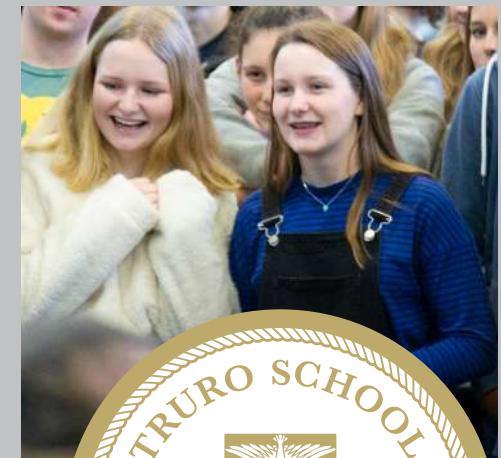


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A poem selected by
Reverend Aubin de Gruchy

Lockdown by Brother Richard

Yes there is fear.

Yes there is isolation.

Yes there is panic buying.

Yes there is sickness.

Yes there is even death.

But,

They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise

You can hear the birds again.

They say that after just a few weeks of quiet

The sky is no longer thick with fumes

But blue and grey and clear.

They say that in the streets of Assisi

People are singing to each other

across the empty squares,

keeping their windows open

so that those who are alone

may hear the sounds of family around them.

They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland
Is offering free meals and delivery to the housebound.

Today a young woman I know
is busy spreading fliers with her number
through the neighbourhood

So that the elders may have someone to call on.

Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Temples
are preparing to welcome

and shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary

All over the world people are slowing down and reflecting

All over the world people are looking at their neighbours in
a new way

All over the world people are waking up to a new reality

To how big we really are.

To how little control we really have.

To what really matters.

To Love.

So we pray and we remember that

Yes there is fear.

But there does not have to be hate.

Yes there is isolation.

But there does not have to be loneliness.

Yes there is panic buying.

But there does not have to be meanness.

Yes there is sickness.

But there does not have to be disease of the soul

Yes there is even death.

But there can always be a rebirth of love.

Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now.

Today, breathe.

Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic

The birds are singing again

The sky is clearing,

Spring is coming,

And we are always encompassed by Love.

Open the windows of your soul

And though you may not be able

to touch across the empty square,

Sing

Please consider joining our goodwill initiative

During these unprecedented times, many of you will have friends and family close by, who are able to help throughout these ever changing conditions. However, there may be some needing to self-isolate, following the latest Government guidance, who do not have such a network nearby.

We have begun taking messages of goodwill from Old Truronians, former teachers and our wider community, who wish to join us in showing togetherness, but also offers of support from those who are also able to help in some way.

We want you to email us your positive messages of hope and encouragement to our community who will be reading.

Your messages of goodwill will then be published on the Alumni section of the Truro School website.

If you are happy for your email address and location to be shared please give us permission to do so. If nothing else just providing a line of communications for those alone could make a world of difference.



REUNIONS AND EVENTS

At present a number of events have been postponed. Of course it may be necessary to cancel or postpone others on the list – we will advise in due course in future newsletters.

POSTPONED - FRIDAY 3 APRIL 2020

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

We have taken the difficult decision to postpone the Reunion Tea Party. Our foremost concern is for the health and wellbeing of our valued alumni community and of course the Truro School children and staff. However, rest assured we will most definitely re-schedule this event for later in the year, all being well perhaps a summer garden party to celebrate the School's 140th Anniversary in style. A date will follow as soon as possible.

POSTPONED - SATURDAY 11 APRIL 2020

EASTER FOOTBALL: OLD TRURONIANS & STAFF V SCHOOL 1ST TEAM

We have taken the difficult decision to postpone the Easter football match. This event will most definitely be re-scheduled for later in the year. Any Old Truronians interested in playing for the alumni team, do not hesitate to be in touch at tsa@truroschool.com and we will be delighted to add you to the list of players in anticipation for the re-scheduled match.

POSTPONED - WEDNESDAY 13 JUNE 2020

ROYAL CORNWALL SHOW

The Royal Cornwall Show has been postponed until the 10th, 11th and 12th of September. We hope to see Old Truronians and friends at the Truro School stand for refreshments and a chat.

POSTPONED - WEDNESDAY 13 JUNE 2020

TRURO SCHOOL OPERA GALA CONCERT

We have taken the difficult decision to postpone the Opera Gala Concert and hope to re-schedule this significant event in the future.

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.

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.

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.

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

Josh Neve CO08 and Lucy Cotton CO09

Congratulations to Lucy and Josh who have both been selected as two of Cornwall's 30 under 30 winners. The annual awards celebrate Cornwall's brightest young business talent.



Josh is Head of Communications for Sanders Studios in Falmouth, which is a lifestyle communications agency that partners with discerning clients across property, design and marine to create memorable visual stories. He has helped establish the CGI and animation studio on the global stage.



