

Somerville 50th Anniversary Reunion

Matriculation Year 1971

Our Lives So Far

Dear Somervillian from 1971

This letter comes to you as part of the preparation for our 50th Anniversary reunion in College on Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 September 2021. 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 three have agreed to prepare one for our year.

We are writing to ask you to send a short contribution about yourself to go in the 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 in 1971 (if possible) and now. Please send photos digitally, scanned if necessary.
- write about any aspect of life since Somerville: home, work, 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 which 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(s) to e.harbord@some.oxon.org. Early contributions will 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 Lisa Gygax 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

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PS If you are in touch with anyone who has lost contact with College, please encourage them to contact Lisa Gyax (lisa.gygax@some.ox.ac.uk) so that we can include them in the reunion.