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Mathematics

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I revisited the campus on Thursday and it was like rolling back the years. I even managed to get a look in Mansion before it locked its doors next week. I remember listening to music recitals in one of the front rooms in Mansion and having some lectures in the room next to the common room.

I had a room in Grasshopper and I was amazed to see that the interior of these hostel rooms hadn't really changed.

I studied maths and my special friend at college was Sheila Staton who also studied maths. She came from Doncaster and I was invited to her home some week-ends. I also remember an art student, Betty, who produced a sculpture similar to a dandelion seed head. We were on final teaching practice together.

I am now married with a son and a daughter and our home is in the heart of rural Essex. When the family was young we shared a common interest in music so we joined a brass band where I played horn. I even took my grade 5 exam at the grand old age of 50.

I taught for eleven years at a primary school near Chelmsford before having children. I then helped in a play-school. I eventually returned to teaching when my children were old enough and worked in a part-time capacity for four years. Then I had a variety of jobs in the retail sector.

The family have grown up now - my son gained a first class honours degree in electronic engineering and my daughter has just gained her degree at Oxford University studying philosophy, politics and economics.

I have now taken early retirement after undergoing treatment for cancer (the doctors are pleased with my progress - it has now been 3 years and all my check-ups have been good).

I am very active in the garden and enjoy tai chi. I am becoming a good detective with family history.

I would love to meet up with old students so I hope your next reunion is a success.

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