

## Killerton - January 2022

Hopefully this finds you all well.

We've had a busy year in Portsmouth. Chris and I enjoyed a week away with my daughter and two grandsons in Hurgada during the Easter break, then our son who moved to Berlin 5 years ago got married at the beginning of May. This necessitated a family trip to Berlin for the wedding.

At the end of May, Chris' sister got married. This wedding had been postponed twice during the restrictions, but each time they were fortunate to be able to maintain the venues they had booked.

Finally, Chris and I managed to get away for a two week cruise that we had booked in 2020, and like the wedding it had been postponed twice so we were reluctant to postpone it again this year.

Peter Cloke sent this message earlier this year showing the spring flowers at Killerton (apologies Peter for the delay in posting them). The spring flowers prompted a memory from Peter "I remember Dickie coming into supper to announce 'Gentlemen the Herons are back' - they regularly nested on the hill."

Here's just three of Peter's images. There will be a full collection on the website shortly.



Unfortunately, the cruise Chris and I went on was the same weekend as the Killerton Cricket match so, for the first time since we've been meeting up regularly, I was not able to attend.

The match went ahead and an enjoyable afternoon was had by those that were there.

It was great pity that I missed this one as it turns out that this will be the last year that Denise Mellhiush will be there to welcome us as she is retiring. She has been a real friend to us lads over the past 12 years or so since Neil Blewett first contacted the National Trust at Killerton to arrange a visit.

Taff presented Denise with a small token of our appreciation in the way of an inscribed glass vase.



Taff reported: "Prior to the game we met at the house and I presented Denise with an engraved glass vase along with a KILLERTON sweatshirt that I'd had made for her. She was delighted and is looking forward to retirement later on this year.

We had a great day on Sunday although the weather was not that nice. The rain stayed away for the afternoon till around 7:30, and then it poured!

We lost by 79 runs, but it went well, with 14 rotating every 10 overs leaving 11 on the pitch.

At the end of the game John Morgan said a few words as Captain and they replied stating how much they enjoyed our games along with saying how impressed they were with the Killerton spirit that brings us together from all parts, including the USA, France, Wales and naturally England. It was unanimously agreed to play again next year and although there may be a few less Old Killertonions in the side, next June is already in their book."



For those who were at Killerton for the 1973 Barbeque, John Brand send this flyer. A reminder that the Trens headlined the evening.



Horace Letchford contacted me with a link to a post on Facebook. It is a clip that most referees would probably prefer not to publicise. I can't add it in the email, but I will post the link on the website shortly. I do have a number of Photos that John Davies took whilst at Killerton last month. I will add them as a gallery on the website once it is up and running again. Those of you with Facebook accounts, some of you may not have seen that there is a page there for St Luke's students - search: "Saint Luke's College Old Boys and Girls" Some of you may still have been using the address [www.killerton.net](http://www.killerton.net) to access the website. I have cancelled that address so it will no longer work. You need to use the killerton-memories.co.uk address. Other news on the website; it needs a major upgrade that I am hoping will be completed shortly. There are a couple of new galleries to be added as well as a few recent stories, so check back in a soon.

That's about all the news I have for now. I hope you are all enjoying the summer. and I send you my very best wishes.