Lucy is an exceptionally talented geologist dedicated to the development of geothermal energy in Cornwall. Lucy joined GeoScience Ltd in early 2016 after completing her MSc in Exploration Field Geology at University College Cork and working part-time with the team from her initial work experience in 2009.

George Eustice CO92

George Eustice was appointed Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on 13 February 2020.

He was previously Minister of State at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) from 11 May 2015 to 13 February 2020.

He was elected as the Conservative MP for Camborne and Redruth in 2010.



Austin Hansen CO09

Austin was recently back in touch after returning back to the USA with his family after attending Truro School from 2004-2009. He told us that after TS, he had to complete an American high school education before graduating. He then spent time with his family having been apart from them for nine years. In 2013, Austin enlisted in the United States Marine Corps to become an Infantry Rifleman. He has served in various countries such as Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Iraq.

I have since moved on to begin pursing my Bachelor's degree in International Relations as a reservist in the Marine Corps, while also changing my military career towards the intelligence sector.

I reside outside Washington D.C. and hope to return to Truro School very soon.



Michael Moore CO56



Further success from our alumni community in the US as Michael Moore has received an honorary degree from University of Wisconsin-Madison. Named as “one of the 128 most important, influential, innovative and interesting thinkers on education of all time” (The Routledge Encyclopedia of Educational Thinkers 2016), Michael is recognised for establishing the scholarly study of distance education and for pioneering the methods of teaching online.

A graduate of the London School of Economics, Michael spent seven early years in East Africa, where he developed a lifelong commitment to creating alternative forms of education, especially adult education, as the means of opening opportunity to the economically and socially deprived. Arriving in Madison as a graduate student in 1970, he undertook an analysis of such programs, developing a theory and definition of what he referred to as “distance education” in his doctoral dissertation. Today, the field is widely referred to as e-learning



Kate Baillon CO93

Kate Baillon (nee Ells) recently contacted us to let us know she is now living in Wilmington, North Carolina in the USA. She works as Manager of Collections and Exhibits at Cape Fear Museum. Outside work she is a mum to Violetta (10) and Owen (6). She shared that she has settled down after traveling the world - "cave dwelling and sailing, completing a Masters in Arts Administration and managing a contemporary art gallery."



Steve Dunn CO79

News from Australia as Steve Dunn has recently married after more than a decade with his partner Cristina. They have also moved into a new home which was almost affected by the devastating fires that burnt through Australia recently. Thankfully the fires have subsided and their home is safe again.



Iain MacDonald

Iain MacDonald, who taught English and drama at Truro School from 2001-2015, has recently published his first novel. 'Mentoring Mr Singleman' is set in and around a Cornish School, and certain elements may feel familiar to Truro School staff and alumni.

I have always wanted to write about teaching," said Iain, "and it struck me that while school stories are perennially popular with both adults and children, they tend to be written with the focus on the students, with the teachers providing a kind of colourful backdrop. I wanted to reverse that – to write about teachers, although I also have a small group of student characters who comment on the action and provide a bit of a sub-plot. I also in my teaching career have known of several staffroom romances, and I always felt how difficult it must be to carry on a courtship under the noses of several hundred adolescents. This seemed to me like good basic material for a novel.

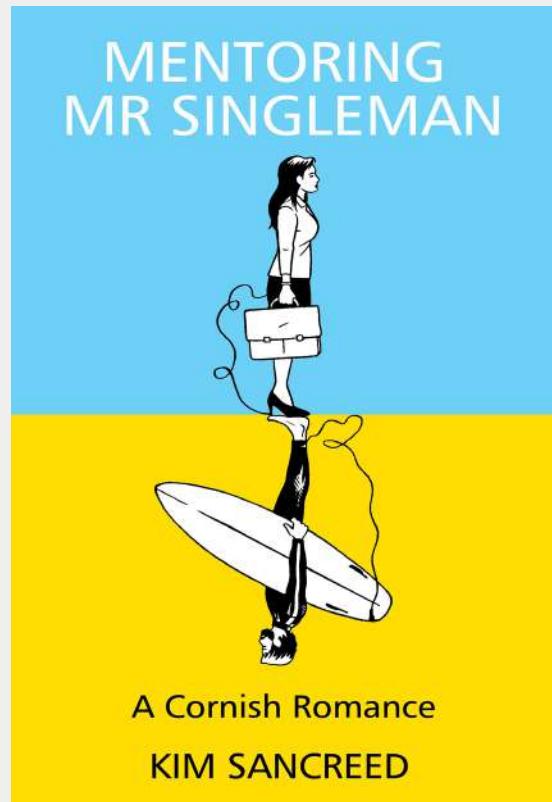
'Mentoring Mr Singleman' is essentially a love story between two young-ish English teachers with differing educational philosophies. Dave is a bit laid back, not over-fond of marking, and likes to rely on his positive relationships with students to get results, while Kate is career



focused and happy to buy into a more data-driven approach to educational attainment. It's clear from the beginning that one or both of them will have to compromise if they are going to find enough common ground for a happy ending.

