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## 140th Anniversary Mug

Gilded mug to celebrate  
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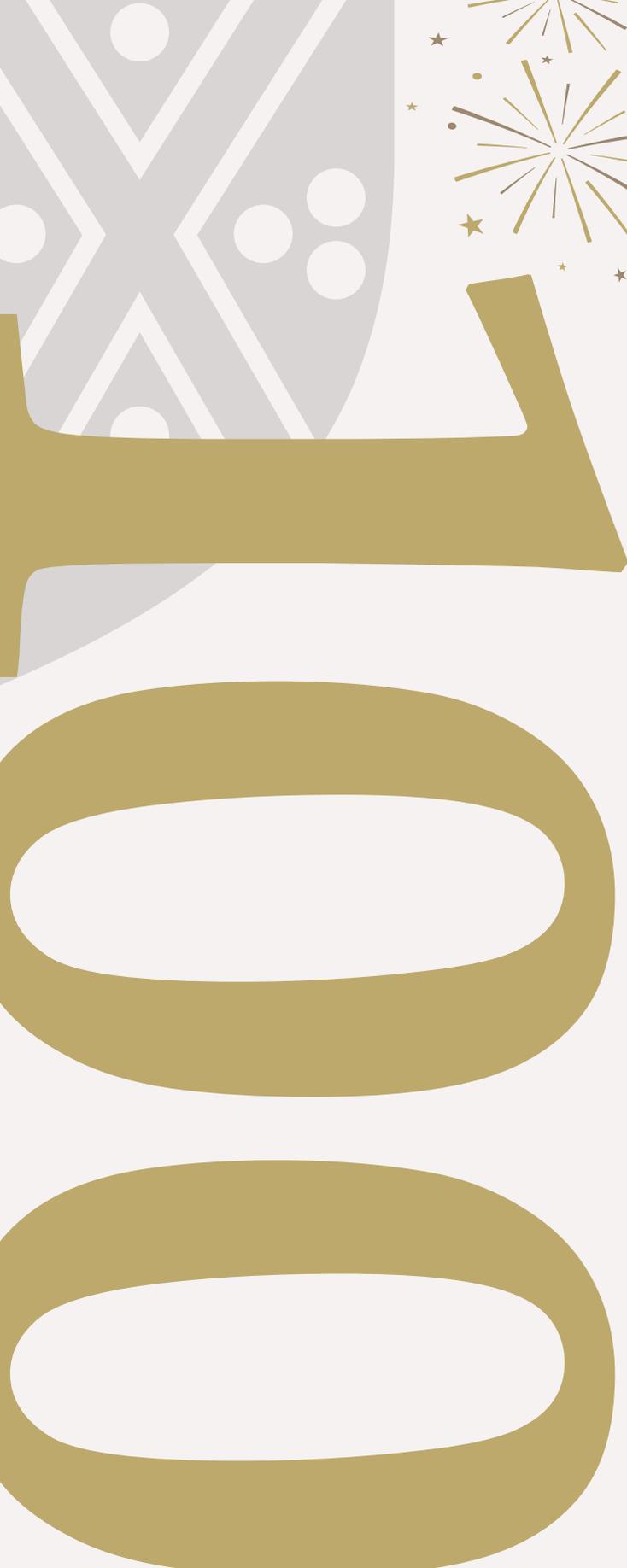


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Truro School Association

# 100th Annual Reunion Dinner

Saturday 5 September 2020

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Reunite with long lost friends, gather your year group or reserve a table, and help us make this the biggest Annual Reunion ever!

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**Tickets:** £27.50 pp

Drinks Reception:	7:00 pm
Dinner Served:	8:00 pm
Carriages:	11:00 pm

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# *Celebrate together*

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Dear Old Truronians,

We are delighted to invite you, plus any guests, to celebrate the 100th Annual Reunion Dinner and together mark the 140th anniversary of Truro School.

Reunite with long-lost friends and gather your group on Saturday 5 September for a sophisticated evening of reminiscing and an excellent dinner, alongside husbands, wives, partners and friends. You can also take time to enjoy a fascinating display of objects taken from the school archive, diligently curated by our Archivist, Jo Wood, and tailored for those who will be in attendance.

We would be grateful if you could RSVP, by:

[Reserving online by visiting the Truro School website](#)

Tickets are priced at £27.50 per person and £23.00 per person for alumni classes of 17-18-19-20 and ways to pay will be automatically emailed to you following your reservation submission.

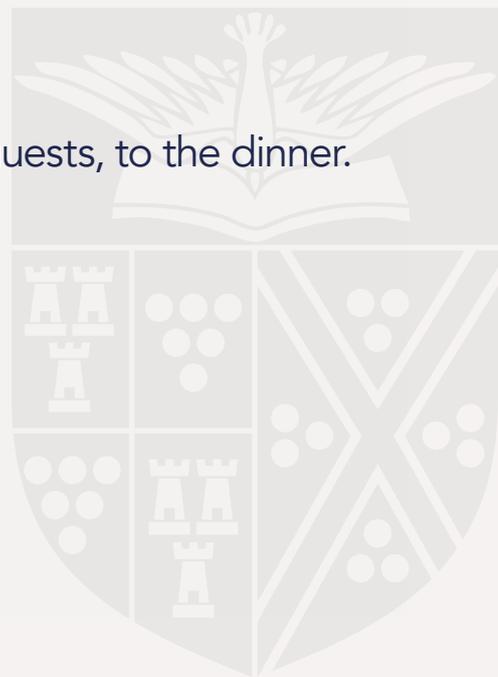
Please do share this invitation with fellow Truronians you may be in touch with as we do not hold contact details for everyone.

We look forward to hopefully welcoming you, plus any guests, to the dinner.

Very best wishes,

Nicky, Amanda, Jayne and Jo

The Development & Alumni Relations team



# REUNIONS AND EVENTS

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**WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2020**

## **TRURO SCHOOL CONNECTED – BRISTOL**

Hosted by Headmaster Andrew Gordon-Brown, this will be an opportunity to meet or reunite with fellow Truronians and friends over a drink and canapés. [Please book online](#) to reserve your spot. The Clifton Club, Bristol from 6.30 pm – 9.00 pm.

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**WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH 2020**

## **CAREERS CONVENTION**

For alumni parents of Truro School students and those from across county schools. Includes keynote address: 'The workplace of tomorrow' from Simon Paines CO89 in Burrell Theatre plus six informative break-out sessions. No booking required. Delegate stands in The Assembly Hall - 4.00 pm - 7.00 pm.

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**FRIDAY 3 APRIL 2020**

## **REUNION TEA PARTY FOR TRURO SCHOOL'S 140TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

An opportunity to reunite with fellow Old Truronians who attended pre-1975 in celebration of Truro School's 140th anniversary. Guests very welcome. [Please book online](#) to reserve your spot. Held in the Old Dining Hall from 2.00 pm - 5.00 pm.

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**WEDNESDAY 13 JUNE 2020**

## **TRURO SCHOOL OPERA GALA CONCERT**

All TSA members are invited to attend this gala concert to celebrate Truro School in its 140th year. Featuring live music from Old Truronians. No booking required.

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**WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE 2020**

## **SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

All TSA members are invited to attend the Special General Meeting and Annual General Meeting followed by drinks reception in honour of TSA President, Andrew Gordon-Brown. [Please register your attendance online](#) before attending. Sixth Form Café from 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm.

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**THURSDAY 2 JULY 2020**

## **125TH ANNIVERSARY CRICKET MATCH FOR TRURO SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

Truro School 1st Team v Old Truronians in celebration of the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Truro School Association. All Truronians are welcome as players or spectators. Match to take place on the Truro School cricket pitch with refreshments in the pavilion. From 4.00 pm.

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**SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2020**

## **100TH ANNUAL REUNION DINNER**

Truro School Association extend a warm welcome to all Old Truronians and guests to the 100th Annual Reunion Dinner. [Please book online to reserve](#). Tickets £27.50.

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**SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2020**

## **100TH ANNUAL REUNION SPORTS FIXTURES**

Rugby: New Truro School 1st XV v Old Truronian class of 2020 (outgoing 1st XV)

Hockey: New Truro School Team v Old Truronians

Netball: New Truro School Team v Old Truronians

# ALUMNI NEWS

## Jayne Callaghan CO86

An exhibition and memorial preview in memory of former pupil Jayne Callaghan CO86 was on display in the Heseltine Gallery recently.

Jayne was born in 1968 and sadly passed away in 2018. She left Truro School in 1986.

Jayne's twin brother, **Mark Callaghan** CO86, commented at the time: *It is such a pleasure to be able to share Jayne's art collection publicly for the first time, and to have been given the opportunity to hold Jayne's memorial exhibition at the Heseltine Gallery at Truro School. Jayne loved her time at the School with so many happy memories.*

It was during her time at Truro School that Jayne developed her awareness and interest in art. David Heseltine, who introduced Jayne to artists such as Patrick Heron and Sir Terry Frost, among others, primarily nurtured this interest.

Mark added: *The works Jayne collected in later life represent the artists who connected Jayne's love of Cornwall with her love of impactful forward thinking art. All the artists included have a strong connection*

*to the Cornish coast and the sea, which Jayne loved so much. Sir Terry Frost was renowned for his use of the Cornish light, colour and form, capturing the brightness and atmosphere of some of Jayne's favourite places. He was a favourite of Jayne's and most strongly represented in her collection. Frost's works are filled with both colour and light; his unique visual language portrayed what he described as "a state of delight in front of nature".*

Recognised as one of the leading painters of his generation, Patrick Heron was another of Jayne's favourites. His works explored every day themes such as the landscape around his home in Zennor, the sky and the Cornish coast. Through the exploration and use of colour and light, Heron's non-figurative painting resonated with Jayne and a shared appreciation of seeing Cornwall through the principles of colour and form. 'Sharp Purple and Orange in Emerald', painted in 1966 was a favourite of Jayne's for this reason.



Mark Callaghan and Vicky Cucknell, Heseltine Gallery Co-ordinator

## Toby Martyn CO99

We are delighted to learn that Toby is achieving great success as a biking world champion. Toby is one of several promising talents within the British youth system. At fifteen years of age in 2015 Martin claimed the Youth World title, and more recently he has moved up to Trial2 category where he was world number two in 2018. He was based in Milan with an Italian team and is now based in Barcelona. Current Truro School teacher Mrs Molingengo-Williams recently bumped into Toby who shared with her that he has been touring the world and enjoying himself. Huge congratulations Toby!



