



KEEPING CONNECTED

NUMBER 10



ANOTHER “WHERE ARE THEY NOW?”

TENNIS 1973 - OLD BOYS v SCHOOL



FRONT ROW - FROM LEFT:

Rob **Bruce** CO74 - E **Hodding** CO75 - J M **Simpkin** (master) -
Christopher **Dennis** CO73 - Peter H **Child** CO74 - Leslie **McCune** CO75

BACK ROW - FROM LEFT.

(CAN ANYONE FILL IN THE GAPS?)

? - ? - ? - ? - Steve **Luck** CO72 - Bernard **Hoskins** CO74

TENNIS PHOTO 1973 - WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



After the Prefects photo appeared in [Keeping Connected Number 9](#), **Chris Dennis** CO73 very kindly forwarded this week's 'Where are they now?' picture.

Like so many of us finally getting around to those chores we have been promising to do, but putting off for years, Chris came across the photo whilst clearing his loft during lockdown. Chris is a keen sportsman and is currently Captain of Perranporth Golf Club.

Also pictured in the 1973 tennis photo is **Steve Luck** CO72, who is a neighbour of Chris. Steve also continued his love of tennis and is now a professional tennis coach.

Steve played in the Truro School 1st VI for three years and as captain for the final year. Following a gap year, he went to St Luke's College (teacher training college and now part of Exeter University). Once qualified he taught at the Plume School, Maldon, Essex for five years where he coached tennis part time. Steve then gave up teaching to become a full-time, self-employed tennis coach in Essex. He formed the 'Steve Luck Squad' which produced many county and regional players.

Now back in Cornwall, Steve lives in Perranporth where he became involved with Perran Tennis. He is Head Coach, Level 4 and Development Officer and is proud to say the club won 'Southwest Club of the Year' in 2018.

Steve recalls tennis at Truro School in his day:

"Matches were played on the two hard courts at Epworth and the Science Block hard court. They started at 2 pm and would finish at 7 pm; three x three set matches which were punctuated with egg and chips at around 5pm. There was no official kit so 'Fred Perry' shirts and 'Green Flash' tennis shoes were the order of the day. Rackets were 'Dunlop Maxply Forts' – wooden of course – and balls were still white then!"



**Please get in touch if
you can add any of the missing names from the tennis photo:
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TRULY CONNECTED - ZOOM REUNIONS

In the last edition we asked for news of anyone holding Zoom reunions and **Jem** (Jeremy) **Treadwell** CO74 was kind enough to respond. Jem now lives in the USA, which as we all know has been hit very badly by the pandemic.

Jem told me: *“New Jersey was the second worst hit state after New York; not sure where we stand now, but I watch the numbers for my town (Howell, Farmingdale) every day, and they’re still going up. We haven’t been locked down as severely as the UK, and things are easing now, but we’ve been very careful about social distancing, even with our daughter and granddaughters.”*

The correspondence with Jem began after he saw Paul Smith’s article [“Open All Hours - Almost”](#) - Jem asked his sister Fran to pop in and take a photo of Paul (but to avoid the sausage rolls!), as she lives in the same village in Norfolk. It’s so nice to know that our newsletters reach around the globe, bringing our Old Truronians together again.

In his correspondence Jem added:

*“I contacted Nicky to thank her for what the Development Office are doing, and also to ask if she might be interested in including information about Zoom reunion meetings in the Keeping Connected newsletters? I’ve been organising them for Old Truronians that I’m still connected with; we held one recently, in the early morning, so that we could include **Giles Edmonds** CO74 who lives in Sydney, Australia.”*



CALLING ALL THOSE WHO WERE AT TRURO SCHOOL IN THE 70’S

“If you’re interested in joining Zoom meetings for CO74 or any years around then, you’ll find details of the calls and a contact link on my TS page at:

<http://www.thetreadwells.com/early-years/truro-school>.

***No invitation needed** - you’re welcome to just show up. The next call isn’t yet scheduled, but will probably be a few days after you see this - details will be on my page, or contact me by email:*

Email Jem Treadwell: jem.treadwell@gmail.com

My TS page also has a few ancient pictures, including rugby teams, prefects and school plays. Yes, I can name most of the people in most of the pictures, or at least the ones I’m in.”



