

Several people have commented on the recent story written by Taff about the Keynsham rugby match.

Bob Harris felt he should add to the story: "A brilliant time! However, it wasn't exactly cigarette smoke from Jasper and my side of the changing room, which probably explains our mazy running and tactical nuances."

Bob also remembers taking part in the College sevens... "I recall tackling both Mike Sleman and Mike Rafter in the same game, not at the same time, though."

He adds "My recollections of Killerton rugby are of tremendous fun, and, being asked to step up to the invitation, we certainly stepped up and liberated some real skill, talent and unnecessary violence that, in my case, had lain dormant in the Killerton bar and on Jasper's window sill in the evening sunlight, listening to Grateful Dead albums."



Taff found this clipping recently taken from a local paper
- probably early 1973

EXCELLENT PLACE KICKING
WELLINGTON 2ND XV 11pts
ST. LUKE'S 2ND XV 25pts

St Luke's, a lively side, opened the scoring after 5 minutes when Robert Lewis kicked a fine penalty from about 40 yards. Ten minutes later, Graham Jones put Wellington into a one-point lead touching down an unconverted try after a fine passing movement.

After 25 minutes Lewis regained the lead for St Luke's with another long-range penalty-kick, but Robin Howe quickly put Wellington back in front 7-6, with a similar score.

Four minutes later Dave Halford intercepted an Ian Harris pass and, sprinted 40 yards to put St Luke's into a 10-7 interval lead.

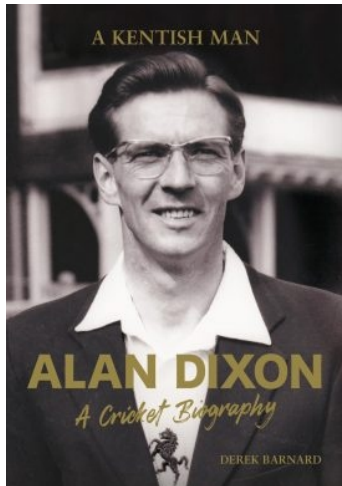
On the resumption Lewis kicked another excellent penalty and after an hour, Dave Robins landed one from 50 yards. Five minutes later and they went further ahead. Bleweit gathering a kick ahead to score a try which Robins converted. Good work by the forwards brought Wellington a try near the end through John Minims, but St, Luke's had increased their lead again before the end through a penalty goal by Alan Thomas.

Last month's stories also prompted Bob Harris to recall the escapades of Keith Derbyshire who is, alas, no longer with us.

Keith was an avid climber and spent many hours in the quarry climbing - and involved in other activities!

He practised his climbing skills wherever and whenever he could.

The walls of the house were level 1 stuff to Keith. Climbing up the underside of the main staircase was a little more challenging.



Since hanging up his pads and bats, Derek Barnard has turned his energies to writing.

His first book published in 2023 sold out in six weeks. Another reprint with minor revisions is at the printers at the moment.

He is currently working on another book: "My Twenty Years with Colin Cowdrey and many others."

Intended publishing date late 2024 or early 2025 and illustrated by cigarette or trade cards.

Email me if you would like Derek's contact details and I will pass them on to you.

Another reminder that the annual cricket match will be held on **Sunday 30th June** at the **Killerton Cricket ground**. First ball - **2:00pm**

If you are available to play, please let John Davies and/or John Morgan know asap. If you don't have their contact details, let me know and I can pass the message on.

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