

Keith Arthey – *personal profile (updated)*

Good evening, Webmaster..

That sounds like a Harry Potter intro (and yes! I am an HP Fan) but in my minds eye of Hogwarts is the circular staircase up to the dorms and the 60 watt bulbs that lit same and the Great Hall is the Dining hall where we used to eat and having been in the Real Hogwarts one, there isn't much difference!!!! Except NO House elves and Owls.....remember the bricks and the Kippers?

Still like Kippers to this day but cannot stand Russian Salad and Cold Ham on Sundays – but remember Thursday tea – Meat Pie, we always had tins of beans and the like heated – and Marmite for the bricks! Happy Days

Having spent 3 years hanging around, what is now called the Harry Potter Experience, waiting on the young Wizards and Witches to complete their daily filming schedule!

Just another Old Harlovian checking in... Keith Arthey, Beatty House, Jan 1957 - July 1963 Form's RB, 1a, 2a, 3a and that was about it. Arrived with nothing left with nothing so that was par for the tuition at Harlow.

Hated every minute that I was there. I even ran away (well went home), but if I'd been able to send my children to board out I would ofNOT!

Contemporaries: Phil Alexander, Max Blake, Chris Griffin, Hugh Jones (thanks Hugh for your email, catch up with you on the old Facebook), The Pinneys 1 & 2, David Evans, John & Kevin Sear (1&2) to name and shame a few.

I have now discovered why I never really learnt anything – my problem, myself, my son and now one of the grandsons, have or had ADHD but no one knew what the hell it was in those days.

Nowadays I reside in Lincolnshire having at last retired. My main job these days is unpaid carer (to her that must be obeyed, and has been 50 years Christmas 2018), although the tables turned at Christmas 2017 when I had a mild heart attack and have had two stents fitted in the arteries that were apparently clogged with the residue of too many hotel breakfasts. But I still find time to volunteer with National Coastwatch, a group that watch as the eyes along the coast for the Coastguards reporting any incidents that might occur so they can task the relevant rescue asset, be it Lifeboats or Helicopters,

I have over the last 30 years been through many occupations ranging from Lotteries Manager for Local authorities, to Senior Call Centre Controller, Publican and other jobs. Jack of all trades -master of none, but my main employment was over the years as a Long Distance Coach Driver travelling all over UK and Continental Europe.

I am writing this missive with six old School Photos on the desk in front of me Beatty House Photos 1959,1961,1963, taken by Ray Studios of Braintree (I wonder if he still exists) and also three whole school photos 1958,1960,1962 by Panorama Ltd, Clerkenwell, who do not exist any more. They apparently sent their negatives to the Manchester Photo archive and anything pre 1970 didn't make the trip and the copyright on them should of expired by now.

I occasionally do frequent Facebook, along with some of the other Ex Members, although as I update this one wonders how much longer it will survive, and it is through that medium, I learnt of the demise of Roger Brickwood, in early 2017, RIP Roger!

Anyway that's my update and I can still be contacted by email g6kfw@aol.com.