This is my favourite photo from Jem’s collection:

Ten Tors Training Hike -
**Mike Rees, Rob Bruce,
Sam (Adrian M) Smith, Jem Treadwell**

(Lots of long hair in those days!)

**We can’t wait to see some photos and see how many join
this reunion group!**

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SHARING LOCKDOWN EXPERIENCES

In this series we have gathered stories from Old Truronians about how things have changed for them during lockdown.

UNIVERSITY STUDENT - TOBY COPELAND CO16

If you'd told me at Christmas that I would be sitting my university finals online at home along with thousands of other students I would have laughed.

But here we all are, in lockdown, with some universities adapting well while others communicate nothing but uncertainty to stressed out millennials such as myself. With online teaching and cancelled graduation ceremonies, reality is looking quite different to how I was hoping.

When I was asked to write something for the newsletter I thought it might be useful to reflect on things I've found helpful over the past couple of months, as well as certain frustrations I have run into. Loss of independence is tricky however well-meaning everyone around you is. The transition from doing my own thing in my own time as a student to suddenly being thrown back to lodging with my parents again was not something I expected to face for a while - who knew shopping at the supermarket was such a mark of independence?! I feel very glad to live in Cornwall, with nice walks in the countryside and plenty of trips to the beach (now we're allowed to) being a saving grace to the monotonous nature of trying to cram 4 years' worth of chemistry into my brain in a much shorter time period.



I've found a proper routine with regular exercise and sleep pattern invaluable. Playing music has also proved a great stress reliever and can take your mind off things for hours. But, variation is essential - I've tried hard not to be stuck on the same thing for days on end - especially when revising. It's all too easy to get bogged down.

Family dynamics need to be renegotiated - it's not easy for everyone to be cooped up together and making sure you have your own space and time to yourself is just as important as it ever has been.

Next, boredom - it's real! Try not to let being bored/doing nothing bother you - and if you can use it to your advantage then that's even better.

Lack of social life is tough too, especially when as a student you've been used to a fruitful social life being on tap. Be sure to stay in contact with friends but remember that there are only so many Zoom quizzes you can do... Everyone has up and down days but a quick phone call can often go a long way.

It's a frustrating time at the moment, but it will end. And fingers crossed we can make up for lost time at some point!

LOCKDOWN AS A 5TH YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT – DR HARRY LOBB CO14

It was about 9pm as I was coming towards the end of an evening shift in the emergency department at Whiston Hospital as the corridors were cleared and the first critically unwell “suspected” COVID-19 patient arrived by ambulance. It was at this point the realisation struck that we were on the verge of a pandemic. Later the next day, all medical students received an email from the university advising us not to attend placement until further notice. This was just the beginning of what was going to be a very uncertain time.



Over the next two weeks we learned the Medical School had been working tirelessly with the university hospitals to negotiate contracts for all 5th year medical students to commence paid work as “pre-FY1 doctors”. In contrast to other medical schools who were left without placement for months, I felt very lucky to have been able to start work so soon ensuring my educational needs were met whilst also stepping up to help during the pandemic. Our roles were to cover the ward jobs of FY1 doctors in case of staff illness and allowing FY1 doctors to be moved to more critical areas of the hospital.

Following only a three-week break, the hospital felt very different upon return, with tensions running high, staff going off to self-isolate and more and more wards being taken over for COVID patients. I was lucky enough to be placed in general surgery where I had been on placement previously, however, this ward soon closed to become a back-up high dependency unit (HDU) in case the usual HDU became full. I therefore moved to another surgical ward which was designated for surgical patients who had become infected with COVID-19 during their admission. This was fascinating and I was able to experience health care in a way not many will during their lifetime. However, it was a little tiring speaking with patients through a glass window and over the phone and donning and doffing personal protective equipment for 8 hours a day! Although my responsibilities and experiences over the past two months have been brilliant, the reality of the pandemic we are living through was made very clear whilst working at Whiston. I remember one day very clearly when hospital staff gathered outside to pay their respects to the funeral procession of one of the orthopaedic surgeons who had sadly passed away with coronavirus following a long ITU stay.



