

Who organises the reunions?

Biennial reunions are organised by a team of volunteers comprising former students and staff and, in several cases, their husbands and wives. We meet as a team at Stoke Rochford Hall on Sunday mornings three or four times a year, after which many of us stay to enjoy Sunday lunch together. We are **always** keen to welcome new people to join the team. Whatever skills you may have to offer, there is a place for you so, don't be shy—come and join us! For more information, please contact John Hopkins. We look forward to welcoming you to the team.

Date of the next meeting: THE BGM, Saturday 30th June 2018

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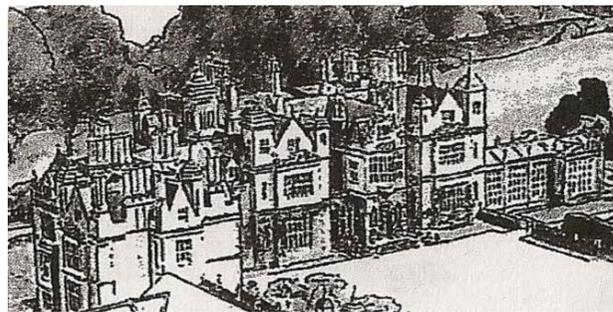
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And finally.....

Once again I would like to say a huge and heart-felt thank you to all those people who have worked so hard to produce and distribute this newsletter, but special thanks go to:

- ☺ Chris Sullivan, Deputy Editor, for his ongoing help and support
- ☺ Everyone who has contributed articles
- ☺ Robert Naylor for the printing
- ☺ Chris and Linda Sullivan (née Collison, 1963-1966) for their contribution to the mailing

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KTC/KCE Reunion Newsletter

Hello and welcome to the third and final newsletter of the 2016-2018 reunion cycle. Sadly, due to having gone back to teaching post-retirement (fool that I am!), I have not been able to produce as many newsletters this cycle as I had wanted, but I hope you have enjoyed reading the ones you have received.

We usually send only the first newsletter of the cycle to everyone on our database, subsequent ones just being sent to those who have paid their subscription. However, this newsletter, the last of the current cycle, will again be sent to everyone on the mailing list, because we need to comply with the new data protection legislation which comes into force at the end of this month. After that date, we can only retain data on people if they specifically give their permission so, if you wish to continue to receive newsletters and information about reunions, you will need to let us know. The mailing list comprises everyone who has ever attended a reunion, together with those who have contacted us over recent years. Enclosed with this newsletter is a membership form for the **NEXT** reunion cycle 2018-2020. It contains a tick box to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) legislation so, if you apply for membership, you will continue to receive news-letters and information about reunions. You can also go to our website, www.kestevencollege.com, to agree to us keeping in touch.

There is more information about GDPR and our privacy policy in this newsletter.

That's the “technical” stuff dealt with! The next reunion is only a month away, and I hope to see many of you then. There's more information on what we've got planned for you in this newsletter!

Sue Ellis (Jack, 1973-1977)

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Calling all budding writers.....!

It has never been my intention that this newsletter should be entirely written by "Yours Truly", but recently contributions from YOU seem to have dried up, and this edition contains far more than I would like of my own ramblings! I would be delighted to receive anything you would like to write, including memories of college life, accounts of what you have done since leaving (not all who studied at "Kesters" actually went into teaching, and I know some former students have lived very exciting lives!), accounts of attending reunions or articles about the history or geography of Stoke Rochford and its environs.

To get you started, let me pose a question. Why did you choose to study at Kesteven College? Did you choose to go there, or did you just end up there through happenstance? Speaking personally, I had always wanted to be a teacher, but after A levels, I decided I had had more than enough of education and found a job as a junior assistant in a reference library. The work was mind-numbingly boring and after a few months I reverted to plan A and decided to apply to Teacher Training College. The then boyfriend's response was to tell me I wasn't going anywhere, which went down just as you might imagine it would! Having told him in no uncertain terms that I would do what I wanted, he capitulated, but asked that I apply to KCE which was the nearest College and only 20 miles away from home. I duly applied and was given an interview. Quil Peasgood, the Assistant Bursar who some of you may remember, was a neighbour from our village near Bourne and gave me a lift. As we turned off the A1 and started up the drive, I was totally smitten. It was not the best college in the country, and I certainly didn't learn much about teaching there, but I had 4 of the best years of my life, and don't regret it for a minute. I certainly feel privileged to have studied in that wonderful building, and to have been able to wander freely round its beautiful gardens and grounds.

