

REUNION OF 1969 BATCH

The “Sixty Niners” as we pride ourselves to be called came from a mixed background but in school we were treated alike, well almost, for if you were a good sportsman they then turned you into a demi-god.

Happiness, they say is meeting old friends and realising that nothing has changed, despite the external changes that have taken place and continue to do so. It's on such a happy note that our Golden Jubilee Reunion was planned.

In early April, we received a very thoughtful and cordial invitation from the Principal, Mr. Joel Edwin, for the Founder's day and a reunion for our Golden Jubilee. For all of us the thought of meeting up after 50 years was both exciting and wondrous.

A flurry of emails was exchanged between our classmates - dates, programmes and travel plans were crystalised.

24th October 2019 – Founder's Day of the School –heralded much joy and elation for the Golden Jubilarians.

Fifteen of us along with our spouses attended the Founder's Day Thanksgiving Service at 8.30 am in the Lorna Roberts Hall starting with the Hymn that all of us had sung during our school days. This was followed by a short meeting with the Principal over high tea. Words were all we had to express our gratitude and sincere heartfelt emotions for the warm welcome home coming given to all of us from the class of 69 by the Principal Mr. Joel Edwin and everyone that we interacted with in school.

The Jubilarians were felicitated by the school with a sash, history book, school tie, silver tie pin, house cap, and a lapel pin. We were then escorted around the school by a few of junior college students for a walk 'down the memory lane'. Interacting with these bright, young enthusiastic boys and girls made us realize why the well rounded personality of a Bishopite shines through in any walk of life.

An army marches on its stomach! – a saying, well recognised in school – the early refreshments, the lunch and dinner were both scrumptious and healthy. Kudos to the entire catering staff.

As a finale, the Halloween themed evening was such a fun evening. The enthusiasm and efforts put into the function were absolutely commendable – all of us enjoyed ourselves being a part of the celebrations.

Dropping Nikhil Sthalekar to the airport, since his taxi hadn't arrived, was a spontaneous gesture that will always stay with us because compassion, a quality demonstrated without a spoken word.

There are many who could not make it but at the end of it, we all consider our school "The Best School of all!" and cherish the moments spent at 5-A Stavely Road. We truly feel blessed to have spent our formative years in an institution called Bishop's and our continued relationship with the school.

I'd like to sum up with these lines from our school song....

The cares of this world may make us forget for awhile,
But the thought of the school shall inspire us anew
Give us courage, greater strength and peace of mind.

So

Play up Bishops never let your Colours Fall.

Capt. Ashish Samarth
Sixty Niner