Following on from the two-month period at Whiston, the hospital was coping well, the number of COVID-19 wards had significantly reduced, fewer staff were having to self-isolate and the 5th year medical students were no longer needed. Although I was sad to leave, I was relieved that lockdown was starting to ease and a much needed two-month break before starting as a doctor in August was on the cards. Everything happened very quickly but I feel I have come out of the experience a better clinician. Although the public graduation was cancelled, I was able to celebrate a COVID-style Zoom graduation ceremony at home with my housemates. I look forward to starting in Bristol Royal in August, hopefully with the peak of the pandemic a vivid but distant memory.

Photos:

- 1: Elective training in an orthopaedic hospital in Malaysia.
- 2: Captain of Liverpool Med School Rugby Team.
- 3: Charity rep: Harry organised Strictly Come Dancing raising over £4,000 but raised over £24,000 during his year.

LOCKDOWN IN CORNWALL - TIM TREGIDGO CO61 & WIFE PIP

Tim is a regular attendee at our London reunion and last time he brought along his wife Pip. It was really good to hear from them recently following an email sent enquiring after the health of all our 'senior' Old Truronians.

"Pip and I came down to our home in Portscatho at the end of February to sort a few things out and we are still here! The oil fired central heating boiler required lots of attention and by the time that was sorted we were well into lockdown so had to stay. We miss seeing our children and grandchildren but have kept in touch using Zoom and Facetime. With all this time on our hands we (principally Pip) have got stuck into decorating and gardening chores that have been piling up for years.



We've not needed to stray out of the village as we are well served with a shop/post office that sells everything and a butchers next to it. The Plume of Feathers and Harbour Club are closed but the Boat House has started Friday night take outs. Tatams Taverna is also now open for weekend take outs. We are tempted by Maria and Aj's 'Friday Night In' at the School, so might combine that with trip to Waitrose."

Pip has even composed an "Ode" about the pandemic:

'Twas on a Monday Morning

I turned the telly on
..some news about a virus
in a place they call Wuhan.
I thought, well that's too far away
to really bother me
So I went into the kitchen and I made a mug of
tea.

'Twas on a Tuesday morning that
They said it's getting worse.....
There's people dropping off like flies
It really is a curse.
The Chinese build more hospitals
And manufacture masks .
I turned my back on all of it
To do my daily tasks.

'Twas on a Wednesday morning
This nasty thing had spread.
It wormed its way to Brighton
And was serious, they said.
They had to close a surgery
And give the place a clean
But the patient he recovered,
Like it was a nasty dream.

'Twas on a Thursday morning
I took the train to town:
Had coffee with my youngest
And a wander on my own.
I saw three girls a-wearing masks
(But they looked Japanese)
Then I tootled home quite quickly
Just in case I heard a sneeze.

'Twas on a Friday morning
We all went out to eat
With some of our old buddies that
We often used to meet.
No hugging and no kissing then,
A mere 8 weeks ago..
But what the future had in store
We didn't want to know.

We travelled to our Promised Land
To try to warm the house.
The chimney was blocked up with soot
The boiler housed a mouse.
We'd popped there for a day or two
To check that all was well
But the world around us seemed to fall
Into a kind of hell.

We were fine, the house was cold,
Though that got fixed OK.
The tensions in the cities
Just got worse from day to day.
Our offspring told us firmly
We should stay here if we could,
So we battened down the hatches
And we might be here for good.