## Roger Taylor OBE CO67



Wonderful news that Truronian Roger Taylor has been awarded:

**Officer of the Order of the British Empire –  
for services to Music**

Congratulations Roger!

With over 1,000 names on the New Year Honours 2020 List it is not possible for us to check every name but we would love to hear from any Truro School alumni who has received any of the Queen's Honours, past or present.

## Matt Rogers CO07



On Sunday 17 May, we are delighted to share that Matt will be conducting Opera on the Beach at Watergate Bay in Cornwall. Matt attended Truro School from 2000-2007 before reading music at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland and University of Glasgow. Fast forward and he recently completed four seasons on the conducting staff of the Royal Opera House, as a member of the Jette Parker Young Artists Programme. As a composer this season's premieres include in the Royal Opera House and New York. In March 2019 he conducted the first performance of Boito's Mefistofele at the Southbank Centre to critical acclaim.

## Chris Blamey CO09

Our very own Chris Blamey was featured recently in the recent BBC2 programme called *Cornwall: This Fishing Life*. Chris is the fourth generation of his family to go to sea. In the first episode we see him take over the responsibility of skippering the Galwady from his father Peter.

The series can be found on iPlayer now. Chris is featured in the first episode.



## Harry Stacey CO18

Toy fans in Truro have been given a brand new place to buy their favourite items recently as former pupil Harry Stacey has opened his very own toy shop. Harry, who is in the second year of a business and entrepreneurship degree at Falmouth University opened Harry's Toy Chest in early December to queues of people eager to get in.

Harry says: *My current business had always been a passion for me, ever since I started primary school. I've always maintained my passion for toys and games from growing up with them, as well as being an entrepreneur. I would love to take my current business further online, distributing worldwide. This way I can create a wider target audience, and sell to different countries.*

Harry's Toy Chest is located in Pannier Market, Truro. Open daily. Congratulations Harry!



## James Evans CO15

James Evans has recently begun a charity bike ride from the UK to China, in aid of the Stroke Association and the British Heart Foundation. This ride is part of a year-long cycle around the world, as he has just returned from America having ridden 4,275 miles from the west to the east coast. He will now continue his cycle across China, Japan, New Zealand, and then home from Africa.

*Long distance bicycle travel is undoubtable the cheapest and most sustainable form of travelling, we live pretty rough while on the road, wild camping almost every night and showering only when necessary. I have been planning and saving money for this trip throughout university by working three different jobs, but there are, of course, some unavoidable costs such as insurance, visa's, vaccines, etc.*

James' mum has kindly been in contact with us to let us know James has most recently made it to south-east Paris; he reports - where it is very cold.

On behalf of the Truro School Association we wish James huge luck for his trip!

Donations are welcome for Old Truronians wishing to help James on his journey. Please visit his fundraising page for more information.

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/james-evans54](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/james-evans54).

To view James' progress on his blog: [www.jevanspedals.co.uk](http://www.jevanspedals.co.uk)

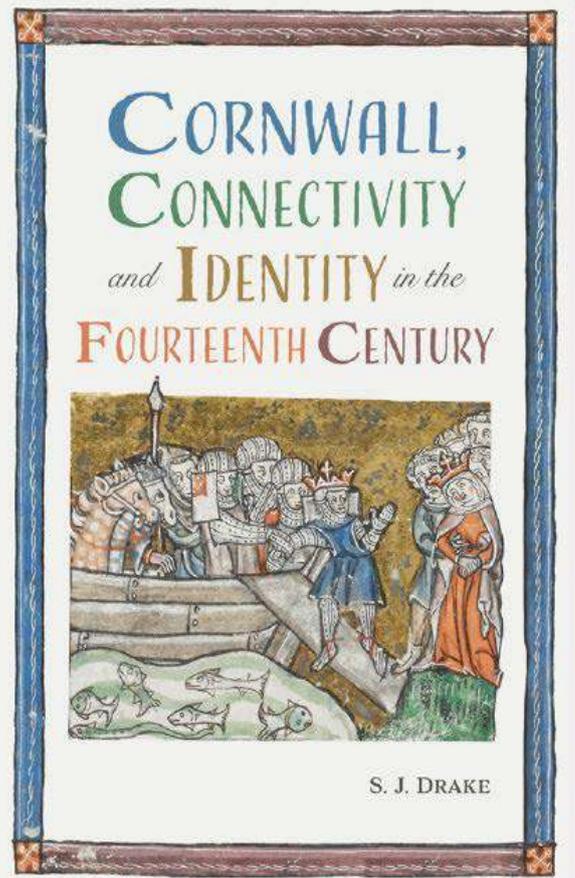


## Sam Drake CO09

Sam Drake, who, building on his doctorate at Royal Holloway, University of London, has written a new history of fourteenth-century Cornwall which was published in December. Sam attended Truro School from 2003-2009 before continuing his studies in History at university level. *Cornwall, Connectivity and Identity in the Fourteenth Century* demonstrates the links between Cornwall, a county frequently considered remote and separate in the Middle Ages, and the wider realm of England are newly discussed.

For Old Truronians interested in purchasing Sam's book, you can order online at [boydellandbrewer.com](http://boydellandbrewer.com) - and enter the offer code BB135 at the checkout to save 35%.

Congratulations Sam!

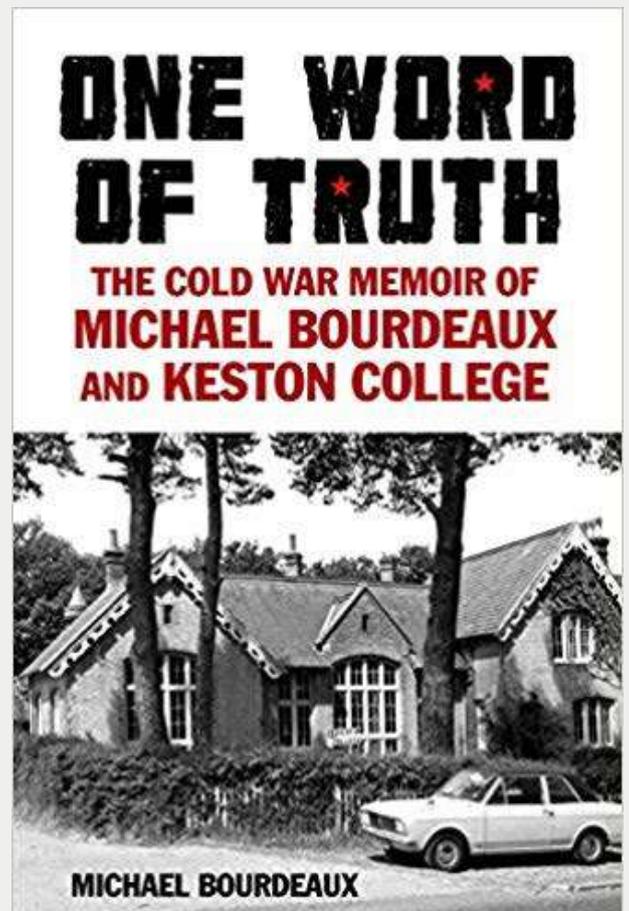


## Michael Bourdeaux CO52

We are delighted that another Truronian has also recently written a book. Michael Bourdeaux, who attended between 1942-1952 has had published *One Word of Truth: The Cold War Memoir of Michael Bourdeaux and Keston College*. It contains a chapter on Michael's life at Truro School. Published to mark the 50th anniversary of Keston Institute, set up in 1969 to provide comprehensive study of religion behind the Iron Curtain, and regarded at the time by the KGB as one of the most dangerous anti-soviet organisations, One Word of Truth tells the remarkable story of Keston's co-founder Michael Bourdeaux.

Michael is one of the world's foremost authorities on the Christian Church and religion in the former Soviet Union. In 1969 he co-founded the Centre for the Study of Religion and Communism (now Keston Institute), and in 1984 he won the Templeton Prize for highlighting the plight of those persecuted for their religious beliefs in communist countries.

[Click here to read more about Michael's book in the Archive section of the Truro School website](#)



## Benyna Richards CO05

Benyna is going to take part in Marathon de Sables in April this year to raise money for Caring for Cambodia and Population Services International. This is widely known as the toughest running race on earth covering six marathons in six days across the Sahara Desert.

We have received a message from Benyna:

*On April 01 2020 I will be flying to Morocco to take part in the Marathon des Sables. This is self-sufficient 250km race over six days in the Sahara Desert. In addition to being a personal challenge I thought this would be a good opportunity to raise some money for two charities I care a lot about:*

*Caring for Cambodia: is educating a generation of Cambodian children today, to make a difference for Cambodia's tomorrow. Their schools are safe, modern and technologically equipped. They train teachers, provide tools, and remove barriers to learning. We build Cambodian leadership to guide and sustain these schools, so that generations of CFC graduates can reach their highest potential and make valuable contributions to their community. In 2016 and 2017 I went to Cambodia with my colleagues to train school leaders. CFC does an amazing job of creating sustainable models*

*of change that meet the needs of the Cambodian community.*

*Population Services International: Population Services International helps women live healthier and plan the families they desire. A large part of PSI's work focuses on sexual and reproductive health and contraception, but they also are involved with HIV, malaria, water, sanitation and hygiene, and non-communicable diseases including diabetes, hypertension, and cervical cancer. Last year my book club read Moment of Lift by Melinda Gates, this book really changed my understanding of how privileged we are as women to have access to contraception.*

*"Giving women in developing countries access to family planning information and contraceptives is transformative. It not only allows women and girls the opportunity to lead healthier, more productive lives but it's one of the best investments a country can make in its future. Access to family planning information and contraceptives can change lives. Every woman and girl deserves the chance to determine her own future. " - Melinda Gates.*

Donations are welcome for Old Truronians wishing to help Benyna in this challenge.

Benyna is raising money towards her chosen charities via her JustGiving page.

