



SELBORNE COLLEGE

**Class of '61
Reunion**

2011 / 2016 / 2021

LUNCH PROGRAMME AT TABLE 58 RESTAURANT

1961 SELBORNE MATRIC – 60th ANNIVERSARY YEAR

Date	Time	Function	Dress
22/10/2021	11:30	TV Ceremony Viewing	Smart Casual
22/10/2021	13:00	Group Photograph	
22/10/2021	13:05	Welcome - Peter Turner	
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MESSAGE FROM ROD LE ROUX - OUR DEPUTY HEAD BOY



It is a pleasure and privilege to once again be extending warm greetings to all the Class of 1961 on the occasion of our 60th anniversary and to say how good it is of Werner to be updating the year book yet again. Thank you, Werner. I am sure I speak for all when I say I look forward to catching up on what has happened to all of us since we last updated the records. Sadly, some of our fellow pupils are no longer with us; however, we remember them all with fond memories.

As I said before, the “Year Book” is not just a record of school achievements only, but it captures the life of a truly vintage year and the successes of all post school. It has become a reminder of our past and the bond between us as we face the ravages of time and fading memories. Above all, we are also reminded of the wonderful start we were given by being members of the Selborne Class of 61.

Sadly, we are not able to get together to celebrate our year this year but we look forward to being able to meet next year for the 150 Celebration. I wish you all good health, and look forward to seeing as many of you at the festivities as possible. God Bless you all.



SELBORNE COLLEGE TRADITIONS

The time has come around for us to celebrate the fine traditions that have lasted through generations of Selborne College pupils: the Ceremony of the Key, the Retreat ceremony and other functions that are held on Founder's Day. But there is another tradition that has also lasted through the years, that of how teachers and pupils acquire nicknames. Let me run through some of them.

"Fiddle" Chapman, "Itchy" Dalbock, "Hippo" Ryan, "Naarch" King, "Big Jaw" Roberts, "Poenk" Wood, "Corbo" Colborne, "Whiz-bang" Duncan, "Kudu" Bowen, "Limey" Maclay, "Features" Sparg, "Tubby" Main and "Scotch" Kirkpatrick. These nicknames are carried throughout the rest of your life.

The same applies to the teachers in our years, "Bones" Barker, "Piesang" Baier, "Dronkie" Muller, "Puffy" Van Zyl and "Champ" Champion. I am sure the teachers knew their nicknames. There was "Gong" Pearson who, when he was presented with a clock at an assembly when he was leaving Selborne said, "I hope this clock has as big a gong as mine". We had our own Mr Chips, "Tex" Emslie who could be side-tracked from his Geography lessons to regale us of his exploits "Up North" or comment on rugby. One of the best for us was when "Meatballs" Rousseau was giving a woodwork class and his tie got caught up in the circular saw. As he was being inexorably drawn towards the blade, he kept on asking the boys to "Cut the Power". Instead, as he was about to meet his fate, his tie was cut off with a pair of tin snips – upon which he said, "Look what you have done to the tie my wife bought me for my birthday, you are vandals". (Legend has it that the remnants of that tie, together with a Selborne school tie, are mounted and hanging behind a home bar in Johannesburg). Meatballs and Dronkie took the rest of the day off and reportedly retired to the Highgate Hotel.

Another teacher who left an impact not only on the backsides of the hostel boys, but also teaching, was "Flebus" Lewis Williams (sometimes known as "Icikilishé"). When attending your first lesson with Flebus his introduction was: "The Headmaster and your Mothers and Fathers have sent you peasants to me to teach you the Queens English. Even I, with my considerable teaching ability, I am afraid, am embarking on an exercise in futility".

I wonder if, in another fifty years at another Founder's Day, the current crop of pupils will look back and remember pupils and teachers – not by their given names, but by their nicknames.

Then there are the memories, things that stick in my mind: One day a couple of the guys brought nylon and hooks to school. While we distracted Charlie Prior, they hooked the bikes below his second-floor classroom and hauled them up, tying them to the window shutters – imagine at break time when everybody came out into the schoolyard and here were six bikes hanging on the second floor shutters. Nobody could remember who did it!!

You could always see the "Smokers" at break time – they were the guys flicking the ash off their sandwiches.

One guy brought a hand-cranked generator to school and we all stood in a circle connected to the generator to see who would break ranks first.

In Charlie Prior's class he would always move down the rows checking homework. If you hadn't done your homework all you had to do was swop seats with somebody whose homework had been checked. So, during this checking time there was considerable movement in the class – he did not seem to notice.

Then there was the magic year-end time when we hunted down the prefects and threw them in the hedge.

Of course, one of the favorites was the potato in the exhaust of the teachers' car.

Ah yes! Selborne is a wonderful institution – but in later years when people ask you where you spent those years, one will be reluctant I am sure, to admit that you spent five years in an institution.

LIFE PROFILES

JOHN ATKINSON



First year out of school I served 11 months in the S.A. Naval Gymnasium at Saldanha Bay with some time on ships in Simonstown. On my return to East London, I joined an international canvas company in the retail/manufacture of canvas goods and Venetian Blinds.

I married Kathleen Argue in 1968 and we are still happily married! We have 2 daughters who in turn are married. The eldest is living in Oudtshoorn. She also has 2 daughters and we spend a lot of our holidays with them.

The youngest daughter is living in East London they have 1 daughter and 1 son. The son is at Selborne Primary.

I moved to East London Municipality shortly after marrying and worked in the Architectural & Building Inspectorate Section as a Plans Examiner.

I left East London Municipality 10 years later and opened a Carpentry/ Joinery Business in Port Alfred, manufacturing furniture etc. It was an ideal place to raise a family but not financially viable at that time (1983).

We returned to East London after 2 years and I worked for a building supply company, designing and manufacturing prefabricated engineered timber roof trusses.

I have worked in the roof truss business for the past 25 years. I retired 2 years ago but I still work Flexi-time, +- 3 days a week in the same field.



ROB BARTEL (Deceased October 2021)



After my years at Selborne, I headed for Rhodes University, where I divided my time between studying Natural Sciences and visiting my girlfriend at Grahamstown Training College.

I came back to East London with a degree and plans to marry my life partner Shirley, which I achieved two years later. Professional Registration had to wait a while before the appropriate National body was established and the relevant Act promulgated.

I considered myself fortunate to be able to combine the income-producing part of my time as Manager of several local Laboratories, with the privilege of being invited to serve on numerous professional Steering Committees based in Pretoria (inter alia CSIR, Water Research Commission, and SABS).

It was here that I was able to provide input into the direction of Water Quality Research on a national basis; also, into the revision of existing and the development of new SABS Standards for Water Quality, as well as research into the development, testing and approval of new National water quality analysis methods.

After nearly four decades I was happy to call an end to my working career on 31 December 2004, and am now, amongst many other interests, a contented home handyman and gardener (strictly non-professional).

Shirley and I were blessed with two children, Adrian (also an Old Boy), and Lauren (a Clarendon Old Girl). We are the proud grandparents of two granddaughters and a grandson.

2016 – Rob has suffered with health problems over the past couple of years. On the 15th of October he wrote "I had to undergo surgery this week and this will prevent me from joining the Class of '61 at Founders Day this year. All went well; I came home yesterday but am confined to home for a while. My best wishes to all who attend - just hang in there and we'll make it a good one in five years' time !!!"



BRIAN BARTLETT



After school I joined Barclays Bank and worked for them for 3 and a half years in East London, Engcobo, Cathcart and Port Elizabeth. During this time I did my Military training and ended up as sergeant with the Kaffrarian Rifles.

I joined Johnson and Johnson in 1965 and worked for them in East London and in Johannesburg (the last 6 years).

After 28 years, although an exceptionally good company to work for, I decided I had had enough of the corporate scene and bought a farm on the Berg River outside Wellington, Western Cape in 1993. Here we farmed with vines and horses.

Five years ago I decided it was time to "retire" and sold the farm. Just prior to this my wife, Rosemarie, was approached by the developer of the new Pearl Valley Golf and Residential Estate, between Paarl and Franschoek, to move her horse business there, and to establish an equestrian centre on the Estate, which she still manages.

After a couple of months of retirement, around a braai on the Estate, I offered my services to Pearl Valley as an "Admin Consultant" for 3 months! The 3 months turned into 5 years – I currently enjoy being the Estate Manager and looking after their Export grape/wine and Citrus Farm where I also live.

I have three children (2 sons and a daughter), all self-employed.

Any spare time we can find, my wife and I enjoy 4 x 4 trips in South Africa and neighbouring countries and motor bike trips. When we thought the "proverbial was going to hit the fan" in 1994, we bought a home in the North/West Italian Alps and this is where we spend our annual Holidays.

I don't know when I will retire!!!

2016 – Following on from 2011, I continued as the Estate Manager for the Pearl Valley Golf Estate for another 3 years.

I "retired" in February of 2014 and did some 4 x 4 trips and in July of 2014 I came out of retirement to manage the Pearl Valley Export Grape and Wine Farm, which I did until June 2015.

I am now retired totally and enjoy helping my wife Rosemarie with her Equestrian business on Pearl Valley and Val de Vie Estates.

We are blessed with fairly good health (other than A. G. E.) and enjoy our 4 x 4 trips and my motor bike trips.

In May this year, while in Italy, we drove down to Monaco to watch the Historic Car Grand Prix. This was a fantastic experience and brought back fond memories of the days of racing on the E.L Grand Prix circuit. Many of the old cars racing had also raced in E.L., and in those days I was a member of the EL Grand Prix organizers and so had seen these cars close up in action. A very nostalgic day!

I'm sure we will have a good reunion in October and look forward to our next 5 year get together. Good luck and good health to all.

2021 - Since 2016 I have finally retired but still helping my wife with her Equestrian Academy now based in George.

We are still blessed with good health (other than A.G.E) and enjoy lots of walking and traveling to Europe and our home in Italy. When in SA we enjoy our camping trips to Kgalagadi and Botswana. I also still enjoy my motor bike trips.

Having sold our home in Pearl Valley Golf Estate, Paarl, and after a hasty exit from Italy at the start of Covid, and after spending 18 months in Stilbaai, we have now settled in the Wilderness. Here we are enjoying the hiking and I spend a lot of time paddling on my wave ski. Hope you all keep well. Look forward to joining you for the lunch.



MICHAEL BROWN (Deceased)



Mike Brown was born on 11 September 1943 and died in Cathkin Valley on 25 April 2011.

His father, George, came to South Africa as a master brewer to introduce Guinness stout to our shores, but as it was not a popular taste. George stuck to trusted brands such as Castle. His mother, Edith, was a local lass and an ace bridge player.

When Mike reached school-going age, the family was in Pietermaritzburg and he went to Merchiston Prep. Since George believed sincerely in the nutritional value of the foam scooped from the vast vats of brewing beer, it was put on the children's porridge and they were sent off to school with beery breaths – what did their teachers think?

High School was at Selborne College in East London and then to Rhodes for a year, where he excelled more at golf than his studies, making the SA Universities A side. He also played serious rugby at Rhodes, as he did when in the army in Grahamstown, making the Border open side.

His first worked as a sales rep for Nestle, where his warm and engaging personality endeared him to clients and new friends alike. In 1970, Mike came to Eskort Bacon Factory as Sales Manager and in Estcourt he met Dixie Ralfe. Love flourished, they married on 20 November 1971 and four children were born: Belinda, Jeremy, Jessica and Adrian.

Mike was an astute and inventive businessman with an endless flow of ideas, some of which turned out to be real money-spinners. He had many years in the motor industry, first with the Renault/Chrysler franchise in Estcourt, then the BMW franchise. He was GM of BMW City in East London and played a role in establishing a firm hold for the franchise in that Mercedes Benz stronghold!

However, it was particularly in waste management that he made his mark and the empire he created stretches from Harrismith through to Zakheni, Estcourt and Mooi River. He worked very hard in establishing his businesses with great success, but success comes at a cost and he was endlessly on the go, seldom able to let up because of the many demands made of him.

Mike and Dixie brought their family to the Cathkin Valley about 20 years ago, settling on a lovely 50-acre property looking straight onto the mighty Drakensberg. There he established a lovely home from which he conducted his many businesses.

On the personal side, Mike was a Round Tabler until they bowler-hatted him when he reached 40. He served as captain of the Estcourt Golf Club for five years and holds the record for the most wins as club champion - ten in all!

Mike was gregarious and fun loving - he liked nothing more than a good bottle of red wine, his round of golf, meeting his friends at the 19th hole afterwards, and most of all, he loved having his family around him. Many people will remember his wonderful nature and cheerful disposition and perhaps his most endearing traits were his extraordinary kindness and his non-judgemental approach to people. He never spoke ill of anybody – he simply was not the type.

It is a great blessing to Dixie that she has her two sons on the property with her - Jeremy and his wife, Phillipa, who is PA to the rector at the Choir School, and their family; Adrian who has decided to join his brother in running the business; and her daughters, both married with their own families, are regular visitors. There is no doubt that the Cathkin Valley has lost one of its most treasured members and he leaves happy memories in the hearts of many behind him.

The above words flow from the pen of Robin Ralfe, Mike's brother-in-law.



IAN CARRUTHERS (Deceased)



After matriculating, the late Ian Alistair Carruthers chose to enter the world of banking through employment at the East London Branch of the South African Reserve Bank on 1 December 1961.

In 1966, after his marriage to Shirley Ann Hutchinson, he accepted a transfer to Pretoria's Branch of the South African Reserve Bank and thereafter a further transfer to Port Elizabeth's branch of the South African Reserve Bank in 1969. During his 34 years of service in the South African Reserve Bank he served on the South African Institute of Bankers, retiring in 1995 to pursue his other interests.

While living in Port Elizabeth two children were raised and if one considers the hours he spent supporting them (children's parents and teachers committees or school governing bodies he was serving on; his daughter's swimming galas; his son's drumming performances or other similar events that he attended together with his wife or was in some manner or capacity officiating at), it is no wonder that they have both excelled at all that they endeavoured in life.

His daughter, Beverly Ann Carruthers studied Speech and Drama, Music, Social Sciences, Psychology and Law and established the Beverly Carruthers Studio of Speech and Drama in 1992, Carruthers Attorneys in 2001; the Carruthers Academy in 2006 and the Carruthers Consultancy in 2011. Similarly, his son Alistair John Carruthers who excels in Information Technology, established his first business, Omniserv, at the age of 14 years and is currently the IT Director of Imperial Holdings.

The late Ian Carruthers had an unlimited list of interests which included, but was in no manner limited to, photography, reading, researching of historical events of interest - although all of these were subordinate to his interest in vintage motor vehicles which he both collected, restored and read up about. In this regard one could say, using the words of a poem "Young Ethelred"; he "guessed the make and got it right of every car that came in sight; what brakes it had; what gears and what ... in short, he knew an awful lot".

At the time of his sudden passing on 11 January 1995 his project was the writing of a book about the history of the Carruthers family, the Scottish Bruce Clan, with material he had been accumulating since 1974. His daughter intends to finish this for him and have it published.



COLIN CHAMBERS



I spent the year immediately after leaving school (1962) at the Naval Gymnasium in Saldanha Bay. The next 4 years were at Rhodes University in Grahamstown, where I qualified as a Primary School teacher.

I taught Standard 4 pupils at Hill Crescent Primary School in King William's Town from January 1967 until 1972. During this period, I spent a year in the United States of America on a Rotary Scholarship, focusing on teaching Special Needs children.

On my return, while teaching, I continued as a member of the South African Navy Reserve, travelling regularly to East London, and rising to the rank of Lieutenant. At the end of 1972, I joined the SA Navy Permanent Force. After serving on various ships, I was appointed Training Officer for Navy National Service basic training. In 1979, I held the rank of Lieutenant Commander and was Officer in charge of the Training School. In 1981, I started and ran the SA Navy Training Aids Production Centre. This continued until 1986, when I left the Navy to become a Christian Minister.

While a local Pastor of a Church in Muizenberg, Cape Town, I was also a part-time Prison Chaplain to Pollsmoor and Robben Island Prisons. During this time, I was Chaplain to, among others, Nelson Mandela, Walter Sisulu, Tokyo Sekwale and Raymond Mhlaba. I was also a Radio Chaplain with Radio South Africa, doing Mid-Morning Devotions and Epilogues on air. At the same time, I was also the Principal of the part-time Theological College of South Africa. These 10 years of ministry were very varied and highly fulfilling.

In 1996, I left South Africa to work with an organisation called Youth With A Mission (YWAM) in Montana, USA. My time with them included a 6-month missionary stint in Ukraine. After returning to South Africa in 1998, I travelled to various centres over a period of 3 years, operating as a locum in churches that, at that time, had no minister of their own.

I left South Africa in 2001 for England (the country of my birth) and have been living in Portsmouth ever since. Initially, I taught Special Needs Primary School children, but at present am involved in itinerant speaking, preaching and teaching. I am also Discipleship Co-ordinator and Hiking/Walking Co-ordinator for a Christian Charity called "Faith and Football". This involves working with teenagers and young adults with personal problems and needs.

I manage an Under-11 Soccer Team, while being Chaplain to the local Football side. With such a full and fulfilled life, I have never married.

2016 – "Several things have changed in the last five years as far as I am concerned. Basically, I am still involved in much the same Christian ministry in the UK as I was five years ago, with the following additions:

I am now the Chaplain to the Gosport and Fareham Rugby club, which plays in London 1 South League. The league covers an area from Southampton in the west to Dover in the east and Southern London rugby clubs to the north.

I am also now the Chaplain to the Hampshire Homes for Veterans. We are part of a nationwide Christian charity and we run 4 houses, in the Hampshire area, providing accommodation for UK military veterans who have fallen on hard times, and who are suffering various disorders like post-traumatic stress and such.

I am also part of the "Life Stories" ministry team which gives talks around the UK, primarily to businessmen, concerning my time as Chaplain to the late former President Nelson Mandela, and others while they were imprisoned on Robben Island and in Pollsmoor Prison. So life gets fuller, as I get older! "

2021 - I am fine and in reasonably good health - triple vaccinated (the two, then the other day the booster one after 6 months since the last of the first two, for us "oldies" as we head into our winter over here in the UK.)

I'm still very active with a full itinerant speaking ministry, volunteer chaplain for the Hampshire Homes for veterans, quite a full job, but unpaid, as well as chaplain to a rugby club and a kind of "after dinner"/"school prize giving's" speaker and before the lockdowns that we have had, a fairly regular speaker with talks/power point presentations on Nelson Mandela and my time as chaplain to him and the others on Robben Island, which are slowly coming back Please give my best regards to your committee members, and all others from "the class of '61."

FIDDLE CHAPMAN (Deceased)



After school I spent 9 months in the army and ended up as a sergeant major with the Kaffrarian Rifles. This was followed by 4 years as an income tax assessor with SARS and 3 years at Johnson & Johnson as a Stock Controller.

I spent 38 years as a Floor Covering's Contractor. A highlight of this part of my career was carpeting Nelson Mandela's House at Qunu in the Transkei in 1999.

I was involved for thirty-two years with East London Surf Life Saving Club as a competitor, represented the Eastern Cape Surf Team, Committee Member, Coach, Instructor, Examiner and Manager, including Honorary Life membership and the Meritorious Award.



I served on the Parents Teachers Association Committee at Selborne Primary and Selborne College for 8 years and as a member of the Primary and Selborne College Fathers Club. I have two sons, one living in East London and the other in Cape Town. I am now happily retired in Stilbaai with my wife and three dogs, living close to ex teacher and ex headmaster of Selborne College, Dr John Stonier.

These days my leisure time includes – fishing, walking to keep fit, and most importantly, Castle Lager.

2016 – Fidel reports that three and a half years ago he was diagnosed with the big C and has had extensive chemo treatment. He is pleased to report that he is in remission. He still enjoys a few beers and the most difficult part of his treatment was watching rugby and not being able to have a beer. He is looking forward to seeing the boys at the Reunion.



MIKE (Corbo) COLBORNE The Story – Abridged.



After school, for about a year, I called on Transkei Traders (Sparg to Sparg) selling them limewash and salt. I was the biggest salt seller on the border!

I moved to Zambia, where I spent two years working for a newspaper. Moving back down south I joined EP Newspapers in Port Elizabeth. I moved to Jo'burg for a while and did a broadcasting course with Eric Egan. I did an on-air audition with LM Radio - the result? "Don't call us, we will call you."

Returning to East London, I acquired my own business as a Furniture Manufacturers Representative and married a local girl. Both the business and the marriage didn't last long. (Werner Illgner was the bestman – bad omen.)

Eventually I moved to Cape Town into furniture manufacturing – innovative pine etc. Formed the Sunsetters Singles Club. I got lots of dates, but no proposals. Then at age 35 said "sod this" – joined a yacht and sailed to Spain via St Helena and the West Coast of Africa.

Spent several months travelling extensively around Europe using my brother's apartment in Paris as a base. Spent time in Ireland with my sister, Merle, then resident there. Moved to London for three years – money was tight – was a squatter in Highbury. Visited by friend, Howie Blumenthal (Old Selbornian) who was shocked to see the derelict state of the house: galvanized iron curtains and you could see the stars through parts of the roof. Did odd jobs for Employment Agency – Broadcasting at last - had to move boxes on the night shift at the B.B.C. I eventually became manager of the West Kensington branch of the Agency.

I gave up trying to emigrate to Australia – couldn't get the accent right. Left U.K. and went to America for a long visit – drove coast to coast across the United States.

Stability? Moved back to Cape Town and purchased Seeff Property franchise for Milnerton/Table View – the fastest growing area in the country. Won several competitions, including having the top two agents in the Group. After 12 years I relinquished the franchise – Seeff was going for a listing on the JSE.

I was a founder member of the West Coast Running Club, Secretary of Milnerton Ratepayers Association (one brief 'stamp out squatting in Milnerton area'), acted in amateur theatre, toastmaster, ran Comrades Marathon twice, musicologist? - have had several articles published in Cape Argus about singers – Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Tony Bennett, Roy Orbison, etc. Plus, wooden spoon at Milnerton Tennis Club.