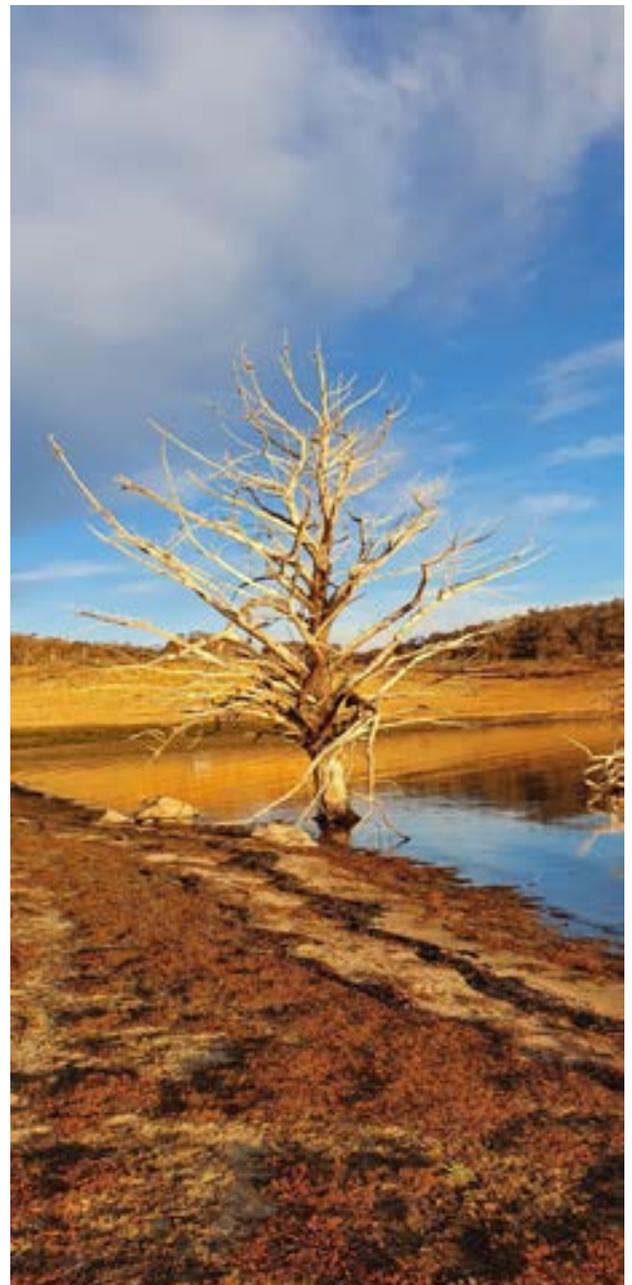
PICTURE GALLERY - IMAGE SHARED BY OUR OLD TRURONIANS

STEVE DUNN CO79, WESTON, AUSTRALIA

It is nice to know that Keeping Connected is being well received 'down under'. After edition number 9 we heard from Steve Dunn:

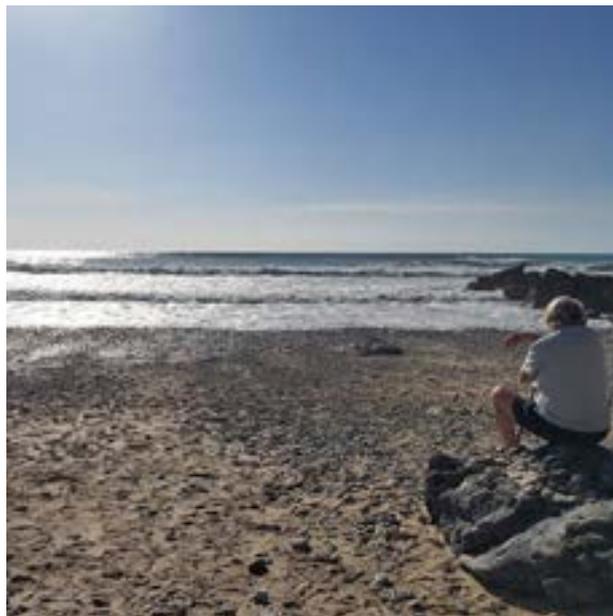
"Last weekend was our Queen's Birthday public holiday. Normally a weekend of grand finals in Rugby League and Aussie Rules, sadly these big events could not happen. We are down to single digit daily new infection numbers, so things are slowly relaxing as we enter a 'new normal'. We had some great snow earlier in the week, a full moon, and I'm going trout fishing in sub-zero temperatures."

Thanks Steve, for sharing these fabulous photos.



Please share your photos - we are always keen to see them.
Email: tsa@truroschool.com

PHILIP HOSKEN CO53 - COPING IN LOCKDOWN



These photos of Philip were taken at Porthtowan beach by daughter (also an Old Truronian) **Lowenna** CO11. Lowenna is working from home in Cornwall. She is a Dancer and Arts Administrator at the Royal Conservatoire, Scotland.



Philip said: *“Many of us are in the ‘at risk’ category due to our ages so are unable to do much other than communicate by phone, email or even Zoom with our fellows. However, I’ve noted that none appear to be despondent so we’re bearing up well. I have been taken out a couple of times and drove yesterday for the first time in three months, my daughter helped by jump-starting the flat battery. After having walked everywhere for three months, I was astonished by the speed of the traffic.*

Many thanks for keeping in touch.”

