

Saturday, 28 April

Dear Frank:

It was very thoughtful of you to send me the photo. It is a shock to realize that some 60 years have flown by. I cannot recall the circumstances when the picture was taken but I believe I recognize the faces in the front row.

Stuart Bruce is unquestionably the best dressed of the group, his tie is almost straight. Chuck Laing-well I would say he is the essence of informal attire. I am intrigued by his untidy belt.

If I may say so, you are the elder statesman for this carefree gathering. Someone has to lend some dignity to the occasion and your thoughtful pose is perfect. On the other hand Bill is oblivious to everything.

I have no idea what I found so amusing, but it draws attention to the missing front tooth. I had a enormous bridge which I removed for special occasions. It is the picture of your mother, however, that I like best as she seems genuinely happy to host both young and old.

I was nice to hear from you after all these years. I can imagine how trying it must be to face the difficult task

of moving after 50 years in one home. I am sure you will uncover many more treasures and I want to thank you for not discarding this one. I always enjoy reminiscing in front of an old photo.

My best wishes

*Jim*