



# KEEPING CONNECTED

## NUMBER 6



Welcome to our special VE Day edition of Keeping Connected.  
We hope you enjoy some recollections from  
Truro School Archives.

VE DAY 1945

EUSTACE AND MRS WICKETT ON PLATFORM



## SCHOOL LIFE DURING WARTIME

Memories from the late Hugh Berryman CO48  
(from a speech given in 1982 to TSOBA)

“It was during the war in 1941 I attended Treliske when food and sweets were on ration. Compared with today the school was quite small, with only 25 boarders and 14 day boys. Mr Stratton the head taught form 2 and his wife the first form. The fees then were £13 10s for a boarder and £8 for day pupils per term.

By 1942 every piece of available land was to be ploughed to grow extra vegetables. It was suggested that the playing field at Treliske be planted but Mr T.S. did not fancy ploughing up his cricket pitch, so it was agreed that the front lawn be used for this purpose. Much of the boys’ spare time was spent planting and hoeing the crops and in fact there was a surplus which was sent to the main school.

At this time we had an air raid shelter on the playing field to which we would run during an air raid. We prayed for this every night so we could get out of bed!!

We were short of kitchen staff so we had a rota for peeling potatoes. One Wednesday afternoon father and mother came to see me and had a good laugh to see three little boys in white aprons, one of which was me peeling potatoes.

Those days spent at Treliske were very happy thanks to the late Mr & Mrs Stratton.”



### PLANTING POTATOES

Pupils on the allotments at the senior school.

### AIR TRAINING CORPS - TRURO SCHOOL AND KENT COLLEGE FLIGHT 1532

The ATC cadets parade through Boscawen Street led by H.J. Prickett, headmaster of Kent College.

The flight was set up in 1941.



On the morning of 8 May 1945, a national holiday for 'Victory in Europe Day' was declared in Britain. Churchill had gained assurances from the Ministry of Food that there were enough beer supplies in the capital and the Board of Trade announced that people could purchase red, white and blue bunting without using ration coupons. Street parties were held across Britain with bunting lining the streets.



Sadly, this year all the planned celebrations are unable to take place. However, across the country people will be celebrating with 'Doorstep Celebrations'. The schedule is below, just in case you would like to join in.

### VE DAY COMMEMORATION EVENTS

- 11.00am — Two-minute national silence to remember the declaration of victory and the end of the Second World War in Europe.
- 2.45pm - 3.45pm — The first of two special BBC One programmes to mark VE75, including extracts from Sir Winston Churchill's victory speech delivered at 3pm on VE Day.
- Afternoon — Britons encouraged to hold 1940s-style afternoon tea parties at home rather than street parties, including homemade bunting and recipes from the era.
- 9.00pm — Address by the Queen followed by national doorstep rendition of Dame Vera Lynn's We'll Meet Again.

Please send us photos of your celebrations and 'doorstep singalongs'!  
Email: [tso@truroschoo.com](mailto:tso@truroschoo.com)



### TIME TO REFLECT

### REVEREND AUBIN DE GRUCHY

This week's chapel service focuses on VE Day

[CLICK HERE](#) to view.



## FROM TRURO SCHOOL ARCHIVES

### THE TRURONIAN.

**MAY 1945**

Victory Number.

School Notes:

As this issue goes to press the glad news of the European Victory is published. The long night is ended and we greet the dawn of a new day with great thankfulness. We read with pride the long list of Old Boys who have served in the Forces. Some have gained high distinction and they are the first to point out that many acts of courage and heroism pass unseen and receive no recognition. The glamour of War has long since departed and probably most of those who have served have done so feeling they were doing a hateful but necessary thing. We honour them all. A few, impressed with the wickedness of War and feeling that they could take no part in it, have had the moral courage to face the ignominy of the tribunals. Their sincerity was manifest and they have served the nation faithfully in other essential services. We respect them even if we cannot share their views.

We rejoice to welcome home the liberated Prisoners of War. So far we have only heard of Maurice Mercer and Raymond Searle but we hope to hear of the safe arrival of the others very shortly.

When the Japanese War is over and demobilisation is complete we hope to arrange a Grand reunion at the School.

War Memorial: Killed and missing = more than 50 so far.

Education Act: 1 April 1945 – school's position in national education system. 'Up to the present the School has been a Direct Grant School, ie it has received a Capitation Grant from the Board of Education for every pupil, and, in return, has taken a number of boys free of charge. In addition the School received for some years a Grant of about £700 from the Cornwall County Council in consideration of the fact that the existence of the School saved the County the expense of building and maintaining a County School for Boys in the City. When the tuition fees were raised to ten guineas per term a little time ago the Governors relinquished this Grant and the County Council has used the money to enable parents of Truro boys to pay the increased fee.

