



# Class of '61 – Reunion

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Hi All,

Representing the 2021 Reunion Committee, **Peter Turner**, **Owen Thompson** and **Werner Illgner**, met with **Alan Parsons** the Executive Director of the Old Selbornian Association to discuss various aspects of the 2021 Founders Day weekend. Unfortunately, **Charles Harris** was not able to attend the meeting as he was man down with an attack of Shingles.

Alan gave an overview of the school's position in terms of this year's Founders Day. He said that at this stage the event was planned to take place as normal but this could change depending on the overall Covid situation. The next month is critical as it could indicate a 3rd wave and would also reflect the success of the vaccination programme.

Of course, the worldwide Covid-19 situation has muddied the planning of the event somewhat and after some discussion it was agreed that:

- Werner would send out an Email to all Class of '61 members telling of this meeting and also asking for feedback as to who, at this stage, are considering attending our 60th Reunion.
- The Email to also highlight the 2022 founders Day and 150th Anniversary celebrations thinking and encourage class members to start committing to attend. This is particularly relevant to overseas members.

Please find below an extract of a letter sent by Alan Parsons to Reunion organising committees:

*"Confirmation that Founders' Day is on Friday 22 October 2021. It must however be understood that due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the situation is fluid, and can change at any time.*

*In discussion, the Old Selbornian Association Executive and the Headmaster of Selborne College have decided to go ahead with the planning of an uninterrupted Founders' Day for 2021. We will deal with any deviations should they occur.*

*We, at the Old Selbornian Association, look forward to hosting you along with Selborne College, at Founders Day 2021.*

List of events over Founders' Day 2021 Weekend are as follows:

<b>Wednesday 20 October 2021</b>		
18h30	Sounds of Selborne, Founders' Day Music Concert Booking details to follow	Venue tbc
<b>Thursday 21 October 2021</b>		
17h30	OSA AGM	Rugby Den Old Selbornian Club
	OSA Social	Old Selbornian Club
18h30	Sounds of Selborne, Founders' Day Music Concert Booking details to follow	Venue tbc
<b>Friday 22 October 2021</b>		
09h10	Ceremony of the Key Please be seated by 09h00	Selborne College
	Tea Immediately after Ceremony of the Key	Main School Hall
17h00	Retreat Please be seated by 17h00	Selborne College
18h30	OSA Spit Braai R 140.00 per person All Welcome!	Neil Emslie Centre
<b>Sunday 24 October 2021</b>		
09h00	Thanks Giving Service	Selborne College Main School Hall

We obviously urge everyone to attend the Ceremony of the Key and the OSA Spit Braai. I will book stand space for your class at the Ceremony of the Key (Please be seated by 09h00) and will seat your class together at the OSA Spit Braai. The OSA Spit Braai is the one event we ask all Old Selbornians to attend, in support of the OSA and the school. Wives, partners etc all welcome.

The cost for the OSA Spit Braai is R140.00 per person and we ask each reunion group to please collect the funds upfront. I will supply you with the required number of tickets before the event. Please contact me if you would like to make use of our banking facilities.

At the Tea after the Ceremony of the Key, the Headboy or representative usually says a few words. No longer than two minutes. It is however not essential. We can discuss this further. We would like to encourage you to support the fundraising efforts for the benefit of your Alma Mater. Details to follow later.

Selborne is an exceptional institution, but without the support and generosity of Old Selbornians, the standard of the School would not be maintained.

Kind regards,  
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 Old Selbornian Association  
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The current thinking on the 2022 Selborne 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations and Founders' Day 2022 is that:

- A special OSA/Selborne College committee has already been established to initiate planning for the event
- A strong drive will be initiated get as many as possible Old Selbornians throughout South Africa and the world to attend the event
- Unique events tailored to this auspicious occasion will be organised
- The intent is to make the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations truly memorable and an event that will be really special for all attendees and, via electronic communications, include those unable to attend

***We request after reading this letter you respond by return email or WhatsApp and answer two questions namely:***

Do you intend to attend the *Founders' Day 2021 Weekend and the "Class of '61" - 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion?*  
YES / NO / Maybe

Do you intend to attend the 2022 Selborne 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations and Founders' Day 2022 Weekend?  
YES / NO / Maybe

We would really appreciate your prompt response to these questions. We do understand the Covid-19 cloud that hangs over this year's Founders Day but we do need some indication from you of your possible attendance.

Kind regards

**Werner Illgner**

(on behalf of the Class of `61 – 60th Reunion Committee)

