

## Vijay Daswani 1952-2024

For those who didn't receive my last missive, I received the sad news that Vijay had passed in March

He and Jeannie were on holiday in Goa and they were caught in a current that swept them out of their depth. Jeannie was rescued but they were unable to revive Vijay

A report of the incident was posted in [Yahoo News](#)



*I feel sure that most of us have many memories of Vijay, but Martin Hannant sent this through that seems appropriate:*

*I have many happy memories of Vijay - curry corner when his family sent various food items for him to concoct a curry for everyone at Killerton. We were in several productions together- one was Sgt Musgraves dance which we performed in 1972 or 3. We also did a presentation called Back to the Railway of readings and poems.*

*He did a wonderful rendition of Skimbleshanks by TS Eliot in a broad Indian accent - something I used to replicate for the children in my class - probably classed as racist today.*

*He phoned me on one occasion and asked me if I would like to be the manager of one of his care homes on the Isle of Man - I declined. I remember teasing him as he went out to bat for one of the Killerton v Broadclyst matches. I said I would have the kettle on ready for when he was out. I won't mention his reply but he was back to drink his tea before the kettle had boiled.*

*I went to his house one day for a party where he was surrounded by his much loved relations. But Daswani was in charge and gave out his orders accordingly.*

**RIP Vijay**

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It seems that many ex-Killertonions are turning their hand to writing.

As well as chairing ExeDAB.Ltd that runs a digital radio network in the Exeter area, David Treharne has managed to write about his experiences in running Exeter FC that was bought by Exeter Trust in 2003. David was Chair of Exeter City FC for the first two and a half years of the Trust ownership.

He is still involved in many aspects of the running of the Club.

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Taff's story of Killerton taking on the St Luke's fixtures prompted Martin Hannant to remind me that he had previously sent a report of another of the matches that Killerton played on Luke's behalf. It was the match played against Weston Hornets.

[The full report is here](#)

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Taff's story also nudged Bob Harris' memory. This time about Keith Derbyshire:

*Keith was a good friend of mine ... I've got a few stories about what we used to get up to that I cannot possibly reveal - he was very keen on 'nature based' chemical experiments that included fermented mushroom juices and drinking your own urine after imbibing various 'natural' infusions, you know, like a Mexican shaman. I'm sure you're familiar with these practices. It may be that this idea was stolen for the Captain Rum 'Blackadder' episode some years later.*

*I may be wrong, but possibly these preparatory 'energy drinks' enabled Keith to climb up the Killerton staircase from underneath.. a remarkable achievement rivalling the most challenging overhangs on the Eiger.*

*He was such a sweet, funny, lovely guy - we used to play guitar and banjo together. How sad. I still miss him.*

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On that note, the regular reminder that 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.

John has suggested that we could arrange a visit to the main College campus on the Monday morning following the cricket match. If you are interested can you let me know so that I can pass details on to John to make arrangements.

On the subject of get togethers, Simon Whitehead is leading a group of people who are arranging a [50th anniversary reunion in Exeter in 2025](#) primarily but not exclusively for those people who were at Luke's in 1973 - 1977.

Let me know if you would like his email address. An Eventbrite link will be available in April to enable one to sign up for The Reunion Dinner at Reed Hall.

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