

To Delilah,

Thank you for your letter it was interesting to hear about the things that you do.

My name is James but I liked to be called Jim.

I enjoyed painting and photography as you do. I am unfortunately unable to do these things any more.

I also enjoyed woodworking. I made rocking-horses for our two Grandsons and a dolls-house for our Granddaughter.

In this care-home we do lots of things yesterday we made shortbread and cakes, we play games and sing together. It is very good.

My wife comes in nearly every day and that makes me very happy.

My favourite flower is a daffodil.

Best wishes Delilah from Jim

Dear Wren

My name is Christine and I am 89yr old. So please tell me how are your new puppies? I have had dogs all my life some from Puppies and others, rescued, I also had a cat called Kitty she was strange, we could dress her up in dollys clothes my brothers and I, and lye her in the dolls pram and she would go to sleep. I see you love to read I used to love to read and I had the collection of Beatrix Potter books which I still have. I have Jemima Puddle duck toy with me in my bedroom.

When I was at school I enjoy art aswel, I hated maths but tried my best in English. I enjoyed school very much. Unfortunately I left at the age of 16yr as my mum and dad did not let me carry on with school. My advice to you is while you are at school enjoy it as its just for a short time of your life.

When I was a teenager I loved to go out walking with my dogs for hours. I also enjoyed baking I made a wonderful Victoria sponge. When I was not at school I would spend time at my uncle's farm helping out and looking after the animals, riding the horse she was lovely called Kut she was huge 3 children could ride her.

I am looking forward to hearing back from you

Christine

Dear Lucy,

Hi I'm Caroline. My favourite colours are purple and black. I also did quite a bit of painting but mostly technical drawing. I never did ~~sign~~ singing as I haven't got a voice! I used to work in a primary school, up to year 6 and I really enjoyed it.

When I was little I did ballet but had little talent. I also like badminton and netball but I am very short so I ~~wasn't~~ ^{wasn't} the best. I really like watching horse racing, especially the steeple chases. I used to ride when I was younger.

I did O-levels when I was at school and I did English language and English literature, human biology, history, maths and geography. I also did art which I really liked.

Make sure the choices you make are what you want and not what anyone else wants you to do!

After GCSEs do you want to go onto do A-levels and then university? if so what would you do?

from Caroline.

Hello Claire

my name is sue.

I enjoyed school but I enjoyed going home better. I enjoyed English, Art, PE and Geography like yourself my least favourite lesson was maths.

I went to school in Birmingham and I lived with my mum and sister. When I was old enough I went and worked in shops, it was very busy. The money I earned helped to support my mum.

When I was growing up ~~my~~ hobbies I enjoyed reading but my main role was to look after my mum after the war. My advice to you is to enjoy school and make the most of your time there.

I love animals I had a few cats and dogs in my time, do you have any pets? Do you have any hobbies?

Look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sue.

Hello Basil,

Thankyou for your letter, I have never played
a musical instrument, and ~~am~~ ^{I have} not heard indie
rock. I think that red is a good colour for a
guitar. I enjoy singing and used to go to the gospel
halls and have a good sing along with others.
I used to ride my bike 4 miles a day to
catch the bus to go to work in the farm
of which I used to do general farming of
cow milking and hay making of which I also did
in the school holidays before I left school.
When I was younger I used to spend a lot of my
time at weekends and holidays on the farm,
doing any job which could be even cutting hedges.
Thankyou for your joke not heard that one before.

Look forward to hearing from you soon,

Nolman.

Dear Violet,

my name is Claire, Thank you for your letter.
I also enjoy reading some of my favourite authors are
Lee Child, Stephanie Austin, Leigh Russell and Agatha Christie.
I enjoy reading in my spare time.

My favourite subjects are math's, history and english when I was
at school. I liked most lessons really.

When I left school I went on to Alteration hand doing dress
making, I used to have multiple dresses being made in period of
around 18 months. mainly wedding dresses I made.

my hobbies when I was younger was sewing, reading, going to the
Park called the moat. I helped my dad in the garden
quite often I enjoyed that.

Life without technology was ok we didn't know any different.
we spent our time playing board games, reading. Spending time
with neighbours children from my school. I used to go to the
library alot. although we didn't have a telly we did have
a radio were we'd listen through there to music.

Living in a care home is nice. I appreciate all that everyone
does for me. I do like a coffee and a biscuit.
my room is comforting I have lots of my personal belongings
I have lots of photos of Art in my room. Lovely and warm
fluffy blankets.

I love attending activities, Arts and crafts and singing circle
are my favourite.

hope you are doing well, hope to hear back soon.

From Claire.

Dear Ghiloh

My name is Gwyn. When I was a child we had a cat my brother named it wobbles because when it walked it wobbled.

