

Terence (Terry) Sweet

Hi everyone! I attended King Teds 1970-75. We were the second intake after the school had gone “comprehensive”. My parents said King Edward’s was the only choice so you are going. It was that straight forward. I was at the Darwin Lane site for 4 years (you usually stayed for 3 but our year stayed for the extra year). I have to say this 4th year at Darwin Lane was my best year at King Edward’s.

My main passion whilst at school was sport and King Edward’s was the perfect place for me. I was lucky enough to eventually play for the 1st Elevens at Football and Cricket. I would like to thank, in particular, Allan Powell (a super teacher in my view) who gave me support when at times I lost confidence. I am still in touch with quite a few school pals which I am truly grateful for.

I left school in 1975 even though they advised me to stay on, and I went straight into industry and started an apprenticeship at British Steel Corporation in Sheffield as an electrician. I was made redundant in 1984 and then got a job for a company based in Whitstable in Kent. I was their northern based service engineer. This was in the building services sector and allowed me to travel all over the country and abroad. I spent months working on the Channel Tunnel! I eventually moved on within the company into technical sales. I then became a director of a building services engineering company based in Leeds. After changes in the building services industry, it was time for a change. My next adventure was to become a live-in warden at an independent living complex in Sheffield, and I am still here today.

I have always tried to support the Old Edwardians’ Association where I can by attending dinners and hooking up with friends and have always enjoyed recounting school day stories especially cricket exploits.

When Jon Parr asked me to become a committee member I did not have to think too hard before I said yes.

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