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# ROLL OF HONOUR

Their name liveth for ever

### In December we remember:

#### **THE GREAT WAR 1914-1919**

Letterstedt Frederick Childe (1869-76) Maj-General, Indian Army medical service. 1918
Bertram Hewat (1907-10) [MC] Lieut, RFA. France 8 December 1917
Ferdinand Jeppe (1902) Lieut, RAF. England, December 1917.
Ernest Keeley (1904) Lieut, SAI. France 1917
Alexander Macfarlane (1900-03) Lieut, RFA. France 2 December 1917
AE Ochse (1882-83) Corpl, SAI. France 1918
Douglas Snashall (1910-13) Driver, Motor Transport. East Africa, December 1916
Percy Stapleton (1897-1907) [MC] Lieut SAI. France, December 1918
Stephen Steyn (1902-08) Lieut, RFA. Palestine, December 1917
Harold Tredrea (1915-16) Pvt, SAI. France December 1918
Samuel Woofe (1910) SAI. France September 1918

#### **THE WORLD WAR 1939-1945**

Peter Bairnsfather Cloete (1927-35) Capt, DEOR. Kisumu, 19 December 1942
Douglas Buchanan (1926-29) Flying-Officer, RAF. England 17 December 1941
Charles Carmichael (1925-33) Lieut, East Kents. At sea 7 December 1942
D'Eyncourt Chamberlain (1913-16) Major, Hampshires. North Africa, 2 December 1942
Painton Cowen (1926-29) Lieut, Royal Marines. Mediterranean 22 December 1942
Owen de Smidt (1931-37) [C] Lieut, SAAF. Cyprus 3 December 1944
Thomas Fisher (1920-27) Major, SAAF. Mediterranean 12 December 1941
Ronald Fletcher (1937-41) WOII, SAAF. Italy 26 December 1944
Michael Fowler (1933-34) Major, SAAF. Mediterranean 9 December 1941
David Howe-Brown (1936-41) Flying-Officer, RAF. Germany 2 December 1943
Harry Landsberg (1945-48) Lieut, Citizen Force Unit. Grasmere, SA, 24 November 1962
Roger Louw (1919-20) Trooper, Imperial Light Horse. Sicily, 2 December 1942

In January we remember

#### **THE GREAT WAR 1914-1919**

**RD Graham** (1902-06) Capt, SA Scottish. POW and wounded. Died in Cape Town 1922. **Godfrey Johnston** (1902-04) Lieut, 32nd Indian Lancers. Died in Somaliland, 1915 **Austin Pocock** (1900-01) Maj, 5th SA Horse. Died in East Africa January 1916 Guy Stent (1900) Lieut SAI. Died 18 December 1919 Jack ER Syfret (1909-15) Lieut, in the Royal Field Artillery. Died in SA Jan 1919

#### **THE WORLD WAR 1939-1945**

Ronald Howes (1924-32) Capt, Dragoon Guards. Italy 24 January 1944
Alan Marshall (1931-37) Cpl, Cape Town Highlanders. Italy 29 January 1943
Robert Midgley (1926-30) Sgt, SA Intelligence. At sea, 3 January 1943
Peter Moodie (1932-34) L/Bdr, SAA. North Africa, 23 January 1942
Kenneth Reid (1924-29) Sgr, SANF. Off Greece, 12 January 1945

### In February we remember

#### **THE GREAT WAR 1914-1919**

Egbert Clark (1899-1900) Capt, Cheshire Regiment. Died of wounds in Mesopotamia, February 1917 Charlton Horne (1901-07) Pvt, 3rd SAI. Egypt 26 February 1916 Andrew McGregor (1904-10) Lieut, 9th Black Watch. France 28 February 1916 Oswald Puckle (1908) Pvt, 2nd Rhodesians. East Africa, February 1916 Walter Reid (1895-1900) Lieut, RFA. Died in England, February 1919

#### THE WORLD WAR 1939-45

Anthony Blackett (1935-38) Pilot-Officer, RAF. Britain 14 February 1941 Charles Earp-Jones (1925-29) Sgt, RAF. Continent 26 February 1943 John Gooldon (1927-36) [M] Capt, SAA. Italy, 7 February 1945 John Lewis (1921-26) Lieut, SANF. Mediterranean, February 1941 Peter Renniker (1936-38) Pilot-Officer, RAF. Eritrea, 8 February 1941

