



Class of '61 – Reunion

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Let's make our 55th Reunion one to remember Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd October 2016.

Your Reunion Organizing Committee have been approached by Gwyn Bassingthwaite of the OSA for our Class of '61 to sponsor the new Digital Archive Centre located in Foundation house for the year ahead.

The purpose of this facility is to capture digitally all current and available historical documents relating to Selborne. We have visited Foundation House and received a presentation of the facility and the scope of the project.

Eventually this information will be available to all Selbornians via the Web. For instance, if we wanted to find all documents relating to the name "Webber", we should be able to enter "Webber" and retrieve all references to the name Webber whether they be in documents or even via Optical Character Recognition from a picture on a noticeboard.

The project is quite enormous, not just in terms of the information to be archived, but also the need to seek out the precious photographs, documents etc. hidden away in past pupils' storage places before they disappear forever.

Having had some difficulty in getting historical information for our Yearbook in 2011, we appreciate the importance of having:

- A one stop shop to find Selborne information
- Capturing and digitally archiving for posterity this information

Having seen the progress made to date and the future plans, your committee have no hesitation in recommending that we support this worthwhile endeavor.

I must say that I have never been one for donating my hard earned money to any cause without being able to see a tangible return. We are in the digital age and I feel comfortable that the Digital Archiving of Selbornian information for posterity is a worthwhile endeavor. I intend to support it financially and by giving of my time - I encourage your participation to do the same but I repeat: any donation from you is not mandatory.

In the last Bulletin, No 34, I requested that you help us by actioning two items as soon as possible, they being:

1. Yearbook for the Reunion

We have decided to publish a scaled down Yearbook for the Reunion. Basically its contents would consist of Member details from our 50th Yearbook plus an update paragraph or two on what has happened in their lives in the past 5 years. I am thus requesting that you send me, as soon as possible, this update information whether you are attending the Reunion or not.

If you do not have a record of what you wrote for your profile in the 2011 Yearbook, a copy is available on our Reunion website at selbornecollegeclassof61.yolasite.com or you can retrieve the document at

<http://selbornecollegeclassof61.yolasite.com/resources/Class%20of%2061%20Year%20Book.pdf>
Alternatively, simply email me and I will send your 2011 profile to you.

2. Reunion registration

The time has come for you to register for the Reunion event and to this end I have attached a Registration/Booking Sheet document to this Bulletin. I have also attached a copy of my own completed Registration/Booking Sheet as an example. In addition, a blank Registration/Booking Sheet Form is available on our website.

Please read through the instructions carefully because accurate information supplied by you helps us enormously in our organization of the event.

Also, please be assured that we have done everything possible to keep costs to the minimum while still being assured of a quality event.

Please register and pay your total event costs into our bank account as soon as possible. All inflows and outflows from this account will be open to inspection by any member at any time. Of course, if you would like to add a little extra cash to your registration to cover unforeseen expenditure it would be much appreciated but is not mandatory.

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Just over two weeks after sending out the Bulletin regarding these two items I have received two Registration/Booking Sheets and four profile updates.

I appeal to you to help us by reading this Bulletin carefully and assisting us by complying with our requests as soon as possible. Let's work together to make this a truly memorable 55th reunion – after all, it's the only one we will ever have!

Kind regards

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