[Click here to donate](#)



# VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

## Tim Henderson CO72

On Thursday 02 January, Tim called in whilst on a visit to Cornwall. Nicky gave him a tour of the School and he recounted many stories of his time whilst boarding. Tim was born in Zambia and his father told him he was going to school in Cornwall as the climate was the most similar to home. Tim remembers somewhat of a shock as you can imagine! It was the first time Tim has returned to School since leaving in 1972 (other than a quick drive around the site on a previous occasion). After leaving Truro School Tim remained in Cornwall to continue his education at Camborne School of Mines and went on to have a very successful career in the mining industry.

Tim is a major supporter of Truro School Foundation and has recently donated again providing funds for a number of Sixth Form Awards. We are very thankful for his continued support and generosity. After his first donation in 2018 Tim told us his reasons for supporting the Foundation:

*I was lucky enough to be given an opportunity to get a good education and so it is my pleasure to be able to give something back.*

*For me life is not only about brains but also about common sense, character, self-esteem and social skills, to name a few. Truro School gave me a good mix of all these attributes allowing me to progress through life as I have.*

*A successful career is also about opportunities and Truro School and later Camborne School of Mines, gave me the 'keys to the door' as my father used to refer to it, allowing me to be as successful as I have been. This is my reason for donating to both Institutions, as a small token of my appreciation. I hope it will help give to others similar opportunities that I have experienced.*



If you would like to arrange a visit back to the School, please just get in touch with the Development team. Alumni are welcome all year round between Monday and Friday 9 am – 5 pm, with the exception of Bank Holidays.

## Dave Perera CO00

On Friday 24 January we welcomed Dave Perera CO00 back to the School after 22 years since he left. We were delighted to show Dave around some of his old haunts, and hear tales of his time at School. Dave was particularly glad to be shown the D&T department, the Graham Smith block, the Dining Hall and the Chapel.

After leaving School, Dave moved to Brighton where he pursued a career in music whilst also working as a manager for American Express. After a few years he took a year-long break to travel the world. Upon his return Dave lived in London for two years and continued to pursue music whilst working for a start-up charity based in Brixton. Following this he returned to Brighton where he has held a position at Bupa for the last 6 years. In his spare time, he volunteers for a youth music charity aimed at engaging disenfranchised and at risk youths and furthering their development through music production and performance.

Before he left, Dave was delighted to catch up with Mr Laity, Head of Physics who taught him whilst he was at the School. Mr Baker who is currently Head of Design and Technology also took time to show Dave around the metalwork and woodworking classrooms where he demonstrated how much has changed in these subjects since Dave left.



Dave in his Dublin sports tour shirt, which still fits!

## Alex King CO13

On Friday 24 January, it was great to see Alex King CO13 who visited the School for an afternoon tour of his former stomping grounds. Alex attended Truro School from 2006-2013 and now lives in Manchester where he works as a Development Coach for Manchester City Football Club.

Alex particularly enjoyed seeing the Graham Smith block, where many a Truronian has spent hours in lessons, and bumped into Mrs Vaughan who was just as glad to see Alex.

Alex was in Cornwall only a brief visit to see his dad in Fowey, so we are grateful to him for taking the time to say hello.



Alex King CO13

# A LETTER FROM THE REV

Dear Old Truronians,

Over the past years, World AIMS (World Action in Methodist Schools) has grown significantly at Truro School. This initiative has given students the opportunity to get involved in a variety of ways, including: raising money for charity, supporting the work of Amnesty International, and increased focus on sustainability and the environment, World AIMS days at the end of each year and building partnerships with schools in other countries.

Truro School is sending another group of 5th year and Sixth Form students to Uganda for two weeks during July 2020. The 20 pupils who have signed up will now be undergoing training to prepare them for the adventure ahead. The trip will involve visits to a variety of community development organisations, as well as an opportunity to spend time at Bethany High School, one of our overseas partnerships schools and the African Hearts Prep School at Ssenge, with whom Truro Prep are in the process of linking as a partnership school. We will also have time to experience Ugandan culture, explore Kampala and its surroundings and have the privilege of visiting a rhino sanctuary and the Murchison Falls Game Reserve.

This will be the 5th Truro School trip to Uganda and the students will be accompanied by myself, Mr Jon Whatley and Mrs Claire Reynolds. Sandfield Travel will again look after the team in Uganda as they have done wonderfully in previous years.

This trip offers the chance for new and very different experiences, often changing the perceptions of our young people which can result in a review of thinking and plans for their own future direction. Our intention has always been to enable any student who is really keen to go on the trip to do so regardless of any financial constraints they or their parents might have. This has meant raising

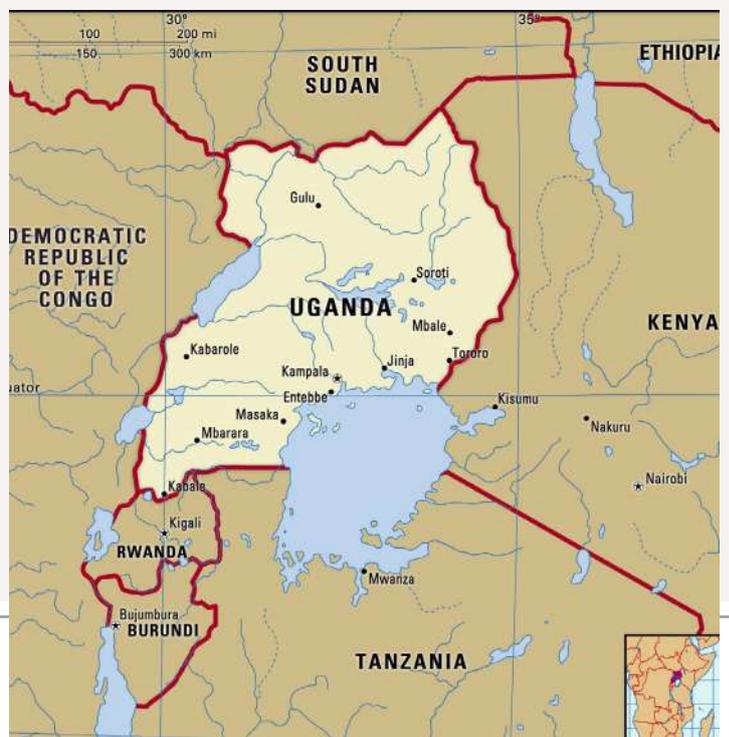
funds in a variety of ways, applying for financial support for bursaries offered for educational trips such as the Uganda trip and generous sponsors. This has enabled a number of students to go on the trip over the years and also helped to bring the costs down for all the students.

The estimated cost of the Uganda trip is currently £2,000 for each student. We hope to be able to lower the cost further by raising money through various fundraising activities within the coming year as well as raising funds for the various charities we will be working alongside. It would be great if any Old Truronians, especially those who enjoyed this adventure previously would be willing to make any donation in support of the trip to enable others to benefit from this life changing experience.

All the best,  
Aubin

Aubin de Gruchy (Revd)  
Chaplain and World Aims Coordinator

**If you feel you can support Aubin in lowering the cost for our students to visit Uganda on this life-changing trip, please contact [tsa@truroschoo.com](mailto:tsa@truroschoo.com) or telephone 01872 246094. Thank you.**





# Calling all lady OT's

## International Women's Day

### Sunday 8 March 2020

The first girls joined Truro School in 1976, initially in the Sixth Form. Therefore, women make up a much smaller part of our alumni community. We also find that they are less likely to stay in touch or tell us of their achievements, career or otherwise. After every edition of the Truronian magazine, published in August each year, we receive complaints from some of our female alumni community, telling us we are not featuring enough stories about our women. We really do try very hard to encourage our female Old Truronian's, but with little success.

So come on ladies, this year please celebrate with us on [International Women's Day](#) – no matter what you are doing for a living; whether you are at university, doing an apprenticeship, a stay-at-home mum, medic, lawyer, farmer, administrator, charity worker, or anything else, please send us a quick photo and email to let us know where you are and what you have been doing since you left Truro School. We want to have a really vibrant female alumni community, for so many reasons, not least that you can help to inspire our current Truro School girls and show them the future that is out there waiting for them.

This e-newsletter is sent to over 3,500 Old Truronians, 917 are female members; CO78 – CO18. There are a further 1,325 that we do not have an email address for. Please help us to get the balance right.

**Send your pictures to [tsa@truroschoo.com](mailto:tsa@truroschoo.com)**

Maybe you would like to highlight a friend (fellow OT) that you think we could feature – please let us know and we will do the rest.

Other ways to get involved:

- Make sure your contact information is up to date - [update your details](#).
- Be part of [Truro School Connected](#) – we really would like to have more women involved.
- Forward this on to anyone from your cohort as we may not be in touch with them at all.
- Tell us what sort of event you would like - for example, would you like a ladies' lunch reunion?
- Please attend the [100th Annual Reunion Dinner](#) on Saturday 5 September – **book now!**

*And gentlemen – we always love to hear from you too – anytime!*



## Statistics - Old Truronian Information

Number OT records on the Database:



10,245

Number of contactable OT's:



5,920

Lost Information:



4,325

Please update your information on our [website here](#) and consider forwarding this Newsletter on to anyone from your cohort.

Thank you.



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## Special Hotel Rates for TSA Events

at one of Truro’s best hotels, right in the heart of the City Centre,  
within walking distance of Truro School:

In partnership with **Mannings Hotel** Truro, the Development Office are delighted to be able to offer the following discounted rates for Truro School alumni wishing to book accommodation for the following TSA events:

Friday 3 April 2020  
**Afternoon Reunion Tea**

Saturday 5 September 2020  
**100th Annual Reunion**

The 'Special Event' rates include:

**Full English Breakfast plus complimentary Car Parking.**

Standard Doubles - £80    City Doubles - £100    Apartments - £120

**Don't miss this amazing opportunity — **BOOK NOW.****

There will be a limited number of rooms available.

To receive this fantastic offer, call **Mannings Hotel**

Reservation Line: 01872 270345

Please quote booking code:

**'Truro School Kirsty Local'**

**Mannings Hotel** are also happy to honour the special rate for the duration of your stay should you wish to stay for longer, either side of the event (subject to availability).