Treliske: Since Spring 1944 – 17 boarders and 7 day boys promoted to main school. As a result of the strong demand the age for entry of boarders has been raised from 7 to 8 years.

The restrictions due to war conditions have hampered our games activities considerably. Football has been limited to those possessing football boots, and in these circumstances the House matches and matches against other schools could not be played. Last summer term the ban on the use of the roads and lack of running shoes resulted in the cancellation of our athletic sports. Cricket suffered less, though for this too the clothing was difficult to obtain....'

Prefects: Head Prefect – R.A. Shaw

Toc H: Chairman – RA Shaw

Secretaries – LB Russell & DK Walker

Committee Members – P Pelmeur & J Kirkland

Chess club – increased number. TS v KC match – club only conceded 1 ½ points in 72 games.  
 Drama – In January the Pilgrim Players performed Shaw’s ‘Candida’. Also school performance of ‘Julius Caesar’. Later in the term ‘Ghost Train’ was performed.

ATC athletics – In County Championships TS and KC Flight were second to Devonport High School. A team picked to play in SW command championships at Taunton. Cornwall won the Challenge cup with 164 points, Gloucester 2<sup>nd</sup> and Devon 3<sup>rd</sup>.

House Competition:

|           | School | Smith | Vinter | Wickett | KC   |
|-----------|--------|-------|--------|---------|------|
| Rugby     | 65     | 19    | 94     | 42      | 54   |
| Work      | 167    | 158 ½ | 159 ½  | 124     | 94   |
| Soccer    | 46     | 42    | 82     | 35      | 63   |
| Cricket   | 54     | 20    | 32     | 46      | 36   |
| Athletics | 174 ½  | 88 ½  | 123 ½  | 108 ½   | 63 ½ |
| Total     | 124.6  | 71.6  | 124.6  | 89.9    | 87.1 |

Rugby – 1<sup>st</sup> XV – colours: J Carty, P Cleaver, I Goodhand, R Shaw, JH Thomas, TK Vivian (capt), WR White.

Soccer – 1<sup>st</sup> XI – colours: TK Vivian (capt), I Goodhand, CEP Stephens, DS Blair, J Bellingham, RA Shaw, KR Rust.

### ‘KENT COLLEGE AT TRURO SCHOOL

Kent College arrived from Canterbury early in the 1940 summer term. The school magazine reported that

*in a very short time new friendships were formed and by this time they feel very comfortably at home with us. We are very happy that their forced exile from their native school has brought with it the compensations of new friendships.*

To combat a lack of teachers, as many were conscripted, Kent College was amalgamated with Truro School; the school magazine included reports from Kent College House. Their respective prep departments remained separate at Tremorvah and Treliske.

The Kent College boys were accommodated in four hostels, Tremorvah, Elstow, Three Corners and The Gable. There were roughly 75 boarders and 8 day boys in Kent College, bringing the grand total of the combined schools to 392.

In 1944 the Kent College staff remaining at Truro were H.J Prickett (Headmaster), P.W Richards (2<sup>nd</sup> Master), R.A Day, A.E St G Gratte, J.T Hargreaves, S.A Spicer.

## TRURO SCHOOL AND KENT COLLEGE PREFECTORIAL STAFF, 1945



The Kent College Junior School at Tremorvah had 22 boys and as there was a demand in the district for more accommodation for Juniors it has been decided to expand this Junior Department for the duration by taking in day-boys between 7 and 11 years of age. It was possible for dayboys to pass on to Truro School if Kent College were to move back to Canterbury earlier than anticipated.

In May 1945 the magazine wrote:

*Kent College hope to be able to return to Canterbury at the end of this term. Probably Stoke Damerel will also return to Plymouth and we shall once more have our buildings to ourselves. The association with KC has been a very amicable one and there must be many KC boys who know much more about Truro than Canterbury. It would be very pleasing if the connection between the two Schools could be continued by means of an annual match at Truro and Canterbury alternately.*

They finally returned home to Canterbury in September 1945;

*we miss them, but shall always have a reminder of their sojourn in our midst in the shape of a fine silver cup which they so kindly presented to the School at the end of last term.*

## BLETCHLEY PARK CELEBRATIONS

Bletchley Park is an estate in Bletchley, Buckinghamshire, England. It was the site of the United Kingdom's main codebreaking team during World War II.