While Iain has drawn on some aspects of his time at Truro School for his material, (there's a Shakespeare festival and a debating competition, and the physical geography is similar), he is adamant that individual staff and students are not being represented in the novel. *I expect people will fancy they detect bits of folk they know here and there – that's inevitable, but I enjoy excellent relationships with my former colleagues and I'd like to keep it that way!*

'Mentoring Mr Singleman' is available as an e-book, [downloadable from Amazon](#), with the paperback due out shortly. Iain writes under the pen-name of Kim Sancreed.



Sir Patrick Vallance CO78

Sir Patrick Vallance CO78 FRS FMedSci FRCP, attended Truro School from 1973-1978. He is currently the Government's Chief Scientific Advisor (GCSA), Head of the Government Science and Engineering profession and a key figure in the UK's current and ongoing Covid-19 response.

Patrick was President, R&D at GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) from 2012 until 2017. Prior to this, he was Senior Vice President, Medicines Discovery and Development. He joined the company in May 2006 as Head of Drug Discovery. He was a member of the GSK Board and the Corporate Executive Team. During his period as head of R&D over 14 new medicines were approved for use worldwide, for diseases ranging from cancer to asthma and HIV.

Prior to joining GSK, he was a clinical academic, Professor of Medicine and led the Division of Medicine at UCL. He has over 20 years' experience of basic and clinical research, and was a consultant physician in the NHS. His research spanned from work on medicinal chemistry and structural biology, through to cellular work, studies in humans and use of large electronic health record databases. He made important discoveries in the field of nitric oxide and endothelial cell physiology and showed that the human arterial vasculature is actively dilated by continuous



release of nitric oxide. He demonstrated the functional significance of this effect in different physiological and disease states and identified new pathways for regulating nitric oxide biosynthesis.

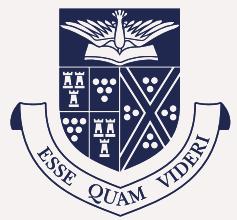
Patrick was elected to the Academy of Medical Sciences in 1999 and to the Royal Society in 2017. He was on the Board of the UK Office for Strategic Co-ordination of Health Research (OSCHR) from 2009 to 2016. He is an Honorary Fellow at UCL and holds honorary degrees from Imperial College London, Glasgow University, University of York and St George's, University of London. He was a non-executive director and board member for UK Biobank and a non-executive board member for Genome Research Limited but stepped down in taking up the GCSA role.

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Truro School Association 100th Annual Reunion Dinner

Saturday 5 September 2020

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gather your year group or reserve
a table, and help us make this the
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Drinks Reception: 7:00 pm

Dinner Served: 8:00 pm

Carriages: 11:00 pm

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FEATURE KATE ATTLEE CO06

Kate has recently opened takeaway deli Sabzi in Truro

Former Masterchef contestant and Old Truronian Kate Attlee (nee Arjomandi) CO06 loves to cook up a curry for friends and family, and has freelanced for many years, but now the expert chef has begun a new venture, opening her own middle eastern inspired deli in the centre of Truro, 'Sabzi', a Persian word for 'green herbs'.

The former student visited the school at the opening of the Cookery School in 2018. Now she has given some passionate advice to those on the Leith's Introductory Certificate of Food and Wine: *Don't be afraid to know how you want to work in the industry, don't be swayed by what everyone tells you, don't be pushed into one thing or another. Have the confidence to say 'I can', if you desire to work in a specific cuisine for example, don't be afraid to have something you want to do, and go for that route. For me I wanted to build a career in food that didn't involve loads of evenings.*

But rewind and cooking wasn't always on the table for Kate and became a career she fell in to. Kate took us through her journey at Truro School where it began in the Sixth Form, and joked that her favourite "really academic" memory was the social side and loved all the balls that the school put on.

She reminisced: *I remember it being a really friendly school when I was there and I felt really*



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welcome and it just felt like a real community, so that is my overriding memory. I've got a few proper solid friends who I know I'll be friends with forever, one of them, her dad was our head of year.

Straight from a scene of a childhood sweetheart story, Kate met her husband **Will Attlee** CO06 at Truro School almost immediately on the induction day. There's an embarrassing photo of us in those team building activities, we had to make a human pyramid, and I was kneeling on my now husband's back. Because it was in the school newsletter, my mum got a copy and loves to pull it out. We met and that was that.