Tried to retire, but there was too much life at the end of the money. Got involved with Property Development in Somerset West, remarried – Patty- maiden name Mitchell - a border girl (Queenstown Girls High) – family trade in Lesotho, Mitchell's Brewery, Leisure Isle Lodge, Knysna – 'marry your second wife first!' Recaptured the past a couple of years ago when Patty taught in London for the best part of a year and I worked as a junior/senior clerk for the National Health in the Notting Hill area.

For several years now have had a retirement job (lekker oxymoron) as a National Tour Guide covering the whole country and Namibia. Presently am contracted to the One and Only Hotel in Cape Town as a Tour Guide. Very larney guests – private tours only – 'S' Class Mercedes' and a Maybach – no blierie tour busses.

Have got back into running a couple of years ago and have run a Marathon this year – well to be honest, two half Marathons! Recently became a 'professional sportsman' winning R75 prize money in the over 65 category – there are not many of us left in that category! If I owe you money, my address is: P.O. Box 354 Constantia 7848.

I HAVE BEEN A ROVER – THE COLBORNE FAMILY MOTTO IS:

“KEEP YOUR OPTIONS OPEN”

2016 – Corbo, I believe is, on extended holiday overseas. He is fit and over the past five years he has continued participating in marathon running events. The rumour persists that he still working towards establishing a new political party based on the political philosophy of PW Botha –named the Ja/Nee Party and he claims to already have a strong following of Draadsitters.

2021 - The 5 years have been very pleasant.

In 2017 my wife Patty and I had an overseas holiday visiting Amsterdam, Paris where we spent 20 days. Budget wise luckily my brother Desmond who has lived there for 40 years accommodated us. We moved on to Switzerland and Italy.

May Day, May Day 2017 I completed my 10th and last Safari half Marathon in Wellington on my 74th birthday, the 1st May.

Over the last couple of years, I have had several articles published in the Argus, mainly about deceased old time entertainers, Peter Sellers, Roy Orbison, Dean Martin etc. I also wrote the cover story for a glossy magazine and an article in the Sunday Times.

Impresario? A friend and I booked a theatre in Cape Town, hired a band, and put on “Sinatra Remembered”. I did the narration: it was a sell-out.

Health wise I am doing well. At our age we all know what a PSA test is. My reading 0.7 (Bragging). I walk 6kms 3 times a week, go to the gym where those young guys call me the wrinkled Rambo.

Plans? Next year, if things become normal, we hope to do another trip to America. Meanwhile, La Dolce Vita.



JOHN COTTERELL



After finishing Articles at Whiting and Griffin, I joined Border Blood Transfusion Service as their Accountant and ultimately became the Chief Executive.

At that time, I was also Finance Director of a Biological Centre in Transkei. Following a merger of the Transfusion Services in South Africa, we moved to Durban and finally to a newly created Head Office in Johannesburg, where I was a member of the Executive Management Team and Board until I retired finally in April 2010.

I attended many international transfusion conferences and made presentations in Montreal and Baltimore. I chaired National Transfusion Advisory committees and was Chairman of East London Round Table No 1 in 1982 and President of Westville Rotary Club in 2005.

After school I continued to surf, compete in Masters swimming, played hockey and cricket for Bohemians and ran a few marathons in Old Boys colours.

I married Beulah (Muir) in 1965 and we have three children:

- Gary: B. Bldg. Arts, B. Arch (UPE). Architect and Editor “Wanted” magazine - Johannesburg.
- Brett: B. Com, LLB (Rhodes), LLM (UCT). Attorney in private practice – Cape Town. Married to Elize with two children Alexandra and Kate.
Head Boy and Custodian of the Key 1987
- Angela: BA Hons (Rhodes), MA (Stel). Clinical Psychologist in private practice - Kloof.

Following retirement, we moved back to Durban where we live in Kloof. I am now actively involved as a Lay Minister at St Agnes Anglican Church, supervising a centre called Philangethemba in the Molweni Valley, consulting on Business Solutions, and back as a member of the Westville Rotary Club.

2016 – Still enjoying life in Kloof KZN, our home is in Hyde Park a complex of 20 homes on 15 acres which was previously a nursery. Church, pub (Stokers Arms), gym and mall, conveniently just up the road! Serve as a Trustee on the Body Corporate.

Beulah and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary and are blessed with another granddaughter Sarah, who is now one year old and spends most days with us. The other two are in Cape Town (Alexander 13 and Kate 11) who are both excelling in sport and academics.

Still a Lay Minister at St Agnes Anglican Church, and the Elder for Social Justice which, amongst other things, has an outreach (Philangethemba) focused on youth in the Molweni Valley where we have established three FIFA size soccer fields, computer labs, science labs, math assistance, early childhood education intervention etc. Also set up the Kloof Theological Centre Trust with offers courses largely from the Vineyard Bible Institute.

Was named a Paul Harris Fellow of the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. And to top it all I look after my daughters Psychology Practice. Who said retirement was boring?

2021 - "Retired" from Church and Rotary activities. Now we have a lovely home in Waterfall Gardens Retirement Village.

Kind regards to all - and keep safe.



ANDREW CURLE (Robert Curle's twin brother) (Deceased October 2021)



After finishing at Selborne I spent a year in the Air Force Gymnasium in Pretoria. With boot camp and military discipline done, I joined the SABC in Johannesburg as a Learner Technician. I was later a project leader on the establishment of South Africa's television transmitter network.

After twenty-eight years and with the title of Chief Engineer Research, a BSc in mathematics and a MBA from the Wits Business School, I left the SABC to join M-Net.

In my twenties on a brief holiday in East London, I met May Tunborg and was instantly smitten. She took a while to be similarly smitten and, after a long-distance courtship, we were married there. Subsequently we lived in Kroonstad, then Ermelo and finally Johannesburg, where our four children were born.

At M-Net I led the development of Multichoice Africa's first digital television decoder, and finished up living just outside Amsterdam for 12 years, commercially exploiting this technology for the Naspers Group. One of my last positions there involved managing some 160 software engineers located in Seattle, Amsterdam and Beijing.

I have travelled the world on business for nearly all of my working life. Once our children were old enough, May would join me, determined to see all the parts of the world that I had. She can tell you, inter alia, about driving convertibles in San Diego, freezing in Prague, banquets in China, shopping in Moscow and a memorable night in the presidential suite on the 61st floor of a Hong Kong hotel. At one stage we could claim to have a daughter in each of Melbourne, Cape Town, and Glasgow, and a son in Manchester.

When I retired in 2009, we sold up in Amsterdam, packed up our two cats with their EU passports (they had moved with us to Europe from Johannesburg) and relocated to Cape Town. By this time 3 of our children were also living in Cape Town, and we had two grandsons in Glasgow.

Once retired I was persuaded to have a long-standing apparent heart defect examined. Heart surgery followed, from which I am now fully recovered and in rude good health. These days the only commitment I have outside house and home is mentoring business science undergraduates at a college for the bright but otherwise disadvantaged.

2016 – In the period 2012 to 2014 I had a month's holiday in Australia, visiting family in Adelaide and seeing the sights of Tasmania in a hired car. What a fantastic place Tasmania is! A high point was chartering a 4-seater seaplane for a visit to a remote gorge high in a rain forest. This included a successful take-off in spite of a bend in the gorge.

I enjoyed a semester course on Machine Learning at the University of Cape Town. It was an exhilarating experience to be rubbing shoulders with young people and taking in the wonderfully lucid exposition of the vastly capable professor.

A replacement heart valve failed after 4 years instead of the 12 years promised on the box it came in – it didn't actually come in a box; it came from a pig. I had to spend a month in hospital while the bacteria that caused the failure were flushed from my system. Less amenable to the quick fix of a surgeon's knife is the onset of Parkinson's disease. This requires both a tablet every four hours to keep me mobile and our move into a retirement complex with a frail care facility.



ROBERT CURLE (deceased, 1993. Andrew Curle's twin brother)



Robert spent his whole working life in the Department of Justice, which he joined after leaving Selborne. After training he started with a prosecutor position in Caledon, and then Lyden in Mpumalanga, where he met and married his first wife. Their two children were born while he was based in Middelburg, Mpumalanga.

He then became a magistrate in Randfontein in the far west Rand. He was proud of his BA LLB and saw out his working life as a senior magistrate, holding court in Soweto. His first wife pre-deceased him and he married again. He had 5 grandchildren, and his son now lives in Adelaide, Australia, and his daughter in Emmerich, Germany. Robert succumbed to cancer after an illness of a few years.



HILTON DALBOCK



Itchy to my mates.
Dalbuck to Charlie Prior.
Impudent ape to Icikilise (remember the little English teacher??)
Warrant Officer Dalbock to Colonel Champ. My one and only fan.

Selborne was the stepping stone to an interesting career in sales: Port Elizabeth – Eastern Cape – Johannesburg – Lesotho – Swaziland – Mozambique – it was a great time to be young in Southern Africa. Country hotels at R4 for DB&B, filled the car for R3.50 and super rich at a salary of R400 a month.

I married Maureen Pretorius (ex Clarendon) and opened a Fibreglass Gouilding Business in East London in 1974.

We had two sons (both Old Boys) who now run the business – alas, I still “clock a card” and I irritate them daily – yep – payback time!!!!.

Looking forward to a pleasant weekend.

2016 – Life cannot be better at 73.

To interact with Selbornians of yesteryear.

What a privilege and pleasure -- we made it!

Now let us re-live the last few years

Many trips inside and out of Africa have been the rule of thumb for Maureen and I. Given the opportunity has made us many friends in a few continents. And which is my favourite? -- has to be Aussie.

Business remains business in this crumbling environment ... yes, I'm still working although our two sons in the business (also Old Boys) allow us the freedom to “move as we please”. It is terrific and rewarding.

Looking forward to a great Reunion!

2021 - Retired and relaxed. Back to my roots growing vegetables in a tunnel on the banks of the Quenera River. Life is wonderful. See you at lunch at Table 58.



ANTHONY DE KOCK (Deceased)



After Matric the dreaded army call up put paid to any thoughts I might have had about further studies. During this period I was lucky enough to attend an officer's course (thereafter life was a bit more bearable in camp). I ended up as a captain in the old Kaffrarian Rifles regiment.

I was in and out of a few jobs – then I was employed as a manufacturer's representative by Wilson Rowntree and sent to Port Elizabeth.

I lived there for three years and thoroughly enjoyed “The Bay”. I played in some great cricket teams with illustrious names (EP had a very strong team in the mid-sixties). There I met and married Wendy (the current Selborne College headmaster's wife is her sister) and we have been together for 42 years!!

She bore me two sons but unfortunately our younger son died tragically 5 years ago. We have one granddaughter of 4 years and, as you can imagine, she is my delight.

I relocated to Cape Town in 1968 and at that time was involved in the marketing of accounting equipment with Burroughs Machines. Then I decided to go my own way in long term insurance broking (some great times and some really tough times) and I am still at it after 37 years – no sign yet of retirement!!

I look forward to seeing you all.

2016 – Sadly Tony passed away since the 50th Reunion.



OWEN DE LANGE



The spin of a coin in 1962 sent me into physics, instead of (the less daunting) geophysics, and launched a fifteen-year odyssey of study, research and post-doctoral work (7 in SA and 8 in the US). In 1977, I joined the physics department at the University of Natal (now UKZN), and was eventually appointed Professor, retiring in December 2009 to an emeritus chair. I enjoyed contributing to the metamorphoses of a generation of students.

Freedom of research enabled me to publish in various fields (quantum mechanics, electromagnetism, molecular physics, metal physics, physics education) and to publish (through Oxford University Press) two monographs (Operator methods in quantum mechanics, 1991; Multipole theory in electromagnetism, 2005) and a text (Solved problems in classical mechanics, 2010).

I have one daughter, Natasha, who lives in the United States.

What role did Selborne and its environs play? First, four teachers who stirred the indefinable: R B Redelinghuys (a passionate science teacher and fine person); D Lewis-Williams (interpretation of literature and for sharing his interests in geology and palaeontology); D Emslie (geography and unforgettable sketches of landscapes); C Prior (geometry). Then, the East London public library, a neo-classical building where one could dream among treasures on sun-lit shelves. And the museum adjacent to Selborne – appreciation to the many who made these possible.

And the environs. The unspoilt coast with fascinating rock pools, sand skiing and skin diving – where we hiked untroubled to as far afield as Port Alfred. Pristine estuaries, such as Igoda, where students could camp and find respite from authority.

Freedom to explore the harbour and – if the ship's guard was absent or distracted – the ships as well. Cycling, as far as the forests of Stutterheim, and holidays in the (then remote) Stormberg.

So, it was possible to hear and march to a different beat, and steadily learn that the universe is a remarkably strange place. For this, and for life in a time of relative peace, I was most fortunate.

2016 – The past five years have emphasized the relativity of time (acceleration of one's perception of time with advancing years). And that being absorbed in interesting work only enhances this. So the papers I published on macroscopic electrodynamics (in the Journal of Mathematical Physics and in Physics Letters) have sped things up.

To try and counter this, "I sometimes just sits", without the thinking. Or we go for long walks along the coast (and experience also the expansion of space with age). Or we travel. A journey starting in Italy, through the former Yugoslavia, and on to Greece was helpful. And a visit to Los Alamos, where we tried to sense the cradling of our thermonuclear age.

Now I am trying my hand at a small play, a Dialogue set in Renaissance Italy; though often it seems more a trying of my (arthritic) hand. Memories of school remain and sometimes come unbidden: like one of our prescribed short stories (Belloc?), an author feeling the completion of each work like the loss of a close friend.

2021 - Steady as we go
 stadig oor die klippe.
 Memories in tow,
 and our spirit's chipper.

In lieu of reminiscence, here are some lines penned by Gordon Forbes (a SA tennis player who died about a year ago). They are quoted from memory.

Go back down the years
and recall, if you can,
all the warm
temperate times.

You may be surprised
that they all can be squeezed
Into a head full of thoughts
and a handful of summers.



JOHANNES MARTHINUS (JAMES) DE WET



The year after school, a group of Selborne chaps boarded a train for the Air Force Gymnasium in Pretoria where we did our bit for the SADF. I was fortunate to be selected for Pilot training and after 3 months of 'basics', was transferred to Central Flying School, Dunnottar where I earned my SAAF wings at the end of the year. I then spent 3 years at Pretoria University studying Genetics and Chemistry and, although interesting, I found that I missed flying - so, after 3 years of Varsity, returned to the Air Force. I qualified as an instructor in 1967 and that same year married Ingrid Belonje (Ex Collegiate girl).

Halfway through 1978 I was transferred to Cape Town and converted onto Helicopters where I served as an instructor until September 1970 when I joined SAA. I was fortunate to have spent the last 12 years of my Career flying Boeing 747's as both a Captain and Instructor. I retired from SAA in 2003 but continued to fly as Captain and Instructor for a number of airline companies, namely Nationwide Airlines, Air Tanzania, Interlink Airlines and Zambia Airways. I now work (part time) as a Consultant in Aviation Safety.

Ingrid and I have two children, Genevieve and Michael, and have 4 grandchildren including a set of twins. We live in Krugersdorp on the West Rand and are enjoying our retired life. We are keen travellers, both local and overseas.

On my retirement Ingrid and I each got a motorcycle and enjoy touring South Africa. We also enjoy hiking and have done several walks in the Kruger Park. I enjoy photography and have done several wedding and special occasions for family and friends.

2016 – Since our last reunion we have sold our bikes after nearly 80,000 accident-free km's. luck only lasts so long... I'm back at work, but this time as head of Flight Operations for a Charter Company based at Lanseria. Life is for the living... till our 60th. . good luck

2021 - I retired fully at the end of 2018 and Ingrid and I moved into a Retirement Estate in 2019 to be closer to our son and his family as our daughter had moved to America with her family. In 2022 Ingrid and I will celebrate our 55th year of marriage. It's been a good life ...



TONY DUNCAN



I did all my Primary Schooling in Grahamstown, so I only knew people in the Class of 61 when I arrived at Selborne College, not like so many who had already been together for years.

At high school, I was involved in swimming and played first-team rugby. I was also selected for Border Schools rugby. In 1961, I was a Prefect at the school. I continued my rugby after school, playing for Buffaloes and then Hamiltons, but left the sport after breaking my collar bone.

I returned to Grahamstown in 1962, and worked for a year as a laboratory assistant at Rhodes University. I then went to the Graaff Reinet Training College, intending to train as a teacher, but changed my mind and didn't complete the course.

From there, I moved into sales (the area where I spent the rest of my working career). I worked for manufacturing agents, sold food products and office equipment, but most of my working life was with SA Phillips, where I was a technical advisor, and where I was recognized as Salesman of the Year in 1982.

I married Gillian in 1967. Our daughter and our elder son live in East London, while our younger son is in Johannesburg.

I enjoy spending time with my grandchildren, and fishing, from time to time, with my son.



JACK EDWARDS



December 1961 – I boarded a train (with my bike) and headed for the Free State Goldfields, namely Welkom, to seek my fortune! I joined the Anglo American Group as a Learner Official, completing a five-year practical/academic course, culminating in an Advanced Technical Diploma in Mining Engineering. My National service was the Navy – Basic Training in Simon's Town and an officer's course at Gordon's Bay.

October 1965 – I was informed by a colleague that his sister was coming to visit from Cornwall, England and he was looking for "dates" for her. I really "fancied" the idea of an English girlfriend (not too many around in the Free State) so I met Marie and now 45 years later still "fancy" my English wife!

In 1968 I was offered a chance to study at the Camborne School of Mines in Cornwall, but after three months of English weather and the fact that I already had a family, declined and made a new career choice. We returned to Welkom where I joined a firm of reclamation/waste management processors as their non-ferrous purchasing manager. I was later made a director of this company and in 1977 was transferred to Pretoria as Group Sales

Director.

August 1978 – I sold the roof over our heads to purchase a reclamation waste management business in Kimberley from where we still operate. Marie and I worked together in the business until December 1996 when we 'semi-retired' to Cape Town. The business is now run by our son, Alastair (born June 1967), ably assisted by our daughter Lee-Anne (born December 1970) and their spouses. Our visits are now less frequent to work and more to visit our children and grandchildren. Alastair has three children, Tyla (16), Jamie (14) and Joshua (12) and Lee-Anne has Conor (11) and Holly (8).

I was a member of Round Table (Welkom 204, Pretoria 168 and Kimberley 5) and later a less active Rotarian. We have been fortunate enough to travel quite extensively to England, Europe, USA and Canada.

We have a great circle of friends in Cape Town (mostly ex Round Tablers) and a holiday home on the West Coast that we visit frequently. The sunsets are magnificent and much appreciated as we don't get too many here in Newlands!!!

When not working in the garden or watching sport, I use my time to "hack" around the golf course.

2016 – My grandchildren are getting older —The oldest is hoping she will be allowed to graduate from the UFS and then intends to do honours. The second eldest has joined us in the family business in Kimberley (Purchased in 1978) which has enabled me to finally retire! The next two boys both play great cricket and golf— handicaps - scratch and eight! Our baby girl is busy with first year high school and proving to be quite the academic. The gifted golfers didn't inherit their talents from Grampi!!! To accommodate these great golfers, we have sold our Cape Town home and holiday home and very recently moved to Boschenmeer Golf Estate just outside of Paarl and adjacent to Pearl Valley Golf Estate where I understand Brian Bartlett is resident. The move is one of the reasons that we are not attending but hope to make the 60th !!! Our neighbour here at Boschenmeer is Clarence Miller (Class of 63) We have linked up and get our regular games of golf.

Travelled to the U.K. last year and sat next to Cecil Schneider on the plane and bumped into Rodney le Roux at terminal 5 Heathrow — us old boys are everywhere!!

Furthermore, happy and healthy and send my best wishes to all for a great reunion.



JEFTHA (JEFF) FETTING



I finished matric in 1962 and started at James W Weir in 1963. I then moved to Safari Tyres (Richard Meldal-Johnson) in 1965, joined Ronnies Motors in 1966 and left for Baptist Theological College in 1970. I married Joy Schaefer in 1967. I spent two years at College completing a two-year Christian Workers Course and working through UNISA for my BA Degree, which I completed in 1974. I then completed a 2-year HED (Teachers Higher Education Diploma) in 1977.

I began teaching at Treverton Prep in Mooi River, Natal in 1973. I was appointed as Headmaster of the Prep in 1980. We spent 30 years completely fulfilled in the place I knew God had planned for me and my family. We have two children, a son Jonathan, 33, in Johannesburg and a daughter Nicola, 37, Children's Pastor at Stirling Baptist Church in East London.

I retired from Treverton at the end of 2002, returned to East London and started teaching at Selborne College in 2003 until now. I am involved part-time in the PRO Department, sport coaching and Grade 8 Natural Sciences (3 classes).

The years have been good, the memories wonderful. I am thankful for every opportunity God has given me to be involved in sport and teaching. I am thankful for the great friends I have made through sport and the Church. Joy and I are involved in the ministry at Beacon Baptist Church and I enjoy doing some lay preaching around the East London area and leading a Wednesday evening home cell group.

The joy of teaching and the interaction with the boys at Selborne is a special gift in the closing years of my career. I enjoy being able to give back as much as I can. I look forward to many more years of service. Please come and have a cup of tea with me – I would love to show you around!

Have a wonderful Reunion.



YALE FISHER



Following Selborne graduation, I spent 7 years at UCT, Rhodes and Wits and lectured at Wits till 1970.

I joined Nedbank, became Financial Manager in 1974 and GM Exec committee in 1980. I graduated Insead, France.

I moved to London heading International banking operations in 1981. I lectured at LSE and Henley Business School. I was appointed Bank America Asia head based in Tokyo in 1986. We moved to Beverly Hills, California in 1989 and I was Bank America Treasurer.

Since retirement, I have been active in Oil and Gas exploration, Mountain real estate development Telluride, Vale, Aspen and technology marketing. I got married in 1973 and have three adult children - two sons and daughter. We maintain homes in California and Colorado and vacation in Vancouver, BC.

2016 – Health good - more grandchildren - More time in Los Angeles as a result. Active with Chinese corporations in US branding and marketing activity. Ongoing interest in oil and gas exploration

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EDWARD GEORGE FORSYTH (TED) (Deceased)



After matriculating, I joined the Standard Bank in East London. I was there for 4 years during which time I did 4 three-week camps with the Border Commando at Oudtshoorn. I then resigned from the bank, got engaged to Rosemary Halse and moved to Welkom. I worked for 18 years at Drake-Brook Ent, a mining supply company. In 1965 I married Rosemary.

