

My short message to the "boys" attending the Reunion is that after organising the 40th I am especially regretful at missing the 50th, but that this due to a commitment I made some time ago to be back up vehicle to a group of adventure motor cyclists at a date then which did not clash with the 50th.

The date had to be changed but I felt I had to keep my commitment.

Besides which it is a tour which I would not now undertake on my own.

I look forward to seeing you all again at the 60th and keep well and out of mischief.

George Lord

A note from the Rockies on this 50th Reunion Event.

Greetings from the top of the American Rockies on this great night for Selbornians and, specifically, those who matriculated in 1961.

The organising team have done an outstanding job of putting this celebration together and, in addition, made a prodigious effort in reaching out to those who have moved away from East London. I was truly surprised to receive the first of many welcome emails from him.

Certainly regret not being there tonight and sharing some memories and updates but, I must tell you, throughout my life, I have never forgotten my old school and what growing up in this small community meant to me. Someone once said - talking of East London but sure it equally applies to Selborne - *You can take the boy out of Selborne but never Selborne out of the boy.*

Know this is a great night for all participating and for those of us witnessing this from afar. Werner has my email address - very pleased to resume contact with any 'old' classmates.

My best wishes to all for many more healthy years as Old Selbornians.

Yale Fisher - Aspen, Colorado

Enjoy the evening and if you are ever down this way – it would be good to have a drink or two together!

Kind regards Scotch

Hi Guys, Congratulations on your 50th reunion. I remember at our final assembly at school, Mr Barker said: " life is what you put into it ". True words. Enjoy the weekend!! Should you be in Somerset West, please contact me. Kind regards, **John Malan.**

I really regret that i am unable to come and see everyone again as it is something i would really have enjoyed doing. What i would like to do is to buy a round of drinks for everyone attending so i would really appreciate it if you could help me in this matter. It will transfer into your Selborne Class 61 account Rand 1200 and i would appreciate it if you would buy this round of drinks on my behalf at one of your functions or get togethers

I am not going to send a message but this would be my toast- to the Selborne 1961 golden oldies, a fine vintage crop - have a great time

best wishes

Fred Alexander (alex to all the guys from Selborne)

Hi to all you Class of 61 guys.

I really regret not being able to attend the reunion. I wish you all a good time on this wonderful occasion.

I can assure you I will be having a couple of Vodka & Tabs.

All the very best for the future and very best wishes to you all.

Ted Forsyth

I had hoped to have been able to join you at the reunion and catch up on the past fifty years since we went our separate ways. We tried, but unfortunately I couldn't fit the reunion in which I find rather disappointing. I am with you in thought and it my wish that you will have a really memorable and enjoyable time these couple of days together as you catch up on 50 years of life experiences. I wish you all every success for the future filled with good health and contentment. I would imagine that many of you, myself included, have retired. Enjoy your well earned rest and do the things that you have always wanted to do. God bless. **Cecil Hiscock**

Please convey my best wishes to all my old comrades and school chums. Hopefully I'll be available for the next reunion!

Good luck for a marvellous and successful reunion.

My warmest wishes, **Jeremy Vandecar**

My mother wanted her boys to follow on from where her brother had left off. So my brother went to Selborne College and I followed when my turn came. It entailed a three day train trip from Bulawayo to East London and a three day return trip every June/July and January/December. I had five years of boarding, with all its advantages and disadvantages, its highs and lows.

I would like to thank all the other boarders who looked after me during the short holidays between terms one and two and three and four. As it was

too far for me to return home, I frequently spent time in their homes and farms, being looked after like one of the family. It always meant a lot to me.

I hope that you all have a great time meeting together and exchanging stories.

Best wishes - **Keith MacDonald**