In the Upper Sixth, unbeknownst to her at the time, Kate had glandular fever which was only picked up later in her life in blood tests. *I was really poorly but I worked like an absolute dog to get the results I got, so the lesson is if you want something you've got to work really hard for it. I just had to dig in and work hard because everyone thought I'd become lazy.*

During university she continued feeling very poorly which resulted in a year off. She went back but didn't finish the course because she decided that studying wasn't what she wanted to do. It was during that period of time and having her children that she really fell in love with food. It was not something Kate had planned on doing, but having always worked part-time in the food industry, and becoming highly trained in service at the River Café in London, everything came together.

After cooking for a long time in and around Truro, Sabzi came into being. She explained: *In the end this building (we're in) happened really fast and the branding really fast, but I'd watch the Truro market really carefully. I'm very aware of the food industry game so I was very careful. Consequently, it has taken me quite a long time to make this decision. Once I was happy with the concept it was about finding and operating out of a really small space. In my mind the worst thing I could've done was to get a big venue that required lots of staff. I wanted a place that if it was really quiet it could be run by one person, or on busy days two people. I wanted to do something where I can serve and cook which is a really hard thing to juggle. We're gradually getting to a place where I realise what food people like. One dish I've done quite a bit of is a sweet and sour salad with a pomegranate dressing, which pulls on the Iranian theme. It's a dressing that goes well with a really herby couscous and Iranian barberries which are similar to cranberries. It's a really sticky dish.*

People were really receptive to Iranian food down here. Cornwall has yet to catch up with other places with its food offerings. But it wasn't hard to convince people to come and try it so that was really positive.

If you'd like to taste Kate's Iranian delights for yourself you can find her at Sabzi, Walsingham Place, Truro.

I remember it being a really friendly school when I was there and I felt really welcome and it just felt like a real community



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FEATURE OLIVIA MANNALL CO15

Olivia is a Sergeant Sub Lieutenant for the Royal Navy

It was a trip onboard HMS Dragon in Fowey when Olivia was 12-years old that first inspired her to follow her dream of becoming a doctor in the Royal Navy. Fast forward and Olivia has achieved just that. She is currently in her fifth year of a Medicine degree at the University of Bristol whilst also serving as a Surgeon Sub Lieutenant for the Royal Navy. Having been part of the Bristol University Royal Naval Unit since starting her university, she applied for the Royal Navy Cadetship in her third year and was lucky enough to be successful.

Finding out that I had been awarded Royal Navy sponsorship was a fantastic feeling; the application process is very long and challenging, and there are only twelve medical cadetships awarded a year.

Being part of the Royal Naval Unit also means taking advantage of some of the incredible opportunities for sport and travel that are on offer to those serving in the military.

I have been on deployment sailing around the Baltic in my summer holidays, competed in military pentathlon in Canada and raced for the Royal Navy Alpine Ski team - not a bad life for a student!

Opportunities such as these are perfect for Olivia who is a keen sportswoman away from her studies and work. In September 2019 she



Olivia (left)

cycled from London to Paris, raising £2,000 for the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity. She has also competed for the UK Armed Forces Military Pentathlon and Royal Navy Alpine Ski teams – achievements to be hugely proud of.

It may sound clichéd, but it is true that you never really know what you can achieve until you challenge yourself to do things outside of your comfort zone; these experiences are the memories that stay with you for life. This



Olivia, Ruaihri CO17 and family

strongly influences me now and I always try and take every opportunity available.

The hard work will continue however until completion of her foundation year as a qualified doctor when she will begin training at the Britannia Royal Naval College. She will then go on to serve as a General Duties Medical Officer on warships, submarines or with the Royal Marines – in which her brother and fellow Old Truronian, **Ruaihri Mannall** CO17 is currently serving.

In the meantime, Olivia is rotating around the various medical specialities, currently in Obstetrics and Gynaecology and will be doing some night shifts on the delivery suite soon. *I'm hoping that there will be a few more Olivia's born before Christmas!*

Olivia is also enjoying living in Bristol and the great student life it offers. This year though her course is very demanding, so to try something less intense she has also taken up water polo with the university team which she described as - *great fun, if you don't mind being dunked underwater, a lot.*

With so much experience under her belt already we asked Olivia what advice she would offer anyone considering a similar career path.

Top of her list was for current students to take advantage of the many career resources available at the School. During her applications Olivia took time to complete work experience at both Treliske and RNAS Culdrose and took all the support offered.