The team at Bletchley Park, which included the brilliant mathematician Alan Turing, devised automatic machinery to help with decryption, culminating in the development of Colossus, the world's first programmable digital electronic computer. Codebreaking operations at Bletchley Park came to an end in 1946 and all information about the wartime operations was classified until the mid 1970s. Its importance in winning the war was praised by Churchill as "*the geese that laid the golden eggs but never cackled.*"

On Friday 8 May 2020 Bletchley Park will be marking the 75th anniversary of VE Day online with a digital 'Nation's Toast' at 3pm, and a special recording of a VE Day speech by 'Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill'. [Visit the Bletchley Park website](#)

Or take a look at their [VE Day Activity Pack](#) for lots of fun ideas and ways to celebrate VE Day at home, including:

### VE DAY BUNTING & DECORATIONS

- Flags
- Bunting
- Hats
- Cake Toppers



### VE DAY BAKING & TREATS

- Victory Sausage Rolls
- Homefront Hash
- Potatoes Pete's oven Scones
- Churchill's Swiss Roll
- Celebration Trifle
- Red White & Blue Meringues
- Dig For Victory Carrot Cakes

### VE DAY COCKTAILS & DRINKS

- Perfect Pimms,
- Homemade Lemonade
- 1940's Gin Cocktail
- Dirty Martini



### VE DAY MUSIC

- We'll Meet Again
- Take Me Back To Dear Old Blighty
- Roll Out The Barrel
- Keep Right On To The End Of The Road
- Here We Are! Here We Are! Here We Are Again!
- Sing As We Go



## FEEL GOOD FOOD SERIES - TRURO COOKERY SCHOOL

**Maria Taylor** CO86 and her team are creating a series of videos to share with the community. So [CLICK HERE](#) to start watching the series and treat yourself or keep the children or grandchildren occupied with some cooking lessons.



Don't forget the cream  
- on top or beneath the jam!  
(Depending on whether you are  
from Cornwall or Devon!)

### THIS WEEK'S RECIPE

#### SCONES



#### INGREDIENTS

225 g self raising Flour

1 teaspoon baking powder

50 g butter or margarine

150 mls milk

A little extra milk or egg/milk mixture to glaze (optional)

#### METHOD

1. Pre-heat the oven to 220 °c/Gas Mark 7
2. Sift the flour and baking powder into a mixing bowl.
3. Add the butter or margarine in small pieces and rub in with your fingertips until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs.
4. Using a table knife, stir in the milk until a soft dough is formed.
5. Turn the dough onto a floured surface and pat down until it is a 2 cm thickness.
6. Cut into rounds with a cutter - do not twist the cutter - and place on a baking sheet.
7. Brush with milk or the egg/milk glaze (if using).
8. Bake for 20 minutes until golden and risen, and 'hollow-sounding' when tapped.

#### VARIATIONS

- Can be made using a food processor.
- Add 1 ½ tablespoons caster sugar before stirring in the milk for a sweet scone.
- Use wholemeal self raising flour or a mixture of white and wholemeal.
- Add additional ingredients for extra flavour, texture, colour and nutritional value e.g. dried (75 g) or fresh fruit or spices (1/2 teaspoon) into the sweet scone mixture or cheese, herbs, ham, sweetcorn, olives etc. into the savoury scone mixture.
- For additional colour and texture, after glazing, sprinkle the savoury scone mixture with grated cheese, herbs etc. or the sweet scone mixture with sugar, spice etc.
- Shape the mixture into a round and mark into triangles for a 'rustic' finish.

Cook along with Maria by watching the [Feel Good Series - SCONES](#)

Don't forget to send us photos of your finished scones!  
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# WHATEVER YOU DO - HAVE A FABULOUS DAY! (AND SEND US PHOTOS)



## TRURO SCHOOL BOARDERS COMING TOGETHER FOR THE NHS

Truro School's boarding community - like many of us - had an exciting bank holiday planned. Because of COVID-19 they are now with their families in places as far away as Mexico and China, Nigeria and Germany as well as 'upcountry' across the UK. With 75 boarders they have decided to come together to keep each other motivated while raising funds to support our wonderful NHS with their **Challenge 75**. This can be anything - perhaps an individual challenge to complete 75 press ups, a family challenge maybe, to bake 75 cupcakes for a local care home, or a bigger challenge to walk, run or cycle 75 miles over the bank holiday - the more different ideas the better. To see more or donate please go to:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/truro-school-boarders-2020>.



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