## FEATURE MATT BAWDEN CO88, NICK DYMOND CO86, JONNY JULIAN CO88, BILL KNEEBONE CO88, RICHARD LUCKRAFT CO88, JOFF MACHELL CO88 AND IAIN MASON CO88



Seven former Truro School classmates enjoyed a walk down memory lane when they met for a Christmas reunion after three decades. **Matt Bawden** CO88, **Nick Dymond** CO86, **Jonny Julian** CO88, **Bill Kneebone** CO88, **Richard Luckraft** CO88, **Joff Machell** CO88 and **Iain Mason** CO88 spent a day reminiscing about their years as pupils before visiting the School itself.

Meeting in the Thomas Daniel pub in Truro on 29 December, the group spent their lunchtime discussing former teachers and friends, before making the long walk up Trennick Lane and around the School grounds to stir old memories. Highlights included stories of flying board rubbers, collapsing desks and junior discos, plus the ultimate punishment – writing two sides of A4 about the inside of a ping-pong ball. After much racking of brains, they also managed to successfully recite the register that was read out when they first met in Room 22 as Form 1J pupils in 1981.

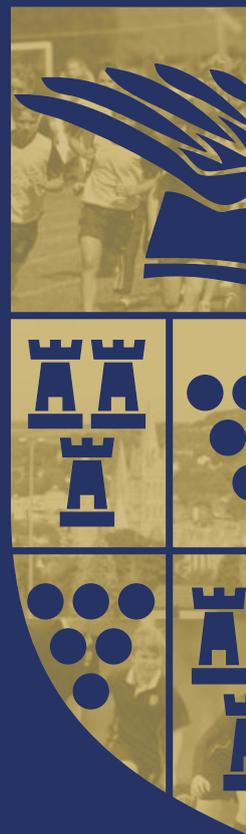
The evening ended in the Kathmandu Palace restaurant, where more tales were swapped and promises made to arrange another get-together soon. Joff, who helped organise the reunion, said: *Three decades*

*may have passed since we were all in the same room together, but it was like we had never been apart and there was much laughter all day. It's clear our friendship has endured after three decades and it was good to see it in action.*

The septet have all gone their separate ways since leaving Truro School. Joff is now an orthodontist in Exeter, Matt is an assistant headteacher and consultant in Derbyshire and Bill is a primary school teacher in Halifax. Richard works as an interim consultant in Warwick, while Iain is a communications director in Glasgow. Two of the group stayed closer to home – Nick now runs the family farm in Trispen, while Jonny is a project manager for a housing association near Helston. Bill added: *It was an excellent day and being able to visit the actual locations while discussing classic memories was a real bonus.*



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# Sports Dinner 2020

Friday 13 March

## Sixth Form, Parents, Staff and Alumni

Join us for a celebration of sporting achievements

The Alverton Hotel, 7.00pm  
Black Tie  
£30

- > Awards will be presented throughout the evening
- > Three course meal with coffee

Book tickets at > <https://www.truroschoo.com/parents/sports-dinner/>

## FEATURE HANNAH LINGARD CO14

### From Truro to Honduras to Berlin to the Isle of Coll

Hannah attended Truro School from 2007-2014. After leaving and completing her A-Levels Hannah took an exciting step to travel around the world. Two months after my final exam, I moved to Honduras to volunteer in a primary school with the charity Project Trust. Project Trust is an educational charity who specialise in sending school leavers across the world to complete a long-term volunteer placement. Her time travelling with the support of Project Trust has now led Hannah to work for the Trust itself where she is Volunteer and Schools Coordinator.

In Hannah's case, she successfully raised £5,600 whilst completing four A-Levels, and the hard work paid off as she was sent to the coastal Honduran town of Tela for one-year. Whilst there Hannah volunteered as a fourth-grade teacher at Blanca Jeanette Kawas Bilingual School.

Spending a year abroad in a country Hannah says she hardly knew "altered my life immeasurably".

It also gave her the bug to keep travelling. After returning from Honduras, Hannah moved to Berlin for a further year where she worked as an au-pair. She describes this as another fantastic year which allowed her to become fluent in German and become a part of a city that had always fascinated her. We were delighted to learn that it was at Truro School that Hannah's flair for learning languages began, and Hannah shared with us her memories of Frau Quife, and Mr Hunt who she describes as so "committed" and "inspiring" that even her parents would take time to chat with him long after he was her teacher at parents' evening.

Two years of travel completed, Hannah then moved to London where she studied International Development at King's College, London.

Fast forward and she now is currently enjoying working at Project Trust which is based on the beautiful Scottish island, Coll.

Hannah says: *Coll is a three-hour ferry ride from Oban, 13 miles long, five miles wide, has two shops that are reliant on the ferry being able to get in, and has a permanent population of about 170 people. I love it. I can see the sea from my house, work in an office surrounded by untouched nature and spend every weekend on walks immersed in the most incredible scenery.*

We asked Hannah what her job involves: *I am a Volunteer and Schools Coordinator. I totally believe in the opportunities that Project Trust provides young people, so when a job came up shortly after I graduated, I leapt at the chance.*



Hannah hiking Colca Canyon in Peru which is the second deepest canyon in the world

*My job is to encourage young people to volunteer overseas with Project Trust. A large part of this is giving presentations in schools across the country. I also maintain relationships with these schools and arrange for our Ambassadors to attend career events and presentations when I am not able to. I am also involved with various parts of Project Trust, such as working on Selection Courses and being a part of the Communication Committee.*

We asked Hannah if she had any specific career aspirations whilst she was at School?

*I have always wanted to go into journalism and this is still the case. From my year in Honduras, studying International Development and volunteering in other places, I would like to go into journalism which looks at how the West views other areas of the world and start to challenge these stereotypes.*

For now, though, Hannah is enjoying her role immensely. She told us she intends to work with Project Trust for a few years and before moving into more journalism roles. Fortunate to have been offered the job straight out of university, Hannah says it is allowing her to develop so many skills such as public speaking, leadership, and communications, as well as an in-depth knowledge of many countries.

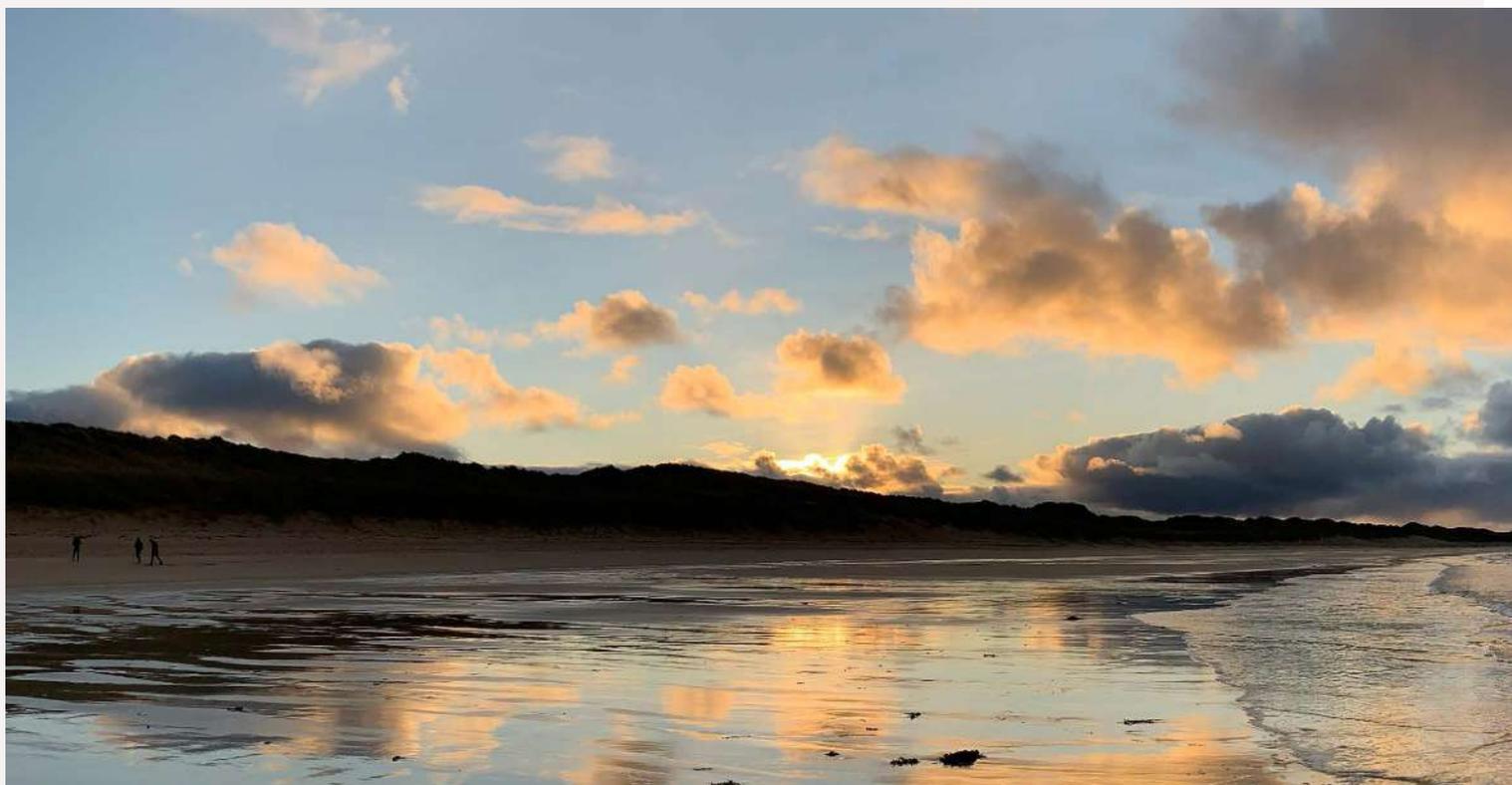
We asked Hannah if she visits Cornwall ever and is in touch with anyone from School still?

**Gigi Studart** CO14 is like a sister to me, and I am also in contact with **Tes Patching** CO14 and **Charlotte Tucker** CO14. My mum still lives in the area, so I do return frequently. When I was studying in London I tried to come down a few times a year; you can't beat a Cornish beach walk!

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Coll beach at sunset



Teaching in Honduras with Project Trust



A baby calf on the beach. This beach is behind where Hannah works and tries to go for a walk on the beach every lunchtime

## FEATURE TIM SYKES CO09

### How a passion for the ocean led Tim into a career in marine science

Tim attended Truro School from 2002-2009 alongside his brother **Alex Sykes** CO11. After the last day of School, Tim travelled straight to Switzerland to start a three-month ski instructor course, before taking a year out before university. During that year, Tim shared that he spent time travelling around Europe, teaching skiing to school children and working in Cornwall. He then moved to Plymouth to begin a four-year BSc in Geography and Ocean Science, followed by an EU-funded MRes in Applied Marine Science.

