



# Class of '61 – Reunion

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It has been some time since my last communication to the Class of '61 group and it pains me to start this Bulletin with sad news.

Charles Harris wrote to me this morning to advise that **Jeremy Edward Salter** passed away on Monday morning at 10:00.

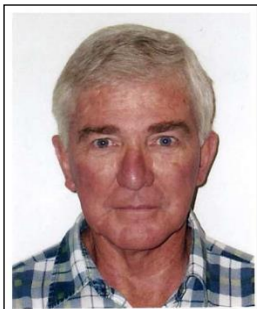
There is to be a Celebration of his Life on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> of May at 15:00 at the MG Car Club in Pretoria. The address of the Car Club is 45 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Menlo Park, Pretoria. It would be really good if Class members in the Johannesburg/Pretoria could attend this function.

Our condolences to the Salter family – our thoughts and prayers are with them at this difficult time.

For your information I have included the information that Jeremy supplied me for his entry in our Yearbook:

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## **JEREMY SALTER**



After school, like Roger Webber, I was also trained into a lean mean fighting machine as a 'voet-soldaat' with Kaffrarian Rifles. (Still hard to believe that was 50 years ago!)  
A transfer to Port Elizabeth with the Excise Department resulted in employment at General Motors in 1967, which was also when Denise and I married (and still are!)  
As happens, Janet arrived in 1969 – Matric at Clarendon, Nursing Degree at UPE, Honours Degree at Stellenbosch, now lecturing ICU at Stellenbosch and busy with her PhD. She is married and has 2 sons.

Wendy was born in 1971, also matric at Clarendon, Architecture Degree at UPE. Now in partnership (Goldsmid Salter Architects) in East London. She is married and has 2 sons and a daughter.

Neil was born in 1975 – Matric at Selborne, Doctorate of Chiropractic in Durban, moved to UK via Malaysia, UK qualification in Chiropractic, now practising in Nelspruit. He is married with a son, a daughter and another in transit.

After 8 years at GM, we moved to Toyota Manufacturing in Durban for 3 years and then back to EL; Motor Bike retail at Scheckter Harris, but not being cut out for retail, I moved to Mercedes Benz Manufacturing at CDA in 1981. I was with them for 19 years in EL and then 6 in Pretoria at MB Head Office.

I retired in 2006 and have since been busy rebuilding an MGB GT (in regular contact with Charles Harris). Still in Pretoria, Denise is seriously into Bowls and we also enjoy spending time visiting family around the country.

The Kruger Park is also a destination of choice, while Classic/Historic Motorsport is probably my other big interest.

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Also in my last Bulletin I mentioned that **Errol Sapire** has tabled an interesting idea. Basically, it was as follows: Our 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion year is 2021 and the Selborne College 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary is 2022. Errol's suggestion is that we do not make a big thing of our 60<sup>th</sup> but kind of postpone our celebration to a year later and really encourage all members of our Class of 61' worldwide to attend the week of Founders Day 2022 and we celebrate both events together.

I agreed with Errol that I would float the idea past you guys and get your feelings. I really did not receive much of a response from our members. The Class of '56 were not very enthusiastic about the idea but it could be that they would be into their 80's and maybe an extra year meant more to them. Therefore, I am earnestly requesting that you consider the idea once again and take the time to give me your feedback. We would really be interested to know how many overseas members would consider attending because of the coupling of our 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion with the Selborne 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations.

**Alan Parsons** of the OSA has also not been forthcoming with the current thinking as to what the school and OSA plan for the 150 anniversary and I will be following up with him.

I would ask all of you to share any personal news that you believe would be of interest to all members of our group.

Kind regards

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