I did not read much apart from when it was my homework. I loved to sing I was in the school choir and church choir. Because of the war my parents ~~could~~ could not watch me. I grew up in the village Westhay. I enjoyed school a lot, I really enjoyed Art, when I grew up I enjoyed knitting and sewing I loved making things. When I was growing up I liked every thing green.

I did not learn an instrument living in a small village but on a Sunday afternoon we would ride our bikes to Burnham - on - sea with my brother and sister and our mum would tell us to be back by dark.

My advise to you is enjoy - what you are doing and every think you do.

I will be 99yr old in November

I would look forward to hearing from you soon

Gwyn.

Hello new pen pal,
its nice to meet you!

My name is Margaret, when I was in school I also did history, ~~and~~ music and cookery which was my favourite and must be the same as food tech.

We made interesting things like scones, what do you like to make?

When I was in school I also did hockey as well as netball which I really enjoyed. I'm tall so I was always very good at shooting.

I also love to read, when I was little I loved Enid Blyton books. I also like books about nature.

I had a cairn terrier called Dinah when I was younger, she was a ~~lovely~~ ^{lovely} brown colour.

My Dinah was very well behaved compared to your naughty George.

Dinah loved to sit on the 3rd step of...

the Staircase.

Do you compete in any Hockey matches, if
so have you won any?

Best wishes,

M. J. [unclear] [unclear]

Hello Grace,

my name is Barbara.

When I was younger I played netball at school & was quite good at it. I also loved to dance I used to compete in competitions as well.

I liked watching carnival when I was younger. My favourite subjects at school were History, I liked drama, geography not so much.

I have memories of meeting up with my friends and going shopping and eating out.

Do you have any pets? When I was younger I had dogs and cats.

What are your life goals?

I am currently watching BBC news. I do enjoy television. I hope you're keeping well.

from Barbara.

Dear Charlotte

Thank you for your letter, it was most interesting to hear about your GCSE's. The answers to your questions are. My childhood was very happy although I had no brothers or sisters, I enjoyed the country side, I had a pony and used to ride every day. I was not interested in TV or films I was more interested in being outdoors. School was not my favourite occupation I preferred riding my pony and going to Gymkhana's. But I did enjoy biology and sports I enjoyed hockey and netball. We had our first TV for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, we did not have TV until tea time and it began with children's hour. I did not read a lot I was not a great reader but at present I enjoy reading the daily newspaper. If I did read it would be happy books.

My advice to you is enjoy life as it's short.

I'm looking forward to hearing back from you. Best wishes

Jul.

Dear Rosemary,

Hello my name is Miranda, i also like theatre.

My favourite subjects at school were maths, drama and science, especially the experiments we used to do.

I also like reading too but I like all stories. My favourite thing to do is listen to music. I like Lady Gaga, Abba and Michael buble.

When I was younger I liked visiting different places like London and Manchester with my aunty and cousins. We loved going shopping for new clothes and we liked going to the cinema.

Do you have any pets? When I was younger I had a lovely golden retriever. He liked coming on holidays with us to the beach.

What are your goals?

I hope you are keeping well, I look forward to hearing back.

Love Miranda.

Dear Pat,

My name is Dennis.

I liked school, I enjoyed doing art at school.

My hobbies I used to enjoy seeing my friends going around each others houses. I absolutely love nature so being outside was another hobby.

In my free time I like to sing to music, have a nice chat and a good cup of tea.

I also watch the news to stay updated.

I used to read a lot when I was younger to keep myself busy. My best friend was Gloria she was similar age to me. Myself and Gloria used to go for walks together but we had to be very careful as the war was on.

I didn't have pets growing up, but I do like animals.

My favourite colour is also blue.

My job was air traffic control I loved my job I was mainly based near London. I done this job for 40+ years.

I was born in Richmond that's where I grew up. There used to be a big park with ducks.

I never had any children, but I do have a sister.

What is your favourite snack? I do like a Banana or milkshake.

Good luck with your GCSE art, what are you thinking of doing when you leave school? I hope you are keeping well.

Dennis Lindwall.

October 1st. Do hope we can be good friends.

Dear new penpal, Mary, I have been busy all my long life keeping in touch if I can but my eye sight and hearing are too difficult to see people, as I can't get up off my chair to share quiz puzzles and going anywhere by car or bus, as I can't walk anywhere on my own, I can't drive my car any more.

I had a good young infant school to go to in Shrewsbury - my Uncle was the headmaster, it was just a small class and was good friends with children in the youngest class, when I grew older I went to college with two girls the same age as me, I went to college - later I became a teacher - to teach 30 children was a hard long job, but I loved all children from five, later I had to teach 60 five year olds. My uncle was

a nice head master, I have loved every

minute and wish I could go once

meet more children. I have three

"boys" now in their nineties. My

birthday is the Queen's 97th birthday.

I am now 97 - I have lots of friends.

Sadly she died but it was lovely to know her. I hope I can be your friend Mary. God Bless
every one