

Cricket

At the risk of repeating myself, the get together in Exeter was, once again, a terrific success.



A visit to Killerton House was the main event for Sunday morning.

Rob Meakings, who is the *Collections and House Officer at Killerton* – and also a member of the Broadclyst CC – made us more than welcome at the House to the extent that he arranged for it to be opened half an hour early to allow us a more leisurely tour.

A discovery this year. The garage has been enclosed and is now an office – where do people mend their cars these days? More important, where do they store the beer? That's where we used to keep the barrels!

Each time we visit, I find something that prompts a long lost memory. This time it was the room under Dickies/Jack's wing, It is now two toilets!



I recall that there was a washing machine and an ironing board there. I seem to remember Chris Harris regularly nursing the washing machine back to health - usually after someone had attempted to wash 15 rugby shirts!

The room used to be a hive of industry some evenings where inventive and hungry students would challenge their cookery skills using the Baby Belling. In my case, that meant warming up a tin of beans, but I do recall more adventurous budding chefs creating all sorts of dishes including "interesting" curries.

[Reunion Photos](#)

I eventually found a simple slide program for the website so that the reunion photos can now be viewed as a rolling display.

Whilst setting up the slide show in each of the reunion folders I needed to look through all the collections. The 2010 collections are well worth spending a few idle minutes watching.



[2010 Slide show](#)

In the afternoon we were the guests of Broadclyst Cricket Club. The weather was interesting, swapping between bright sunshine and heavy dark clouds, but it remained dry and relatively warm.

The cricket was good but I leave commenting on that to others who understand these things. What I can add is that Broadclyst made us most welcome with an amazing tea between innings, and a fabulous barbeque after the match was over.

I am saddened to say that it was necessary for John Davies to grudgingly present their captain with the Sir Richard Acland Trophy, but it was a close thing! Only 7 runs in it!

Next year's match has been set as the **30th June**, so plenty of time to get your whites washed and your bats oiled – and visits to the doctors and/or physiotherapists arranged.

A couple of people asked about the availability of jumpers and polo shirts with the Killerton Logo on. They can be purchased from a chap in Cardiff who has the artwork. Drop an email to jordan@spicetag.com you just need to specify

what you want and the sizes (You may need to mention Alan Thomas' name).

I did receive several apologies from people unable to make the weekend and some news about some others.

Paul Goodwin spent the Friday before the match having an operation on his hand to remedy duptryun contracture in his fingers, He awoke from the procedure to find that the surgeon had also noticed that the condition was evident in his thumb "so did that as well while you were under!"

It must have been in the air at Killerton as John Maxwell-Jones posted that he too had been in hospital a few weeks ago for the same condition.

Derek Jonah Jones is ambulatory restricted, awaiting a call from the NHS, as is Chris Chivers who is anticipating receiving two new hips in the very near future.

I heard from Roger Dickson- who now appears to spend his whole life on a golf course anywhere in the world as far as I can make out. He emailed me recently to say that he had met up with Paul Nation again this year who joined him on a golf tour he organised in Turkey (in May this year). He reports that Paul is keeping well, and still enjoying life in Dorset.

Along the same lines, I received a message from Nigel Webb who spent some time on a golf course a while back before discovering that he was playing against a former Killertonion, Paul Edgington. Paul is now on our mailing list.

Derek Barnard was not able to umpire for us this year as he was due to have a minor op.

Apologies received from others who had found time to go off a on holidays or had other events. These included Gerry Kendrick, Bob Ford, Dave Treharne, Keith Sharkey, John Discombe, Tony Clarke, Malc Greenhalgh, Phil Jackson, to name but a few. Maybe next year.

Always happy to receive news or stories that you think others may be interested in reading. Photos are especially welcome. Either to my Killerton address or to srhatton@yahoo.co.uk

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