

Reunion plan: Trevor and Margaret Musk with old school photo

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A very Rutlish occasion

A former student of Rutlish School is keen to make contact with his old schoolmates in time for their 50-year reunion.

Trevor Musk, who lives in Tadworth, is organising a reunion of the 1957 intake of the boys' school in Watery Way, West Wimbledon – the boys who started three years after its most famous pupil, John Major.

By trawling through old photos and piecing clues together Mr Musk and his friends have managed to contact more than 80 of the 117 pupils from his year group. People living as far as New Zealand, the US, Canada, Montenegro and France have expressed an interest in coming to the get-together.

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But there are still a number of former students he has been unable to reach. These include Peter Norman, a very old friend who goes back to his early years at Merton Abbey Primary School, where Peter's father was headteacher.

Mr Musk, 60, said: "The biggest problem we faced was that the school's admissions record for that year doesn't exist. But we've been circulating things around email, and the old boys' association is very strong. But there are some names we just haven't got a clue about. The trail has gone cold."

So far, about 50 people have said they are coming to the reunion, which will take place on Saturday, September 1 at the Old Rutlishians Clubhouse in Poplar Road South, Morden. More energetic guests can take part in a round of golf the day before.

Mr Musk is very curious as to how his fellow pupils have turned out. "Most of us who are going to the reunion will have fond memories of the school. There are others who don't really want to come, but Rutlish has changed massively since then. It was a standard grammar school in 1957, with a full school uniform and strong discipline and pupils from a wide catchment area. I'm sure we'll all have a good time at the reunion as we all have that common bond."

If you have any information about Peter Norman or the other pupils, contact Mr Musk on musktj@aol.com or 07742 593 610.

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