Growing up, Tim said he had always wanted to fly helicopters, but his passion for the sea led him into marine science, oceanography, meteorology and project management.

Tim is currently working as a Marine Operations Manager for a small company who provide professional weather forecasting services to super yachts and cruise ships.

*We also provide weather information to harbours, ports and other bespoke activities. In Cornwall, I mainly focus on research and development projects, usually in conjunction with local research centres. I manage commercial activities related to meteorological and oceanographic installations, whilst my colleagues in Italy carry out the day-to-day forecasting.*

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We asked Tim if he is particularly proud of anything in his career so far? *I'm proud to have been given the opportunity to work all over the world with amazing people, in an industry I am passionate about. But my main aim was to return to Cornwall and I am really pleased that I was able to return to the county in April 2018 to work and live by the sea.*

Away from work, Tim lives in Mawnan, near Falmouth with his girlfriend, Clare and their Sprocker puppy, Bosloe. In his free time, he likes to do plenty of dog walking, plays football, badminton and surfs at weekends. Tim also enjoys entering races and events such as a Hope Trail Festival in Plymouth.

We asked him if he has ever revisited the School, he says: *I have visited the School a couple of times, once for a career event, and also for the Truro triathlon. It was fun to get back in the swimming pool!*

We were delighted to learn that Tim felt that his time at School helped with confidence and gaining aspirations. He says: *Most people I know from School are well-grounded, optimistic, pragmatic and kind.*

*Most seem to appreciate what they have and what opportunities have been given to them. I think this helps to be more personable and realistic, making it easier to work with all kinds of different people, under different pressures in all sorts of situations.*

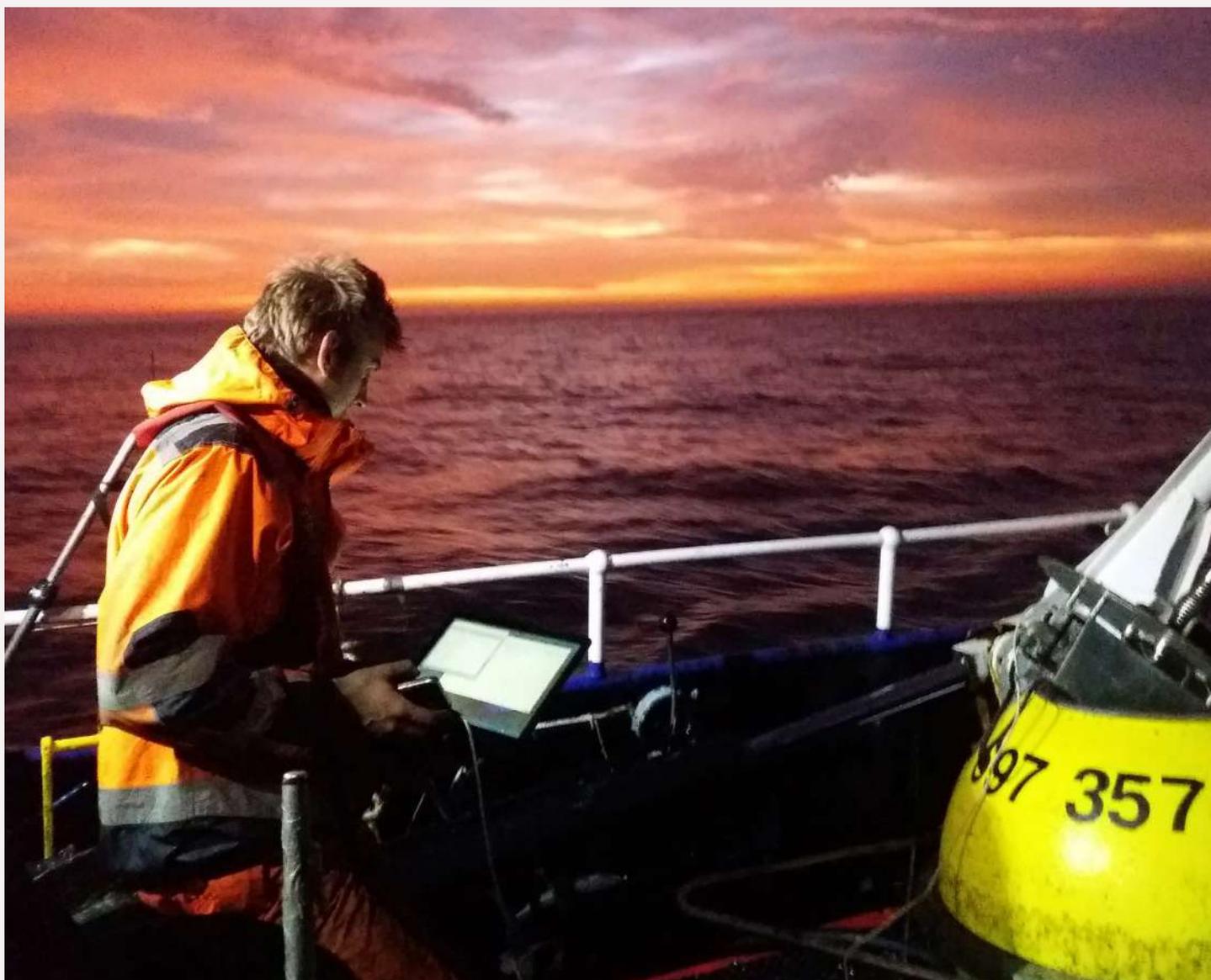
We asked him if he had any special or specific memories that have stuck with him during his time at Truro School?

*It is hard to pick out specific times; but I remember destroying our school shoes playing a lot of football during morning and lunch break on the 'hard courts' (now the car park by the Sir Ben Ainslie Centre). I remember Mr Whitmore demonstrating 'how not to pass the ball' during a training session - it involved him striking the ball as hard as he could, which*

*hit me straight in the nose. I remember Dr Spring pulling me through history with a good grade, because no-one wanted to get caught out when he asked his customary history question at parents evening. I remember spending many hours in the DT workshop planing wood, drilling holes and hitting metal at the anvil. I remember spending too many rainy weekends on Dartmoor training for Ten Tors and D of E, or running through Cornish woodlands with Mr Moncaster in the orienteering club.*

Tim now plans to continue enjoying working and living in Cornwall. The marine industry is growing, and this is something Tim is "excited to be a part of".

Tim at work



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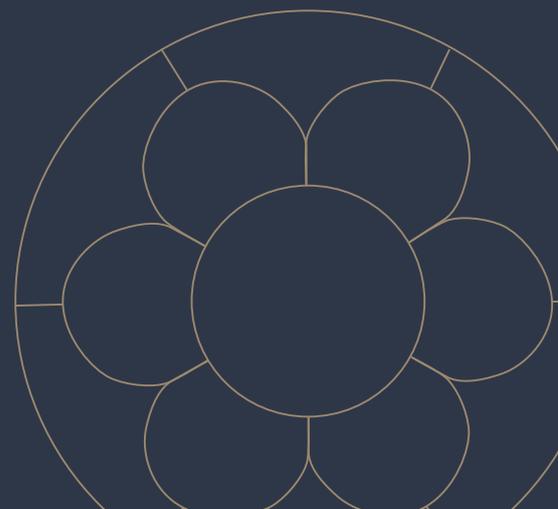
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## FEATURE TRACEY PEMBERTON CO96

### From swapping university degrees and careers to challenging herself



#### Tracey in Cornwall

Tracey's very first day at Truro School was on her 13th birthday in 1991 - *I was very nervous walking into Mr Hunt's form room!* She joined alongside her two brothers: **Billy Chan** CO97 and **Phillip Chan** CO02.

Tracey told us that by the time she had reached Sixth Form, she was fortunate to have had several holidays in the Far East and around Europe. *I had fallen in love with travelling and I thought it would be great to explore the world full-time and get*

*paid for it.* Tracey attended the School until 1996 before going on to study Travel and Tourism at the University of Herfordshire. However, during her second year there she realised she was no longer passionate about being in the industry (*it was not as glamorous as I had thought*) and made the decision to switch to Marketing with French.

It was this degree which led Tracey to find a job creating, developing and buying promotional merchandise and toys from the Far East. *I loved it - it was so fun and I still got to travel frequently. But with the development of digital marketing and social media, I realised that it would become a very tough industry to stay in. So I sat down to analyse my strengths, passions and transferrable skills to see which direction I should look for a new career.*

That is when she took the decision to change roles. Tracey is now works for 3M – a global innovation company, based in Bracknell.

She explained her role to us: *I am a Category Lead of Human Resources for Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA). It means that I support the HR function in the sourcing, procurement and delivery of their HR strategies. Projects range from how 3M ensures we find the right calibre of candidates to join our workforce, or perhaps we have roles which we need to fill temporarily, so I would look at the agencies we use and measure if they have the right fit for our needs. I would also help HR to find the right external training companies to help us grow and develop our own talent. A recent project I have just finalised is the deployment of a single payroll provider across the 51 countries of EMEA.*

Outside work, Tracey is married to Andrew, who she met at university. They have three children: Kingsley (11), Poppy-Irys (9) and Liberty (4) and a *hectic but happy family life.* Most weekends she says, they enjoy doing something different such as visiting the Natural History Museum, cycling or some other activity. We were also impressed to learn that Tracey has set herself a challenge to walk a million metres in twelve months on

top of her daily step-count. *In September 2019, I completed the 50KM Thames Path Challenge, I have also done a few more 30KM walks since then and in 2020 I've signed up to a few Ultra Marathons to keep me on track. When it's horrible weather though, I do love to stay indoors and make jewellery or sew clothes.*

Now that Tracey has moved away from Cornwall, she told us how much she missed the county. She even took her whole family to Cornwall two summers ago and showed them all the stunning places she frequented as a child. *They loved my hometown of Falmouth, they didn't want to leave the beach, and enjoyed exploring Pendennis Castle. I showed them Truro School as we were driving through and they were in awe at how big the place was on top of the hill!*

With her own son having recently started secondary school, she shared how it reminded her of what a beautiful place Truro School was – *not only in its beautiful building, setting and views but also the culture at the heart of the School.* Importantly also, Tracey feels that her time at School helped her to progress in later life because:

*It set me on the right path to become independent and reliable - to do things for myself, discipline to hit deadlines, confidence to explore and question, ability to network and speak to people of all ages, race, cultures and backgrounds.*

Finally, we asked Tracey if she was still in touch with anyone? Yes - Facebook is brilliant for that. *I also meet up with **Ben Martin** CO96 and his family every few months or so. I also met with **Zak Prior** CO96 and **Mike Reed** CO96 at Truro School Connected – London, in October 2019.*

Why not join us at Truro School Connected – Bristol on Wednesday 26 February. You never know who you might reunite with!



