



Class of '61 – Reunion

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I wrote to you a couple of weeks back advising of the death of **Fiddle Chapman**. I called his wife, Megan, and offered our condolences.

*Celebration Service
for the life of
Roland "Fiddle" Chapman*

*on Wednesday, 5 June 2019
Officiating: Rev. Ronnie Caswood*

Eulogy: Gary Chapman

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The Cremation will be private
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*Donations in lieu of floral tributes may be sent to
The above mentioned church.*
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Refreshments will be served after the Service.

Abide with Me

*Abide with me, fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens Lord, with me abide
When other helpers fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me*

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away
Change and decay in all around I see
O Thou who changest not, abide with me*

*I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
Thou have no weight, and tears no bitterness
Where is death's sting?
Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me*

*Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me
Abide with me, abide with me*



Selwyn Goddard, of the Class of '62 and also a close friend of Fiddles', sent me this message:

"I had a call from Megan Chapman late yesterday afternoon. She called to express her families thanks to each and every one who sent messages of condolence. She mentioned that the boys checked Fiddle's Old Boys blazer and tie but the blazer was too small. A family decision was made and Fiddle was cremated wearing them. Megan said he was one of the best dressed at the Crematorium. All seems to have gone off well and I promised to forward this message to all."



I also had an email in May from **Rod le Roux** in which he advised as follows:

"I am not sure if I had let you know that my health had taken a bit of a turn for the worse toward the end of last year and I was struggling with getting around and experiencing retaining fluid, swelling of feet and ankles among other symptoms."

Anyway long story short, 6 weeks ago I underwent open heart surgery to replace the tricuspid valve which had packed up - not the usual valve replacement op so after 5 hours in theatre I have a new 'tissue' valve and will know after Monday whether it has done what was intended when I see the specialist after X-rays and ECG. I have exceeded all predictions in terms of recovery and had only 4 days in ICU and 3 days in the High care Cardiac and Thoracic unit before being allowed home. I have made steady progress and am managing to increase my walks every day and hope to be driving again soon although I am still experiencing discomfort as the chest and surrounding area knits and mends. I was very blessed with the best treatment - the surgeon (who had 2 years training in SA) is head of heart and thoracic surgery at Oxford where I had the op - he had the best of team to support him at the teaching hospital."



At the moment thoughts of travel to SA are vague - I was supposed to be there in June but don't think I can manage the trip just yet. I am looking to October when I hope Gill can join me and then perhaps do Founders at the same time - it is still early days so will have to see. "

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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