So - over to you! Don't worry about sending in "finished" articles. Chris Sullivan, Deputy Editor, and I are quite happy to adapt what you send to fit the space available. The most important thing is to make this newsletter relevant and interesting to ALL our readers, regardless of when they were students. Looking forward to hearing from you!

Sue Ellis (Jack, 1973 - 1977)

- Data held may be used by any member of the "Reunion Organising Team" for the aforementioned purposes only.
- Data held on an individual will never be shared with a third party without his or her express permission.
- Individuals whose data is held under the aforementioned conditions have the "right of erasure", and can request the removal of their details at any time. KTC/KCE Reunion undertakes to comply with any such request with immediate effect.
- All individuals whose details are held on the database at the date of this notice will be contacted as soon as possible and their express permission sought for their data to be retained by KTC/KCE Reunion for the purposes set out in this document.

Sue Ellis (Jack, 1973 - 1977)
Membership Secretary

Reminiscences session at the Reunion

Following the excellent session at the last reunion on the subject of "Student Accommodation", Ivan Cane has again agreed to run the reminiscences session at this year's reunion. It will be held on Saturday afternoon and will be on the subject of "Teaching Practice". If you would like to contribute to this, please let me know (my email address is on the back of this newsletter) and I will pass any messages on to Ivan. Contributions need to be a maximum of 5 minutes long, and Ivan will be very strict about this, believe me! Contributions of photographs to accompany these reminiscences would also be most welcome, and can be sent to me for scanning. I promise to look after your photos and to return them to you either at the reunion or, if you are not coming this time, by post.

Sue Ellis (Jack, 1973 -1977)
Reunion Programme Co-ordinator

Privacy Notice

In order to comply with GDPR, we are required to publish a privacy notice which lets you know your rights regarding information we hold on our database. At the Organising Team meeting on 25th March 2018, the following was agreed:

- The name of the organisation is “Kesteven Training College/ Kesteven College of Education Reunion” (KTC/KCE Reunion)
- The purpose of the organisation is to plan, publicise and run biennial reunions for former staff and students of Kesteven Training College, later Kesteven College of Education, and to share other relevant information with its members via “Reunion Newsletters”.
- Membership of the organisation is open to all former staff and students and, where appropriate their partners, through a biennial membership fee paid to the Membership Secretary of the organisation on or after the Biennial General Meeting which takes place during reunion weekends.
- The membership secretary of the organisation will maintain a database which includes the following information about former staff and students of the college and, where appropriate their partners:
 - ⇒ Family name/surname
 - ⇒ Forenames/given names
 - ⇒ Former name if applicable, e.g. maiden name, name at college
 - ⇒ Years at college
 - ⇒ Full postal address
 - ⇒ Telephone number
 - ⇒ Email address where applicable
 - ⇒ Whether currently a member of “KTC/KCE Reunion” or not
- Data held will be used solely for the purpose of contacting former staff and students to provide information about reunions and, where relevant, to mail out the “Reunion Newsletter”.

A Lincolnshire Waterfall

Lincolnshire’s largest waterfall is in the grounds of Stoke Rochford Hall. It is a modest affair, only appearing after periods of heavy rainfall but, for all that, it can be an impressive sight, and the sound of crashing water is heard some distance away.

The waterfall is situated between two artificially created ponds in hilly woodland about 400 metres due south of the Hall. Water from a large spring collects in one pond and flows over a masonry sill, cascading some 3.0 to 3.5 metres down a near-vertical slope to a much larger pond below. From there the water flows in a northerly direction on the Cringle Brook and Stoke Lakes complex, soon to join the Witham at Great Ponton.

The Top pond was constructed some time around 1900 as part of a local water supply system. Pure spring water was pumped from the pond down to Stoke Rochford village (formerly South Stoke) before mains water supply arrived. For a period of time water from this source was also pumped to the gardens at the Hall. (Domestic water for the Hall itself was thought to have been taken from the lake and springs immediately to the north before the mains supply was connected).