After completing the Thames Path Challenge

# TRURO SCHOOL ASSOCIATION OPPORTUNITY



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## The Truro School Association (TSA) are currently looking to recruit new, enthusiastic members to this long-standing Committee.

Headmaster, Andrew Gordon-Brown, current TSA President and Rachel Vaughan CO98, current Chair of the TSA and Teacher at Truro School, are eager to hear from anyone within our alumni community who might be interested in joining the TSA Committee and especially those who are alumni but also now parents of Truro School children.

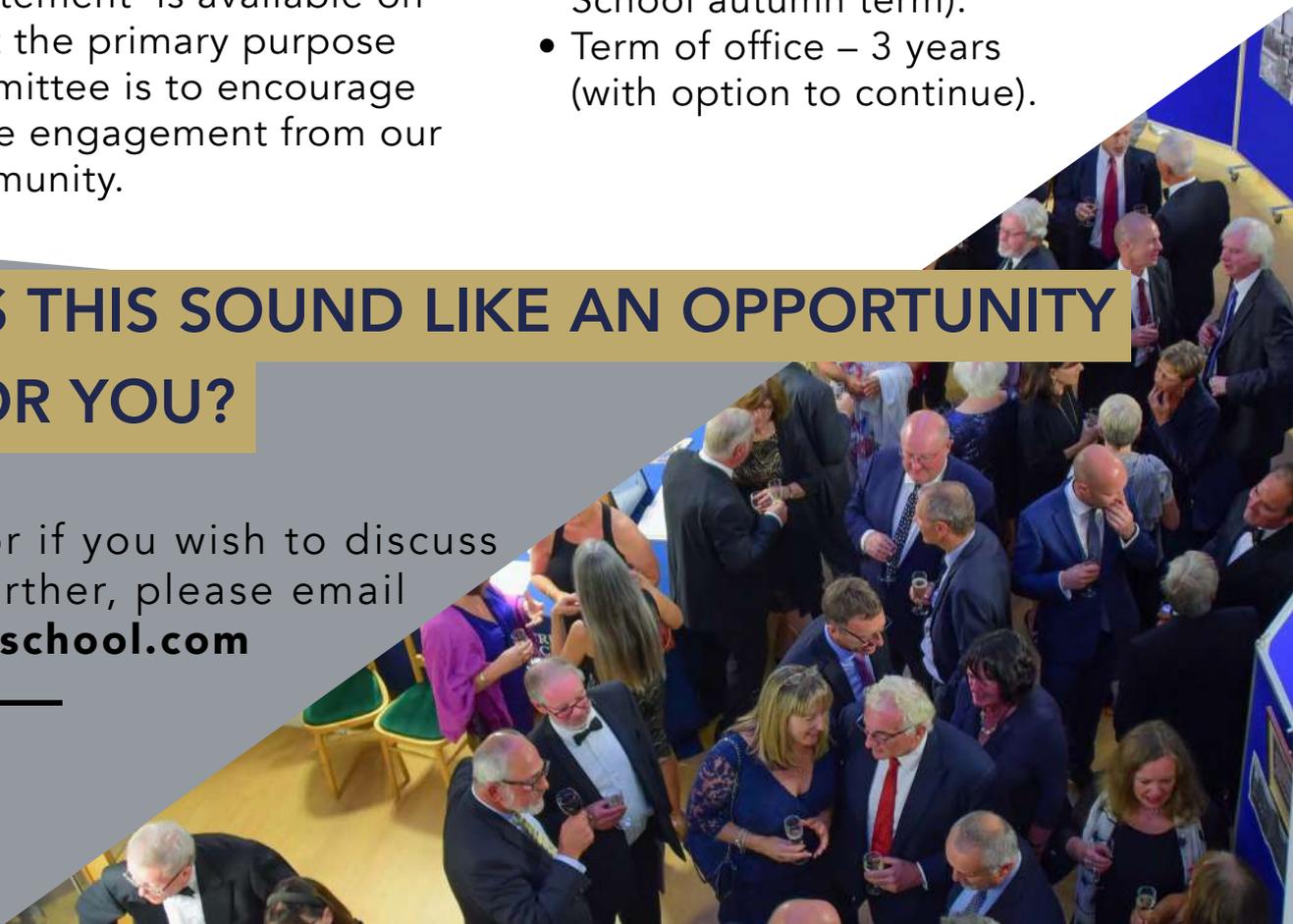
To be eligible you must be a former pupil of Truro School. The TSA 'Mission Statement' is available on request, but the primary purpose of this Committee is to encourage and promote engagement from our alumni community.

This is by no means an onerous role – it entails:

- 3 x TSA Committee meetings per year (1 per term) – offering ideas to help, encourage and support our alumni community including new event suggestions.
- 1 AGM per year.
- Assisting (minimal) with the Annual Reunion sporting events and attending the Annual Reunion Dinner (always 1st Saturday of the School autumn term).
- Term of office – 3 years (with option to continue).

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## **Beth Rutter CO17: Careers Business Lunch Report** **Friday 6 December 2019**

Beth was joined by students at her Truro School Connected lunch to talk about her current life in New Zealand after moving there shortly after leaving School.

Beth talked about how at the start of her Upper Sixth year, she applied for a gap tutor position at St Paul's Collegiate School in Hamilton, New Zealand. Whilst she waited for a response, **Colin Groves CO80** was put in touch with the careers department having been featured in the Alumni Newsletter. He delivered a talk to students on business and his own life in New Zealand. Beth took the opportunity to find out more about her potential new life and Colin offered up his support for her move.

After landing the position, Colin put Beth in touch with a contact who offered Beth work experience with Waikato Rugby. This is such a good example of how the Truro School Connected network really can help and truly is 'a network for life'. Beth told the group how during her gap year she realised how much she wanted to stay on, and with the support of Colin once more, who aided her in a university application, Beth is now in year two of an undergraduate degree in Business at the Waikato Institute of Technology

(WINTER) in Hamilton, New Zealand and has been promoted to Assistant Housemaster at St Paul's Collegiate School.

As all Truro School students are encouraged to consider their next steps after leaving, talks such as Beth's can be a source of inspiration and constructive advice for those thinking of moving in similar paths. For instance, Beth was able to discuss many of the practical elements that arose with her experiences so far, such as the cost of flights and living as well as what holidays are possible whilst working and studying. This is another example of the Truro School Connected network at its best - Beth is now passing on her experiences and helping others just as she was helped by Colin.

We asked Beth what kind of person do you need to be a 'gappie'? *You need to just get stuck in, and involved in everything.* She also explained that there are so many outdoor activities to take part in such as rock climbing.

Finally, Beth took time to offer tips on the interview process for her gap year position went and took questions at the end from students.

## Professor Laurence Hurst CO83: Nothing in Biology Makes Sense

Monday 13 January 2020

Professor Laurence Hurst CO83, President of the Genetics Society and Old Truronian, visited last month to speak to Sixth Form Biology students, alumni, parents and A-Level teachers from across the county. He delivered his talk called 'Nothing in Biology Makes Sense' and explored issues such as varied testicular size in mammals, the strangeness of drinking milk and language evolution.

Sarah Finnegan, Head of Biology and Coordinator of Medical Pathways said: *I thought Laurence was an excellent communicator and pitched his message just right, to both students and former staff and alumni - that's no mean feat! I personally relished being back in the conceptual world of evolutionary biology. All in all, it was very stimulating and enjoyable.*

Professor Laurence Hurst has a list of accolades to his name: Professor of Evolutionary Genetics in the Department of Biology and Biochemistry at the University of Bath; the Director of the Milner

Centre for Evolution and the President of the Genetics Society, one of the world's oldest such societies. However, as a CO83 alumni of Truro School, he kindly took the time to visit his place of study for the second time, to engage current students, staff from within and beyond the school as well as wider members of the associated school community. He is a leading authority on the evolution of genetic systems and covered some complex developments in this field yet made the talk accessible to and entertaining for all.



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## Truro School Connected - Bristol



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On Wednesday 26 February, Nicky, Amanda and Jayne from the Development and Alumni Relations team are really looking forward to welcoming Old Truronians, friends and former Headmaster Mr Paul Smith to The Clifton Club in Bristol for a reunion. Truro School Connected – Bristol will be a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with old friends from School over drinks and canapés in the heart of Bristol. Following on from the success of Truro School Connected – London, we now hope to bring you another enjoyable evening, but this time at The Clifton Club.

We are thrilled to be hosting this Truro School event at the Club for Old Truronians and wish to give particular thanks to **Jerry Barnes CO79** for introducing us to the Club through his role as Chairman.

The Clifton Club opened its doors in 1818 to men and then to ladies in 2006. It has since established itself as one of the UK's finest Private Members Clubs. Membership to The Clifton Club is exclusive, and continues many of The Clubs traditions from its 200-year history. The Club has undergone various refurbishments whilst maintaining its traditional heritage and opulent interiors, a perfect setting for the professional, the influential, the entrepreneurial and the bon vivant. The environment is vibrant and social, relaxed yet exclusive, providing excellent networking opportunities by combining modern professional facilities within the Club's heritage surroundings.



There are still some places left for Old Truronians wishing to join the reunion.

Take a look at the names attending so far.

Why not join us?