In 1983 I moved to another mining supply company, Max Friedlander (Pty) Ltd, where I worked for 12 years. During this period, I also belonged to Round Table where I made many friends. Rosemary and I had 2 children, Grant Andrew and Gayle Andrea. In 1995 we decided to move to Bloemfontein where I had a hardware shop and Rosemary had a hair salon. In the interim, both our children married, Grant to Sandy and Gayle to Martin. They have 2 children each, a boy and a girl. Grant lives in Welkom and Gayle in Stellenbosch.

After 4 years in Bloemfontein, Rosemary became ill so we moved back to Welkom in April of 1999. Our townhouse still belonged to us so we just moved back in. Rosemary passed away from the big C in August 1999, 3 days before her birthday. Since then, 11 years have passed and I have been the Internal Sales Manager at Imperial Development (Pty) Ltd all this time. The company is also an engineering supplies company.

I wish everyone a wonderful and successful Reunion!

2016 – Sadly Ted passed away since the 50th Reunion.



TREVOR GEORGE

I left school and with a number of fellow Selbornians attended Rhodes University, where I graduated with a BSc degree, majoring in Chemistry and Geology. I represented Rhodes at rugby and athletics.



After Rhodes I worked at Chloride in East London and while playing rugby for Old Boys, I sustained a serious knee injury that put paid to my rugby playing days. I spent a year working in Pietermaritzburg before marrying Gaye Stuart-Smith in 1967; she was my girlfriend from school days.

We moved to Port Elizabeth, I to work at Firestone and Gaye to teach at Collegiate Girls' High School. In 1971 we had twin sons.

I started at Firestone as a process chemist, became Chief Chemist in 1975 and over the years worked my way up the corporate ladder to become Manufacturing Director in 1996. I was awarded Fellowships of the Rubber and Plastic Institute and the Production Management Institute. I retired in 2002.

I have had a full and eventful life, being involved in numerous committees and societies. I travelled extensively to Canada, USA, UK and Europe while working for Firestone. For a number of years I was a Scout Master. In 1985 I became a veteran athlete and was awarded National colours in 1992, setting national records in the 100m and 200m. In 1997 I represented South Africa at the World Veteran Athletic champs held in Durban, and made the final of the 100m and while not winning, set a new SA record for my age group.

Since retiring I have given up the track and have concentrated on my hobby of restoring antique furniture. We have four grandchildren, three in Cape Town and one in London, so we visit those destinations quite often. We live on a smallholding outside PE with our two cats and poodle. Gaye loves her garden and in between working on Victorian furniture, reading, travelling and socializing, I potter round the house doing odd jobs.

I am looking forward to seeing old school mates in October.

2016 – The past 5 years have seen Gaye and I continue to enjoy good health. We remain active with our hobbies, reading, gardening, home maintenance, travelling, socializing, et al ... not to forget all the sport on DSTV these days!

We now have five grandchildren, 3 boys and 2 girls, another boy since 2011, and it looks like that's our quota. Our twin sons live in London and Cape Town, so we visit them as often as we can. It is always great to visit the UK (where everything works) and the Cape (where most things work).

We try to keep things simple in our lives and around the house – not as easy as it may sound. Stuff we don't need any more ends up at auction, charity or the tip. We still live in Colleen Glen and hope to remain out in the country for the foreseeable future – but what is foreseeable? See you at the 55th

2021 - When I look back on the past 5 years, the predominant recollection is the impact of Covid on our lives. Some friends and family have sadly succumbed. Fortunately, Gaye and I continue in good health and are still enjoying our rural lifestyle in Colleen Glen. We are looking forward to visiting our London family again soon. Hopefully the days ahead will be happier for everyone.



SELWYN GERSOWSKY



After matriculating, I spent a year in the army and another year at Rhodes. I then moved to Cape Town 1964 and joined the receiver of revenue as an income tax assessor.

A few years later I joined Pick n Pay. In those days they only had 3 stores. I spent 21 years with them in store management.

Next I bought a filter coffee business supplying offices, restaurants and hotels.

I went into semi-retirement in 1996 and spent my time managing the Cape Town bridge centre where I taught and played.

I have been married for 45 years and have 2 sons and 5 grandchildren.

My main interests now are: playing bridge, travelling, stock market and spoiling my grandchildren.

2016 – My life over the last 5 years has been pretty uneventful. I think I am still in pretty good shape for my age and spend most of my spare time teaching and playing bridge and speculating on the stock market.

My wife and I do a lot of travelling and love going on cruises all over the world. This year we went on a great cruise out of Shanghai round Japan.

Both of my sons are back in Cape Town and it great to spend time spoiling our 6 grandchildren.

We may be coming to E.L during school holidays in December and hopefully I could get together with you and the other class mates in E.L. Have a great reunion party and I am sorry I won't be there and hope that I will still be around to celebrate the 60th reunion.

2021 - Not much to report since last update. Gail and I are still in pretty good health and enjoying life. I spend my time teaching and playing bridge, mostly on line. Due to Covid have not done any traveling, but hope to remedy that soon. Trying to sell our house in Newlands and move to a retirement complex nearby. Looking forward to reunion next year.



PETER GRAHAM (Deceased)



After matriculating at Selborne, Peter got a bursary to study at Natal University. As far as we remember, he enrolled for Mechanical Engineering, but only completed one year. Instead, he studied part-time for his NIC Ass Mechanical Engineering Diploma, and, after qualifying, moved into the Air-Conditioning Industry.

He started with a Company called Aircon in East London, and later moved to Port Elizabeth. Eventually he moved to the Cape Town area, where he also had his own business till the time of his death.

Peter was a very inventive and hands-on person. He was a very talented musician, especially on the piano, but his guitar ability was also widely known. Music was his main interest and hobby.

He was married 3 times and had 5 children.

Towards the end of his life, Peter became quite religious, and was well loved in his Community.

He died of a heart attack in July 2002, and is missed by his family and Community.

Peter broke the school under 15 hurdles record in 1959 and it still stood by the time we left school.

COMPILED BY HIS SISTERS - PAT KELYNACK and VERA ADDIS

JOHN GUNN



My banking career with the then Barclays started straight after school in East London. Eighteen months into my working life I boarded the train with the rest of the Kaffrarian Rifles Infantry contingent for Oudtshoorn. My army stint consisted of the usual basic training, followed by an Officers course in Pretoria and finally three months at the Lenz Military Camp south of Johannesburg. Life as a commissioned officer was most rewarding, working very closely with the 30 odd members of my platoon and, with the freedom when not on duty, at times quite enjoyable!

I resumed my banking career in an idyllic spot, Port Alfred, and following from there spent two years on the Relief Staff, travelling the then Western Province from Cape Town to East London to Upington and many towns in between. I met my wife-to-be on my travels and then settled in Cape Town where Helena and I got married. Up to this point she had been a kindergarten teacher. During our time in Cape Town, we were blessed with two children, and later I was seconded to the USA for two years as a Branch Manager of one of the branches of Barclays Bank of New York in Manhattan.

We moved across as a family and lived in a small town in New Jersey, across the Hudson River from New York. The children, aged 6 and 9 at the time, attended school there and became truly 'Americanised'. Needless to say, all-in-all our time in the USA was an amazing experience for the whole family. We returned to Cape Town at the beginning of 1983, and then accepted a transfer to Johannesburg in 1988, where we are to this day.

I retired at the end of 2001 following pre-retirement leave, having spent one month short of 40 years with the FNB Group. My last two appointments had been as Managing Director of First Trust, and then later as Divisional General Manager – Retail Credit Risk for the Group.

To keep the grey matter going, I currently conduct training courses for various Banking Institutions on Assessing Credit Risk, have lectured at GIBS on Credit Risk Management and do consulting work in this field.

Our two children were both able to further their studies after leaving school. Daughter Christine has a PhD in both Communication and Biblical Studies, and following a period of study in the USA, met and later married an American Law student. She now lives in Chicago, and has two children, Grace 10 and Michael John 5. Ralph, our son, studied Industrial Engineering at Pretoria University and later obtained an MBA at Purdue University in Indiana, USA. He currently heads a Project Finance team at Standard Bank's Corporate and Investment Banking Division in Johannesburg.

In between times Helena and I spend time in Cape Town, at our holiday home on the coast near Still Bay, and travel, mainly to the USA though, with a stopover either in Europe or the UK. I also enjoy the odd game of golf wherever we find ourselves!

2016 – Life since our reunion 5 years ago has been good! Helena and I have been blessed with good health which has made it possible for us to travel, spend time at our holiday home and visit our children.

We decided, rather than sell our house in Johannesburg, to renovate. This was a major undertaking and involved packing up and moving out. We stayed with our son Ralph in a neighbouring suburb initially, but as the project took much longer than originally planned and with Ralph's impending marriage and move to Nairobi, Kenya for a two year secondment, we took refuge in our holiday home in the Cape!

The training and consulting work that I was doing previously slowed down somewhat, which in a way was a good thing, as the renovation project took up a lot of my time!

We enjoyed being in the Cape and as we had no real reason to be in Johannesburg, particularly with both children out of the country, we decided to rent out our house and spend the next few years at the seaside.

Our daughter, Christine, living in Chicago, USA has established a Foundation to promote Biblical Storytelling through the medium of art, and has arranged several events over the Christmas and Easter periods, using commissioned art pieces by prominent Christian artists, in towns in Illinois and in Franklin, Tennessee. As one of the trustees and Board member of the Foundation, I have considerable involvement with its activities, albeit mostly on a long-distance basis. Granddaughter Grace is part of the High School swimming team and a very talented singer. Grandson Michael John loves and plays baseball, soccer, American football et al!

Son Ralph and his wife returned from Kenya with a 6-month-old baby girl, Alexia, at the end of August, and he has settled back into his Project Finance roll at Standard Investment and Corporate Banking Division in Johannesburg. Ralph also serves on the International Board of Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF), a worldwide charitable organization providing air transport to bring help and hope to people in some of the world's poorest communities. They operate 125 light aircraft in over 30 countries. (Google mafint.org)

We look forward to seeing what the next five years has in store for Helena and I and our family!

2021 - Helena and I have continued to be blessed with good health.

Having spent some four and a half years at our holiday home in the Cape, we moved back to Johannesburg, after the lease on our home came to an end with the tenants emigrating to the UK toward the end of 2018.

The next year was spent settling in and refurbishing/decorating our "new home", having not lived in it since the renovations had been completed. Furthermore, 'lockdown' last year provided the ideal opportunity to get the garden back into shape!

Our travel plans for the last few years have been on hold, but fortunately daughter Christine and family, based in Chicago, visited us over the 2019 Christmas season, and again in December last year. Our son Ralph and family, based in Johannesburg, have a second daughter, our fourth grandchild, and we see them often. Helena and I spend our time between Johannesburg and our holiday home near Still Bay.

A shoulder op last year has curtailed my golfing activities somewhat, but hopefully I'll get back into the swing of things next year!!

CHARLES JOHN HARRIS



My school career at Selborne spanned the years from 1950 to 1961. On matriculating I joined Eskom and worked for them for 10 years as an apprentice and furthering my studies with ntc2, ntc3, atc1, and atc2, qualifying with being the best student of the college 2 years in a row. I then became a shift engineer and while studying for a government ticket (which I did not complete), Ian Scheckter and I started a motorcycle shop.

I built a 4-cylinder 2 stroke racing motor cycle (the Harris 4) and with Ian Scheckter riding, the first time out, broke the lap record set by Jim Redman on the factory Honda 4 in East London. For the next ten years I was half partner in the motorcycle/boat/generator shop business called Scheckter Harris Motors. During this period, we competed in the 1st 250 class roof of Africa, achieving the 2nd motorcycle in the open class. Then in 1974 I was a member of Yamaha team achieving 1st, 2nd, and 3rd overall – the first and last time this was achieved. In 1982 I worked for Gideon Bible placements in Transkei schools for 3 months, then opened my own fuel retail/repair workshop/convenience store. During this period I had great fun racing go karts with my sons.

Since 1996 to the present, I have been chairman of the Retail Motor Industry Independent Workshop Association Border [MIWA] and member of the national executive of RMI and MIVA. From 2005 to the present, I have been Vice Chairman, MIWA executive and a member of the South African Petrol Retailers Association national executive committee for the last 4 years. In addition, I have been Sapr Regional chairman for the last 4 years, having served as vice for 7 years.

I have been involved in the admin of motor sport in SA from early 1980 to mid-1990, having served as Motor Sport Regional Vice Chairman then Chairman. On the Motor sport national executive. National enduro commission vice president and then president and Kei National enduro co-organizer 20 years.

I am proud to have served as a Deacon in our church for 30 years.

I married Lorna Kavanagh [Clarendon Old Girl]. Lorna has been my right-hand lady ever since, at work and home. She was involved in running girl guides, Sunday school and teen church, woman's meetings.

We are blessed with 3 children: Julie [Clarendon old girl] has a B.Sc. from UPE. She married Trevor Angus [old boy]. He has his own IT business specializing in security with Cisco. Trevor is an elder in his church. They have given my wife and I 4 grandchildren – Shendl, Bryden, Jody and Micah. Julie home schools all 4.

Darien [old boy] studied graphic design. He married Viki Vosloo [Clarendon Old Girl]. They live in Dubai. Darien is with Landor and Viki has her own branding business. Both are doing work worldwide. Darien is the drummer in their church.

Cheyne has studied 7 years of psychology at Rhodes/University Zululand/UPE. He is at present writing computer games for Microsoft.

My hobbies are dirt bike riding/water skiing/boat racing/motor sport/classic restoration/manufacturing and repairing bits and pieces/preparing any competition equipment. I have organized and hiked the Otto trail twice and have done 5 Argus cycle tours and other minor events.

I have lived in EL since 1944 and currently live on the Nahoon River near Batting Bridge. I sold the garage workshop in 2008, having sold the shop and fast food previously. Today I sell fuel and collect rent.

I have done a number of overseas trips both touring and on business – we have been to Japan, Hong Kong, UAE Dubai/Abudabi/etc., Portugal, Oman, Ireland north and south, Isle of Man, United Kingdom, Belgium, Canary Islands, Singapore, Southern Rhodesia, Mauritius and South America.

I have raced boats with a 85 hp Yamaha against 125 hp Mercs and won; raced bikes in the dirt; won Club championships in off road and foot ups. I was part of a team that built a church in Venda on the border of Zimbabwe and the Kruger National Park; organized a team to Trans World Radio [Swaziland] to do outreach/building and maintenance and was involved in Gatyana Bible College and Transkei Victory ministries in Willowvale.

E&OE. I was paying attention in bookkeeping.

2016 – In 03/2012 I was diagnosed with Leukaemia, and in 09/2012 I was completely healed after being prayed for in church. Thank you, Jesus.

On 11th June, 2013, we became the proud grandparents of twin girls, Fynn and Aida, born to our son and daughter-in-law in Dubai. On the 1st October, 2013, my wife donated a kidney to our son.

Sold my business and the building. Bought another house in March, 2016 and became a building contractor!!!

2021 – In 2017 I had 4 stents fitted. In 2018 we visited Ireland again for 4 weeks [daughter and family accompanied us making a party of 8] and stopped off in Dubai for 3 days with my son and family [increasing the party to 12].
2019/20 spent 3 weeks in Dubai over Christmas visiting the very old area of Oman.
2020 eventually finalized sale of our Nahoon River home after a 4-year battle.
2020/21 stayed home due to lockdown.

Spend time working on the 65-year-old house we moved into in 2017 and refurbishing four +/- 45-year-old motor cycles and two 60 year old MG motor cars. Was able to build a 120 sq. metre workshop under the house and 2 x 60 sq. metre flats.

Our 3 children and their families are all doing well, as we are too.



ROGER HERTZ (Deceased)



After matriculating I participated in a Youth Leadership course for a year in Israel. On my return I started my medical studies at UCT, graduating in 1969. During the course of my studies, I married my wife Elizabeth, who had been with me on the course in Israel.

We emigrated to Israel in 1970, I completed my internship and started work in Internal Medicine. In 1972 I decided to return to SA and worked on the Gold Mines in the OFS at The Harmony Mine Hospital. After the riots on the mines in 1975, we decided to return to Israel where we have lived ever since.

In 1976/7 I served in the Israeli Air Force as a flight surgeon and for about 20 years carried out annual reserve duty, as is compulsory in this country for doctors till age 51. I was eventually discharged with the rank of Major. Over the years I was employed as a Family Practitioner by one of the Health Funds until my semi-retirement as of May 1st this year, but I am still maintaining a small practice for about 20 hours a week.

We have three children and four grandsons aged 11, 9 and twins of nearly 5, who keep us very busy. Our 2 daughters live close by in our village (Even Yehuda, about 25 km north of Tel Aviv) and our son lives in Tel Aviv, near the high life.

As I still have family in EL (my brother David), as well as various other family members in Jo'burg and Cape Town, we visit from time to time. Holidays are very often spent in Europe as we are relatively close and have time-share to utilise at various locations.

2016 – I am continuing in partial retirement, working about 20 hours a week in a limited General Practice, and will probably continue for another year or two. We have had the joyful addition of another two grandchildren, now totaling 6 – five boys and one Princess. I have taken to a bit of gardening, trying to grow paw-paw trees from pips – so far, no paw-paws. All in all, not much change.



CECIL HISCOCK



It was my dream to enter the agricultural field after school, but unfortunately things didn't work out and I started my working life at the East London Receiver of Revenue, where I became an Income Tax Assessor.

I was transferred to Durban, but wasn't happy there and returned home to work for the East London Municipality.

At the end of 1970, I married Else Visser, a Dutch immigrant, who taught at Laerskool Grens and lived just up the road from my parents in Vincent. After a couple of years at the Municipality, I became the Financial Manager/Company Secretary of "Dyers," (Dyer & Dyer (Pty) Ltd.) It was during this time that our two daughters, Ineke and Monique, were born.

In 1972 we built a house in Beacon Bay and enjoyed living there until the end of 1982. I felt called to the ministry of the Methodist Church and after initial studies entered the ministry at the beginning of 1983, my first appointment being as the assistant minister at Carletonville where I stayed for two years. My formal studies were done through UNISA. During my probation years I was moved to Umkomaas for two years and then to Dundee, where I was ordained. Then after a very brief stay in Nigel, I was moved to Bloemfontein which proved to be a happy stay, with both daughters matriculating at St Michael's Anglican School for girls. Ineke went to the University of the Free State where she studied education.

We then moved to Pretoria where we spent the last twelve years of my ministry before retiring to Wilderness at the end of 2010. While we were in Pretoria, Monique studied psychology at the University of Pretoria. Both of our daughters are married and are living in Pretoria. We have two granddaughters, one of twelve and one of six months.

We bought our present home around ten years ago for its location, as it borders on the Wilderness section of the Garden Route National Park and suits our interest in birding and nature in general. We have settled in and are enjoying living as retirees.

We don't know when we found the time to work!

2021 - Very little has changed, just a bit older. I am still married to Else; we celebrated our Golden Wedding anniversary in December 2020. We are blessed to be living in one of the most beautiful areas of our country and although the pandemic has clipped our wings, we attempt to make the best of our natural surroundings. Else and I are the joint editors of the Lakes Bird Club's newsletter, which has a fairly large circulation. Our two daughters and Else are involved in online education, which keeps them very busy. Our youngest daughter moved to Zambia with her husband and we hope to visit them next year and also make use of the opportunity to visit some of the country's natural wonders. Our daughter was warned that it wasn't safe to take small pedigree dogs to Zambia because they would be stolen. As a result, we have inherited her two Miniature Schnauzers which, although an absolute delight, keep us very busy as we try to keep up the high standards of care established by our daughter. Kind regards to all.



CHARLES ARCHIBALD HOUGHTON (Deceased)



3rd July 1944 - 2nd January 1999

I first met Archie at Rhodes University in 1966 – he was a senior and I was in awe of him. He did a B Sc Degree majoring in Entomology and biological sciences and his first job was with Cooper and Nephews in the East London area. He had a bakkie and went out to all the outlying farms early in the mornings, dosing sheep etc.

He transferred to Johannesburg and joined Comair for a couple of years, before going back to his entomology and joined the South African Bureau of Standards as a scientist, doing biological testing of pesticides. At the time he shared a house with about 6 good friends and did a lot of partying.

We met again on a blind date in 1972. Archie belonged to the Johannesburg Gliding Club and needed a partner to a dinner dance. Flying was Archie's first love and he crewed for Tim Biggs at the Gliding Club. He also had a Private Pilot's license.

Archie and I got married in January 1974 and settled in Pretoria. We had our first child in the same year – a daughter. A son followed in 1977 and a daughter in 1980. Archie was a family man and had high principles and our children dearly loved and respected him. He instilled in them his love for the "bush" and nature. He was a wonderful partner and husband and had very many friends.

In 1975 we moved to Somerset West with Carst and Walker, where he was Field Product Development Officer. Archie got to know all the wine farmers in the area – treating the vines for downy mildew and other pests/diseases. It was one of our dreams to manage a wine farm!

In 1977 he joined NCP Sentrachem and opened an office for them in Cape Town. We were then transferred to Johannesburg and Archie worked in various Sentrachem companies until his death in January 1999.

He became a very good fixer and handyman – we "owner built" our home in Lonehill and he did the electrics, laying tiles, woodwork (he was excellent at hanging doors!) etc.

Archie always loved his sport and played soccer, tennis, squash, cricket and lots of golf. He was also very keen on the outdoors and the family went hiking and caravanning on most holidays. He was a great cooker of potjiekos and loved to braai as well.

He is sadly missed by his family and friends.

(Submitted by his wife, Carol)



WERNER ILLGNER



After matriculating I enjoyed an academically unsuccessful year at Rhodes and then spent the next four years working in my father's butchery business and doing my military training in the SA Navy. (Excuse the moth-eaten picture of me at 18, but mother was a great cleaner-outer and this was all I could salvage)

Having matured somewhat, I returned to Rhodes and completed a BCom degree. In 1970 Lyn and I were married and I joined Burroughs Machines, an international computer company. Thus began a 30 year career which saw me in various management positions covering all aspects of the company. I joined the computer industry in its childhood and was privileged to be involved in its growth to what it is today. I had a great, most interesting and rewarding career.