CHILDREN’S HOSPICE SOUTHWEST - RAINBOW RUN

Every year Truro School boarders take part in the colourful Children's Hospice South West Rainbow Run at RAF St Mawgan. This year the event has been cancelled and replaced with a virtual run over the weekend of 20/21 June. In true TS fashion, our boarders (and some other members of the TS community - watch this space next time!) are planning to run, jog, skip, cartwheel or walk the 5km in fancy dress or colourful attire and they want you to join them! There is a Just Giving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/truroschoo>



REBECCA BRENTON, TEACHER AT TRURO SCHOOL (CLARINET & SAXOPHONE) TELLS US HER EXPERIENCE OF TEACHING DURING LOCKDOWN

When I was asked to write about my music teaching lockdown experience, my initial thought was that it would be easy just to list the pros and cons. However, this has not been the case at all!

I have been teaching clarinet and saxophone, for many years and have always found it important to adapt my teaching style depending on each particular student. But being flexible in my approach has never been so important as it has been over the last few months. I am very lucky to have a lovely bunch of students who were extremely keen to continue with their instrumental tuition. Some were so determined to try to continue with some kind of normality that they chose to have lessons during the Easter holidays as well - not normal at all! I am fortunate that these one-to-one online lessons, which have been a private arrangement between parents and myself, have generally been very successful. My current students range in age from 8 to 18 years and each one has found their music making to be one of the highlights and joys during this strange time.



I asked several of my pupils what they found to be most important while continuing their tuition and they all came to the same conclusion – that being able to play an instrument is a great comfort and achievement. It gives them a focus as well as something to look forward to. As a musician and music educator, I feel exactly the same and it has proved once again how important music is in everyday life. During this time, I have found that some students have made the most amazing progress and some are using their music time as a way of winding down and relaxing. It has been a massive learning curve for me and on the whole has been an extremely positive teaching experience. Of course, there has been the odd connection problem and playing a piano accompaniment has not always worked.

Interestingly, I seem to have had a better signal teaching a student in Hong Kong than a student living just 3 miles down the road from me!

The one thing we are all looking forward to is being able to share our music making with others as we have always done.

Photo: Rebecca with Nelson, a happy lockdown companion!

If you would like to share your story of life in lockdown, or working during the COVID-19 pandemic, we would be delighted to hear from you.

email: tsa@truroschoo.com

We would especially like to hear from 'essential workers' and gain an insight into how your role has evolved.

DAN SANDERSON INTERVIEW - FINN BIRNIE CO19, FORMER HEAD BOY

On Wednesday 10th June we welcomed back former Head Boy Finn Birnie, to talk to students about his running exploits and how he is finding life at Belmont University. Finn has represented England at different age group levels in cross country running and received a full scholarship to study and run at Belmont University, located in Nashville Tennessee.

Dan opened the conversation by asking Finn *“How are you and how are you coping in Lockdown?”*

Finn responded by explaining that he had flown from America to York in the UK to visit a friend at the beginning of March just as everything relating to the pandemic had started to develop. He flew back to US and then a week later they called the lockdown. He was unable to fly home so ended up staying with his roommate’s family for two and a half months which Finn described as *“interesting”*.

“It was really great for me to see a different part of America whilst I stayed with my roommate’s family - they live in Michigan, near the lakes. The trails up there were something I had never seen before and made running easy. I would go out every day on some lovely dirt roads around the small lakes. Coming from Cornwall, where we don’t have many lakes, they all seemed enormous but I was told they were just small ones and that Lake Michigan appears as though you are looking at open sea because it is so large.”

Finn spoke about life at Truro School and encouraged our pupils to grasp all the opportunities available to them during their time here. He also offered an insight into what it takes to become Head Boy.

You can listen to Finn describe his journey through Truro School and how he developed from a very shy boy into a young person confident enough to become a Prefect and then finally Head Boy. Finn praised his former teachers, especially Mrs Stone, Ms Wormald and Mr Barnett and went on to give special thanks to Mr Austin and Mrs Jupp, for being so supportive in his running and university quests.



Finn describes the amazing facilities available to him at Belmont and the training methods he now uses. Students then asked questions on training programmes and recovery as well as Finn’s favourite places to run in Cornwall.

Dan said: *“I thoroughly enjoyed speaking with Finn and the range of topics discussed will no doubt be of great interest to our pupils and Old Truronians. We wish Finn the very best with his running and studies and look forward to welcoming him back to Truro School sometime soon.”*

[CLICK HERE](#) to watch the interview.

