



It was really lovely to hear from so many after my last missive and receive a few updates.

Not a great start in the championship for either Pompey men's team or the Portsmouth Women's FC team - but we are stalwart supporters down here so Chris and I and the grandsons will hold the faith and look forward to improvements - and goals - that are sure to come - aren't they?



You may recall that I forwarded news from Za, Jeremy's wife, that Jem Edwards has developed Alzheimer's disease and is now staying permanently in the Croft House in Wiliton. John Davies decided to produce a hard cover glossy memory book to take down to the care home later this year - before Christmas. The book will be Jem and Killerton, teams and friends. John has 40+ photos but would like around 100. I've trawled through the photos I have on the website and sent some that I've received from people in the past but John has asked if people can delve into their archives for any decent quality images that he could include. Either send them to me or directly to John - jbrittend@gmail.com

Charles Todd wrote to me, and included a few notes about his memories of Killerton in 1974 having preceded his note with a Sandy Denny (Fairport Convention) song title: "Who knows where the time goes?"

I find myself in pensive mood as I reflect on it being fifty years this September that I arrived at Killerton House as a three year B.Ed undergraduate from London. I got on the coach which the college had laid on to take students on the eight mile journey from St Luke's to Killerton, not quite knowing what to expect. I suspect Jack Goodall, or maybe, a proctor welcomed the freshers at the front door and showed us to our rooms. After supper I retired to my room, which I shared with one other young man (soon to be followed by a third, a day or two later), and finally fell asleep. I awoke in the morning and opened the shutters to be astounded by the various shades of green which filled the view to the horizon; quite a change from the London suburbs in which I grew up. I spent a happy year at Killerton but moved into lodgings in Exeter for my second year before heading out into the countryside again for my final year; which I spent with a young farming family in Upton Pyne, on the Crediton side of the city. I am still in touch with the farmer's wife, who has been a dear friend to me for some forty eight years.

After my teaching career of thirty three years I retired in 2011 and I have enjoyed my life of leisure ever since. Now is the time to wallow in a little nostalgia and I intend to visit Killerton House once more next Monday (23rd) to see if it has ghosts of long ago walking the rooms, corridors and garden paths of my youth. I shall report back to you of my experience and, I wonder, there might just be a few of the 1974 Killertonians, who are reminiscing like me, also making their way back to the old house for one more sentimental visit.



For your diary, the annual cricket match will be held on
Sunday 29th June 2025 at the Killerton cricket ground.
First ball - **2:00pm**

The notes from John and Charles prompted me to re-read some of pages on our [website](#) and look again at the photos of early times. It is easy to forget some of the interesting, funny and sometimes sad contributions that have arrived over the past 15 years that the website has been active. Thank you to the many people that have contributed photos and stories in the past

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Richard Heale (1970-1974) travelled to the UK recently with his partner Sasha combining a business trip with tourism. Chris and I were thrilled that he found time in his exceptionally busy schedule to call in at Portsmouth and spend a few hours with us before continuing to Devon to catch up with Dave Wilkins, Pete Williams and Mark Edwards, before continuing on up norf!



Richard's last visit was in 2012 when we met up in London with Chris Heaume, Bob Harris, Roger Herd, Vijay and Roger Dickson.

Best wishes to you all, and if you have time to write a few words about events or experiences at Killerton or your life since then I am always happy to receive them - and with your permission share them on the website.

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