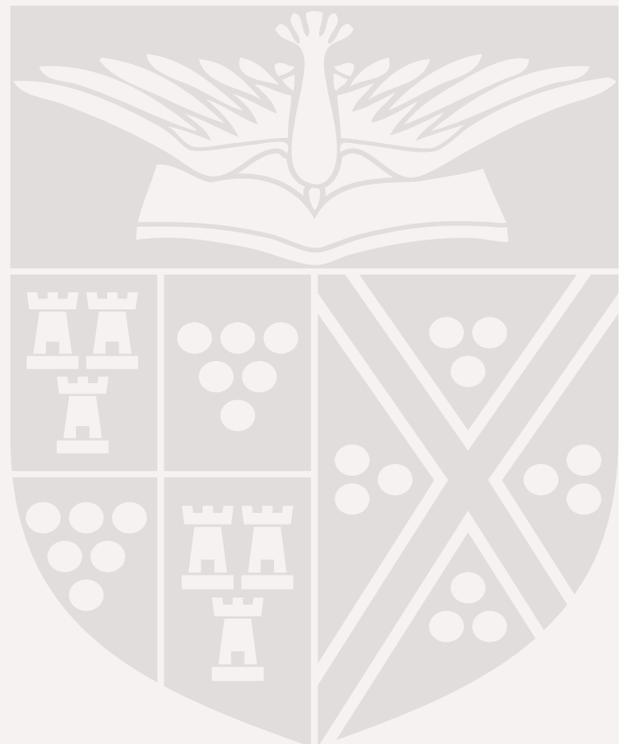
## Truro School Connected - Bristol Alumni Guest List

Jerry Barnes CO79  
Mary Beever (nee Channell) CO99  
Danny Alford CO17  
Ian Berridge CO84  
Paul Bowden CO86  
Robert Bray CO79  
James Carrick CO96  
Robert Cherry CO14  
Peter Child CO74  
Tom Child CO10  
Kevin Clutterbuck CO78  
Jack Docherty CO11  
Steph Eddy CO13  
Brittany Etherington (nee Child) CO05  
Robert Grigg CO16  
Louise Gilbert (nee Walker) CO80  
Nicola Harrison (nee Child) CO05  
Bob (Frederick) Haslock CO60  
Johanna Herrod (nee Walker) CO78  
Trystan Hitchens CO96  
Victoria Hobbs (nee Harding) CO01  
Ellen Husain CO92

Nancy Kenward (nee Channell) CO96  
Nigel Knee CO63  
Roxy Leurquin (nee Brumwell) CO06  
Callum MacDonald CO15  
Ria-Claire MacRae Nash CO09  
Isla-Jayne MacRae Nash CO13  
Olivia Mannall CO15  
Peter Mansell CO79  
James McCabe CO12  
Ankie Ng CO16  
Tristan Parry CO06  
Michael Pooley CO76  
John Roberts CO62  
Roger Opie CO65  
Tim Rowe CO83  
Edward Stratton CO17  
Harry Sheingold-Bane CO18  
David Thompson CO97  
Jack Trevail CO14  
Callum Waldie CO13  
Peter Watson CO16  
Grace Williams CO04

To book your spot at the reunion please register your attendance online on the Alumni Events web page. Places are free of charge and guests welcome.

[Click here to book](#)





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Perhaps let us know of any opportunities available for university students home for the holidays? Career events worth attending? Work experience or job opportunities?

**If you are a Truro School alumni with a story, please share it with us**

**Search for 'Truro School Community' on LinkedIn  
and request to become a member today**

# ARCHIVE ATTIC by Jo Wood

## The History of Truro School in 140 Objects Challenge

There are lots of things of interest in the School Archive and around the School from it's 140-year history. The challenge is can we put together a list of 140 items which reflects this?

Here are a few to start it off. Can you think of anything that should be included? All suggestions welcome.

- An 'object' includes photographs and documents, from the obvious to the obscure as well as features and fixtures around the school such as the bell, foundation stone or memorial plaques. (Might stretch the definition further for a good entry)
- Why should it be included or what does it represent in TS history?



### 1. Blazer

The well-known dark blue, chocolate and white striped blazer was introduced in the summer of 1930, and first worn by the cricket team and prefects.



### 2. 1903 campus survey

A plan of the school's layout in the early 20th century created by alumnus F.W. Kendall. Later building additions such as the Chapel were added by an unknown hand.



### 3. 1880s scrapbook

Newspaper cuttings from the early years of the School, the scrapbook includes an account of the opening ceremony in 1880.





### 10. Early image of the School

Judging from the name on the back of this image it dates from the late 1880s and is one of the earliest in the School Archive.

It's amazing what can be found on eBay!



### 11. Vinter's writing box

Given by pupils to the headmaster H.W. Vinter to mark his birthday in 1906. It has spaces for ink wells and drawers for paper and pens.

During the 1914-1918 War Vinter wrote hundreds of letters to old boys fighting on the front lines. Perhaps he used this writing box to do so.



### 12. Foundation stone

Underneath the window of what was the main schoolroom, (now the Finance Department and HR) is the foundation stone of the school, laid in June 1881 by the Lord Mayor of London.

Since January 1880 it had not taken long for the School to outgrow its first premises in River Street and Strangways Terrace. The school opened on its present site in 1882.

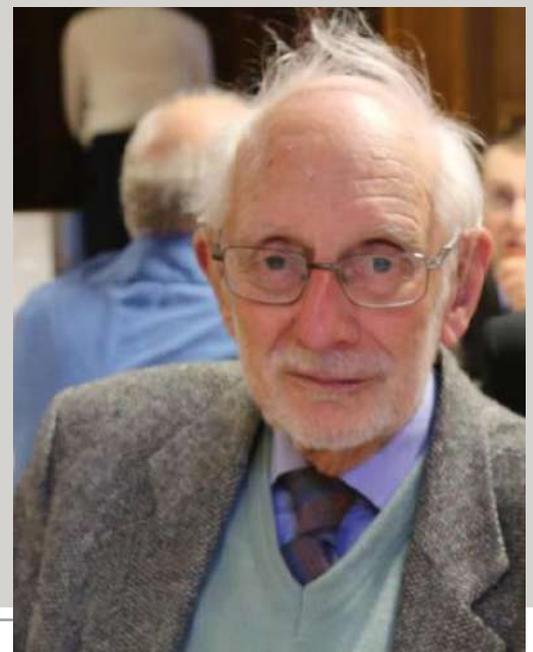
## Truronian Memory from Frank Anstis CO45

Frank Anstis, TS 1937-43, visited the School recently, which sparked several memories:

'I left school in 1943 and many of the familiar buildings have been greatly changed and incorporate some pleasing modern architectural features. The School Chapel has little changed but the seats seemed much harder than they were when I was a youngster. Music lessons were then held in the Chapel and I remember an occasion when two small legs appeared through the chapel ceiling. A boy had hidden from P.E. in the gymnasium above and made his way under the stage and along the Chapel roof. It was the shortest and most interesting music lesson ever.

"Sammy" Way was the music teacher.

The most enduring memento of my school days is gout in my big toe which was a consequence of several kilograms of weights falling on my foot during a Young's Modulus experiment when the supporting wire broke microseconds after Mr R.A. Day (the physics master) called "Be careful not to have your foot under the weights". I waive any claim against the school.'



From The Truronian, December 1934

Getting up on cold mornings  
(With apologies to R. Southey)

How does the schoolboy  
Get up in the morn.  
When night is fast dying  
And day is just born?

First bell! He awakes  
To the troubles of life,  
With an internal struggle,  
Intestinal strife.

Much comfort obtaining  
From a few minutes more,  
Far under the bedclothes  
He cringes still lower.

Again comes the clangour;  
'I must out' is thought;  
But for five minutes longer  
Repose is still sought.

Then moaning and groaning,  
And quaking and shaking,  
And slithering and shivering,  
Helter skelter, hurry skurry,

Dashing and crashing,  
Washing and splashing;  
And with gliding and sliding he slips on his clothes;  
And so he comes down with a face all morose:  
Do you wonder the schoolboy is so comatose?

A.C. Elton, VII

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# Heseltine Gallery



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# SAD NEWS



**William (Bill) Edward Lydgate CO83**  
1966 - 2019  
TS 1978-1983

Bill Lydgate passed away on November 21, 2019, at the age of 53



**John Christopher Dancy**  
1920 - 2019  
TS Chairman of the Board of Governors  
1989-1992

John Dancy passed away on December 28, 2019, at the age of 99



**David William James CO59**  
1941 - 2020  
TS 1952-1959

David James passed away on January 16, 2020 at the age of 78



**Trevor (Ambrose) Greenslade CO55**  
1936-2020  
TS 1948-1955

Trevor Greenslade passed away on January 20, 2020 at the age of 83

**Patrick John Taylor CO68**  
1950-2019  
TS 1978-1983

Patrick Taylor passed away on October 21, 2019, at the age of 68

In this issue we also wish to give thanks to John Gallagher CO58 who recently contacted us with the names of Old Truronians who have passed away but the news of which had not yet reached us.

**Peter Aubrey Cocking**  
CO57  
1940-2007  
TS 1951-1957

**Horace Frederick Tonkin**  
CO57  
1940-1971  
TS 1951-1956

**Brian Quick**  
CO58  
1939-2000  
TS 1951-1954

**Brian Robinson**  
CO57  
1938-1970  
TS 1950-1957

# SCHOOL NEWS

## Truro School 1880-2020



On Monday 20 January, Truro School celebrated its 140th birthday. To start the ball rolling we took a look back at our uniforms over the years, including left to right: Current uniforms for girls and boys, 1970s black blazer with cream crest, 1940s rugby kit, 1930s striped blazer, 1920s green blazer worn by the cricket team, and a replica suit from the 1880s. The original green cap, which the replica is based on, is in St Agnes Museum. It belonged to Thomas Battershill who was at the school from 1899 to 1901.