(FUN FACT: We even learnt that Mr Sanderson is a fan of country music!)

VIEW FROM THE CHAMBER (11/06/2020)



As I write this, the Government is under enormous pressure to relax the 2 metre socially-distancing rule to 1 metre. I don't do the science. I leave that to the person who has become arguably Truro School's most famous former pupil, Sir Patrick Vallance, and the WHO. The WHO now says 1 metre is the guideline and this is being applied in our nearest allies and competitors like France, Germany, Holland, Denmark to name but a few.

From a Cornwall business perspective this one change would be the most important thing the Government could do for us – and it's urgent. Some 30% of our jobs and about 40% of our businesses (a higher percentage because of the number of micro-businesses operating in this sector) are dependent on the world-class Visitor Economy we have here. Many of these businesses have had no customers since last autumn and rely on summer for a huge share of their revenue. Many are taking bookings and making plans to open from 4th July - more to pressure Government than with authority, I feel, since that date has only been vaguely mooted by advisers.

But many business owners feel they could be up and running safely by 4th July if a) they are told asap in time to allow stocking-up, repairs, marketing, staff training and so on, b) they haven't spent all their Government grants and Bounce Back loans simply on staying alive and, crucially for all of them, c) the 1 metre rule is given the go-ahead immediately allowing them to mark floors, organise queueing systems, one way routes, shelf spacing and ensuring customers are, and feel they are, safe.

As the champion of business and in no way contradicting the science, the Chamber of Commerce is supporting this lobby. Most hospitality businesses reckon with 1 metre distancing they could operate at about 70% capacity; whereas with 2 metres because of the exponential increase of space in all directions they could only manage about 30% and that wouldn't make opening viable. It's going to be a challenge and hard work even at 70% as many of these businesses have a small time-window to earn money and work on very narrow margins. But I wish them every success. Cornwall will be an amazing place to visit; and for those who live here to get out and enjoy the place we live and support your local businesses. They need you out and about in our wonderful county, enjoying yourselves safely and looking after your neighbours.

By **Kim Conchie**

Chief Executive Office of Cornwall Chamber of Commerce

TS Chair Of Governors & Foundation

Trustee



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CONGRATULATIONS!



LEITHS
SCHOOL OF FOOD AND WINE

Just 18 months after its launch, the inaugural cohort of students to undertake the prestigious Leiths Certificate in Food and Wine at Truro School are celebrating exceptional results. Truro School is one of only 22 schools in the country to offer the prestigious Leiths Certificate in Food and Wine, under the Leiths Academy scheme. From mastering basic culinary skills to perfecting the art of professional cookery, the Leiths programme is about achieving perfection, using high quality ingredients, prepared, cooked and plated to the highest standard. [CLICK HERE](#) to read full story.

The Cookery School 'Friday Night In' series of cookery kits for collection "*basically a 'posh' takeaway with a difference*". Everything is boxed and 'ready to serve' except the main course which requires a little final cooking and assembly using easy to follow step by step instructions or on-line video. If you prefer to pamper yourself on Saturday or Sunday instead, everything has at least a 48-hour shelf life so you have some flexibility over the weekend.



They will also be offering a children's two-course meal for £6.25 so the whole family can have a night off! If the new concept takes off they will extend to picnic and BBQ hampers over July and August.

Available for Friday 26th June (Booking ends at 6pm on the Wednesday before the Friday collection date)

**SALMON WITH SALSA VERDE AND A WATERCRESS SAUCE
OR FRESH PEA AND SUMMER VEGETABLE RISOTTO
FOLLOWED BY IPS AND GRAPEFRUIT TREACLE TART**
<https://truroschoolorcookery.com/courses/friday-night-in-26th-june/>

JAYNE'S FRIDAY NIGHT IN

"Forget the Friday night dash to the supermarket, wracking my brains thinking what to buy and then going home to prepare it all I finished work, popped up to the cookery school and picked up my bag of goodies, went home, opened a bottle of wine and put the final touches to the meal as per the written instructions (although I could have watched the video). So simple. And with the added bonus of not having to stare at half a packet of something you never normally purchase in order to complete a recipe as all you get is what you need for that night's meal. If I can do it, anybody can!"

