY TIMETABLE

SIR BEN AINSLIE
**SPORTS
CENTRE**



JULY

Thursday 25th Multi Sport Activity Camp
Friday 26th Multi Sport Activity Camp

Monday 29th Bushcraft
Cornwall Cricket Camp
Tuesday 30th Bushcraft
Cornwall Cricket Camp
Wednesday 31st Cornwall Cricket Camp

AUGUST

Thursday 1st Cornwall Cricket Camp
Monday 5th Multi Sport Activity Camp
Tuesday 6th Triathlon Camp
Wednesday 7th Triathlon Camp
Thursday 8th Triathlon Camp
Serena Guthrie Netball Camp

Friday 9th Multi Sport Activity Camp
Monday 12th Multi Sport Activity Camp
Tuesday 13th Multi Sport Activity Camp
Wednesday 14th Cornwall Netball Camp
Cornwall Cricket Camp
Thursday 15th Cornwall Netball Camp
Cornwall Cricket Camp
Friday 16th Multi Sport Activity Camp
Cornwall Cricket Camp

Monday 19th Multi Sport Activity Camp
Tuesday 20th Multi Sport Activity Camp
Wednesday 21st Cornwall Netball Camp
Bush Craft

Thursday 22nd Bush Craft
Friday 23rd Multi Sport Activity Camp

Tuesday 27th Multi Sport Activity Camp
Cornwall Cricket Camp

Wednesday 28th Drama Workshop
Cornwall Cricket Camp

Thursday 29th Drama Workshop
Cornwall Cricket Camp

Friday 30th Multi Sport Activity Camp
Cornwall Cricket Camp

SEPTEMBER

Monday 2nd Multi Sport Activity Camp
Tuesday 3rd Multi Sport Activity Camp



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