

Patrick Anderson 1960-1967

At the Southern Grammar I was in 1S, 2F-5F, RemSciB, lower 6thB. I remember often sitting next to Richard Amey (adjacent surnames) and in a lively sixth form with David Pavey, Chris Savage, Colin Bishop, Jim Dallimer, etc. The latter seems to have disappeared from the face of the earth but I am in regular contact with Chris and know of the whereabouts of Colin and David.

RemSciB did not do well at Biology in 1967, for reasons that will be clear to members of the class, but I remember my classmates as pretty bright chaps.

I shall always remember the very good teachers and the very bad. All the Spanish teachers were very good; Dr Trainor, quite a fierce guy who gave me a considerable clip around the ear (remembered to this day) on my first day at grammar school (it was deserved- for looking out of the window); Mr Simms and Mr Farrand who were very pleasant as well as effective teachers. Mr Butterworth, an excellent history/economics teacher who also looked after the rugby club. Stimulated to be a scientist by the amazingly good Mr Watson (Physics) who made it interesting, and Mr Dunthorne who made Biology easy. I know I do not have to comment on the few awful teachers but geography comes to mind!

I read Zoology at Southampton University - the only place that would have me! Mr Mills apologized to me for the reference he had written on my UCCA form! Since then I have had an academic career as an anatomist and neuroscientist, mainly at University College London where I am Professor of Experimental Neuroscience in the Department of Cell and Developmental Biology.

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