

Somerville 50th Anniversary Reunion

Matriculation Year 1969

Our Lives So Far

Dear Somervillian from 1969,

This letter comes to you as part of the preparation for our 50th Anniversary reunion in College on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th September 2019. A small group of us has begun to plan an interesting couple of days and we do hope you like the idea and will want to attend.

A booklet of 'Our Lives So Far' (personal biographies) has been well-received at recent reunions so we, Pat Baskerville(Lawrence-Wilson) and Sue Markham(Whitehouse), have agreed to prepare one for our year.

This letter is to ask you to write a short contribution about yourself. We will collate these in a booklet for us all to read and keep as a memory, both of our time at Somerville and of our 50th reunion.

Please feel free to write as you like but an informal style, as though you were speaking to us, has worked well in the past. The guidelines below are intended to help you if you are unsure:

- length 400-450 words plus photographs of you then (if possible) and now;
- please send photos digitally: you can scan the 1969 version and we assume the more recent one will be digital anyway;
- write about any aspects of life since Somerville: home and work, any community involvement, travels or moves, changes or developments of your interests and opinions. This is not all about amazing successes in life, although these are interesting but about those things that have been important to you. ALL lives and experiences will be worth reading about, being your personal selection and emphasis on the events of your life since Somerville;
- you might want to include a bit about your life before university, as well as what you are doing now, and any hopes/plans for the future;
- it would be interesting to read any reflections you want to share now, about your time at Somerville and how, if at all, the experience affected your life subsequently.

Please email your piece and photograph **by the end of April, preferably to both of us.** Early contributions would be very much appreciated. We will, of course, consult you if we

have any changes to suggest to your piece. A printed copy of the booklet will be available free to those attending the reunion. An e-mail copy will be sent to all members of our year, so do please send your contribution, whether or not you are able to come to the event itself. Please also let Liz Cooke know if you object to any of these arrangements.

We very much look forward to hearing from you and to meeting up with as many of you as possible in September.

With best wishes from,

Pat Baskerville and Sue Markham

PS. College has lost contact with a number of people in our year; there is a list of them on the College website at <https://www.some.ox.ac.uk/event/1969-50th-reunion/>

If you are in touch with any of them please encourage them to contact us or Liz Cooke (elizabeth.cooke@some.ox.ac.uk) so that we can include them in the reunion.