**Truro School
definitely gave me
friends for life and
the confidence to take
every opportunity
that comes my way**

We asked Olivia if she had any specific memories that have stuck with her from her time at Truro School:

*Although I dreaded it at the time, some of my best memories are probably from training for and completing the TenTors events on Dartmoor. Those experiences really taught me that the people you are with can transform an arduous situation into a fun one, and also that moaning benefits no one. The staff and parents involved with training were some of the most inspirational people I met during my time at School. **Adam Hughes** CO16, who tragically lost his life last summer, was part of my 55-mile team, and he never failed to radiate positivity and make the whole team cry with laughter when we were cold, miserable and lost!*

For now, though, Olivia is looking forward and beginning to think about organising her medical elective which is an eight-week period at the end of medical school when students can go and practice medicine anywhere in the world. *Hopefully the promise of this adventure will keep me going through the dark months of finals revision.*

FEATURE PIP WATERS CO11



Pip tells us about her journey flying around the world for Emirates airline

After leaving Truro School, Pip attended Bournemouth University to study Events and Leisure Marketing. Following this she completed a years work experience in New Zealand working the ski season and in events. Pip has since moved to London and just started a new role with American Express as a Personal Travel & Lifestyle Consultant. Prior to this she worked for Emirates airlines for four years as a Flight Attendant and couldn't recommend it more to those considering it as a career option.

It is such an incredible job where you can learn so much about the world and gain such valuable life experience.

She explained how the role is a job of contrasts, with anything happening on each flight from incredible conversations with interesting people to the more unfortunate ruder types.

In a single flight I've held a ladies' hand while she's been having a miscarriage, then just as I've left her have been shouted at by a man because he got the chicken instead of the beef.

Overall, such varied work enabled Pip to learn everything from emotional intelligence to how to pack for four seasons in one suitcase, how to reverse osmosis in case you crash land onto the sea and need a drink whilst floating, how to put out a fire and, most importantly, how to pour champagne in turbulence!

It pushes you to the max emotionally and physically, but after the flight comes the

layover! A typical month could literally have you motor biking across Ho Chi Minh, having afternoon massages in Bangkok, skydiving in Sydney, morning walks around New York, hikes in a random jungle in Taiwan. The world becomes your playground for the day, but then you have the flight back...

Pip attended Truro School from 2004-2011. In that time, she reminisced about her days at School which were "all just so much fun." A standout memory being the German exchanges which were offered every year. Pip and her fellow students stayed in Hanover each February between 2006-2009. Pip also remembers:

Oh gosh... Rounder's in the summer term! Also the staff pantomimes at Christmas were always amazing! I used to really enjoy cross country on Wednesday afternoons too. Mr Smith actually reminded me at the Truro School Connected in London last October that I went missing on a cross country race once, and Mrs Smith ran around looking for me, and she found me picking and eating blackberries back near the start. Not much has changed since then really!

On a slightly different tone, a major pivotal moment in my learning curve that I'm so grateful for was definitely when Miss Garcia invited two of us to partake in the Lessons from Auschwitz project with the Holocaust Educational Trust. We got to listen to a survivor of the Holocaust talk about her experience in the camp, then a couple of weeks later we flew to Krakow and visited the camps for ourselves. It was such a harrowing experience, and I'll never forget the emotion that hit us all that day. It was really sombre walking around the camps as a 17-year-old girl, knowing that Kitty (the survivor we met), had been a year younger than us when she first got captured. It really humanised something in history that I had become slightly detached from, after only learning about it from textbooks in School.



Pip on board one of many flights during her four years as a Flight Attendant

Naturally, Pip is an explorer at heart, and in her spare time she also enjoys anything that enables her to make connections between the familiar and the unknown. Lately she has been enjoying doing things where you experience people drawn out to their most authentic selves, like amateur poetry readings, comedy stand-up and Hillsong study. She also studies Reiki Therapy in her free time and has become a licensed practitioner.

All in all, Pip's proudest moment to date is



Pip on her travels

when: I became a Rapid Response Peer Supporter where we were trained in Psychological First Aid and would care for crew who had endured a trauma, such as a death on-board, and were struggling with mental health issues as a result. I learnt so much during those years and it was a very fulfilling role for me.

As well as a brand new job with American Express, Pip and her boyfriend are currently looking forward to buying their first house together, and hoping to add to their household by getting a puppy - "he doesn't want one, but I think we're going to compromise and get one."

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Truro School Connected: Bristol

Wednesday 26 February 2020



On Wednesday 26 February, Old Truronians from a range of decades attended the first ever Truro School Connected – Bristol networking event. Held at The Clifton Club by generous arrangement from alumni **Jerry Barnes** CO79 who is Chairman of the Club. The event provided an opportunity for alumni to network with their fellow Truronians now that most have moved into their chosen careers.

Thank you to The Clifton Club for being wonderful hosts for the evening and to all who attended.

**Adam Smith CO03, Pauline Smith,
Chris Smith CO70**

"I wanted to write briefly to thank you both for last night's event in Clifton. Maggie and I both enjoyed it very much; it was our first TSA event (after all this time) but it certainly won't be our last. Everyone that we met was very friendly and the whole evening was very well organised, so well done all of you (and we enjoyed the wine and nibbles!)"

