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A quick update and a number reminders and items of news.

Many will already have seen that the National Trust at Killerton has achieved the £100,000 necessary to complete the repairs to the roof. These should be completed within the next month or two that will enable access to the first floor again.

A reminder that we are looking for audio recordings of memories of times at Killerton and more especially memories of Sir Richard and Lady Anne. If you are able to record a short anecdote and send it to me (say in mp3 format) that would be brilliant. If you have a story and would prefer to have it recorded, David Treharne has arranged for recording studio to be available on the Saturday of our cricket weekend and the recording could be made there. The recordings only need to be a minute or two. If you have been to any NT location recently, you will probably have seen (heard) the types of message they are looking for. I think I have mentioned in the past, Denise and her associates see US as "living history". They want us on tape before the stories are lost forever.

JB spotted this obituary to James Smeall in the Indy recently:

independent.co.uk/news/obituaries/obituary-james-smeall-1151107.html

The usual reminder for the cricket weekend next June: Friday 22nd June - Monday 25th June.

As before, some of us will be arriving on the Friday and will probably meet up on the Friday evening.

Here's a draft programme:

Saturday - an opportunity to record any anecdotes - either individually or as a "conversation" between two or three people.

Saturday evening - a meal, probably at the Fisherman's Cot.

Sunday morning - a visit to Killerton House

Sunday Afternoon - Cricket against Broadclyst CC

Sunday evening - a BBQ at Killerton cricket ground (with Broadclyst CC)

The cricket match will be starting at 2:00, though JB is eager for people to arrive a little earlier and "warm up".

Sad to report here, but I'm afraid I received news this week that one of our secret weapons, Steve Goodwin, will be unable to play next year. He is out with a long term injury to his shoulder. So, any sons, nephews, sons of friends, etc who are able to play cricket, see if they are interested in an afternoon battling on the field in the name of Killerton. Taff will buy them a drink!

If you are coming for part or all of the weekend, the Fisherman's Cot is obviously very popular and may be full. More accommodation is available at The Trout, less than 50 yards along the road from the Cot..

I received a note from Hannah Alderson who is the new Chaplain at St Luke's. She asked me to pass on this message:

There is going to be a Choral Eucharist for St Luke's Day at St Luke's Chapel on Wednesday 18th October at 5.30pm. Celebrating St Luke's campus and blessing it for the academic year ahead. If any Killertonians would like to come along, it would be lovely to see them and to hear their memories.

We're hoping to form something of a one-off 'Alumni choir' for the event, to meet for rehearsal at 4pm on the day and sing at the service. Again, if anyone would be interested, they are welcome to drop me an email or give me a ring on 01392 724804 / 07546 397981.

I've really enjoyed looking at your wonderful website, which has given me a real insight into what life was like for this group of Lukeys – I had no idea Killerton was used for this!

*With very best wishes,
Hannah (St Luke's Chaplain)*

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Hopefully some people in the area may be able to make it.

I'm afraid the website has not had many new stories recently, so if any of you have any spare time in your retirement hours perhaps a few words could find their way to an email. That's about it for now, I look forward to hearing any news, especially if it is something that can be passed on

Very best wishes.

Steve