We moved from East London to Cape Town and then in 1973 to Johannesburg.

We are blessed with three children; **Gregor** - BSc Mech Eng., MBA, CFA is with FNB, **Ryan** - BA Honours Interior Design owns Blacksmith Interiors and **Michelle** - Masters in Industrial Psychology with KPMG. All are enjoying highly successful business careers in Johannesburg. They have also presented us with four granddaughters (headed for our own netball team).

At the end of 1999 I retired and for 7 years ran my own Management Consultancy practice. Lyn had her own small business for many years and in 2007 we decided to close up shop and retire completely. The next year we spent owner-building a house at Cove Rock in East London and we now live 6 months in our house in Johannesburg and the balance in East London.

Life has been good to us. We have been blessed with good health, a loving marriage, magic children, travelled extensively and have a wide circle of friends. Lyn and I were active in Round Table. Until recently I played tennis regularly, but have now begun with bowls. Lyn still enjoys tennis twice a week and has joined me on the Bowling Green. We both try to play bridge as often as we can.

We love the bush and visit the Kruger National Park at least three times a year. I keep myself busy serving on the Cove Rock Estate executive, doing Newsletters for the Bridge Club and Cove Rock Estate and working on various environmental projects. To the disdain of Lyn, I really enjoy entertaining and go to great lengths to ensure that I have friends around for a braai at the drop of a hat.

Life is Great!!!

2016 – In the past five years I have had great fun playing bowls socially, watching my granddaughters grow up and welcoming the 5th one into this world – heading for a netball team.

The Social life has been excellent and I am still busy doing my bit for the Cove Rock Country Estate, Bowls Club and Bridge Club. Health wise Lyn and I are pretty sound. Unfortunately, I fractured my left ankle in June but have made a good recovery.

We had another trip to the USA in 2014 and spent 6 weeks touring. Another highlight was visiting the Serengeti in Tanzania last year which was awesome. Life is still Great!!!

2021 – At last I have a grandson, after 5 granddaughters – and what's more he has a German square head just like Gramps. Lyn has had a few health problems: firstly, a traumatic knee replacement operation that had her in hospital for a month after a life-threatening reaction to medication, then a neck operation which has proved highly successful. I am still busy: trying to play bowls; enjoying playing bridge; editing my monthly Boerewors and Biltong newsletter; helping folks with their PC problems; cooking up a storm; finding any excuse to braai with friends; bought a new Kia Sportage; visiting Kruger Park 3 times a year; became a Director on the Board of Ngwenya Timeshare resort; trying to dodge all the tasks Lyn dreams up for me. Life remains GREAT!!!



LES JAMIESON



On leaving school I joined First National Bank (then Barclays) and enjoyed a sabbatical of nine months in the defence force as a medic. I transferred to the Trustee Division of First National Bank in 1970 and served in East London, Kimberley, Pretoria and Johannesburg. During my business career, I attended every training course that was available and completed my C.A.I.B.S.A, Marketing Diploma and Advanced Executive Program with UNISA, but my main training came from the University of "Life".

In 1967 I married my loving and supportive wife, Denise Dalbock. We have been blessed with three fine and successful sons, three great daughters-in-law and two lovely grandchildren.

I played squash and first team cricket for the Cambridge Sports Club and social lower league rugby for Old Boys. My determination far outweighed my abilities. Since the age of twelve, I have endured my incurable passion for racing pigeons and do so to this day with as much enthusiasm as I did fifty-six years ago. I am heavily involved in the administration of the sport and was awarded my national colours.

I am involved with Christian Residences for Young Women, being a trustee of the Pretoria house and a member of the National Executive Committee. For many years I have served as the honorary auditor for Central Baptist Church, Pretoria.

I took early retirement in November 2000 when I created Les Jamieson Associates specialising in Wills, Trusts and Administration of Deceased Estates. My son Ivor has recently joined the business and I am attempting to slow down, but the hype keeps me young.

2016 – We have been blessed with two more grandchildren. Now we have two girls and two boys. They all live within a few minutes of us and we thoroughly enjoy getting involved with their development and activities. I came through a successful five-way heart bypass last October and thank God that I am now back to good health. I am still contemplating early retirement.

2021 - God has blessed us with another five years of good health and a happy family.

Denise and I celebrated 54 years of happily married life this year and we are now in the process of moving to a Retirement Village in our area. When we advised the family regarding moving to a smaller home, the only concern came from the two youngest grandchildren who wanted to know if we were going to have enough room for sleepovers and their toys.

After being involved for 65 years, I have eventually retired from racing pigeons but am still active in assisting a new young fancier along the path of this "incurable disease".

I am still contemplating early retirement but am experiencing difficulty in understanding the concept because I enjoy helping people and solving problems.



BRIAN JOHNSON



During standard 9 we all attended an assessment at the Department of Labour and I remember being advised to be a motor mechanic. So, my classmates were rather surprised when I applied to go to Rhodes to prepare to be a teacher, but that was the only course that offered a bursary to the "less than brilliant". By various strategies I managed to avoid call-up (but not the infernal medicals every year).

After teaching Art for two years at our old adversary, Dale College, I came to the Frank Joubert Art Centre in 1968, and stayed there until taking an early retirement package in 1996. During this time I spent a year at London University (1972), married (1974), became principal of the Art Centre from 1976 to 1996, and studied further with UNISA – a B.A. (F.A.), M.A. and ending with a D. Litt et Phil. in 1989.

Since 1996 I have taught at a number of private schools on a part time basis, and am at present at Cedar House in Kenilworth teaching photography from grade 6 to 12. In my spare time I paint and do enamelling (jewellery and panels). I also serve on the management of Hope House, a counseling centre in Bergvliet.

My contact with Selborne since 1961 has been very limited. I did practice teaching there and many of my previous teachers were still around – Tony Grogan was the art teacher then. For a while I attended the same church in Meadowridge as Peter Blackbeard but have subsequently lost contact again.

The only teacher at high school to give me a hiding for failing to do my English home work was David Lewis-Williams – you would remember him as "tokolosh" or "Icikilish" because of his collection of Khoisan artifacts which he kept in his room at the hostel (he is now a very highly regarded authority on the interpretation of rock art – I attended one of his lectures some time ago).

2016 – I retired for the third time at the end of last year, more successfully so far. We spent 40 days and forty nights in France in May/June for which we had been planning for some time. It was very busy and sometimes a bit hairy - with rail strikes and floods to upset very carefully crafted plans! Now that I have had some time to organise my workshop I have started getting into my own artwork at last.

2021 - I am still married to my first wife and we are in the process of moving to a retirement village - a common ailment it seems! Reducing to a box from a large Victorian house and garden is hard, but will hopefully give us more time to devote to hobbies and friends!



CLIVE JONES (Deceased)



Immediately after leaving Selborne College, I spent 9 months with the Army in Bloemfontein. For some reason, I was posted to PAG (a Port Elizabeth regiment) and so only shared that time with Roger Webber and Dennis Martin from our Matric year.

I moved around quite a bit in my early working years, living in various places in the Eastern Cape and Western Cape, as well as some time in the then Rhodesia. During this period, I worked for the Tax man, the Department of Social Welfare (4 years), SA Airways and spent 4 years in the Ministry.

I married Ann Buchanan in 1971 (we met in Barkly East, but married in Cape Town) and we have just celebrated 40 very happy years together. We have 2 sons, both born in East London. Roger (born 1975) is married to Sarah (a Canadian girl he met on the Internet).

They have been living in UK for nearly 8 years and have recently moved to Amsterdam, Holland. Morgan (born 1977) is not married and has been living in Colchester, Essex, England for 6 years.

On return to East London in 1972, I started programming at the East London Computer Bureau. I then moved to East London Municipality. I studied a B.Com through UNISA, and became a Member of the Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants (IMTA) and of the Computer Society of South Africa (CCSA). I transferred to Cape Town at the end of 1981 and we have lived here ever since.

I took early retirement, which has been both full and fulfilling. I enjoy research (family trees etc.), and am involved with the Neighbourhood Watch. I am in the process of writing, and I edit the books written by my son, Roger. I am busy with his third novel. I am a musician (keyboard), playing at the moment at a local Church. I play tennis twice a week, and was, until fairly recently, a member of the Mountain Club of South Africa.

2016 – Clive has suffered with health issues over the past couple of years which, amongst other things, involved him having a stent inserted in to fix an artery blockage problem. His health has affected his tennis playing activities which is a great disappointment to him. We spoke to his wife, Ann, who reported that Clive was still battling with health issues but his doctors predicted an improvement over the next couple of months. Unfortunately, he cannot join us for the Reunion.



LESLIE KELMAN



I have carried the memories of Selborne very strongly with me through all these years the initial terrifying days when I switched from regular day student to boarder when my parents moved away from East London, to the more tranquil and adjusted later days. I am proud to have been a student at Selborne.

College was exciting, fun, and stimulating at UCT Medical School. Internship at Groote Schuur Hospital was even more exciting. This was followed by 2 years of basic research and being awarded a doctorate at UCT and the Bronte Stewart award for best research in that year. I specialized in Internal Medicine obtaining my Internal Medicine Fellowship in 1973. During this time my fascination with the brain developed and I trained as a Neurologist at New York Hospital, Cornell Medical School in New York City. After my residency I joined a large group of Neurologists in Atlanta, Georgia. About 19 years ago I left the group and formed my own practice in Neurology. Over the years I have developed an expertise in Headache and about 70% of my practice is now management of headache. I have always been very involved in computers and many years ago started a database of my headache patients and now have one of the largest headache databases in the world. That, too, has been fun spawning a number of research publications.

I continue to practice full-time, am very busy, remain excited and thankful for the opportunity to treat patients, and plan to keep practicing well into the future.

I married Marilyn Samols from Port Elizabeth in 1967 and we have had a wonderful life together and she remains my love and best friend. We work together in my office (with a total staff of 9). We have a son in California, a daughter in Atlanta and have a total of 4 super grandchildren (of course).

I am always surrounded by computers and Photoshop and spend a lot of my time out of the office delving in headache in one form or another – talks or doing peer reviews for various headache and neurology journals. Road biking has become my exercise after having to give up 30+ years of jogging due to bad knees. We are fortunate to have a get-away condo on the coast at Hilton Head and have never lost our love for the beach but still long for SA beaches.

2016 - No real change here. Spring is in all its beauty to enjoy in Atlanta.

I still exercise a lot daily, then walk a few miles with my wife every day at the nearby river, read, listen to music, and enjoy our local grandchildren. We still go to our beach condo about every 6 weeks for a week to 10 days and also to southern California to visit our son and his family.

I have embarked on a fun project for myself - Music and the Brain. The former as a listener but the latter with a lot of professional insight. My knee replacement is doing well but I never managed to get back to jogging 5 miles per day. We are still hoping to visit SA in February 2017, and, of course, will visit EL.

2021 - So great to hear all the familiar names from EL. In my retirement from Neurology, I became a professional grandfather. We spend lots of time with the grandkids and family in Atlanta. In non-Covid times frequent trips to Ca to visit my son who is a tenured Prof at Calstate Fullerton. We have a beachside condo in Hilton Head (Mike, you will love it here - my #4043076079. We exercise a lot, swim daily, read, listen to music and I love American football. Lots of photography, particularly birds. Cheers to all.



LAIRD KING (Deceased)



After matriculating I studied Agriculture at Grootfontein (Middelburg) and Cedara Agricultural College in Natal. There I was invited to the Natal U/20 rugby trials, but a serious injury put me out of the game for seven years.

After completing my studies, I commenced my army call-up, which was changed from a combat unit to the SA Medical Corps as a result of the rugby injury.

In 1965 I joined my father on the family farm in Komga, where I farmed cattle (dairy and beef), sheep, maize and vegetables.

After being introduced to a young lady by Fred Ericksen-Miller, I was married in 1972 to Jane Bennie (ex-Clarendon) and we produced three daughters, Sally, Julie and Gae, who all attended Clarendon, and are all happily married. We proudly have a grandson, Dylan who is fourth generation at Selborne, and Tayla, a third generation at Clarendon. Three more grandkids live in the United Kingdom.

Most of my social activities involved participating in local farming organizations, Round Table and country sport. Cricket, in particular, was my priority, where I represented the King Williams Town premier league team and Border Country Districts, and finally retired from playing the game in 2001.

In 1987 I began an extended period of Cricket involvement with the Border Provincial set-up as a selector and administrator, and eventually a director of the professional East Cape Warriors and Border Bears, until 2010.

In 2005 I finally sold the farm and we moved to a small farm near EL which we spent three years renovating and fixing, during which time I studied for a Certificate in Estate Agency and now call myself a Property Consultant.

My wife, Jane, taught a while at Gonubie Primary (under Mr v d Venter of Selborne Primary days) before we were married, and now assists with remedial classes at Kip McGrath in EL. We praise the Lord for blessing us with good health, nearly forty wonderful years of marriage and a loving family – and we look forward to the class of 61 celebrations in October!

2016 – Sadly Laird passed away since the 50th Reunion.



SCOTCH KIRKPATRICK



My first year out of school was spent in the Air Force Gymnasium in Voortrekker Hoogte, together with Errol Sapire, Rod and Paul le Roux. An eventful year without much being achieved other than making good friends, hitchhiking and learning how to pack parachutes.

The next 2 years were spent having a great time at Natal University Pietermaritzburg trying unsuccessfully to obtain a BSC Agriculture degree. Unfortunately, farming was never going to be for me and I left without completing my degree.

In January 1965 I joined Bowater Paper Company in Johannesburg as a management trainee and found my niche in sales and marketing. I joined a commercial stationery firm Typewrite Stationers in 1967, ending up as Sales Director in 1970.

I married my first wife Velia in 1967 and have 2 children, Sean and Anne, who both still live in Johannesburg with our 4 grandchildren. Velia and I were divorced in 1983.

I joined Round Table in 1971 and became a very active member, ending up on National Council for 3 years. From 1974 to 1982 I worked for the Masterform Group, a business forms manufacturer as Sales Manager, Sales Director and eventually General Manager after we were acquired by Kohler Brothers.

I started my own forms manufacturing business in 1982 - Compuquip (Pty) Ltd. We were acquired by Kalamazoo Business Systems in 1986 and I was appointed Managing Director.

I married Lyn in 1987. Lyn has 4 children and 4 grandchildren who all live in the Northern Beaches near Sydney in Australia. In 1992 my wife Lyn and I left South Africa on a cargo ship from Cape Town to try our luck in the UK.

After a brief spell as a management consultant in Yorkshire, I joined the Warwickshire based security print company Datagraphic UK as Managing Director. In 1994 my business partner and I purchased the company from its US owners. Datagraphic (www.datagraphic.co.uk) has since been very successful in the transactional services market. We have a staff of over 60.

I handed over my role as Managing Director in 2008 to concentrate on Strategic Development and Marketing for Datagraphic.

In 2010 we moved to the Northern Beaches area of Sydney to semi-retire and be near the "Australian" family. I am still active on a part-time basis as a director of Datagraphic and work most days "on-line" on marketing and development as well as "attending" monthly board meetings

My hobbies have now been reduced to walking, assisting start-up companies in Australia via the Business Angels and following South African cricket and rugby in the early hours of the morning.

2016 – In 2010 my wife Lyn and I moved to the Northern Beaches area of Sydney to semi-retire and be near the "Australian" family.

We sold Datagraphic in 2013 and have been retained by the new owners to continue as a consultant to the company working mainly via the Internet.

We have now relocated to Tumbi Umbi on the Central Coast, about 80 kms from Sydney.

My hobbies have now been reduced to walking, assisting start-up companies in Australia via the Business Angels and following South African cricket and rugby in the early hours of the morning.

2021 - The situation here in Australia this year is that we are unable to travel anywhere outside the country. We may still travel to RSA in 2022 and there could be an outside chance that I could attend in 2022. At this stage, however, I have replied as below.

Kind regards to you and your fellow committee members..... Please say Hi to all. Thanks for your Boerewors & Biltong Bulletin..... Keep it coming! Take care and stay safe.



PAUL LE ROUX



I only came to Selborne in Standard 8 (1959), having done all my previous schooling at Cambridge.

After leaving Selborne, I went immediately (1962) to the Airforce Gymnasium in Pretoria. There I shared the year with fellow 1961 Matrics: Rodney Le Roux, Robin Sumner, Errol Sapire and Scotch Kirkpatrick.

At school, I played first-team rugby. I continued playing the game (for Cambridge Club) till the mid-1970's and also played the occasional game for Border.

My first love, however, was athletics. I won all the Selborne sprint events (Under-15 in 1959, Under-16 in 1960 and Open in 1961). During our Matric year, I won the Under-17 100 yards at the South African Championships and also the Under-17 220 yards (when I broke the SA record for that age group). In 1962, I was at the National Champs, but pulled a muscle, excluding myself from the finals. The following year, I qualified for the 100 yards final and broke the Under-19 SA 220-yard record in the heats. Both finals were cancelled because of the weather. I stopped competitive running in about 1966.

In 1970, I married Pauline Schmidt, also of East London. We have 4 sons, one living in Pretoria, one in East London and 2 in Cape Town.

I spent my whole working life in the Insurance Industry, all of it with Southern Life. Most of my career as an Administration Manager, was involved in employing staff, training them and ensuring efficiency. I started with the Company in East London in 1963, transferring to Cape Town in 1970. We then spent 12 years in Durban before returning to Cape Town in 1986.

After a merger with Momentum Life, I was offered a package, and happily took early retirement at the age of 57. I have never regretted that, and enjoy my leisure time enormously.

2016 – Retirement is still treating me well; my health is fine and I enjoy gardening around the house. The only thing that has changed is my golf handicap which seems to be keeping pace with my age: getting higher.

Unfortunately, we don't see much of East London any more, but do hope that this can be sorted out, because we still have family living there.

2021 - Nothing much has changed in the past 5 years. I'm still in good health. I have, however, decided to give up playing golf, which gives me more time to do whatever I choose, which includes visiting the grandchildren. Our son Wayne has 2 sons, Gary has twins, a pigeon pair, they all live in Cape Town and Craig, in East London, has 2 girls. Our eldest son, Shaun, suffered a head injury as a result of a car accident in which he was a passenger. He still stays at home with us.



ROD LE ROUX



After matric I went on to do my National Service as so many of us at the time were required to do. Not being old enough to be balloted, I applied for and was accepted together with fellow 61'ers Paul Le Roux, Scotch Kirkpatrick, Andrew Hart, James De Wet, Robin Sumner, and Errol Sapire at the Air Force Gymnasium. A great year of sport, representing the SADF and North Transvaal Athletic teams ensured that the drudgery of military life was minimal!

In 1963 it was off to University of Natal to learn more about life, involvement in rugby, athletics and acceptance onto a SAAF CF pilot training scheme (and student life of sex, drugs and rock 'n roll) did not reflect well in academic performance. A gap year ensued in 1964 during which I qualified for my 'wings' with the SAAF and a commission that was followed by 14 yrs in a Citizen Force Squadron flying Harvards, initially, and then Impala jets. With the gap year came a change in direction study wise – a return to university and a degree in Social Science led to a career in Human Resource Management.

A varied career in Human Resource Management and consulting spanning 30 odd years in the Sugar Industry, Retail sector and in the sweet industry locally and abroad followed. This included board appointments at SPAR and Beacon Sweets, as well as a directorship of a consulting practice.

During this period, further studies were undertaken as well as a variety of part-time university lecturing assignments leading to Honours and Master's degrees in Industrial and Organisation Psychology. This was later followed by a Doctorate in Organisation Psychology. This interest in academic life led to a full-time appointment as an Associate Professor at the then University of Natal Durban in the School of Psychology, a post held till 'retirement' in 2006. The work continues, however, with contract academic appointments and consulting in SA and the UK.

Involvement in sport has diminished since school and university, but running is still an activity that brings both a measure of fitness and competition through the odd distance race – the Comrades and Two Oceans marathons are now memories with 3 and 15 having been attempted and

completed respectively. My wife and I are avid Sharks supporters and life in the UK has also prompted a keen interest in football and support for the Club Arsenal.

After 16 odd years in Round Table and having served at an Area Chairman and National Council level, community involvement shifted to a closer involvement in Church activities. This continues and is the focus of much of our spare time.

I met and married Gill 41 yrs ago, soon after completing my first degree – we have two grown up daughters, both resident in the UK and have two lovely grandchildren and so spend as much time in England as possible with family.

Whilst we have a home in Somerset West, we are currently resident in Buckinghamshire with Gill doing some 'child-caring' with the grand kids while I do some academic work at the New Bucks University. When not busy with family commitments, walking and enjoying the countryside here in UK and in SA keeps us out of mischief and enables us to make the most of what has been and still is a truly blessed life.

2016 – How time flies when you are having fun! Since our last reunion Gill and I have finally settled in the UK. We have built and moved into an annex attached to the house of our eldest daughter and family. Communal living has proven thus far to be great. Our grandchildren have increased in number to three and we are actively involved in assisting with their caring, although the older two believe they are looking after us!

We are not yet fully retired and continue to enjoy good health! Gill assists with part-time work at the local school and I am still involved with consulting and academic work both in the UK and SA so get to visit mainly Durban and Cape Town on a regular basis. Involvement in our church, interest in military aviation history, walking and following rugby and football make for a busy and blessed life.

We miss SA but are with our family and friends in UK and for that we are grateful.

2021 - The last five years have flown by!!! Who would have thought much of this time would be spent in "lockdown". We are still living in the UK and happily ensconced in extended family accommodation close to family and growing grand-children.

Notwithstanding pandemic restrictions, and health challenges which limited my activity, the wonders of technology have enabled an ongoing but scaled down involvement in academic and consulting work. With a slow return to some semblance of normal life we will continue our involvement in our church and enjoy time with friends.

We look forward to 2022 - and 150 Years celebration at School.



NOEL LEVEY



After Selborne College, I completed a B.Com. Degree at Rhodes University in 1965.