– **John Roberts** CO62

"The club was great the food and reception were lovely. Just an amazing evening. I met so many interesting people and have connected with them so well. I just did not know how powerful our alumni is in Exeter and Bristol. I have worked HERE on and off since my student days. I envy those new students embarking on their careers who can hook into the Truro School Connected."

– **Matt Mullaly** CO86



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Report from Graham Hooper Chairman of the Truro School Foundation and Old Truronian parent

The historically significant Clifton Club in Bristol was the venue (thank you **Jerry Barnes CO79**) for our first regional Truro School Connected meeting on Wednesday 26 February. Not many organisations can trump our School's 140 year history, but the Clifton Club has – with over 200 years – but only by about 60 years!

We enjoyed hosting almost 60 people – across many age ranges, stages in careers, industries and interests. In a sense, it was a metaphor for our School.

The goodwill towards the School, and each other, was huge, and testament to the common roots that we all share – something we should not take this for granted.

We all develop and grow amongst various communities as we go through life, but amongst the strongest are those that help define us in our early years.

The commonality and heritage of being 'Old

Truronians' is something we want to build on. The depth and breadth of experience, history and heritage within the Truro School Community is something of which we should all be justifiably proud.

If you haven't been to one of our events, please come – to meet old friends, perhaps reminisce, but more importantly, to make new friends and contacts.

We have several events coming up, so please don't be shy – there are not many guarantees in life, but one is that you'll enjoy yourself with us.

A significant milestone in the Development Office calendar is the 100th Anniversary Reunion Dinner on Saturday 5 September 2020, so please be part of it and book your place early ([BOOK ONLINE](#)). We are hoping this will be the largest reunion ever held at the School, so please encourage family, friends and fellow members of your cohort to come along.

Sincere thanks to the people that organised the Bristol event – from the Clifton Club itself to our in-house team, especially Nicky Berridge and Amanda Forde.

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Graham Hooper
Chairman of Truro School Foundation



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Octavia Copeland CO16,
Callum MacDonald CO15,
Ankie Ng CO16**



**Callum Waldie CO13,
Jack Docherty CO11**



Johanna Herrod CO78, Kevin Clutterbuck CO78



Amy DeGregorio, James McCabe CO12



Anthony Oliver CO03



Billy Chan CO97, Philip Chan CO02, Guy Whiteley



Nancy Kenward, Mary Beever CO99



Steph Eddy CO16



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Byran Wills-Heath CO97 Careers Business Lunch Report

Friday 6 March

Games Design and Computer Programming

Students interested in games design and computer programming were taken through what a career in this sector involves from Old Truronian Byran Wills-Heath CO97 who currently works for Bluefruit Software in Cornwall.

After leaving Truro School, Byran attended Exeter University before relocating back home to begin his career in computer programming. Bluefruit are embedded software specialists working with clients to deliver high-quality software projects across a range of different sectors and technologies.

Byran told us how delighted he was to return back to his former school, and to see what buildings had changed and how things were.

Due to Byran's success in his field, he was able to share with students what jobs are like in his industry, how to get there and offered up advice on what skills you need to progress.



Students asked questions such as: *How do you think the industry will change? Which programming language is most in demand? The students also chatted with Byran about their experience already with the School offering computer programming lessons.*

Huge thank you to Byran for taking the time to visit the School to deliver such helpful advice and guidance to students.



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

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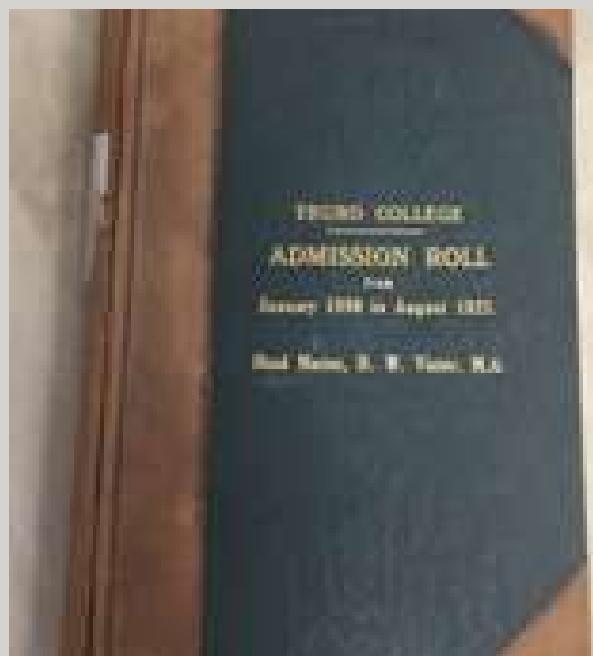
ARCHIVE ATTIC by Jo Wood

Truro School in 140 Objects Part 2



13. School calendar - Spring Term 1956

Nominated by Les Rendell, the termly school calendar combined all the names of everyone in the school by class and year, as well as what was planned for the term, school rules, houses and boarding houses. Some even have the timetable filled in, or seemingly random scribblings. They later proved to be a popular tool at reunions for reminiscing. The school calendar is still printed termly but is now primarily a calendar of events. Other details are in the annual school directory.