# PERSONAL

### **OBITUARIES**

**GILBERT.** Raymond Cyril Gilbert died on 6 June 2011 at the age of 86. He was born in Nakuru, Kenya on July 12, 1925, to Cyril Owen and Alice May Gilbert. His childhood was spent in Kenya and in the South of England before the family returned to Africa and settled in Rondebosch where Raymond attended the Diocesan College from 1937 to 1943 after which he was a lifetime member of the OD Union. He earned a degree in engineering (University of Cape Town) and an advanced degree in management (University of Pretoria) and spent his career in consultancy and the management of engineering and manufacturing companies. In 1954 Raymond married Sheila Bewick, younger daughter of Robert and Margaret Bewick of Durbanville. They had two sons, Robert, now a professor of veterinary medicine at Cornell

University in Ithaca, NY, USA and Rodney, a paediatric nephrology consultant at Southampton University Hospitals in the UK. Raymond's career took the family through much of southern Africa, with a long sojourn in the Witwatersrand area, before he and Sheila returned to the Western Cape area they loved so much and settled, and eventually retired, in Durbanville. Raymond died with his beloved Sheila at his side. He is remembered by all who knew him as a wise, independent thinker upon whom many relied for sound advice. *Rob Gilbert* 



**ARTON. Brian Lansdell Arton** passed away in Port Macquarie, Australia on 9 October 2011. Brian had been at Bishops from **1948-56**.

One way or another Brian was involved in agriculture his whole life. He grew up on Glen Bawn in Ida's Valley Stellenbosch and went on to farm there after the death of his mother. He was 19 years old when he took over the farm. He went on to farm in Knysna where his love of aviation led to a career in Aerial Crop Spraying and Fire Fighting. This in turn led to his business in Australia that sold and serviced sub-metre accurate Satellite Navigation systems for Crop Spraying. Aside from farming he maintained a lifelong affinity with machinery, both flying and terrestrial. He had a wonderful collection of classic cars; a '30 Buick, a '31 Buick, '49 Chrysler and a more recent RR Silver Shadow. These were all kept in pristine condition and his vast knowledge of classic cars will be missed by his fellow members of the Heritage Car Club in Port Macquarie, where he lived for the

last several years with his wife Ady. He was saddened to have missed his 55th school reunion earlier this year as he had made all of the previous ones, making the journey from Australia, however, in late August 2011 he made a courageous last trip to South Africa to say good bye to friends and family. He had not let on the full extent of his illness even though he had known some 18 months previously that his cancer had metastasised to the liver. He was able to spend wonderful time with Charles Arton (1969-78), Debi Balladon and Jane Gilchrist, his three children and his five grandchildren as well as visit friends and relatives, including classmate Andre du Toit (1952-56) and cousin John Dicey (1952-56). A more tough and emotional trip you could not imagine, but one for which the family will forever remember him. It was a wonderful way to say good bye. He was also able to make a last visit to the Smartt Syndicate Dam in Britstown about which he had just written a book detailing its history through the records and personal accounts of his grandfather, Sir Thomas William Smartt (Minister of Agriculture in Rhodes' Government). The book is titled "The Story of a Large African Farm - The Smartt Syndicate Ltd." On his return to Australia Peter Bowles (1952-57) and his wife Felicity, who live in America, came to stay and **Dave Nicholson** (1956-65) came to visit him the week before he passed on.

Charles Arton

**PHILIP. John Melvin Philip** matriculated from Bishops in 1954 having arrived there from Western Province Prep School in 1951. He went on to UCT to study for a CTA before taking his final qualifying exams in accounting and auditing. Ironically I found in his "papers" a letter he had received just after he matriculated - from one of his father's (Walter John Philip 1913-22) colleagues who was giving advice to John knowing that he would have to study further, "in the profession in which you will be shortly starting and in addition to the work you will be doing in the office." He went on to urge John "to maintain a steady persistence of effort in anything you undertake. This is a quality of character which is not easy to achieve, but will be of inestimable value to you as long as you live." He closed his letter by saying "you cannot like everyone you meet, but you can be polite to everyone". John certainly proved this advice to be sound and in many of the cards and e-mails received by the family, these qualities of his have been highlighted. *Anne Philip* 

This tribute, from **Prof James Willis (1946-55)**, who was unable to attend due to his ill health, was read out by **Lawson Howes (1945-54)** at John's thanksgiving service in St. Peter's Church, Hermanus on Friday 16 September 2011.