To commemorate the occasion, the senior school also came 'off timetable' for the afternoon and attended a thanksgiving service, where alumni from the 40s to the present day addressed current pupils and staff with their recollections of school. Following their readings, a rededication prayer was delivered by Rev Aubin de Gruchy and the anniversary cake was cut by former pupil **Ian Murdoch** CO48 alongside three cheers' from the pupils and staff. Following the thanksgiving service, the Sixth Formers arranged a party for all pupils to enjoy, a fitting way to celebrate the school's birthday and

the perfect antidote to 'Blue Monday'. Head Boy, Alex and Head Girl, Georgia worked hard in the planning and organising of the stalls and activities, which their fellow Sixth Form students helped in manning. Alex commented: *Being a head pupil in such an interesting year for Truro School has been a really enjoyable experience and organising the 140th anniversary celebrations has definitely been the most challenging and exciting project yet. I was really looking forward to seeing the whole school come together for the day to enjoy the events that the whole of the Sixth Form have worked incredibly hard on. Georgia said: I'm so proud to be a part of Truro School's history and it's such a privilege to be included in this community. On the day, I oversaw the rest of the prefects whilst they ran their stalls. I also had the exciting opportunity to try on some vintage Truro School uniforms! I think my favourite thing is joining in with the rest of the school – it's very rare to have an opportunity to do something as a whole school community, and I hope it will be remembered for a long time to come.*

With thanks to **Gerald Chegwiddden** CO48, **Tim Tall** CO72, **Mark Vanstone** CO88, **Rachel Vaughan** CO98, **Nancy Kenward** CO96 and **Claire Tresidder** CO10 who contributed to the celebrations.



## Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

An evening of seamless singing was enjoyed by pupils, students, staff, and parents on Monday 09 December 2019 as they were all treated to traditional carols and nine traditional readings, read out out by pupils and staff members.



## Truro School Cookery at Padstow Festival

Truro School Cookery gave a demonstration of cured salmon recipes just before Christmas at the busy and popular Padstow Christmas Festival. The fun filled festival brought together chefs, local food producers and local crafts.



## Champion squash players visit

December was an exciting month for our squash players when they had the opportunity to play with the pros. Elite players had a special coaching session with Jared London who is currently the best Cornish Squash player, based at University of West England and coaches at the David Lloyd centre in Bristol. Later on, the young players were treated to a masterclass from two of the greatest squash players on the planet Mohamed Elshorbagy (current world number 2) and Nick Matthew (3 x world champion).



## Switching it up: girls in rugby

At Truro School we encourage children to break down gender stereotypes and to both participate and thrive in subjects or activities which may have once been stereotyped as 'male- or female-dominated' For the first time at Truro School, girls have had the opportunity to get stuck into rugby. 1st and 3rd Year girls have played so far.

## Baking for Australia

The bushfires in Australia have had a devastating effect on its countryside and wildlife, and shocking images have circled worldwide. Feeling compelled to help from the other side of the world, 3rd Years decided to do their bit and hold a cake sale to raise funds.

## Multiple scholarships awarded to talented musician

Sixth Former Harry has been awarded two scholarships to his top choice higher education establishments. Harry applied to Royal Academy of Music where he was immediately offered a scholarship, and two days later was offered a scholarship to the Guildhall School of Music, as well as being offered a place at Royal College of Music. Excited Harry said: *I actually fell off my seat when I was offered a scholarship on the spot in my audition at the Royal Academy. I was asked to play for the Principal which was quite scary.*



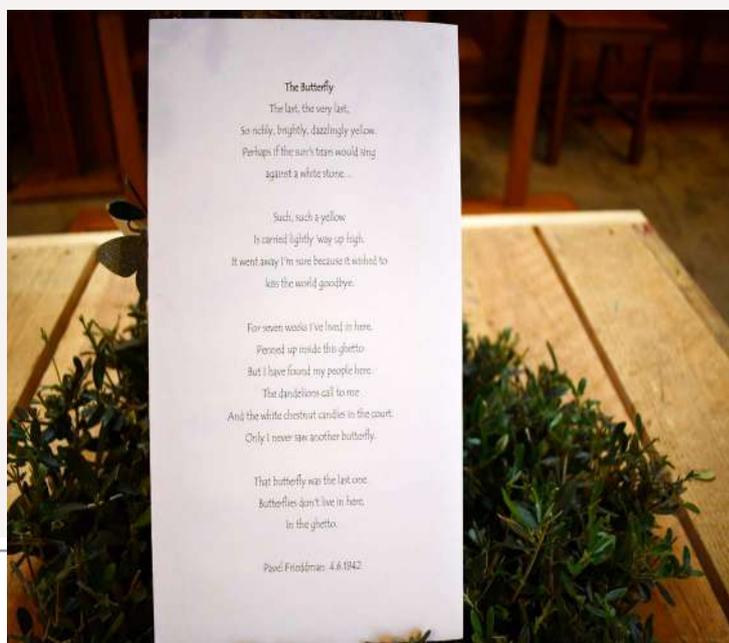
# Truro School honours Holocaust victims

Recently we devoted time within our chapel services to commemorate the 75th Holocaust Memorial Day. Over the last few months, teachers and pupils, led by Mr Baker, have been researching and creating a wonderful installation named '300 Butterflies'. The display has been created in support of 'The Butterfly Project' an international project aimed at educating, commemorating and honouring the 1.5 million children whose lives were lost in the Holocaust, using the lessons of the Holocaust to educate children about the dangers of hatred and bigotry and cultivating empathy and social responsibility.

The Butterfly Project's inspiration in turn comes from the diaries of Anne Frank and a poem called The Butterfly, written by a child during the Holocaust and the documentary film Paper Clips.

The project calls upon participants to produce 1.5 million ceramic butterflies worldwide, displayed as permanent symbols of resilience and hope, with each butterfly remembering a life lost too early and honouring the survivors. The School has also been devoting time within our chapel services to commemorate the 75th Holocaust Memorial Day. Truro School's project '300 Butterflies' is a poignant installation designed around three components.

[Read more here](#)



The Butterfly  
The last, the very last,  
So richly, brightly, dazzlingly yellow.  
Perhaps if the sun's tears would ting  
against a white stone...  
  
Such, such a yellow  
Is carried lightly 'way up high.  
It went away I'm sure because it wanted to  
kiss the world goodbye.  
  
For seven weeks I've been in here.  
Pierced up inside this ghetto  
But I have found my people here.  
The devils call to me  
And the white chestnut candles in the court.  
Only I never saw another butterfly.  
  
That butterfly was the last one  
butterflies don't live in here  
in the ghetto.  
  
Paul Friedman 4.6.1942

## Offers to Oxbridge



A huge congratulations is in order for four Upper Sixth students who've been offered places to the University of Oxford and University of Cambridge. To help prepare the Oxbridge candidates, a specialist Oxbridge programme has run for its first year and is directed by Oxbridge Mentor, Mrs Collinge.

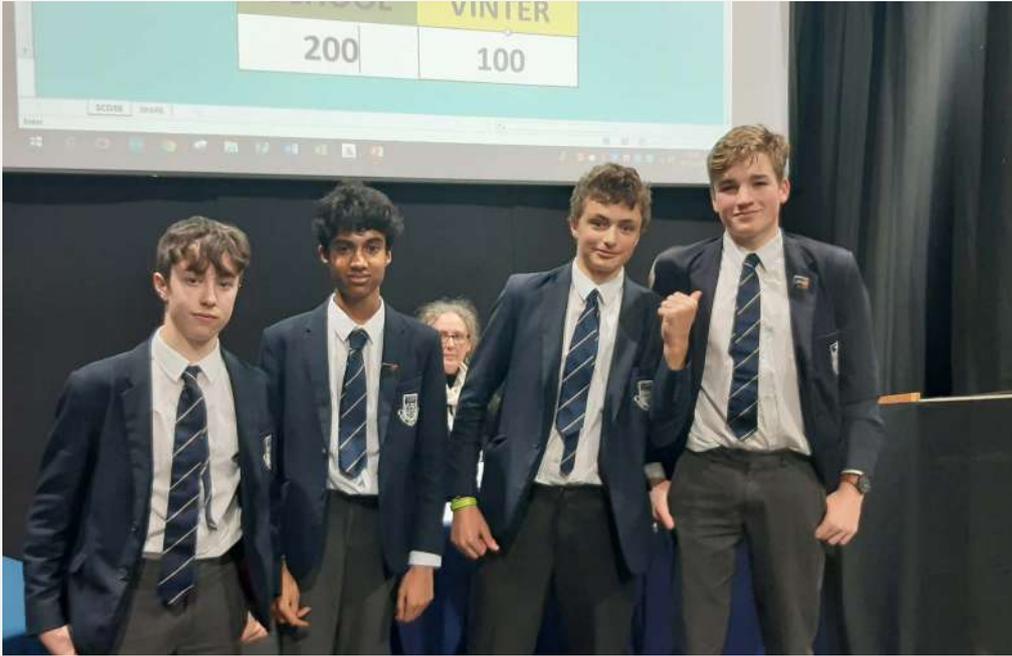
*Clemmy beamed: I am ecstatic about the prospect of studying English at degree level in such an incredible atmosphere. It all still feels a bit surreal, however the idea of being able to discuss my favourite texts with people of such high experience is very exciting.*

*Georgia said: I'm going to be studying French and Arabic at Magdalen, Oxford. I'm both incredibly excited and nervous about studying in such an ancient and beautiful place, but I'm also looking forward to tackling this new challenge, including spending my second year studying Arabic in the Middle East.*

*Helena exclaimed: I was utterly stunned and surprised when I found out that I had an offer to study music at Trinity College Cambridge. The initial ecstasy has just about worn off now, replaced with an increased motivation to meet my grades... I'm certainly not out of the woods yet! I'm most looking forward to discovering the music scene in Cambridge outside of the academic subject and seizing every opportunity I can to make the most of my time there.*

*Katherine commented: When I received my offer to study at Cambridge University, I was pretty surprised. Initially I didn't realise because my email didn't mention the word Cambridge once! Upon reading it, it sunk in quickly that I had been accepted. I am incredibly excited and honoured. I will be studying Theology, Religion and Philosophy of Religion, but I am also really looking forward to potentially being able to continue singing as a soprano in a Cambridge College choir.*

## House News



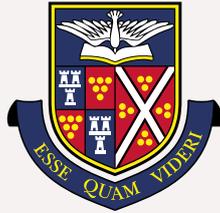
Congratulations to School House for beating Vinter 200 to 100 in the Top House Quiz Final at the beginning of February.

## Renowned Cornwall artist visits Heseltine



On Tuesday 4 February artist Anthony Frost, son of late Terry Frost visited the Jayne Callaghan Memorial exhibition, with Mark Callaghan, Jayne's twin brother.

Terry Frost features heavily in Jayne's collection, where much of his art work has been previously unseen.



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