14. Admission Roll January 1890 to 1921

This is the earliest surviving admission register in the school archive. The original register, from 1880 to 1890, was apparently burnt by Mr Vinter's housekeeper, after the former headmaster died in 1942, so names of the earliest pupils have to be pieced together from other sources such as school magazines and accounts.



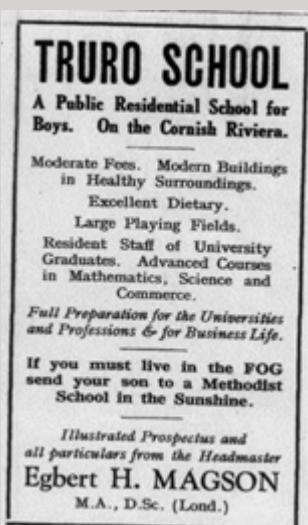
15. Wolf Cubs flag, 1st Truro College Pack

With a motto of 'Do Your Best' the Wolf Cub flag still survives but is very delicate. The 1st Truro College Pack was started in March 1928 for younger boys, and was led by Mrs Jervis, the first form mistress.



16. Spirit of Truro

In the late 1970s pupils, led by Dennis Keam, built an Evans VP2 aeroplane. It was the first major project undertaken in the new DT block which opened in 1977. The plane made a record-breaking flight when it flew across the channel in 1982, from Morlaix to Truro. It is currently housed at the Cornwall Aviation Centre at Newquay Airport.



17. 1933 advert

Rather different from today's form of advertising and promotional material, but it looks to have worked; there was a steady yearly increase in pupil numbers throughout the 1930s.



18. Photo of girls in woodwork class at Truro School

This photo seems to be one of the earliest, if not the earliest, records of girls at the school. Admittedly though they are Truro High girls; doing woodwork here while boys crossed town to the High School to learn cooking skills.



19. The EQV, April 1916

An irreverent school magazine from the First World War era, it is hand written and drawn. The archive now has two copies of this edition, one with a blue cover and another is pink, suggesting in-house printing or a student project to fill long evenings.

The magazine can be seen in full on www.truroschool.com/school-archive/



21. 1882 rugby team

The earliest photo in the archive of a school sports team and of pupils. By the late 1880s rugby was replaced by soccer, because it was deemed to ruff and unregulated at the time.



20. Photograph of the school room

All pupils were taught in the same room in the early years. This photo shows all the desks removed and chairs and benches laid out for an assembly, concert or play. Where the photographer is standing was a stage.

(The other photo is how we know that!)



22. 1890 prospectus

From the early years when Herbert Vinter was headmaster, this prospectus shows what school life was like. Boarders were charged 30 guineas a year; day scholars under 11 years old were 6 guineas, and over 11s were charged 9 guineas.

The prospectus also shows that the curriculum included English, arithmetic, history, geography, scripture, drawing, elementary science, French, Latin and German, as well as extras such as Greek, shorthand, music, and practical chemistry.

SAD NEWS

**William Trevor Brown CO47
1930-2020
TS 1941-1946**

William Brown passed away on January 30, 2020, at the age of 89.



Commemorative Tree for Gerald Collinge

A commemorative tree was planted last month in memory of former teacher Gerald Collinge who sadly passed away on December 3, 2019.

Simon Collinge, Gerald's son and former teacher also shared his thanks to Josh (Groundsperson) who showed Simon and his family the utmost respect during the planting.

The Development team wishes to let Old Truronians and family members know that sadly, due to significant space restrictions in the gardens at Truro School, we are not able to plant any further commemorative trees. Instead, together with the Groundskeeping team, we plan to organise for a commemorative rose garden especially for this purpose, and further details will be shared later in the year.

SCHOOL NEWS

Girl Power: Cornwall Council Takeover

1st Years Maia and Merry joined six other young women from across Cornwall for a Takeover Day in celebration of International Women's Day. Organised by Cornwall Council, the event took place at New Country Hall in Truro where the girls took the lead in a mock council session and had the opportunity to meet an MP and interview leaders, discussing leadership and women's roles.

When asked about the day, the girls commented: 'We applied because it sounded like a great opportunity to experience something new. The day was really good and we enjoyed taking part in the social media posts the most. They continued, 'the mock council felt very real as there were lots of real councillors there'. Well done for taking part girls!