I went on to qualify as a Chartered Accountant (SA) in 1968 and a member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, London in 1977 and of the Institute of Marketing Management in 1979.

I relocated to Johannesburg in 1968 where, after two years in the profession, I joined a group of public companies as managing director of their group management services company. I can recall the main topics of conversation among ex- East Londoners was how we miss the coast, and emigrating to Australia.

In 1979, I returned with my family to East London to give the children a more protected upbringing in a smaller city. Here I worked for Johnson & Johnson until my retirement as director of finance in 1999.

I married Mary Ward in 1968 and we have three children, Chantal, Christine and Michael, all living in the Western Cape. We have enjoyed many international and local holidays as a family over the years, graduating from caravan to beach cottage to timeshare.

We still enjoy the good life in East London, living in a security complex that allows us to often visit the Cape and to slip up to Kwa-Zulu Natal in the cooler months. I still keep active and feel great, but unfortunately a far cry from my level of fitness when I captained the crew that won the S.A. National Rowing Championships fifty years ago!

2016 – I say the "past" five years, hopefully not the "last" as I look forward to our 60th reunion. This time has really flown. It's sad how we can enjoy vibrant health for the first twenty years of our life, grow to maturity over the next twenty and then start on a decline after forty. The memory may be fading a little and the legs not as strong, but in our minds, we still feel as young as ever and just want to keep living.

The one good thing about retirement is being able to choose how to spend your time to enjoy a balanced life. We enjoy the slower pace of living in East London in a lock-up and go gated complex where I serve on the management committee. This leaves us free to travel to enjoy Winter holiday breaks in sub-tropical Kwa-Zulu Natal, and Autumn and Spring in the fairest Cape visiting our family. The only recent jaunt out of RSA was a lovely two weeks in Mauritius for our 45th wedding anniversary. I still get a lot of joy from the ministry helping others spiritually, baptizing them, marrying some and unfortunately burying others. Our new website www.jw.org has really been a great blessing to millions around the world.

South Africa may be facing its challenges but life is good – long may it continue!

2021 - We are still under Covid lockdown in RSA after 18 months! I have never experienced anything like this in all my life. Sadly, my dear wife Mary passed away earlier this year after 52 years of marriage. My son is living in Australia with our only granddaughter but fortunately I have 2 lovely daughters who take good care of me here. One is an excellent cook and feeds me too well; the other is all for the outdoors, health and exercise and keeps me fit.

I still live in the Quarry Lake gated complex in E.L. – you may remember the original old quarry in the city that was developed into an upmarket residential complex. I traditionally spend Novembers in Umhlanga KZN on vacation, summers in Hermanus, Cape with my daughters, and winters here at home. I still enjoy my boyhood love for rock and surf fishing mainly for the sunshine, exercise and fresh air that comes with it. Although I retired from professional life at 55, I keep busy serving on our complex management committee, managing my property interests, and am still actively involved in my ministry although this has been virtual over Zoom without physical contact for the past 18 months. So, life goes on - - - long may it continue!



GEORGE LORD



This is a brief "expurgated" record of events since matriculating from Selborne College after an undistinguished but enjoyable sojourn.

My father decided (without consulting me) to volunteer me for a year at the Naval Gymnasium at Saldanha Bay, in the course of which I undertook an officers training course. This was followed by a commission and numerous training courses in the following years.

After the Gym I attended Rhodes University studying for a B Com (Acc) and to my surprise, after going along swimmingly to that stage, I found myself married in my 3rd year. This unexpected development had the effect of curtailing my future academic career.

Family and I (now 3 of us) went up to JHB where I joined Olivetti as a salesman. Besides myself, other prominent fellows on the sales/product training course were Chris van Rensburg of Sol Kerzner and Sun fame, Eddie Keisan (Tiger Wheels founder) and Mike Koster.

The first year was one of lugging heavy typewriters and huge mechanical calculators from door to door and making a reasonable living. The next year I moved on to selling electro/mechanical accounting machines and upgraded from a Hillbrow flat to Windsor Park.

I returned to East London and joined my Dad in the office equipment business - Border Typewriter Co - that he had started on return from the war in 1946.

We were successful in marketing early mini computers and general office equipment with offices/service departments in East London, Umtata, Queenstown and Bisho.

After an adventurous Olivetti trip to Portugal in 1983 with my wife Eve (Webster), I received another surprise when I was suddenly divorced.

In 1983 my Dad retired and Michael, my brother, and I bought out his share of the businesses

I have never remarried but have maintained an amicable and "financial" relationship with Eve, and was further surprised, in my rather surprising domestic life, to find ourselves sharing a household for the last 2 years. Maybe it is maturity in a senior age. With the age I am now I hope there are not too many more surprises.

I was a Rotarian from a young age and also became executive officer of SAS Port Rex Reserve Naval base.

In the early '90s I had to regretfully decline the nomination of the office of President of my Rotary Club and that of Commanding Officer of SAS Port Rex. The reason for this was that we had bought two large, long established office equipment businesses in Port Elizabeth which necessitated me spending a great amount of time in PE. Due to this, I sadly resigned from both institutions.

By 1999 my brother and I were both in our mid 50's and although we had sons, none were interested in joining the business. Technology was changing rapidly and it was becoming a challenge for a "family" business to keep up with the advances. In May of that year a well-known and very successful entrepreneur by the name of Terry McLintock walked into my office and said he wanted to buy all our businesses. I sat him down, ordered tea, sent out for the most expensive cake and then locked the door.

The old business was sold and I retired at age 55. After observing business activities and political requirements today, I have no regrets.

Except for a successful period in the '60s and '70s in sailing, my only other physical activities have been road-running, long distance hiking – including the Camino de Santiago – and scuba diving.

My time is spent looking after what I have got, including my health, regular overseas travel as well as local and family matters.

I have a daughter Jacki who has two children, a daughter at Clarendon High and a son (my grandson) who is in Matric at Selborne this year (50 years after me) and was awarded his colours blazer this year for cricket.

I have a younger son Jonathan, who is married to an English girl and he has recently received British citizenship. From them I'm happy to have two little Pommie grandchildren.

I am now about to begin work on my "unexpurgated" memoirs which will be ready in time for publication in the 60th Reunion literary round up.

2016 – George suffered a stroke some 4 years ago which left him partially paralyzed on his left side. He has been battling along the recovery road and has made progress, but one senses that he gets very frustrated.

Fortunately, his mind was not affected and he is as sharp as ever. We are delighted that he will be joining us at the Reunion.



KEITH MACDONALD



After leaving school I attended Cape Town University and completed a Fine Arts Degree. I then taught for a year in Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) at Senior School level. After teaching for a year, I decided to continue as a teacher, and in 1967 I completed my Teaching Diploma at the Teachers College in Bulawayo.

After this I continued teaching in Rhodesia at Senior School level until 1973. I had two art exhibitions during this time.

In 1969 I married June Knight, also a teacher. At the end of 1973 we left Rhodesia because I wanted to return to university and do a Master's Degree in Fine Art. This I completed in 1977. While attending University, I continued teaching in Cape Town at Senior School level. The same year I graduated, our son, Keir, was born. I had one art exhibition during this period in Cape Town.

In 1979 we left to live in Britain, where I left teaching and worked in marketing (Advertising) for Kodak UK. We had a marvelous time with lots of travelling. An opportunity was offered to me to relocate to Melbourne, Australia, as Advertising Manager for a large retail firm called Myers. We left the UK at the end of 1983 and started our new life back in the Southern Hemisphere!

Life in Australia saw lots of change. After only six months they changed the structure of the marketing and advertising department, and closed all in-house operations and placed the work in the hands of an Advertising Agency. Overnight I changed from being a manager, to a Creative Director. Instead of supervising, I now had to produce the creative work!

In hindsight, this was a great learning experience and very productive for me. I worked at three Agencies altogether, and finally in 1988, left and set up my own business in Graphic Design. In 2006, I reduced the size of my business, so that I could free up time to spend on art exhibitions. I have had one showing, and I am completing work for another.

In 2007, we were blessed with a grandson, Bryn. I still have family living in South Africa. My sister lives in Cape Town, and my older brother lives in Hibberdene, on the South Coast.

2016 – Since 2011, I have continued with my Graphic Design Business, and in 2014 started a PhD at Deakin University. As part of the PhD, I have had three exhibitions of paintings and sculpture. These form part of the exegesis, and if all goes to plan, I will submit at the end of 2017. Life is exciting as I work, study, watch my grandson grow, and drink a glass of wine with family and friends.

2021 - Since my last communication, I completed the Doctor of Philosophy in 2018. My Graphic Design work has continued well and not been impacted by the various "Lock-downs" imposed in Australia. We live in very changed circumstances, and I am very thankful that I am healthy and kept busy and engaged with others, when so many are not so fortunate. I wish everyone well and hope for things to improve in 2022.



JOHN MALAN



I only arrived at Selborne at the beginning of Standard 7 (having been at various schools in various places before). My parents did not live in East London, and so I lived in the Hostel "Norton House".

In 1961 (our Matric year), there was a jaundice epidemic in the Hostel, and I, with others, was unable to study or to write the Matric exams. About this time, my parents retired to Knysna, and I repeated my Matric year in 1962 at Knysna High School.

At Selborne, I was overshadowed in athletics etc. (because I was younger and smaller than most of my peers, and also because Selborne possessed such an abundance of talent). In Knysna, I found myself a bigger fish in a smaller pond, and was able to achieve much more. My sporting achievements while at Selborne were extra-mural - little recognized by my fellow-students and, in fact, opposed by those in authority. In 1960, I was the SA 500cc Powerboat Champion, and in the following year, I won the Cape Province Grand Prix and the Pongola Grand Prix.

After completing my Matric in Knysna, I joined Barclays Bank in Plettenberg Bay, being transferred to Cape Town after a year. I remained in Banking for 7 years, then moved to the Receiver of Revenue, which enabled me to later become a Tax Consultant for 4 years.

Being a musician (Saxophone and Clarinet), I joined the Navy Band in 1974 as a Petty Officer in Simonstown. I still play for a Church and for Charity.

In 1980, I qualified as an Estate Agent, and ran my own business (with a Building Society Agency) in Muizenberg, Cape Town.

I married Rosemary (known as Candy) in 1979 and we moved to Somerset West in 1985. I continued there as an Estate Agent till I retired in 2002. We have 2 children – Jacques (age 30) is married and lives in Gordons Bay. He is an Industrial Technician. Lee-Ann (age 27) is a teacher and lives in Strand.

2016 – John continues to enjoy his retirement in the Cape and seems very content.



MICHAEL McCULLOUGH



I first came to Selborne Primary in standard 4. My home town was Lourenco Marques so travel to school was a mission which involved a three-day train journey!

I stayed with my grandparents in Southernwood throughout my school years.

After school, I joined Hemphill Anderson and Company in Johannesburg and qualified as a Chartered Accountant. After a series of mergers, I ended up with KPMG, retiring in 2004 after 42 years' service.

I married Pam in 1969 and have three children, a son and two daughters, and four grandchildren. My son is in Johannesburg, one daughter is in Elgin and the other daughter is in Cape Town.

We have a home in Johannesburg and one in Fish Hoek and spend time between both.

My passion is birds and the conservation thereof. I am Treasurer of BirdLife South Africa and this takes up quite a bit of my retirement life.

I enjoy watching sport, especially rugby, and enjoy the outdoor life.

I am looking forward to the Reunion and few laughs with the guys!!!

2016 – Mike and Pam McCullough are now living very happily in retirement in Fish Hoek.

2021 - Pam and I continue to live in idyllic Fish Hoek. We now have five grandchildren. I continue to be a keen birder. I enjoy watching sport, especially rugby, and love the outdoor life. I try to keep reasonably fit by doing home exercises and going for walks; we play a lot of Scrabble and have had the jabs. Hopefully us "Old" Selbornians can get together in 2022 for the 150-year celebrations.



MICHAEL (MIKE) MOORSHEAD



After leaving Selborne I went to Rhodes University and obtained a Pharmacy degree. Then there was a brief stint in the army (medical corp., Pretoria and Potch) from which our contingent got out early (long story) and I joined Lennon Ltd in Port Elizabeth as a junior pharmacist.

I left them about three years later to join Rexall Drug in Port Elizabeth as production manager, but soon they were sold to a large Swiss company and closed down.

I was lucky to get taken back by Lennon. Eventually they transferred me as branch manager of their facility in Bethlehem in the Free State (punishment probably!) where we lived for three years. This plant manufactured, among other products, sterile IV drips, which was new to me and I was sent to the USA and NZ for training. While I was in the US a pharmaceutical company in New Jersey in which Lennon's holding company had a significant interest, had a production director suddenly resign and I was asked to fill in for a couple of months while they hired a replacement.

This I did and then went on to finish my training in California and Auckland before starting my new job in Bethlehem. This gave me connections in the US and after three years of success in the Free State, the president of the New Jersey Company offered me that same job in New Jersey in 1983, which I took (brief version). I eventually got to be vice president of manufacturing there, but after about five years they got into financial difficulties and were under judicial management and looked like they'd be sold.

I took a similar job in California, which turned out to be most unsuccessful and after two years I moved on to the same type of job in Boston, where we stayed for about nine years till 1998, when they too went up for sale and I was offered VP/general manager of a plant by one of the prospective buyers... in beautiful green Virginia where we still live. I retired in 2006. Just writing this stuff is exhausting!

Margie (Hill, Cambridge High) and I have been married for 43 years and have two lovely daughters married to California guys and who live on the west coast. We have four wonderful grandsons.

I played a lot of tennis till coming to Virginia where I took up golf (softer on the old body), which I now play three times a week when the weather is good. We travel a lot, mostly to the west coast (of course) and to SA.

I serve the community as president of a two-year college foundation, am vice-chair of the local chamber of industries, am on the advisory board of a local bank, on our church trustees committee and on a board of a group of educators who arrange tours of local businesses (commerce and industry) for high school seniors so they can see potential jobs in their futures.

I paint in oils and watercolors when there's time and do some gardening.

Looking forward to seeing y'all.

2016 – Margie and I have moved to Las Vegas to be closer to our two daughters and grandkids: one in Las Vegas and one in southern California. Miss the green hills of Virginia.... nothing like that around here!

We have been here 4 years now and are enjoying it, despite the hot summers. Still playing plenty of bridge and golf. Occasionally see a show on the Strip.

We'll be married 50 years next year and will be going to Hawaii with Ian and Shirley Walker and my sister Jill and her husband Graham Hutchinson (Cambridge High) who will be celebrating the same.

2021 – When I last wrote we were in Virginia...but now we are in Las Vegas where we have spent the past 9 years after downsizing and to be nearer to our 4 grandboys to watch them grow. Done. We are now about to go on a new adventure by escaping Las Vegas - too hot, too much bad air (Calif. fires), too big (2.5 million) - to go to yet a smaller house in Hilton Head, South Carolina (quieter, greener, near the beach), as the grandkids are all teenagers now and we'll probably see as much of them in SC as we do here now. Still working at golf and bridge.



RICHARD NUTTALL



After leaving school, I did articles with Whiting and Griffin in East London, and was with them for about 6 years. During this time, I married Joan Hartley (1967) and I regard that as my greatest achievement in life. We moved to Louis Trichardt, where we remained until we emigrated to Canada in December 1976.

Since then, we have lived in Cranbrook, British Columbia. We had 2 sons, Richard and Mark. Sadly, Richard succumbed to cancer last year. Mark lives fairly near us in Canada.

I started here with an accounting firm and, after about 7 years, joined a furniture moving company. I am still with them - as Financial Controller/Accountant.

We have the wonderful opportunity of living next to a lake. We both love outdoor life, and spend most of our free time hiking, mountain climbing and hiking in the forests. We are both keen gardeners, and I am also interested in fly-fishing and photography.

Apart from all the above, our lives are actually run by our Golden Retriever (Golda).

2016 – Not much has changed in the last 5 years. Joan and I still enjoy great health, and are as active as ever at our home at the lake. Most of our free time is spent gardening and hiking in the forests with our new Golden Retriever pup, Newman. Sadly, we lost our beloved Kiep, earlier this year, Newman sure has helped to keep us happy. I'm sure you'd be surprised that I'm still working at my accounting job, much to Joan's chagrin. We have done our usual tips to the Caribbean, sitting on the beach with a cold beer and watching all the beautiful people: not a bad way to spend my semi-retirement. I must admit, however, I can't remember why. All in all, life has been pretty good to us both and we are truly blessed. Wish I could be there with you guys, maybe at the 60th, Lord willing.



BRIAN PINCUS



After matriculation I attended Rhodes University where, in 1967, I obtained a BA LLB degree (cum Laude). I then served articles of clerkship with a Johannesburg firm of attorneys from 1968 - 1970.

Thereafter I became a partner of the Johannesburg firm of attorneys, Fluxman & Partners.

In 1975 I joined the Johannesburg Bar and commenced practice as an Advocate.

In 1993 I was appointed a Senior Counsel.

In 1996 I moved to Cape Town where I have practiced ever since. I have acted as a Judge of the Cape High Court from time to time.

In 1977 I married an East London girl, Gayle Stein, and we have four daughters and three grandchildren.

2016 – Brian continues to practice Law in Cape Town. He was confirmed to attend the Reunion weekend and had even booked a slot to sing at the Saturday night dinner. Unfortunately, one of his four daughters died recently and Brian decided to give the Reunion a miss. Our sympathy goes out to Brian and his family.

2021 - Gayle and I live in a beautiful home overlooking the sea and mountain in Bantry Bay, Cape Town. I am still practicing as a senior counsel and enjoying it - we have 5 grandchildren and one on the way and all in Cape Town. I am still playing pretty good tennis and have played bridge for the SA team - train almost every day in my gym and hope to return to the Virgin gym after Covid. So, with family, law, training, bridge and tennis, a busy life - luckily in good health.



PETER REIN



I studied chemical engineering at the University of Cape Town on leaving Selborne. I stayed on to do a master's degree and, in the process, avoided having to do military service. While at UCT I met my future wife Kath whom I married in 1968.

I had to work for De Beers in Johannesburg on graduating to fulfill a bursary obligation, but only lasted 18 months there before accepting a job with Hulett's Sugar in Mount Edgecombe. While working in their R + D department I obtained a PhD through the University of Natal.

We spent 31 years in Durban, apart from a spell of a few years at Amatikulu Sugar Mill in Zululand. We raised 3 children who went to Durban North schools. I was tempted to send my son to Selborne as he would have been the first 4th generation from a single family to attend Selborne. I met a number of Old Boys through Round Table and through work. Round Table got me running regularly, training for the Bergville – Ladismith marathon, which I have kept up ever since.

In 2000 we moved to Baton Rouge in Louisiana. I got an offer of a professorship at Louisiana State University out of the blue, and decided to experience life in the US of A. It was a great experience, but decided we could never really become Americans, and I prefer cricket and rugby to

gridiron and basketball! We decided instead to move to England in 2007. We have an apartment in a little town called Stone in the Midlands, in what was the old workhouse built in 1791!

I keep fairly active consulting to various sugar organizations around the world, and my wife makes sure that I play duplicate bridge with her at least twice a week. We have 7 grandchildren, 3 of them close by in Stafford, where my daughter is a GP – so granny has frequent baby-minding duties.

We still have a townhouse in Umhlanga and escape there to avoid some of the British winter and see our other 2 children in SA.

2016 – Our daughter who was a GP in Stafford has emigrated with her family to Niskayuna in New York state, so Kath and I are left with no children in the UK! This requires regular trips to SA and the US to see our grandchildren.

I continue to consult to sugar companies around the world. I published a book "Cane Sugar Engineering" in 2007. It has been most successful, having been translated into Spanish and Portuguese. Currently a great deal of my time is spent on an updated 2nd edition to be published later this year.

We feel quite at home in the UK, see Rod and Jill le Roux on a regular basis, but are still adjusting to UK weather.

Trust you have another enjoyable Reunion.

2021 - We moved back to South Africa 2 years ago, to be nearer to our four grandchildren in South Africa. We have to travel to see the other three in North Carolina. Kath and I are living in Helderberg Village in Somerset West and are very happy there. I didn't realise the politics in SA were quite so bad, but we try to forget that living in such a beautiful part of the country. Helderberg Village has plenty of amenities for golf, tennis, bowls and croquet, and plenty to keep us busy. We play bridge at the bridge club. I have joined the choir and am really battling with my golf. But the people are great and we have made good friends and renewed many old ones. It's lovely to come across people we knew or worked with so many years ago. Still consulting to sugar companies and enjoying it.



BRIAN ROBERTS



After leaving school I returned to my home in Salisbury, Rhodesia hoping to find a job in the tobacco industry. Jobs in tobacco were few and far between at the time.

My father, however, was not having me loaf around on the golf course and arranged a job for me with the Federal Government, which was purgatory.

Then out of the blue I was offered a position with the Liverpool & London Globe Ins. Co. Ltd. in East London which I jumped at, not having a clue what it entailed. Initially it was deadly boring but got better as I got a handle on the industry and I enjoyed living in East London again and the sport and Old Boys was great.

The L&L&G's name changed a few times and ended being the Mutual & Federal Insurance Company Ltd, so I ended up working for the same group for 38 years.

I lived in the Border and Transkei until about 1970 then moved to Natal for about 8 years and then to Johannesburg for about 10 years. It was great working there at the time but I would never go back.

In 1988 I moved back to E.L. where I remained at my request until I became fed up with the corporate scene and took a package in 2000. I have no regrets as I met a lot of fantastic people and made many friends all over South Africa.

"If I had the chance to do all again, I would do something on my own which is what I do now."

2016 – Nothing much has changed in my life other than being five years older, being blessed with two more beautiful granddaughters, three in total. Married to the same woman, live in the same house, play golf three times a week. Handicap going out slowly. Enjoying life and, touch wood, good health.



DENNIS ROGERS



After leaving school, I went to the Naval Gymnasium along with Colin Chambers, George Lord and Peter Graham. On returning to East London at the end of the year, I joined Standard Bank. After 18 months I was transferred to Matatiel for 2 years and then Mahalapye in Botswana for 2 years, but resigned after 6 months and again returned to East London and joined WesBank.