Jayne Grigg - Director of Admissions & Development



MARIA'S RECIPE

"A rather naughty (but VERY scrummy) white chocolate bread and butter pudding! I like to serve it with fresh raspberries and pouring cream. If you save the 3 egg whites and pop them into the freezer (egg whites freeze surprisingly well), you'll find my second recipe this week will make use of them - my secret recipe for a fool proof pavlova - so nothing is wasted!"



WHITE CHOCOLATE BREAD AND BUTTER PUDDING



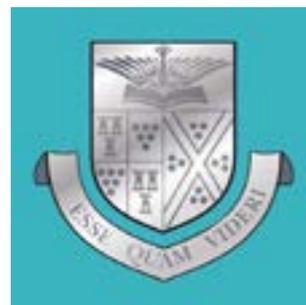
INGREDIENTS

- 200 ml full fat milk
- 200 ml double cream
- 1 teaspoon vanilla essence
- 75g white chocolate
- 3 egg yolks
- 75g caster sugar
- 6 – 8 slices stale white bread, depending on thickness
- 50g butter



METHOD

1. Place the milk, cream and vanilla essence into a small saucepan and heat until small bubbles appear around the side of the pan.
2. Break the chocolate into small pieces and add to the pan. Stir until the chocolate has melted then leave to cool slightly.
3. Place the egg yolks into a mixing bowl then add the sugar and whisk until the mixture is thick and creamy.
4. Pour the warm milk and cream mixture over and whisk until well combined.
5. Butter the slices of bread and cut each piece into four triangles. You can cut the crusts off if you prefer.
6. Lightly grease a shallow baking dish with a little more butter and lay the bread in the dish in overlapping slices.
7. Carefully pour over the chocolate custard and bake the pudding for 15 minutes, until the custard is just set.
8. Serve warm or cold, with or without cream or custard.



MARIA'S RECIPE (NUMBER TWO!)

PAVLOVA

"When your are ready defrost the egg whites saved and frozen from Bread and Butter pudding recipe and whip up this fool proof pavlova. Perfect in June topped with Cornish strawberries! Try adding a teaspoon of rose essence to the whipped cream before you assemble it for a 'next level' flavour."



INGREDIENTS

3 large egg whites

1 teaspoon cornflour

1 teaspoon Vanilla essence

1 teaspoon Malt vinegar

200 g caster sugar

300 ml whipping or double cream (or 400 mls for 2 medium or 6 individual pavlovas)

A selection of fresh seasonal fruit
e.g. berries, kiwi, pineapple, grapes,
pomegranate etc.



METHOD

1. Line a baking tray with baking parchment and set the oven to 120 °C.
2. Combine the cornflour, vanilla and vinegar in a small cup or bowl.
3. Whisk the egg whites until very stiff using an electric hand whisk, then gradually add the sugar, a teaspoon at a time, adding the cornflour mixture gradually as you go.
4. Spoon or pipe the meringue onto the baking tray, and place in the oven. You can make 1 large, 2 medium or 6 individual pavlovas.
5. Bake for 1 ½ hours for one large pavlova, 1 hour for 2 medium pavlovas and ¾ hour for individual pavlovas
6. Turn the oven off and leave the pavlova in the oven until it is completely cold.
7. Pour the cream into a large bowl and whisk using an electric hand whisk until it forms soft peaks. **DO NOT OVERWHIP THE CREAM** as it will continue to thicken on standing.
8. Wash, dry and prepare your chosen selection of fruit.
9. Top with whipped cream and arrange the fruit on top.

Don't forget to send us photos!
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OLD TRURONIAN'S RECOLLECTIONS

VISITING SCHOOL BY BOAT - STUART SYLVESTER CO64

"Sometime between 1979 and 1982 I was a crew member sailing a Sabre 27 from the Hamble to the Helford River during a spell of lovely summer weather. One of the overnight moorings was at St. Mawes and I decided it would be a good opportunity to visit the school in an unusual way. I persuaded the skipper to take a change of course up the Fal to Malpas, where we dropped anchor and I took the tender ashore and headed for the School. The route took me up the steep, rough track which eventually becomes Trennick Lane with the Terraces to the right and the old running track to the left. Memories of gruelling cross-country runs ran through my mind!