World Book Day Celebrations

World Book Day was celebrated across Truro School recently. In the senior school, staff displayed 'Bookstagram' posters with the front cover and a snippet about the book they're currently reading. Everything from fiction, to autobiographies and well-being books, helping to recommend a good read and to promote reading across the ages. Behind the idea was English teacher, Jasmine Husband.



Royal Society of British Artists Exhibition

Upper Sixth student Ella had the amazing opportunity of exhibiting at the Royal Society of British Artists (RBA) Rising Stars Exhibition following her entry earlier in the year. Ella's work, Life Drawing 2, was selected from over 200 Young Arts representatives from across the country for inclusion at this most prestigious annual arts event. Held at both The Mall Galleries and the Royal Over-Seas League (ROSL) in London, the exhibition was opened by guest speaker Will Gompertz, BBC Arts Editor and writer for The Guardian and The Times newspapers. The Royal Society of British Artists boasts just over one hundred of the UK's top painters, sculptors and printmakers as members, all possessing the highest levels of skill in their chosen styles and media. Ella is pictured here in front of her work talking to Will Gompertz.



Sporting Success

We recently received the amazing news that following her results from the recent fencing season, Leanne has been ranked as the no.1 sabre junior fencer in Singapore. Her ranking qualifies her for a spot on this year's Singapore national fencing team and she has been invited to attend the Asian Championships which take place in Jakarta, Indonesia, as well as the World Championships in Salt Lake City, USA. Leanne has also recently received confirmation that she has been admitted on early decision to her first choice university, New York University. One of the leading universities in the US, Leanne will be able to continue her competitive fencing, having been invited onto the NYU's varsity fencing team. Congratulations Leanne and good luck with the championships.

Talented Chorister Features on BBC Radio

As part of International Women's Day celebrations, BBC Radio 3 have commissioned several women to perform, representing their decade, with Upper Sixth student Helena being the youngest of the group. Helena has chosen to perform *Life* by Charlotte Bronte, and in a short interview explained that 'it's all about how sad times often lead to good times in life, and that we should enjoy every moment', which are wise words to live by.

Helena has previously won the BBC Young Choristers of the Year Competition 2014 at the age of 12, and won the BBC Proms Inspire competition for young composers in 2019. Her winning choral composition, *Twilight*, was performed in August 2019 at the BBC Singers' Proms concert.



Junior and Senior Charity Concerts



The student-organised charity concerts took place in March with the Junior Concert raising money for Sowenna Appeal, and the Senior Concert choosing to fundraise for Children's Hospice South West. Both concerts featured excellent musical talent and audiences were well entertained.

Highest Mark in the Country for Budding Geologist



Congratulations to Molly on achieving the highest Geology GCSE mark in the country. Miss Hope, Head of Geology, presented Lower Sixth student Molly with an engraved Geological hammer in celebration of her hard work and success in achieving, what we believe to be, the top mark in the country for GCSE Geology. Miss Hope commented, "Molly is an outstanding Geologist with a natural talent for the subject."

Furthermore, we understand that 5 of the top 10 GCSE results in the country this year were achieved by Truro School pupils. Molly is currently studying A-Level Geology and plans to follow in the footsteps of many Old Truronians who have gone on to study Geology at University. A superb achievement – well done Molly.

HOUSE NEWS

House Swimming Gala

Over the last two weeks, swimmers from across the year groups have been representing their houses with spirited pride in this year's inter-house swimming galas.

1st Year Swimming Gala

Total House Points: Wickett 186, School 183, Vinter 135, Smith 132

2nd Year Swimming Gala

Total House Points: Wickett 114, Vinter 112, Smith 99, School 78

4th Year Swimming Gala

Total House Points: School 117, Wickett 114, Smith 52, Vinter 37



Would you like to be included in a future Old Truronian Newsletter?

Please don't hesitate if you are interested in being featured. We want to hear from you.

There are a number of ways in which we celebrate Truro School alumni.

Feature article: would you be willing to share your experiences since leaving Truro School? Simply fill in our questionnaire which we base all our articles on, send us some photos and we do the rest. We welcome a variety of experiences and want to hear about anything and everything that you may have gone on to do.

Alumni news: do you have any news you would like to share? This can be anything from a work-related achievement, a recent graduation, raising money for charity, a new baby announcement... or something else entirely. Whatever it is, we would love to hear about it. **Archive:** our Archivist & Researcher Jo Wood who looks after the School's wonderful archive is always interested to hear about your memories at the School, particularly those from earlier years. Please share them with us and we would love to include them in Archive Attic.

Sad news: please inform us if you know an alumni who has sadly passed away. In each issue we do our very best to commemorate those we have lost, even if belatedly. Following an obituary notice in the newsletter, we also welcome longer tributes which are published in the annual Truronian magazine.

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