Sport..... At school I played rugby for 6 months but proved to be too skinny and changed to soccer. Whilst in Matatiel I played social hockey and from 1969 to 1976 I played baseball in East London for Cardinals. Having always been a keen fisherman, I bought a small boat and motor and fished in the many Transkei rivers.

In 1970 I married Margi Finlay and we have 3 children and 1 grandchild, two married daughters in Cape Town and a son who lives in Port Elizabeth. We are keen caravaners and enjoy travelling around South Africa.

From 1974 we were transferred to various towns in the Eastern Cape - King William's Town, Queenstown, Elliot, Umtata and finally Grahamstown, where I took early retirement in December 1989. From about 1978, I have been involved in welding work with steel, creating gates, trailers and burglar bars etc.

2016 – Since the last reunion I retired, and we decided to downsize and relocate from Port Elizabeth to Cape Town to be closer to our two daughters and grandchildren. We are actively involved in "Ballet Runs" and birthday parties and don't miss the 800kms previously required to attend family celebrations.

We bought a house in the Southern suburbs between Fish Hoek and Kommetjie in August 2013 and since then have been busy with numerous building alterations/improvements. Owning our own house, we are kept busy with the usual gardening and maintenance of the property. This could perhaps be the reason that we enjoy good health. We live a relatively quiet life with our dog and four cats and are kept on our toes hiding from the infamous Cape Town winds. Best wishes to those who will be attending.



BEVIN RUDOLPH (Deceased)



After leaving school I joined the Post Office as an apprentice Telecommunications Technician and qualified as Technical Advisor. This was to be my career and I thoroughly enjoyed the work. Early in my twenties I met Thalia and it wasn't long before we got married.

I spent most of my life in East London. I was seconded to the Transkei for a period of seven years to plan and oversee the construction of the Radio Towers one sees along the main road. My time in the Transkei was also very pleasant, not only from a work point of view but also from recreational pastime of fishing which was enthusiastically pursued in the form of a ski boat which I used as often as I could.

In 2000, after my return to East London, I was part of a team that was given a Bronze Award for developing "PRESTO" (Photographic Recognition Enabling Spatial Data Tabulation on Order) which decreased the time from initial customer contact to having the order registered on CBS, from four months to three days. As part of the team a colleague and I were responsible for conceptualising the idea and translating it into a working model.

At fifty-seven years of age, I decided to retire and have been at home since then. I enjoy working with my hands, have done all the electrical and plumbing maintenance around the house, and to my wife's delight have made her some very attractive pieces of furniture.

My wife and I will be celebrating our forty fifth wedding anniversary in November this year. We have a daughter in the UK, one in East London and a son. Tragically he was killed in a motor bike accident six years ago.

We have five grandchildren who give us much joy.

In the last year my health has been impaired due to the disabling effect of a motor neuron disease, but I am able to cope to a degree with the help of a very loving wife.

2016 – Sadly Bevin passed away a few days after the 50th Reunion.



HAROLD FRANK RYAN (Hippo)

Joined Frere Hospital in 1962 as a student orthotist/prosthetist where I qualified and worked for 42 years, 20 of which were as head of department.



It was the job I was "supposed to do" and, with that, hugely satisfying.

Surf lifesaving was one of my passions. After retiring from competition, I became a judge and national examiner, standing down eventually as club president.

Water polo was another passion and I was fortunate to represent border over a 21-year period. I ended with the whistle as a national referee, in Currie Cup and SA Schools. Today I play for an EP Masters side, all for the fun of it.

My wife, Libby, died in 1988, leaving me with three sons who were still studying, two at school, one at Rhodes. I remarried in 1991 to Pat and we had a son who died when our house burned down at age 3 months. We adopted a daughter who came to us at 14 months and stayed. She turns 18 soon. Between us we had 8 children, consequently we have 6 grandchildren. We moved to Port Elizabeth for business reasons over 6 years ago but have not decided where to spend our retirement – so many options, all close to water.

2016 – With all of our children well established and happy, we decided to move to the wonderful town of Langebaan in 2012. We have amazing life here, fabulous beaches, very little crime and a Mediterranean climate. An added benefit, we live just a few short metres from the sea, for me a dream come true.

The lagoon is pristine and filled with abundant sea life, albeit the water temperature is a little chilly.

Pat and I are blessed with good health wonderful friends and of course our precious families'. Life is very good. We have just opened a small business after buying and renovating a very rundown building, we have 4 units, one which we live in and three lettable cottages. We have recently (September) opened our doors and we have been amazed at the response.

We are very excited to be attending this re-union, not only to see old friends and renew acquaintances, but also, we will attend our grandson's (Daniel Ryan) final year celebration as he Matriculates and leaves Selborne this year, It is indeed an exciting time for us, the fourth generation of Ryan's to complete their education at Selborne.



JEREMY SALTER (Deceased)



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.



ROBERT SANDILANDS



While at Selborne College, I was never one of the "in-crowd" as far as sport was concerned, because the sports I played were not those "accepted" by the school. I was an only child, and my father was involved in soccer, squash and water-polo, with the result that I played the same. I played Border U18 Soccer and had Border colours for Squash, while playing many years in the First League. I played one year in Veteran Squash for Border. I also enjoyed tennis until angina cancelled that about 10 years ago. I also recently had a knee-replacement, so my sporting wings have been well and truly clipped.

I have been an Accountant/Financial Manager for the whole of my working life, having done Articles with Whiting and Griffin immediately after school. After 10 years with that company, I moved to Port Elizabeth, where I started further studies at UPE while working as an Audit Office Manager.

Before moving to Port Elizabeth, I married Marlene Schenk, but we have no children. We returned to East London in 1972, and have remained here ever since.

My working career (while all in the Accounting field) has been with a variety of companies, including Van Riebeeck Carpets, Syfrets, Steers (the removals firm), Freight Services, SC Business, Renown and the Atlas Group of Companies. I finally retired in 2008.

2016 – Hi Guys, best wishes for the 55th Class Reunion. In the last 5 years I have auctioned and sold my house in East London, down scaled 2 houses and relocated to Port Alfred. We have moved into Paradise namely Settlers Park Retirement Village, where we have purchased life rights, to a Cottage, and I play Bowls 4 times a week and Table Tennis twice a week. We are both very happy.



ERROL SAPIRE



After Matric, in late January 1962, I went to the Airforce Gym, Pretoria, together with friends from Selborne, such as Rod and Paul le Roux, Scotch Kirkpatrick, etc. We had a great year together.

After an excellent summer vacation in East London, I went to Wits to study for a Diploma in Law and to do articles with an uncle in Johannesburg. After qualifying in 1965 I worked for my uncle in his office in Germiston for a few years.

In 1968 I married and our first daughter was born in November that year. I returned to East London on the 1st of May 1970 and joined Hymie Touyz in his Law Practice. I remained with the firm until 1988 by which time Myron Robinson had become a partner.

My 2nd daughter was born in 1970. During my 18 years in East London I became very involved in the activities of the Old Selbornian Club mainly in the Tennis and Squash sections. After a few years I became Chairman and the President of the entire Old Boys Club. I was the President for 7 years. I was subsequently honoured by being made a honorary Life Member of the Club. In 1960/61, while at School, I was selected for the Border Senior Tennis Team. After my return to E.L. in 1970, I was again chosen to represent Border at Tennis and I did so for 16 years to 1986, when I basically retired and began to play golf with my late father.

Unfortunately, my marriage broke down in 1987 and I left East London for Cape Town in 1988 where I worked for a law firm, re-married and then practised law for my own account. In September 1993 I left South Africa to live in Israel.

In Israel I earned a living teaching tennis and squash and eventually found work at a law firm where I currently work every morning. After 15 years I stopped coaching tennis at a Country Club but I am still very involved teaching squash to children and adults. Since arriving in Israel on my 50th Birthday, I have been Israeli Squash Champion in all my age groups. I won Gold medals at the Maccabi Games and still play a hectic squash game once a week.

I was divorced for a second time in Israel but I now have a very nice Israeli lady friend who does not want to get married. She says I am a marriage risk!!!

My 2 daughters are both married. They live in Cape Town and Hastings, England, respectively. I have 3 grandchildren and I visit each daughter at least once a year. My grandson in Cape Town is a good little rugby player and athlete.

I am well and healthy. I feel young and I have no intention of stopping work, either in the law office or on the squash courts.

I am excited about the Class of '61 Reunion. I was at the 40th and well do I remember the great Dinner/Evening we had at Peter and Maureen Turner's house. I hope everyone makes a very special effort to attend the 50th Reunion celebration.

2016 – I am pleased to say that I continue to stay well and healthy. I no longer coach squash, but I play a few squash games a week with some of my former pupils.

I continue to work for a large legal firm, just North of Tel-Aviv. I work 5 days a week, from 8 am to 2 pm. I have no intention of stopping work and, in fact, I very much enjoy the structure in my life.

As I said in my article in the Yearbook of Oct., 2011, I have daughters and grandchildren in both Cape Town and Hastings, England, and I visit each at least once in each year. I am also happy to say that my photo in the Yearbook for the 50th Re-union, correctly reflects what I look like now. I am looking forward to the 55th Reunion in Oct., 2016, and renewing those friendships with the guys of the Class of '61, which in most cases began over 60 years ago.

2021 - The 5 years since our 55th Re-union seem to have flown by, mainly I think because the Corona Pandemic has basically taken up the last 2 years. Nonetheless, I am happy to report that my situation is stable, in that I continue to be fit, well & healthy & I continue to play squash 3 times a week & really enjoy the exercise. The squash center was closed for about 5 months, during lockdown periods, but these closures are forgotten, once it opens.

I continue to work for the same Legal firm, just near Tel-Aviv. I work Sunday to Thursday, from 7am to 1pm and am not considering retirement, as I enjoy the structure in my life. Long may it continue.

Due to the Pandemic, I have not travelled out of Israel, for quite a while, but both my daughters and their families visited Israel, luckily just before the Pandemic broke. Currently they are all well and I am constantly in touch with them in both Cape Town & Hastings, England, I really hope to travel to both in 2022 and possibly attend the Jubilee, with my Partner, but life has become very uncertain, these days!!

It is my fervent hope that all those who are part of the Class of '61, should be well and healthy and plan for a huge get together in October 2022.



CECIL SCHNEIDER



I obtained an MB CHB degree from University of Cape Town 1969 FF Psych (SA) 1978.

I have been in private practice as a general psychiatrist in Cape Town since 1978. My sub-specialty is clinical hypnotherapy.

I married Moira Kluk (BA, LIB (UCT)), who is a journalist, and we have three children, all of whom are UCT graduates. In turn, our elder two children are married and have presented us with two granddaughters and two grandsons.

My main interests are photography, both still and video, and music, mostly classical.

For exercise, I enjoy hour-long brisk walks.

2016 – Since the last reunion, my life has continued apace.

I am still in private psychiatric practice and have not yet decided on a date to call it quits. You see, I enjoy good health, partially due to genetic make-up and partly due to partaking in regular exercise, which has been proven to benefit both physical and mental health - I had to get this in :)

We are now very proud grandparents of four girls in Johannesburg and two boys in London.

And that, basically, is my update. Warm regards to you all.

2021 - Thank you for your enthusiasm in keeping our class updates going.

I have little to add. I am still in private psychiatric practice. I practice from home and, fortunately, I am in a field where all my patient contact is now done online and Covid is not an issue.

I am grateful that I have no serious health issues. I am convinced that this is mainly due to my hour-long brisk walks that I do at least three times a week, dodging the unmasked. Warm wishes to all.



ALLAN CLIVE SCHULTZ (1941-2009) (Deceased)



Allan Schultz was educated at Selborne Primary and then the College.

He was a sports fanatic, competitive but always a true sportsman with a good sense of humour.

Having played rugby for Selborne 1st XV, he went on to play for Old Selbornians 1st team and also for Border under 19. His rugby career ended on one of the annual Easter tours to Durban after having his arm badly broken.

In 1965 he married Ann Turner and he was transferred to Queenstown as manager of Plate Glass. Their children, Carol and Craig, were both born there.

While in Queenstown, he played 1st team hockey for Greydene. Some years later, back in East London, he played cricket for Bohemians. Allan played golf at the EL Golf Club and was a 5 handicap. In his later years he played bowls and became club and singles champion on a number of occasions.

In August 2009 Allan passed away after a very courageous 4-year battle with cancer. He never bemoaned his fate and was an inspiration to all and a true Selbornian to the end.



ANTHONY (TONY) SHERRARD (Deceased)



Shortly after finishing school, I joined a local clearing & forwarding agent and so began 20 years in this industry at the main ports of entry around the country. I also completed my military training with the local regiment Kaffrarian Rifles. During this time, I got married and finally settled in Johannesburg. We have 2 sons and a daughter all having flown the coop to the UK at varying times, but thankfully now live in SA.

In the early 1970's I ran my first Comrades Marathon, finally ending with a green number having completed 22 in total.

A number of other ultra and standard marathons were run both locally and internationally, as well as developing a later interest in cycling competing in the Argus, 94.7 and Tour d' Urban as well as a number of lesser events.

My wife and I have an abiding interest in the great outdoors and have been to the four corners of our wonderful country and lots in between. We have also enjoyed all the major local hiking trails such as the Otter, Outeniqua, Transkei, Giants Cup, etc. as well as many minor ones. Our travels also took us to many foreign trails such as the Inca in Peru, Himalayan trek to Mt Everest base camp in Nepal and climbing Mt Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. Our interest in foreign travel has taken us to 43 countries at the last count and 30 states in the USA.

In 1982 I, together with a business partner, opened our own freight and customs consultancy with which we persevered, struggling in the initial years but finally prospering, allowing us both to retire in 2000 and for Janet and I to move to the coast. What followed was a period of semi-retirement as my partner later decided he wanted to carry on. This meant working from home and involved a lot of commuting around the country.

I finally called it quits in 2009 with a move back inland to be closer to our children and grandchildren. We now live in a complex in Hartebeespoort overlooking the water.

Things don't always work out and in late May 2011 I was diagnosed with the dreaded C. Currently I am having chemo treatment which keeps me at home. Although I will not be able to travel in October my thoughts will be with the reunion and I wish you a successful get-together.

2016 – Sadly Anthony passed away since the 50th Reunion.



DALLAS SPARG



After leaving school, I worked (1962 to 1970) for my parents at Misty Mount Libode. This was probably my greatest achievement because helping them through difficult times enabled them to retire. With the experience gained there, I ran my own trading store Nkumandeni Ngqleni from 1971 to 1981. Then I ran a wholesale business in Idutywa until 1993, followed by a period (till 2002) at Bosch Auto Electrical in Mthatha.

From 2003 to 2006, I chilled out at my Umgazana holiday home, before moving to Durban where I am now living it up.

I have always loved flying. Over the years, I have owned the following planes: Piper Tripacer and Cherokee Six Rally 235 Arrow 200.

I got my Instrument rating, with 5 Beach Craft Bonanza owners giving me Three keys. I was doing more flying than the two commercial pilots based in Mthatha.

In 1971, I married a top model Annie Maria Kruger from Pretoria. We got divorced in 1978. I have 2 daughters, Elizabeth Anne, who lives in Durban, while Genevieve, married to Paul, lives in Fort Lauderdale with my granddaughter.



BRIAN STAPLES



I did my whole Selborne career from 43 Beach Road, Nahoon.

After school I spent the first 5 years with Nedbank, East London with a short stint at a Salisbury branch just after UDI.

In December 1966 married Jennifer Hulley and together went to study at the Bible Institute of SA, Kalk Bay for 3 years. I then did a further 2 years study at Baptist Theological College, Johannesburg.

From 1972 to 1994 we cared for churches in Phalaborwa, Ladysmith (Natal), Kimberley and King Williams Town. Then after a stress burnout we moved to Port Elizabeth and started a Guest House in Summerstrand. This was sold and we have since been involved in some small business ventures.

Most recently we are caring for a church fellowship in Port Elizabeth where I preach every Sunday.

We have 3 married sons and 5 grandchildren. Two live in Johannesburg and the youngest in Port Elizabeth.

At present we are living in Main Road, Walmer overlooking Settlers Park. We recently sold our business and are enjoying the freedom and just being at home.

2016 – Where did the 5 years go? I'm sure we all say the same. We continue with the Family Bible Fellowship. It has been for over 7 years now.

Mostly we have engaged in family events and other family involvements including babysitting grandchildren. This included a trip to Rome where our eldest son was employed. Our youngest son moves to Johannesburg at the end of the year leaving us alone in PE. We are also active in some small business items.

The major event of this year will be our Golden Wedding in December. We remain in good health. God has been very good to us over all these years.

2021 - The big change in our lives was our move to a retirement village called Kruger Gardens in Summerstrand in Port Elizabeth about 2 years ago. We are very happy here and it is special to be part of a community compared to the isolation of living in a residential street address.

We are still involved in the Family Bible Fellowship where I preach most Sundays. Covid has been a disruptive factor for our church group, as it has for everyone else. We have had to resort to fellowship on Zoom meetings during the shutdown periods. Unfortunately, not everyone is able to use the technology.

We are grateful that our health has been reasonably good, though both Jenny and I are feeling the aches and pains of the aging process. Overall God has been very good to us.



BRUCE SUTTON



On leaving school I was for some reason ignored by the military and started working for the Education Department of the Cape Province.

I married Pat Erasmus in about 1966 - had a couple of sons and a career change in 1967 when I went into short-term insurance. I was duly transferred to Queenstown in the early '70s. Amongst other things, I joined Round Table with two other old boys, Peter Chisholm and Allan Schultz, who you will all remember. After a short and very enjoyable stay in Queenstown, I was transferred to the Reef where I have been ever since. Eventually I got myself a qualification, a fellowship in the insurance business and got married for a second time and worked for various well-known insurance companies, until partially retiring just over two years ago.

I now work half day four days a week –I take every Friday off and thus play golf and have a relatively relaxed life. I still have one son living with me or I may already have moved back down to the coast. There is still a possibility that this may happen one day.

Until the mid-nineties I used to run Comrades every year and stop for a beer and a bite to eat with Royn and Judy on Cowies Hill. Unfortunately, I have had to give up on running because of knee problems combined with advancing age and now limit myself to going to gym three times a week and pottering in the garden. Look forward to seeing you all again on the 20th.

2016 – Bruce continues to enjoy his retirement and is looking forward to attending the Reunion weekend.



MIKE THAYER



As I got sick while writing the Matric finals, I had to rewrite all six subjects as "sups". Whilst employed as a Learner Official on the Gold Mines, I received an invitation from the Defence Force. I could not refuse and was ultimately commissioned in the Infantry and The Kaffrarian Rifles.

After a stint on the mines, the sea and the good life beckoned and the urge to return home was irresistible. After a few years working as a Technical Assistant in Civil Engineering, mainly involved with dam design, I was seconded to the Hendrik Verwoerd Dam site, to work for the International Consulting Consortium whilst the contract was in progress.

While there I got married to Carol Johnson and we have had two sons. Our eldest son Michael lives in Bairnsdale in Australia. Our younger son Bruce was killed in a car accident. We have two grandchildren.

After gaining some contracting experience, we again returned to East London where we have since remained.

I began working as a Loss Adjuster in 1973 and this still keeps me out of mischief.

I was employed by Campbell & Williams, who became GAB Robins and are now Cunningham Lindsey, for 28 years, ultimately as East London branch manager. I am now involved as a Consultant and am looking forward to being on permanent holiday in the not-too-distant future (the Kruger Park and other wilder places beckon!)

2016 – After years of contemplating retirement Mike sold his house in East London and moved to Stilbaai in the Western Cape. Last time I spoke to Fiddle (who also lives in Stilbaai) he and Mike were enjoying a beer or two. Seems like he has settled well into his new home. Of course, another resident of Stilbaai who you might know is ex headmaster, John Stonier.



OWEN THOMPSON



After leaving school I did a 2-year Diploma course at Grootfontein, and then worked for Wool Growers Auctions. I was stationed at Tarkastad and later in Queenstown.

In 1970 I joined the Old Mutual group, and was transferred to Northern Natal for a few years, and thereafter moved to East London, where we have lived since 1974.

I married Marion Rens in 1966 (Paul Rens' sister). We have 2 sons, the eldest is a Civil Engineer, and the youngest is a SAP programme developer. Both returned from overseas, and they work in East London.

I retired 3 years ago, and spend a lot of time in my workshop working on my hobby of some 22 years, making hunting knives, and trying to keep out of Marion's hair. One day a week we look after our 2 grandsons. My other great interest is wildlife, and we spend a lot of time in the Kruger National Park.

I have been a member of Old Boys Club for longer than I care to remember, so I see quite a few of the old school guys; however, I really look forward to catching up with guys that I have not seen for many years.

2016 – Our names had been recorded some 8 years previously, for a retirement complex in East London. Out of the blue, we got a telephone call, advising us that a unit had become available. We sold our Townhouse, and moved. This all took place 3 years ago. Marion plays bridge 3 to 4 times per week, and I spend my time with my hobby of some 25 years, which is knife making.

During the last 5 years, we have been to the Kruger Park at least 10 times, and on 3 occasions with our good friends, Werner and Lynn Illgner, at their timeshare on the southern boundary of the park. We are off to the Western Cape to see the spring flowers, home for a week, then off to Kruger. Home in time for the reunion. It's a tough life, but somebody has to do it.

2021 - During the last 5 years we moved to a cottage at Parklands in East London. Both Marion and myself are in good health, thanks to the chemical industry. Lockdown was a challenge, but thank goodness my hobby of knife making kept me sane. During this time Marion has played something over 4000 games of bridge on her tablet. I was introduced to a wine named 1659 by Werner, and this was one of his best moves since leaving school. We managed to maintain our unbroken record of 45 years of visits to Kruger Park. Marion's patience is starting to wear thin. Looking forward to our get together on Friday.



DAVE TUCK



School ended in '61, work started in the first three months of '62 and then I went off to the army for nine months, three months light duty due to a fractured elbow in the first two weeks and then six months Headquarter Company driver. Then back to work in the Reserve Bank where I had a very good colleague in the late Ian Carruthers, whom I am sure you will all remember, and incidentally also did military training at the same time as myself.