Time was short and the boat's skipper had urged me to be quick about my, in his view, crazy jaunt and, not being acquainted with the river he was keen to resume our passage to the Helford. I duly headed for the reception area and hastily signed the Former Pupils' visitors book, remarking on the circumstances of my brief visit.

The School I recall, seemed very quiet and almost deserted, but I was there for only a fleeting moment and headed straight back to Malpas in cross-country mode to be greeted by a relieved skipper and second crew member!



I sometimes wonder if I am the only former pupil ever to have visited the school by boat and approaching it from the rear?"

Rest assured I will look for your entry in the visitors book when I return to School Stuart!

Stuart has very generously donated his old Truro School scarf to our archive - one I have not seen before - Jo will be delighted - **Thank You Stuart!**

ARE YOU PART OF OUR LINKEDIN COMMUNITY?

We are aware that the Truro School Community hold a wealth of knowledge and information which is of huge benefit to our students and recent leavers.



COULD YOU SUPPORT OUR CAREERS TEAM:

There are undoubtedly difficult times ahead for those just leaving university - perhaps you could help with mentoring or work experience opportunities?

Please join our [TRURO SCHOOL COMMUNITY](#) LinkedIn group and if you feel able to offer careers advice or help use the [TRURO SCHOOL CONNECTED](#) form to let us know.

SPIRIT OF TRURO REMEMBERED



Many of you will recall the areoplane built in the 1970's under the guidance of former Design and Technology teacher, Dennis Keam.

Recently I was contacted by a gentleman named Steve Pearce, President Elect for the Rotary Club of Cowbridge in the Vale of Glamorgan. He has been working with some members of the Club to gather their recollections and wartime memories. During this process he encountered Mr Philip Irish, who spoke of the 'Spirit of Truro'. Steve looked on the internet to see if he could learn more and in his words "*found the remarkable story of this plane on the Truro School website*".

Philip, now aged 94, has had a lifetime as a pilot and was in fact the pilot of our very own 'Spirit of Truro'. He gained his pilot's licence in 1949 and kept it until his 72nd year in 1998. His wife is also a pilot. Philip is mentioned in the archive link below:

"On 17 June 1980 the plane was tested at Deer Park, Tregavethan by Phil Irish, an enthusiastic local pilot, local businessman, member of a wartime bomber aircrew and who had had a close interest in project since the start."

The aeroplane was the first major project undertaken in the newly built workshop. It was believed to be the first plane built for flight by schoolboys. Initially plans were made for two aircraft to be built; the Evans VP2 and the unconventional miniature 'Quickie' aircraft. Work began in the summer term of 1978. Plans for the VP2 were bought from the USA for £42 where it was popular among private flyers. The project was started 'without any previous experience, without any money but with limitless enthusiasm. Eighty boys took part in the project and two boys who worked on the plane continually were **Fred (Chung Man) Chan** CO80 of Hong Kong and **David Walton** CO81 of Newquay.



Sadly, we do not have any contact information for Fred (Chung Man) or David. If anyone is in touch with either of them, please do let us know or pass on this newsletter asking them to make contact: tsa@truroschool.com

I'm sure this will bring back memories for many of you. If so you can read more in the archive report by [CLICKING HERE](#):

If you remember working on the plane, please get in touch, we would enjoy hearing your recollections (in fact, my husband Ian recalls spending time on the project).

FAREWELL TO OLD FRIENDS



Old Truronian

RONALD MAXWELL MITCHELL

22/03/1917 - 09/05/2020

TS 1924 - 1932

Ronald died peacefully, aged 103, at the care home where he had lived for the last 5 years of his life. He leaves two children, three grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

CHAPEL SERVICE – REV AUBIN DE GRUCHY

[CLICK HERE](#) to watch week 10 of Chapel.

Dear All

Greetings from the Rev's place. It has been so good to see some of pupils back at school in person. Strength for the week to come.

All the best
Aubin

If any Old Truronians would like to get in touch with Aubin please do, he is always pleased to hear from alumni: adg@truroschoo.com



GUY DODD

BOOK OF CONDOLENCE

THANK YOU to everyone who has contributed to the Book of Condolence for Guy. His family have asked us to convey just how much they appreciate the warmth and sincerity of all the messages and the comfort reading them has brought them all at this difficult time.

Please use the link if you wish to add a message:

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