

My name is Ian Collins, in the Priory Days known as 'Jock' Collins.

I was delighted to come across the website and to see several names - Viv and Geoff Dufeu, Maurice Sheen, Ian Colledge and yourself - that I recognised.

Really pleased to hear from you! I found the Priory Boys' website and couldn't believe the names I recognised on it. Turning 60 in February has made me pause just a bit to think again.

I've been working in Kent since the late 70's in a number of schools. Teaching English and Drama before moving on to senior management for the last 25 years. I've been head at Trinity for 12 years. It's in the north of the London Borough of Bexley - in many ways a pretty deprived area - but great kids and people to work with in a fab school. Just when I should be slowing down, I've been persuaded to take on some primary schools as well. The Trinitas Academy Trust is now up and running. Fun but hard work.

On the domestic front, I've been married for 37 years and have two children. My son is 32 and a musician, my daughter 30 and a business analyst. Mike is living his dream - successful indie band called Allo Darlin, a series of recording studios in London and now Ramsgate and a cafe / bistro music venue with his partner. Tori got married in March and has just moved to Nottingham. Her money all goes on a horse. Come to think of it, most of mine has gone on it too!

I have only kept in touch with one person from the Island who went to Carisbrooke but lived near me when my dad was at Parkhurst. My dad died 9 years ago.

It would be good to catch up a bit more Maybe even meet for a glass or two one day Still have fond memories of those days. Probably totally exaggerated in my ageing mind!

Best wishes,

Ian