The bank was a good foundation for getting a feel for Rands and Cents and learning that everything had to balance and be correct, and this principle has stood me in good stead all my life. During the early years in the bank, I married and two sons were born, after ten years my marriage ended, and I moved into a new life for the next ten years raising two sons aged four and six and really had to trust in God for my everything. The boys Mom passed away in 2005 after a long stay in hospital.

During this single period of my life, I worked for the East London Municipality for a number of years and then joined ESKOM in 1981. Happily, in 1987 I met Hester, a nursing sister with two lovely daughters about the same age as the boys – we married the next year and have been happily married now for twenty-three years. I retired from ESKOM 2008 when I turned sixty-five.

In 2009 I had a Mitral Valve Repair operation on my heart which was very successful. I have a saying about the operation as follows: God spared me, the surgeon repaired me and my wife cared for me!!

My retirement days are full and filled, and include fixing things that get broken in the children's and our house, fishing, cycling and our church activities and being blessed with four grandchildren.

2016 – Over the past five years I have given myself to activities of Body Mind and Spirit and in this regard attend Hydro Exercise classes twice a week and swim 250m afterwards in "stages", attend a computer sharing club monthly and, being a D.I.Y. guy, enjoy working with my hands with wood and metal. In 2013 my wife and I and some friends did a 7000 km trip to Namibia visiting Etosha Pan and a fallen meteorite site along the way. My wife and I attend our church regularly for spiritual input, and I enjoy attending the Angus Buchan Mighty Men Conferences and this year went with my son-in-law and 11-year-old grandson.

2021 - The last five years have years have gone by so quickly it seems almost a blur and it is difficult to remember everything. However, there were some events that impacted much on us, some happy, some tragic. In 2018 I was diagnosed with prostate cancer and was successfully treated by Brackey therapy and also later on had a pace maker fitted, 2019 saw Hester and I visit her brother in Florida America whom she had not seen since 1994. Tragedy struck in 2020 when our 46-year-old son suddenly passed away, this had a major impact on us and we live in a world of 'gone but never forgotten'. In 2021 we have done a bit of travelling visiting family in RSA. Looking forward to the get together on the 22nd,



PETER TURNER



After leaving Selborne College at the end of 1961, I joined the Standard Bank and enjoyed five happy years within it. The assistant manager was Mr. Bert Harrison, the father of junior Springbok and fellow Selbornian, Brian Harrison, Border's hooker for a number of years. He unfortunately was killed in a car crash a few years later.

I played rugby for Old Boys for three seasons and decided I had had enough of senior rugby after badly damaging my knee. The Bank, in their wisdom, transferred me to Johannesburg.

Life there was not for me, earning R141.00 per month. This was after I had received a R15.00 per month reef allowance. After paying my rent, petrol and washing, I was insolvent. I decided to sell my only asset, a 1959 VW beetle and go with a few friends and sow my wild oats overseas.

My Mom was not happy about her little boy leaving South Africa, so I was taken into the family business, Turner Brothers, started by my father in 1935. Joining the business in 1965, I started off as a rep, travelling around the Border and Transkei, selling Wilson Rowntree sweets, Caltex petrol, diesel and all their products, sugar to all the Transkei traders and a number of other products. I enjoyed being a rep and met many wonderful people during my travels. Many of my customers were Old Boys, Queenians or Old Dalians.

I was earning a better salary and enjoyed life in East London and had many girlfriends. However, like all of us I met my match/wife in 1972 on a blind date. I was on a trip to Queenstown, met a blonde teacher, Maureen Matthew, and 18 months later we were married.

We have two daughters and a son, who were educated at Clarendon and Selborne respectively. Thirty-eight years down the line, all our children are married and we have 3 grandsons and a granddaughter.

Living in East London, Maureen and I were very fortunate to be able to get fully involved with our schools. I served as Chairman of the PTA of Selborne Primary and later on the School committee. I carried this through to the College and was serving on the School Committee when we interviewed Mr. Sammy Gunn, our present headmaster – the best decision our committee ever made.

I spent eleven happy years with Round Table and am now enjoying the fellowship and service of Rotary.

In 1985 I took over from my father, George Turner, who was also an Old Boy and ran the business with my brother, Mickey. In 2000 my son, Christopher, who matriculated in 1993 and did a Masters degree in Agricultural Economics, joined our company.

My brother decided to leave the family business and started his own agency business and has done exceedingly well, specializing in African Medicine. My son has now taken over the business so I have the privilege of working for him on a part time basis.

In April this year Maureen and I moved to live at our seaside home in Morgan Bay, where we run a B & B called TURN-INN.

2016 – It is scary how five years pass by so quickly.

Looking back, Maureen & I have been very busy in our new business, running a B&B in Morgan Bay. We love meeting many wonderful people from all over the world and in our own country. We have made many new friends over the years.

We built a new house next to the B & B so we now have a hideout in which to relax.

Life in Morgan Bay is great. We walk the dogs daily and garden often. Our extended family of 3 dogs and two cats keep us busy. The white community of Morgan Bay is only about 150 people, most of them retired.

2021 - Another five years has flown by. We still live in paradise at Morgan Bay with our two dogs and two cats. Maureen is the gardener and I am her assistant. We are kept busy in the guest house most weekends and are fully booked over Easter and Christmas seasons.

We decided to put this property on the market, as we are both getting too old for this hectic lifestyle. We now live in a new house next door.

Our eldest daughter Sally, now lives in New Zealand with her husband and two sons. Because of COVID restrictions we have been unable to visit them for the past 2 years. Our son, Christopher and his wife Kate have three sons who are at Selborne Primary. Our third child, Judy has a son and daughter who are at school at St Peter's in Johannesburg.

So all in all, life is good and we both have good health.
Maureen and I are looking forward to meeting you all on the 22 October 2021



JEREMY VANDECAR



After repeating an unsuccessful but thoroughly enjoyable first year dentistry at Rhodes, I used a clerical position at Car Distributors Assembly, East London, to jump start my career with OK Bazaars, who, in 1963, sent me to Johannesburg to "do" their famous Management Course.

After completing the course, I was seconded to OK's Randburg Superette in the position of Merchandiser, eventually achieving Assistant Floor Manager status at their Kerk Street (Jhb) Branch.

I made more money by becoming a sales representative for Keen's Electrical and followed my sales manager to a new business, purifying transformer oils, which he had started with his brother. I thought my career was made.

After very successful selling achievements and contract signing, I was made director and opened Cape Town and Port Elizabeth Branches as their Managing Director. During this period (1969 – 1978), I obtained my IMM and met my wife, a medical technologist, on a blind date in Port Elizabeth, where I was stationed.

In 1975, having a love for music, I started moonlighting on the mobile disco scene and transferred back to the head office of my company in Johannesburg. I entered the marriage stakes in 1977 and we enjoyed the birth of our beautiful daughter in 1980. Suffice to say there were many political problems with the two brothers in the business and I managed to become the marketing manager of Electrocol, the distributors of Electrolux Appliances – a vast change from an industrial service company! In 1981 I was poached by Teltron for the Salton, Berda, Akai, Sanyo, Yamaha, Pentax, Maxell and Telerad brands and managed to graduate to Marketing Director – and all this time, moonlighting with mobile discos and karaoke's. I travelled extensively overseas, sourcing products.

Eventually, after trying a bit of this and a little bit of that, I decided to "go it alone" and started Sonic Entertainment. It was a battle in the beginning but, I'm happy to say, my little plan worked and we now run six travelling discotheques, four mobile karaoke's, supply staging, lighting, a/v for conferences and, of course, sound and PA. We have worked many, many times beyond our borders and have performed successfully in the Emirates and other countries.

Our daughter has successfully qualified at the University of Pretoria Veterinary School and specialised in Animal Nutrition. She has worked as a consultant for Eukanuba and Iams specialised prescription pet foods for the last three years and married an electronics engineer in March, 2011.

And so, we are very blessed and happy and continue to work hard!

2016 – Jeremy is still moonlighting with mobile discos and karaoke's, even though he admits that he is not as active as he used to be.



DARRYL VENTRESS



Like most of us I caught the nine months army training and was posted to the Grahamstown First City Regiment. I then joined a number of our class at Natal University (Roger Webber, Rodney Le Roux...). After completing my studies in electrical engineering, I moved back to EL in 1970 to assist my father running a brickworks.

I married my childhood girlfriend while still in Durban and had two children, a boy and a girl. My son at 23 yrs was tragically killed by a drunken driver passing on double lines on a blind rise. My daughter is married and I have four lovely grandchildren which keep me fully occupied when they visit.

After working as chief engineer at Cyril Lord and then King Tanning I moved back to Durban as a project engineer on various projects finally starting my own practice, Darryl Ventress and Associates.

I tried to retire in 2008 but I'm still involved with the odd project – plus a list of work to do around the house.

My leisure was hang gliding, however my wife wasn't very happy with this, so I went on to micro lighting (a good way to explore the area around you). I'm now reduced to four wheels and no wings, but there are still a lot of places I want to visit.

Congratulations to the organisers for finding our '61 class. Shows that the class of '61 was no ordinary bunch of school boys!

2016 – Retired in Natal – Darryl sent me this note a little while back: "I was wondering what has happened to our teachers of '61. I came across a book in the local library 'Conceiving God' by David Lewis Williams. Remember him as our English and RI teacher who introduced me to Logic at school and the Science and Religion Debate in his book.

His teaching on the use of logic has assisted me immensely over the years as have some of the basics the other teachers taught us."

2021 - Still living in Kloof in a house I built myself after not adjusting to complex living: my radial saw upset my neighbours, my wood work hobby (a skill developed thanks to "Meatballs"). Grandkids have grown, the eldest married and the youngest matric at Kearsney (their 100th year also COVID shackled). The only Selbornian in my neighborhood is John Cotterell who I see from time to time. I have been heavily involved in the local Methodist Church with an Organ Upgrade (Remember Mr Marnitz, our music teacher, rocking the foundations of Trinity Methodist Church with the bass notes). Finally, to my friends in the SCA "don't learn for matric the world is about to end" we are still here 60yrs later!

Enjoy your lunch and cheers to all the survivors, see you next year.

JOHN WAKEFIELD



Most of the Class of 61 probably won't remember me. All my school life at Selborne was with the Class of 60, and I even wrote my Matric with them. Having British parents, I never quite mastered Afrikaans (which was compulsory in those days) and failed that in my final exams. I returned in March 1961 to write a Supp and that is why I was included in the list of the Class of 61.

I studied Architecture at UCT from 1962 - 1967. I then applied for a City Planning course with the University of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, USA. There were more than 360 applicants of whom 64 were accepted to study there between 1968 and 1972. After graduating, I gained my Masters degree from Carnegie Mellon University in 1973.

The rest of the 70's, I operated as Consultant to Planners in USA and UK, before joining Leeds University Polytechnic in 1980. I remained there till my retirement in 2009. During that period (1989 - 2001), I lectured in Malaysia during my University vacations.

In 1978, I married Jane and we have 2 children (both born in UK), Lisa (who married recently) and David.

My retirement days are full. I am busy developing a new Architecture course for Preston University. I lecture in Saudi Arabia on Quality Assurance, and act as Auditor in QA for a UK Agency. I also inspect UK Universities ensuring that they do what they claim in my field of expertise.

From my youth, I have been a musician and an artist. While still at school, I was involved in Micro Midget racing. My sport interests, at this stage of my life, include snowskiing and learning to fly light aircraft.

2016 – It is really good to hear about all classmates from a long time ago - thank you for doing this. I mostly keep in contact with Clarry Coetzer. I still teach at a university, do auditing in the Middle east and enjoy flying at a local club.

Look forward to the 60th reunion - I hope to attend.



IAN WALKER



After doing my military training with the Kaffrarian Rifles, I studied Accountancy, completing my articles in East London and graduating as a Chartered Accountant in 1968. I accepted a position at Deloitte's in East London before transferring to their Johannesburg branch, and then, in 1973, I moved to the Deloitte office in London. During our two years in London my wife, Shirley, and I made the most of our weekends and holidays to travel around the U.K. and Europe.

In 1975, on our return to East London, I joined the practice of Lazarus Bros & Barr and our daughter, Toni, was born. It was during this time that we began to think seriously about leaving South Africa. We applied to immigrate to Australia and two years later, we were off again to start our new life in Melbourne. Our son, Andrew, was born in 1979.

The experience of working in Commerce appealed to me and I took on the role of Financial Director of Semco, a Melbourne based textile and handcraft company. Following the sale of the company in 1983, I made the decision to start my own practice, Ian Walker & Associates. I went on to do further study, completing my Master of Accountancy and finally my Master of Law at Monash University in 1997. Our leisure time was taken up with getting to know

Melbourne (a beautiful and culturally rich city), making new friends, playing tennis and squash, following the cricket and learning all about Aussie Rules football.

In 2008, I went into partial retirement, looking after a handful of old clients who have become old friends. Our son and daughter live in Melbourne and neither is married, so we have no grandchildren. Shirley and I now spend part of each month in Melbourne and part in Metung, a little fishing village on the Gippsland Lakes where we have a holiday house. When the arthritis got the better of me, and I had to give up tennis and squash, I took up sailing, bought a lovely 25ft sloop (built in 1946) and I now get a huge amount of pleasure keeping her in good shape and sailing around the lakes.

We are also trying to do as much overseas travel as we can, and while we can, and over the past ten years, have been back to South Africa a number of times and travelled around much of Asia, the Middle East, Europe, and Central and South America.

50th reunion was a great incentive to revisit South Africa and to make contact again with the Class of '61.

2016 – Since the 50th Reunion I have all but retired, looking after Superannuation Funds for a small group of old clients, who have become close friends. We are still travelling as much as our health permits and have just returned from a trip to Iceland, Greenland and Spitzbergen. On route we were fortunate to see the "northern lights".

We are spending more time at our holiday home on the Gippsland Lakes. Unfortunately, ongoing arthritis has meant I have had to sell my 1946 wooden yacht. I now crew for the new owner. We still enjoy getting out on the lakes and rivers in our little fishing boat.

In April 2017 we are meeting up with Mike & Margie Moorshead in Hawaii to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversaries. We are also planning to visit family and friends in South Africa in 2018 and hopefully will meet up with as many Old Boys as time permits.



DUDLEY WARD



After Selborne I completed an academically challenging 4-year B. Com at Rhodes University (majoring in bridge, poker and parties). Then off to Cape Town to work in the textile and clothing industry where I was sponsored to do an M.B.A at UCT. After that the "big" lights of Johannesburg beckoned and I joined a mining house with responsibility to create a viable industrial waste business –first business trip was to Ford Dagenham (UK) to learn how to move waste, operating as a truck assistant!

I was headhunted by Bill Venter to join Altech in the then fledgling electronics industry. This was a great experience and gave me the opportunity to travel overseas extensively.

Having successfully made some "seed capital", I decided to manage money. After a brief sabbatical I became a JSE stockbroker at J D Anderson – now UBS. I was in charge of research and private client portfolio management. I then "graduated" to manage institutional funds for banks and pension funds at UAL, ABSA and Standard Bank. This also involved extensive overseas travel and exposure to international investment markets.

In 1995 I established Global Investment Planning Services to manage client portfolios – concentrating on offshore investments. In 1999 the business was acquired by a local quoted bank and merged into their investment asset management division.

I was appointed Deputy Executive Chairman of the asset management division – during this period I learnt to Saltwater fly-fish (miss the sea, and still love "fishing").

After having effectively "retired" I repurchased the business in 2002 and remain the owner and chairman. Global is an independent (FSB approved) financial advisory service that provides clients with both local and offshore investment management advice.

Several years ago, my wife Gilly and I decided to leave Johannesburg and set up in Cape Town and London. We are still in Johannesburg but spend 3 – 4 months a year in London and 3 months on and off in Cape Town. Gilly and I love travelling and cherish our time in the UK, Europe and cruising. We have also been blessed with good health (touch wood).

My son is married and is based in Los Angeles. After graduating in California, from Calarts, he has become a successful animator with Nickelodeon and was the production supervisor of Penguins of Madagascar (for those of you with grandchildren, you may have seen the cartoon!) He has now been given an opportunity to create a new animation series based on the Ninja Turtles – so here's holding thumbs.

One thing for sure – never a dull moment!

2016 – Time flies. Since 2011 I have maintained my business which concentrates on providing financial advisory services. Fortunately, with technology it has been possible to manage and grow the business remotely as we travel fairly extensively.

My wife (Gilly) and I spend around three months per year in London. While in London we are able to travel to Europe and in particular to the South of France and other far away destinations like Barbados.

In addition, we have enjoyed several cruises and trips to remote destinations including the South Pacific, the Mediterranean, Northern Europe and the Seychelles.

Earlier this year we visited Cuba - to take advantage of the unspoilt island before the US tourist invasion.

We also visited the USA to see my son and his family in Los Angeles. I am now a (proud) grandfather called "oupa ". My son is an animator and supervised the children television shows - Penguins of Madagascar and now Teenage Ninja Turtles.

Johannesburg has remained our home base. We regularly visit Cape Town where we have property - to which we will ultimately "retire " - hopefully before 2021!

2021 - Your continued interest and enthusiasm is appreciated. Time flies. Still running my investment advisory business which concentrates on global diversification. Stuck in JHB during Covid but managed to "escape" to London after a period in Paris to work around UK Covid rules. Will return to SA in Nov. Remaining healthy (!) and delighted to be a grandfather for the second time. My son and family are based in LA - so visits have not been possible, but have retained contact with the benefit of today's technology. Often think what a great time and period we had in EL - the situation has certainly changed! All the best to all.



ROGER WEBBER (Deceased)



I was fortunate in that, as I left school, I was selected to serve the country for nine months with the Prince Alfred's Guard in Bloemfontein, graduating as a corporal.

With plenty of time to plan, I had decided on a career path and studied to become a Quantity Surveyor at Natal University. After five years of study and a fair amount of sport I graduated, married my childhood sweetheart, Judy Morton, and accepted a post with a firm called Botha, Shelver & Partners in East London.

In 1970 the development of Transkei was on the horizon and we moved to Umtata for a one-year contract with a share in the business. With the developments – which included the two major administrative buildings, new ministerial residences, the university, hospital and many more secondary buildings – my tenure extended to ten years.

At that stage the practice was the largest in the Eastern Cape. My family of two sons and daughter were born in the local Catholic hospital in Umtata. The life was extremely social with plenty of sport. Round Table was extremely active and it often offered an opportunity to meet old class mates at the gatherings around the country.

Time moved on and I re-located to Durban, where I remain today. In 1987 I formed my own quantity surveying practice, Webber Associates - for whatever reason I still attend the office daily. Sadly, Judy passed away in 2006 through the dreaded C.

I have two 5-year-old granddaughters and two grandsons, 2 and 6 months. One son is in Johannesburg, the other in Toowoomba, Australia (remember the flood) and my daughter in Durban, looking after "her dad".

My leisure time is limited to supporting the Sharks (whatever happened to Border?), being an active Rotarian and pottering about the house. My vacations are spent at Xhora Mouth on the Wild Coast, where I was fortunate to obtain a legal cottage in 1975: what a great place to put a line in the water, have a braai, enjoy a glass of wine and chat to good company around the fire.

I retired on the 28th February 2010 and went back to the office on the 1st March 2010.....one day it will happen!
Looking forward to meeting the team of '61 on the 20th October at Old Boys and enjoying a well organised week-end.
2016 – Sadly Roger passed away earlier this year



NIGEL WEBBER



After finishing matric I went to Rhodes university and obtained a BSc Degree and U.E.D to qualify as a teacher of Physical Science and Mathematics which I have been doing ever since up to present day. I was appointed to a post at Cambridge High School in January 1966 and have been there for the past 46 years, apart from a 20-month break when I went into selling business machines and computers. I also farmed part-time with dairy and vegetables for about 10 years in the Kwelergha area.

I married (twice) and have three children, two boys and a girl, and have seven grandchildren, all of whom are still in South Africa.

During my teaching career, I rose to senior deputy principal and also acted as principal on a number of occasions. Sport-wise, I represented old boys at first team level in both rugby and hockey and also played for Gonubie farmers at cricket and tennis. I have coached rugby, cricket and tennis and was an active member of the local rugby referee's society. I coached first team rugby for 9 years and also was appointed to coach Border Schools rugby for 2 Craven weeks.

2016 – Fully retired, I am spending plenty time on the bowling green and really enjoying the sport. Best thing I could have done was give up smoking five and a half years ago and am pleased to report that my health has improved dramatically.

Life is good.

2021 - Now fully retired, sold my house in Vincent and moved to The Valley retirement complex (not an old age home). Am in good health and playing a lot of bowls and enjoying the good life in this beautiful part of the world.



JOHN WOODS



After leaving school I spent over a year at the SA Naval Diving School in Simonstown as an instructor. I then worked (as a non-drinker) at Castle Wine and Brandy where I did everything from wage clerk work to storeman. Two years at Chloride Batteries followed before a forty-year long term at E.L. Estate and Auctioneering Co. as a property salesman during which time I served on the Border Institute as committee member and chairperson.

I retired in 2011 then lived in the small coastal town of Yeppoon in Australia for two years whilst my wife, Christine, worked at the Central Queensland University in nearby Rockhampton.

Over the past ten years we've travelled to many wonderful places in India, Andaman Islands, USA, Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, New Zealand, Tasmania, Great Barrier Reef, Madagascar, Zambia, Mozambique and Zimbabwe.

On the sporting scene, I represented South Africa and captained the SA Surf-Lifesaving team on tours to Australia, New Zealand and USA. I was fortunate to play rugby for Border (front row), SA Country Districts and SA Quagga-Barbarians vs Blue Bulls and was selected for SA Trials.

My love for water-based sport has kept me involved in paddling (surfski and canoeing), spear fishing and fishing - activities which I share with my wife and two sons, Greg and Steve (also Old Selbornians).



LEON WOOD



I left school and went trading in Willowvale district at "Nkanga" Trading Station.

I got married in 1969 and had three children during the seventies. The South African Government made the Transkei an independent land and all six hundred rural traders were bought out at Government prices.

We moved to Kei Bridge on 1st March 1978 and began trading with the new homeland across the Kei River. My business grew into a flourishing wholesaler of groceries and building materials, etc. I lost my wife in a motor car accident during 1988. I remarried in 1991.