At school John was a corporal in the cadet corps and an excellent shot in both the house and school shooting competitions. He was a cricketer and he loved golf and especially squash, all of which he continued playing after he left school. Golf was not a part of school sport at that time. But, whenever the opportunity arose, John and Lawson Howes, who lived next to Rondebosch Common and to whom John was later groomsman, would grab their clubs, hop on their bicycles and head off to Rondebosch Golf Club for a game. John was a dayboy in Ogilvie House and I was a boarder, and we might as well have been on different planets. Dayboys had one huge advantage of boarders: on Saturday nights they were free to go to parties and chat up the girls. The only time boarders got out of school, outside of school holidays, was on Sundays from 10a.m. after morning service, until 6p.m., a definite disadvantage. Margaret and I only really got to know John and Anne after we finished school, when we met at those Saturday night dances when the men dressed up in smart suits or dinner jackets and the ladies in their beautiful evening dresses. Those were the days! We became good friends, a friendship that lasted over 50 years, and started playing contract bridge together before Anne and John were married. When the bridge games became quite competitive and John, who with his accountant's mind was an excellent player, and I who was very average, would often start a post-mortem after each hand, the girls teamed up to play against the guys. What I so admired about John was his work ethic of always giving his all to whatever task was current, his tenacity, the amount of time and effort he put into helping the local community wherever he was, and, especially towards the end, his amazing courage in facing up to his illness and his never-failing cheerfulness under difficult circumstances. My favourite memories of John are his wonderful smile that would start as a grin and then expand to light up his whole face. His infectious chuckle when something amused him, which often would develop into a full-throated burst of laughter. It was a privilege to know him. He could be very happy and proud that he did so much good for so many in

this world. John married Anne (nee Zurnamer) in the Diocesan Memorial Chapel on 15 September 1962. The day before the service of Thanksgiving for John's life they would have celebrated 49 years of marriage. In January 1963 John and Anne boarded the MV Africa which left Cape Town for Italy via the East Coast, calling at exotic places like Dar es Salaam, Zanzibar and anchoring off Mogadishu. Their destination was London, where John was to take up a position with Touche, Ross, Bailey and Smart, accountants. In London they met up with Lawson Howes, Bev Long and Cliff Calder. That September (1963) John was on audit in Geneva, Switzerland, when their first anniversary came about and Anne "celebrated" that occasion with Lawson who took her to a restaurant on John's behalf! In February 1966 John and Anne left Cape Town with a newly born daughter so that he could take up a position as Financial Manager at Caravan Manufacturers (as it was then known) in Natal. They lived in Natal for twenty-three years during which time their son Andrew as born. John followed a career in commerce and was appointed financial manager of the Natal Mercury in the late 1970s. He culminated his commercial career there as financial manager of Game Discount World in 1989. During these years in Natal John became a Rotarian and was made President of the Westville Rotary Club in 1987. That year he underwent a most successful heart valve repair at Wentworth hospital. In those days the operation was in its infancy and took 14 hours to perform with forty-eight hours in ICU. He was also a President of the Westville Country Club. John gained colours in squash for the Natal Veterans team. While living in Natal he and his family indulged their love of wildlife. John and Anne were among the first to undertake several walks in the Umfolozi Game Reserve wilderness area. He subsequently inculcated this love of nature in his children and then the grandchildren. He was determined that his two eldest grandsons (one of whom is James Philip, presently in Founders House at Bishops) should experience just such a trail and the booking for next year in the Imfolosi, as it is now known, was confirmed the day before he died. Shortly after their arrival in Hermanus in 1989 John became a member of the Hermanus Rotary Club. In his year as President he organised a very successful District Conference. John was a DG's representative and an Assistant District Governor. In further serving his community, John was Chairman of the Friends of the Old Harbour Museum, Hermanus, for several years.

He is sadly missed by his wife Anne, their daughter Sue Raven, his son-in-law Chris and their three sons as well as by their son, Andrew and daughter-in-law Fiona and their two sons (**James** at Bishops) and Marc.

**WRIGHT.** Neville Edward Jonathan Wright was born on 16 April 1938 and died 11 October 2011. He was at Bishops from 1952-56. Buck was left a legacy by his father's uncle, Edward from Kareekloof, Strydenburg, to go to Bishops. Buck went to Bishops Prep from Woodridge in 1950. From the Prep he went to the College and was in School House. He left School House in Standard 8 and joined White House as a foundation member under Piley Rees. He was a member of the team that won the (inter-house) rugby cup that year. Buck played rugby for the lst XV in his Standard 9 and matric years as prop forward and lineout specialist. In 1962 he married Gae Featherstone of Stut-

