

## OLDER STERNIANS REUNION JUNE 2023

Coinciding with the School's Centenary weekend, Mike Sims organized the 5-yearly weekend reunion of those stalwarts who arrived in shorts at LWC in and around 1953. (see Sternian mag 2019 for report and photo of the previous one, headed 'Bunch of Brothers').

Numbers had dwindled somewhat, sadly reflecting the effects of the passing years on us all, but nevertheless 17 of us, ably accompanied by 7 of our long-suffering wives and partners, sat down on June 23rd to enjoy an excellent meal at the Camberley Golf Club. We were honoured to be joined and addressed by our ever-youthful President, Peter Booth. Also several Sternians stood and amused us with tales of their moments of 'glory' whilst at school, mixed with some thought-provoking remarks about the future.

Many of us stayed the night locally and were able to attend the considerable and impressive programme of events at LWC on the Saturday, which are reported elsewhere. It goes without saying that many of the activities that day brought back additional memories of life at Long Sutton, and the venue and weather provided a splendid opportunity for relaxed reminiscing!

On the Sunday, Graham and Ann Birkett very kindly hosted a delicious barbeque lunch for us all at their lovely home in nearby Weston Patrick. Not everyone was able to attend, but it provided the opportunity for some who had not been able to get to Friday evening's dinner to come along – more tall stories ensued! This occasion was a real bonus and provoked talk of bringing the next 'Bunch of Brothers' reunion forward by a year (or two?) and where it should take place. Send your thoughts to Mike or Clare.

As a footnote, within our group we are fortunate to have two keen photographers, Tim Hodges (a well-known professional) and Charles Elsdon. They took lots of pictures, many more than can be shown here, which they probably are willing to provide if you ask them nicely!.

See you all next time. Robin and Mike.

P.S. thanks to all who helped in putting this Reunion together.

### Photo info



Names L to R on 'men only' pic Camberly golf club

Robin Pope, Tim Fawdry, Nelson Hankin, Keith Smith, Richard Steel, Peter Booth, Graham Birkett, Graham Barnes, Mike Sims, Malcolm Jeary, Tim Hodges, Gordon (Dan) Bates, Guy Consterdine, Chris Winter, Tony Sully, David Jaggs, Charles Elsdén.



NAMES on 'with girls' pic reading L to R:

Tim Hodges, Robin Pope, Eileen Fawdry, Tim Fawdry, Nelson Hankin, Joan Hankin, Rowena Pope, Keith Smith, Vicky Smith, Peter Booth, Richard Steel, Ann Birkett, Graham Barnes, Graham Birkett, Alison Jeary, Malcolm Jeary, Dan Bates, Margaret Consterdine, Guy Consterdine, Chris Winter, Mike Sims, Adrienne Winter, David Jaggs, Tony Sully, Charles Elsdén.



NAMES on Birkett BBQ' pic reading L to R:

Robin Pope Charles Elsdon, Brian Reeve, Sue Jones, Tim Fawdry, Nelson Hankin, Joan Hankin, Eileen Fawdry, Alison Jeary, Dan Bates, Mike Sims (in foliage), Malcolm Jeary, Ian Moore, Julianne Moore, Guy Consterdine, Rowena Pope, and Graham and Ann Birkett seated in front.