When Nelson Mandela was made President of South Africa, the Transkei was once again incorporated into South Africa. Whites now flocked back into Transkei where they set up all types of businesses. There was no more necessity for Transkeians to have to go to South Africa for goods and soon the writing was on the wall for me and I also returned to Transkei and set up my business at Ndabekazi. My eldest son took over the business during 1997 and at the age of 54, I found myself a retired man.

I returned to my Kei Bridge property where my wife has been running a very small business ever since.

I busy myself with my orange orchard and piggery and do a bit of off-road driving (madman in a 4x4 vehicle). Hunting during hunting season has been a long-time practice and making biltong, bacon, ham and home-made sausage is one of my interests.

2016 – After the 2011 Reunion in October, I shut my small business which my wife was running at Kei Bridge on the 31st December 2011. The stock in trade I sold at cost to my sons, who were both in the same sort of business I had been in.

Now for the REAL RETIREMENT. But alas, after three years I went back to a three-day week mornings only "helping out" job for my youngest son, doing the changeover cash ups for his business. BUSY AGAIN.

I still do a bit of hunting and 4 x 4 off roading and continue to make biltong, chili bites and dry sausage for resale in my son's business. My orange orchard has been increased by 232 trees which were planted during 2012 and 2014. The first crop from the 2012 trees is due in June/July 2016.

The piggery is very reduced and I only keep two or three pigs for our own use.

2021 – Nothing much has changed, except for 5 years gained in age and maybe wisdom. I still work 3 days a week for my son and enjoy it. Back problems are now catching up with me, from those 90-kilogram bags of mealies carried on our backs during our younger years. I am beginning to walk with a stoop, otherwise in good shape, according to my doctor who I visit every six months for a checkup.



ROB WOOD



Career Path

Having been the youngest in our matric year, I was too young to interest the Defence Force in 1962, so I went to the University of Natal in Pietermaritzburg to study Agriculture. For reasons that I won't go into I graduated a couple of years after I should have, with a degree in Botany and Plant Pathology.

I got a job in the Department of Agriculture at the university in Pietermaritzburg, then at Cedara, doing research into plant disease control, plus a bit of lecturing. Next, I moved to the Citrus & Subtropical Fruit Research Institute in Nelspruit where I learned about pest and disease control in these crops.

In 1981 I left the Government service and joined an Anglo-French company (Maybaker - Rhône-Poulenc), working in their agrochemicals division. In the years that followed I moved to Pretoria, became Technical Manager of the company – responsible for the testing and registration of new pesticides – and, after a number of company mergers and take-overs, I retired from Bayer CropScience in 2006. Working for a multinational company gave me opportunities to travel extensively to the UK, continental Europe, USA, Brazil and various African countries, both for business and pleasure.

I am now a consultant in pesticide registration, together with my wife, but it's getting a bit much and I'm determined to retire properly by the time I turn 70.

Personal and family life

At varsity I met Wendy, a Transvaal girl with a lot of class. We married in 1969 and have never looked back. She kept me on the straight and narrow and we now have a family of two girls (both living in Pretoria) and two boys (in Cape Town & Taiwan). Our elder daughter is married and has two children.

Other stuff

In Pietermaritzburg, with the Drakensberg so close by, I got involved in hiking and mountain climbing. Later this developed into camping and 4x4'ing in out-of-the-way places and getting a share in a trout-fishing place in Mpumalanga. While in Nelspruit I played some cricket, also joined Round Table and enjoyed re-establishing contact with several of our matric colleagues between 1973 and 1984. I also developed an interest in restoring old furniture, cultivating indigenous plants, controlling invasive alien vegetation and generally enjoying the great outdoors. These days, for exercise Wendy and our Staffie take me for a vigorous walk every afternoon. Recently I started doing genealogical research and plan to write a book (when I retire properly) on the descendants of my great-great grandparents, Thomas and Jane Wood, who came to this country in 1842.

2016 – I have just revisited what I wrote in 2011. Comparing this to what all the other guys wrote I realise mine was much too long, so I'll keep this shorter.

No real changes in the past 5 years. I said I would retire by the age of 70, but this hasn't happened. I'm still doing what I was doing then, still consulting in pesticide registration, still getting taken for a daily walk by the wife and our Staffie (same wife, different Staffie).

In 2015 I joined a group who have been putting on an annual Gilbert & Sullivan production for the last 40 years here in Pretoria. Great fun! Reminds me of our Pirates of Penzance that we did together with the Clarendon girls back in 1960.

2021 – Little has changed in the last five years. Still doing the same stuff. I forgot to mention in 2016 that my son who was in Taiwan came home and joined us in our consulting business. In 2016 my younger daughter had a baby girl, so now I have three grandchildren. In 2017 I started playing bowls at Pretoria Country Club and the Covid pandemic put paid to our Gilbert & Sullivan productions in 2020 and 2021.



JULIAN ZULMAN (Deceased)



I left Selborne at the end of Standard 8, moved to Johannesburg and matriculated at Parktown Boys High. I then did a B.SC and completed a degree in Medicine at Wits in 1968.

I married Lee Gershater in 1967, and we have 3 daughters, (32, 41, 42) and seven grandchildren.

We emigrated to Israel in 1969. We lived for 7 years in Israel where I completed a residency in Internal Medicine, and spent 2 years in the air force as a flight surgeon. In 1975 we moved to San Francisco, where I completed a fellowship in Rheumatology. We then returned to Israel, and decided to migrate to the USA.

In 1979, we settled in Palo Alto, California. I worked as a rheumatologist in a nearby town, Fremont. I retired in 1994 because of health issues, and am enjoying a relaxing retirement.

I'm an avid biker and love to read and spend time with our grandchildren, who are all in this area.

I send warm good wishes to all who are celebrating this wonderful reunion.



DAVID BOWEN



("Kudu")

After matriculating I did auditing for a few years. In 1968 Jeanie and I were married and we lived in Johannesburg.

I worked at Dura Foundation as accountant/company secretary. Some years later I was asked to join Shoe Corporation as an accountant, later promoted to Financial Director of Select-a-Shoe, a subsidiary of Shoe Corporation, part of SA Breweries.

In 1982 I decided to "retire" to Palm Beach on the Natal South Coast where we owner-built a house on the beachfront. We lived there for eight years, during which time I had a property development company, a brickyard and two panel beating companies.

In 1990 my family and I emigrated to Australia and we all live in Melbourne. Our daughter, Judy, has a Masters in Psychology and is a Clinical Psychologist. Our son, Chris, has an Honours Degree in Computer Science and is a Principal Software Engineer. We have two granddaughters.

I was Personal Insurances Manager (Victoria) for GIO Australia until 1997 when I went into partnership in a smallgoods business. I retired in 2007 and Jeanie and I now live at Waterford Park, a lifestyle estate for over-55s, surrounded by a golf course and lakes.

I am on the Waterford Park Residents' Committee; I am Chairman of the Finance & Infrastructure Sub-Committee and a member of the Landscape Committee. I play tennis, golf, snooker, chess and bridge.

Life is good!!



STOP PRESS

Fred Alexander



I went to Cape Town University in 1962 to do medicine and only lasted about four months doing that. I stayed at Cape Town University and did a B Com CA(SA). I went to the army in Youngsfield – Cape Town before doing my CA.

I got married in 1972 to Zara Kantor in Cape Town and we went to Johannesburg immediately afterwards where I became a share broker. I had virtually no clients but spent my time on the floor of the stock exchange trading for my own account. It was the most enjoyable work I have done in my career because my hobby became my work.

In 1977 we migrated to Australia and left South Africa with Zara pregnant with our first daughter. I became financial controller at a Gold Bullion and Futures Dealing company in Sydney. When my brother Anthony came to Australia we decided to work together and bought a ladieswear manufacturing company because we calculated it was the only thing, we could afford which might bring in enough income to support us. We eventually developed our own fashion labels and also went into partnership with people who had retail stores in shopping centres. We sold out of the retail section and continued our manufacturing and fashion labels.

Fortunately, we took in a talented partner for our one brand who developed it to the point where we won National Awards for best ladies daywear, best ladies weekend wear and best ladies casualwear. I have to be honest and say that I never enjoyed that work at all and when Anthony had an aneurysm in 1995 I sold the business. I took a break for a while and then one of the people who we had been in the retail business with phoned and asked me to help out with a men's suit manufacturing factory in liquidation in Newcastle which is a couple of hours from Sydney. I went there two or three days a week and bought all the stock of fabric and suits from the liquidator. It worked out for me to only be away from home a few days a week because of family sickness. It actually took three years to sell all that I was going to sell of the suits and turn all the fabric into suits and sports jackets. I also did suit rental at the time and was lucky to have two marvelous Italian gentlemen running the day-to-day work for me.

The final work that I did was after an approach from Ernst Young to help a ladies swimwear business on the administration side. I did this for a couple of years part-time until just before the business was taken over. During all this time I would trade the Australian share market for myself and since approximately 2005, that has been the work that I still do from home.

With regard to family there have been good and sad time. Zara and I had three wonderful girls but our gorgeous middle daughter died of cancer at the age of 23 after three difficult years. My brother and partner was basically bedridden from his aneurysm and died 10 years after it. He left a widow and three children. Zara died of cancer in 2010 after a long period of illness.

On the good side I have my two daughters and two grandchildren who all live in Sydney. My sister Michele and her husband Charles Brandenburger, an ex Selborneian (1963), have migrated to Sydney and all of their children and grandchildren are here as well, which is great. I have been very lucky and have a partner now, Celia Trakman nee Buchalter, also from East London, and we have been together since 2014.

My main hobby is sport. After school I played baseball, hockey, squash, and table tennis. At table tennis I won the Western Province under 18, under 19 and under 21 singles and Rhodesian under 21 singles. I was runner-up in the South African under 18 doubles. I represented South African universities. In 1964 a friend, David Myers, and I broke the world record for non-stop table tennis, playing for approx. 30 hours as part of a publicity stunt for University Rag Day. The record didn't last long before it was broken.

Since coming to Australia I have played lawn bowls. My best achievements at competitive level was winning the New South Wales pairs in 1990 and being runner-up two years later.

I still play bowls when not in lockdown but not as well or as often as I used to play. My main exercise is walking the dog.



IT IS WITH SADNESS THAT WE ADVISE THE NAMES OF THOSE THAT HAVE PASSED ON – THEY LIVE ON IN OUR MEMORIES

Mike Brown
Ian Carruthers
Robert Curle
Tony De Kock
Alex Downing
Ted Forsyth
Peter Goosen
Peter Graham
Neil Harley
Andrew Hart
Jeremy Salter
Fiddle Chapman
Clive Jones

David Hill
Archie Houghton
Gerard Kashula
Laird King
Lewellyn Lloyd
Edwin Main
Bevan Rudolph
Allan Schultz
Anthony Sherrard
Roger Webber
Roger Hertz
Julian Zulman



Mission Statement

The mission of Selborne College is to offer boys an excellent, well-rounded, holistic educational experience that will equip them to become confident, effective and caring adults.

While our approach has Christianity as its basis, we strive to promote tolerance of other faiths and belief systems.

In pursuing our mission, we are committed to the development of every pupil and every staff member to their full potential, by providing:

1. a well-balanced academic, life-skills, sporting and cultural programme,
2. a high standard of discipline, manner, dress, ethics and service,
3. leadership training and development that promotes individual growth and teamwork,
4. pride in cherished school traditions,
5. a caring and nurturing environment.

We are also committed to the encouragement of parents to participate in school activities and to see themselves, together with the boys and the staff, as partners in pursuing the Selborne Mission.

THIS YEAR BOOK WAS COMPILED BY WERNER ILLGNER WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF OWEN THOMPSON, PETER TURNER, ALAN PARSONS AND ALL THE CLASS OF '61 MEMBERS WHO CONTRIBUTED THEIR OUTSTANDING PROSE WHEN DESCRIBING THEIR LIFE HISTORIES.

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AS CHARLIE HARRIS WOULD SAY - "E&OE"



CONCLUSION

A POEM FROM ROB HOPKINS

Today dear Lord I'm almost 70 and so much I haven't done.
I hope dear Lord, you'll let me live until I'm 71.
But I haven't finished all that I want to do
Would you let me stay until I'm 72!
So many places to visit and so much more to see,
Do you think you could manage Lord to make it 73?
The world is changing very fast there is so much still in store,
So that I might just see it all can you make 74.
And then if I am still alive
I'd like to stay perhaps, dear Lord until I'm 75.
There are many books I've yet to read and much that you can fix,
Perhaps you could extend it till I'm 76.
I know dear Lord it's much to ask and it must be nice in heaven,
But I'm sure I'll find enough to do until I'm 77.
I know by then I won't move fast and sometimes would be late
But I think I could dally until I'm 78.



Some pictures from the 55th Reunion



Address by Philipp Gutsche (2017)

Mr Philipp H Gutsche (Class of 1966) was the Guest Speaker at Founders Day 2017. Phil was awarded a "Bearer of the Palm" during tea, after the Ceremony of the Key. The "Bearer of the Palm" award, is the highest award that can be bestowed on any Old Selbornian for outstanding achievement, nationally and internationally. Phil's citation reads as follows:

"The Bearer of the Palm Award is conferred on Old Selbornian, Mr Philipp Hugo Gutsche, in recognition of his outstanding achievement as an Entrepreneur and Civic Philanthropist."

The address by Mr Philipp H Gutsche:

Good morning Mr Dewar, Honoured Guests, Old Selbornians and in particular Selbornians - you are the ones that I am going to address.

Today, I will talk about some of the lessons and learnings that I have found worked for me and I wish to share these with you young Selbornians - obviously we are all so different. I don't want to bore you but to share experiences as you will soon enter a very volatile world – so you will need a winning spirit from the start.

Lessons of Life – "A Winning Spirit"

I matriculated at Selborne in 1956 and can assure you young men that most of you were not even a sparkle in your parent's eyes. I can also assure you that the world was very different to today's world, but "The Ceremony of the Key" has not changed. The custodians still follow Sir Frederick de Waal's words to Charles Prior - head boy and first custodian in 1924, subsequently a teacher at Selborne, as follows: - "You are to look after the monument and this consecrated ground on which we now stand", so this tradition was born and continues. This great tradition will soon celebrate its 100th anniversary. It's traditions such as this one and so many others that contribute to making Selborne Great. Therefore, I will talk about what I have found to be relevant in contributing to my personal success and sustainability in all aspects of life i.e., career – Call it the "Winning Spirit".

Firstly a few memories from my days at Selborne. I ended my last day at school (well the last day but not a school) by getting 6 of the very best from Mr John Perry our Head master – 3 others joined me. That was my entrance fee for writing the matric exams! We decided that it was unnecessary to attend school as there were no classes – so what was the point.

Yes, discipline and instructions to be at school were not followed. I learnt the significance of good discipline – it works.

Further, I was never a prefect or a first team member, but yes, I think I was a late and slow developer. I am still developing, a lot slower than previously, but I have never stopped learning. Life is a journey – enjoy it and make the most of it. But I am very competitive. I like to win and hence always do my very best – practice makes perfect. But keep focused.

It's a privilege to be a Selbornian. It's a door opening experience. The values learnt at school must stand you in good stead – use it as a foundation to build upon – I did!

Part of life is about winning and losing. I know your 1st rugby team lost to Grey the other day – that's life – learn from losing experiences and build upon your strengths – analyse why but learn to take the knocks of life. We all want to Win. So let me tell you that you need a very positive attitude in life. Think positively, act positively as these energies do inspire and influence others.

Yes, I am a proud South African and recognize that our evolving society has many challenges. I live here and will remain in SA. I believe in the future of South Africa and Africa. I would rather live here than anywhere else in the world because of the great opportunities that our country and continent offer – seek opportunities!

SA will experience a roller-coaster ride as we are experiencing at present such as poor leadership, corruption and mismanagement. But when I look deeper into the people, I am assured that GOOD will always prevail over EVIL. We do have wonderful people in SA. Let's remember that we have experienced only 23 years of democracy. This is your opportunity to contribute to a better SA.

Our education system in the rural areas is shocking. This is where it really begins i.e., the upliftment of our country's people – we need leaders! – another opportunity for young people.

The success of a country starts at home, at school and then after that one is on their own. I learnt that there are no freebies in life. You must remember that many of us come from privileged backgrounds and tend to believe and act as if one is entitled to the future – not so. Your forefathers worked hard to get you started. Now it's your turn to invest in yourself through going that extra distance – another opportunity to up your status.

We are all responsible for our own life and to create our own future. Remember that each of your decisions will have consequences both short- and long term. You need to understand and determine the difference. But above all it's important to make decisions, because he who hesitates is lost! You must learn to make decisions and not to procrastinate. Yes, I have been lucky with the major decision I made – follow your passion.

Success is NOT about making money, it is about achieving your goals, your good health and happiness.

Early in life I decided that I wanted to sell Coca-Cola, to be in the World of Coca-Cola. I saw so many opportunities and so I went flat out in improving myself, developing and working long hours and doing my best, let alone having a clear vision and being very ambitious. Yes, I guess I am also a risk taker. This was my focus – my strategy!

I referred earlier to the importance of education and your school background.

You young men are indeed privileged to be Selbornians – reflect upon your school icons – the good and bad. Selborne is World Class!

When I was approximately 60 years of age, I reflected and looked back upon my past as to what and who influenced me in life. Perhaps above all, besides my parents, it was my school Selborne College. In particular my class master of 4 years – Neil Emslie. What an icon. He through his teachings and way of life taught us the moral code. He was our rugby coach. He taught us to play as a team – to play hard and clean; to have compassion for our fellow students. He taught us loyalty to our school, yet he was an Old Queens Boy. He taught us to work diligently and to do our best. He loved his boys; he was not lazy. He taught us to go that extra distance in order to win and succeed. He was a real winner by adding so much value to so many people/boys' lives.

As I progressed, I realized that I needed to surround myself with people who I trust and were also more competent than myself. I learnt the need to understand that to be successful in life, irrespective of what one does, that the following innate qualities are necessary, but also need to be cultivated viz: -

Enthusiasm and passion – enthusiasm is the fountain for success – it is contagious – it is infectious – it goes with passion for one's fellow colleagues and all with whom you come in contact;

Determination and tenacity - I will come back to tenacity; and

Good health – look after your health

Look after and cultivate each quality i.e., the ones with which you are born because with these innate qualities one cannot go wrong. Build into your lifestyle to take time-off for recreation irrespective of what it is. In my case it is tennis on Saturdays and Sailing on Sundays when possible.

You may ask about integrity, honesty, trust, good communication skills etc. Let me tell you that I learnt through experience that honesty and integrity is the short cut to achieving your goals. You are not born with these traits and qualities but acquire them through experience, education and development of your values.

On the subject of tenacity - I quote US President David Coolidge: -

“Nothing in this world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful people with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not – the world is full of derelicts. Persistence and determination are important. The slogan “press on” has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race” Calvin Coolidge - Yes do your best, ALWAYS!

In today’s world we all need education. When my father matriculated from Selborne in 1932 a junior certificate was acceptable, a matric was equal in status to a degree. When I matriculated in 1956, the need for a degree was necessary and so the higher level of education is an imperative, even more so nowadays.

The developed world is where it is because of its competitiveness and because of its high level and emphases on education. It has taken many years to become successful, whether as a nation or as an individual. There are no short cuts, but innovation is critical – another opportunity. At the end of each day of your life you must be able to say that you have done your best and added value to the universe and yourself. May be that is success!

But I leave you with this message that in addition to enthusiasm, passion, determination and tenacity being qualities with which you are born, you need to continue to take advantage of the opportunities you create or come your way and have a philosophy of humble confidence. Never be satisfied or complacent, and remember that the world belongs to the discontented. Continue to set ambitious targets in harmony with your values and your vision. Live life to the fullest.

So finally, Selbornians in conclusion, my journey of life continues from station to station for re-fueling of the body and the sole. I reflect and confess that I have made many and some serious mistakes, poor decisions and lost money. But with, hopefully a 51% batting average, good health, a wonderful wife and family, I am blessed.

And so, to all you Selbornians I wish you good health, prosperity and success.

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING



Left to Right: Mr Andrew Dewar (Headmaster), Mrs Yvonne Gutsche, Mr Philipp H Gutsche (Guest Speaker) and Mrs Angela Dewar.

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I AM A SELBORNIAN

I am the waters of the Buffalo
I am the valleys of the Amathole
I am the sky that stretches from the Great Fish
To the borders of the Great Kei.
My voice is the eternal echo of the dips of the greens
To the heights of the Berea rise.

I am the descendant of generations cast in stone,
Honoured by bi-planes flying over in salute,
A son of soldiers of Mendi whose souls rest at the foot
Of deep spiritual waters.

The son to the township mother,
the brother to the Clarriebag.
I stand tall as the whippet, strong, beautiful,
Running over the hills of English fields
Of Lords and Dukes.

I am the pride of the call to arms,
The fire of the rifles of world wars.

I am the Voke and the Gunn that paved the way to the Dewar,
And the future.
The boot that studs firmly across the memorial,
The salute that honours our fallen Midlanes and Niits.

I am the heart that burns the fire
The soul that catches the fever
I'm the black of Mabece, of Siwahla,
Of Koyana and Madiba.
The white of Fetting, of Vos, of Andrews and Russell.

The annihilator of the Dalian, the smasher of the Qeenian
And the fear in the Grey boy's eye.
The dive of Boucher, the wealth of Gray
And the dash of Jobodwana.

I am Bob
I am Butch
The pride of the First Grade
and the boldness and arrogance of the last.

I am the hope of Mandela, the wisdom of De Klerk,
the strength of Sisulu and the humility of
Kathrada.



I am the wings of Norton, the cross of gold that glistens
With the glorious touch of the sky.

I am the bearer of the palm and the beholder of virtue,
For greatness is my son, power my daughter,
victory and triumph my grandchildren.

When I leave this realm,
Cry not for my passing,
For I go to our fathers, our leaders,
The men whose sweat and blood lay the bricks that you call home.
I go to the Old boys who cheered "Skimiliya"
And were heard from Victoria to Zululand.

Weep not, oh weep not.

For I am who I am and forever i will be.

I am the black, I am the white.

I am a Selbornian

Palma Virtuti

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