There are three other waterfalls or cascades in the grounds of Stoke Rochford Park. These were created artificially by the construction of dams across the Cringle Brook to create lakes. The most spectacular is the one at Thunder Bridge by the golf course, where the flow of water cascades some 2.5 metres down a 6.0 metre wide concrete spillway.

Submitted by John Grocock (1967-1970)

Acknowledgements:

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Reunion Programme - June 2018

The programme for the June reunion is now almost finalised, but I couldn't resist including a provisional version here to give a taster of what's in store, and maybe to tempt those who have not yet booked to come along for all or part of the weekend. Final programmes will be included in welcome packs which will be distributed at registration.

Friday 29th June

- 4.00 - 7.00 Reunion Registration open in the Crush Hall
"Just for Fun" quiz sheets available at the reception desk. Answers will be available on Sunday morning at the reunion reception in the Crush Hall and will be posted on our website
Sign up for tomorrow morning's Pétanque and/or Beetle Drive (according to weather conditions) and tables for tomorrow night's dinner.
- 5.00 Memorabilia Exhibition opens in the Neville Room
- 6.30 Evening meal in the SRH restaurant
- 8.00 -11.00 Folk evening in the Newton Room

Saturday 30th June

- 7.30 - 10.30 Breakfast in the SRH restaurant
- 9.00 - 12.00 Reunion Registration open in the Crush Hall
Sign up for tables for tonight's dinner
Sign up for pétanque and/or Beetle Drive (according to weather conditions)
- 9.00 Memorabilia Exhibition opens in the Neville Room
- 10.00 Bar opens
- 10.00 - 10.30 Coffee in the Newton Room
- 10.30 - 11.30 Pétanque in the grounds
Beetle drive in the Newton Room
- 11.30 - 12.00 Photographs will be taken by Robert Naylor in the garden (Crush Hall staircase if wet). These will be available to view and order in the Crush Hall after lunch
- 12.00 - 1.30 Buffet lunch in the SRH restaurant
- 1.00 (approx) Photos available to view and order
- 2.30 - 3.30 BGM in the Newton Room
- 3.30- 4.00 Tea in the Newton Room
- 4.00 - 5.30 College Reminiscences on the subject of Teaching Practice followed by historical DVDs of college life.

Saturday 30th June (continued)

- 7.00 - 9.00 "Formal" dinner - please make sure you sign up for your table at reception in advance.
- 9.00 - 12.00 Disco playing music from "our" era and at a volume to enable conversation to take place. Precise venue to be announced, but there will also be an alternative quiet area available in the Newton Room

Sunday 1st July

- 7.30 - 10.00 Breakfast in the SRH restaurant
Rooms to be vacated by 10.00 please
- 10.00 - 11.00 Last chance to look at the Memorabilia Exhibition in the Neville Room
- 10.15 - 10.45 Coffee in the Newton Room
- 10.45 - 11.45 Jane Hallé memorial walk - short and longer routes available this year. If you are willing to volunteer as a steward, please let the Reunion Reception know.
- 12.30 - 2.00 Buffet lunch in the SRH restaurant
- 2.00 End of the reunion

Booking Report for the 2018 reunion

As booking manager for the 2018 reunion, I am pleased to report that we have more people booked in for this reunion than we had for the 2016 reunion. As of the beginning of May, a total of 33 former students, husbands, partners and wives are booked in for the full weekend. In addition, 20 others will be present for all or part of Saturday and 5 others will visit or stay on Friday or Sunday. A total of 58 attendees. Only last week I received 2 new bookings for Sunday. It isn't too late to encourage others to book, although at this late stage, rooms are less likely to be guaranteed than a day booking.

Once again, I have not only received bookings from former students who have attended previous reunions but also from some who have not attended a reunion before. This is encouraging and makes our advertising, searches and personal invitations, worthwhile. We are now looking forward to the 2018 reunion; to meeting new friends and catching up with others who we have met over the years at previous reunions.

Jillian Naylor (Martin, 1961-1964)