

2017 FESA Reunion

On the 20th May about 55 old pupils plus around 10 guests gathered at Frome College for their annual reunion. The day was a little showery and the group photo was quickly taken between the showers.



We were joined by Gavin Ball, Principal (on the right) with his wife on his right and Jane Davis, Communications Officer for Frome College. *Photo Chris Warren*

At least 12 old pupils were visiting for the first time, which is most encouraging. The most distant traveller was Dr Richard Tan from Singapore who also brought members of his family to see his old school and the oldest member was Dr Fred Morgan who was Head Boy in 1947. Fred's brother John and sister Liz were also there. Other siblings included Stan and Eileen Berry and Rosemary and Carol Mapstone (maiden names).

Gavin Ball, the Frome College Principal, is moving on to a new post as Executive Head



June and Gavin *Photo Chris Warren*

of the Wessex Learning Trust in Cheddar. The Frome Ex-Students Association (FESA) wished to record its appreciation for his support from 2012 to 2017 and he was presented with a framed picture of the school from about 1954, by June Barnes MBE, Chair of FESA. Frome Museum displayed some of their collection about Frome Grammar School and a set of photographs from 1947 were donated by Barbara Rogers. Copies of these were provided for visitors to

write names on. This was also true for a collection of c1960 photos from Stan Berry. These names will be added to the growing on-line store of pictures, which is made available to FESA members.

There was a lot of animated conversation among the attendees and everyone appeared to enjoy themselves

Afterwards Dave Bond went onto Facebook to declare "I went back to Frome Grammar School yesterday for the first time since I left 51 years ago and had a lovely time meeting old pupils, one was head boy in 1946-47. Most of the people there were older than me but it really made my day to meet 3 of my old class-mates John Legg, Sandra Fletcher and Roz Radley. We were chatting and reminiscing for so long I forgot to take any photos. A big thank you to Chris Warren for organising it and I intend to join FESA and go again."

His post has already prompted more old pupils to make contact and we hope for an even bigger turnout next year. For information about next year's event please contact FESA on frome.alumni@mail.com

May we thank Frome College for hosting the event and particularly Jane Davis for her enthusiastic help, both leading up to the event and on the day itself.

Chris Warren (FGS 1956-63)