terheim and led an idyllic married life, producing a son and four daughters. They became well known in the Border area. Buck completed a BSc at UN Pietermaritzburg specializing in soil science. His contributons to farming in Maclean Town and later at Haga Haga were great. As a director of Model Dairy in East London he was a pioneer in the yoghurt industry. He was a firm believer in breeding domestic animals, by natural selection, off the veld, by performance testing. He was an enthusiastic member of the Fenfield Reds Beef Cattle Breeding Group at Cathcart, contributing to this project until his death. He was the South African Federation of Group Breeders president for three years. Buck successfully practiced Holistic Resourse Management, attended courses and got to grips with the principles so well, that his farm ran 50 - 80% more cattle than accepted norms. Buck is survived by his wife Gae, one son, four daughters and ten grandchildren *Harold Wright* 

**BURFORD.** Jeremy Michael Joseph Burford died on 10 March 2011. He had been at Bishops from *1956-59*. He was born on 3 June 1942 in Wimbledon, England. His father was a Major in the British Army. In 1949 his family emigrated to Cape Town, where he attended Rondebosch Boys High until Std 9 and then went to Bishops for Matric and Post Matric. After school he attended UCT where he had an outstanding academic career graduating with a distinction in comparative African Government and Law. He was President of the SRC.

# Recollections of **JEREMY BURFORD QC** (1942-2011). The following eulogy was delivered by his close friend Michael de Navarro.

I first met Jeremy when he came to Cambridge in 1964. From then on we were very closely associated for many years, initially through the Cambridge Union Society and then through the Cricket Society. In recent years our paths separated to some extent although we kept in touch through the Sundowners and because he was my younger daughter Fran's godfather. I last saw him about two weeks before he died. I have known him as a friend for 47 years.

His Honour Judge Jeremy Michael Joseph Burford QC was born in England on 3 June 1942, but was brought up in South Africa. He attended Bishops Diocesan College School, a multi-racial school (it was before Apartheid), to do post matric as he was too young to go to University. Already while at school he excelled at debating. A contemporary at school was **Chris Danziger**, who also moved to England and who was also to play for the Cricket Society. Jeremy was later godfather to Chris' daughter too. After school, Jeremy went to Cape Town University, reading law and obtaining his BA and was awarded a Duke of Edinburgh scholarship to Cambridge where he took a MA in law. He was a keen sportsman representing his College, Emmanuel, at various sports including cricket and hockey. Within a year he had been elected President of the Cambridge Union Society for the Michaelmas term 1965. It was through the Union that I met him, as I was Secretary when he was President. That and our common interest in sport made for a lasting friendship.

After Cambridge, Jeremy was awarded one of the first Kennedy scholarships to go to Harvard. Shortly before he left for America, he was struck on the knee by a hockey ball. Unfortunately, while he was in America, the resulting lump was diagnosed as malignant, and

his leg was amputated above the knee. He nevertheless completed a successful year in Harvard. A highlight of the year was staying with the Kennedy family at Hyannis Port. Some years later Teddy Kennedy's son, Ted Jr also had to have a leg amputated and Jeremy was a great support to the family, giving them comfort from his own experience. On his return to the UK, Jeremy took Bar Finals and was called to the Bar in Inner Temple in 1968. After pupillage, he became a tenant in Mitre Court Buildings in the Chambers of Sir Joseph Molony OC. Jeremy became a very successful advocate at large planning enquiries, including enquiries into Heathrow and Stansted airports and many enquiries involving proposals for new supermarkets. He took silk in 1987. However, although very successful, he did not enjoy the work, and he became a Circuit Judge on the Western Circuit in 1993. For the next 17 years he sat as a Circuit Judge in Hampshire, at Winchester and latterly at Southampton until, towards the end of last year, illness made it impossible for him to continue. Unlike his time at the Bar, Jeremy greatly enjoyed sitting as a Judge, to the extent that the 'black dog', as Churchill called it, which beset him after the loss of his leg, went into remission. These years were, he was to tell me, the happiest of his professional life. He was much admired on the circuit. After hearing of his death, Judge Gary Burrell, QC sitting at Southampton Crown Court said 'Judge Burford was extremely well regarded by all his brother judges and court staff alike. He was an extremely intelligent man with a witty and nicely ironic sense of humour. He was bright, determined and in the latter stages of his illness an enormously brave man. He will be sorely missed here'. Richard Onslow, speaking on behalf of the Bar, said: 'Appearing before Judge Burford was a continuing education. We shall miss him'. Nigel Lickley QC, Leader of the Western Circuit told me that 'I last saw Jeremy a week before he died. Although looking frail he was as ever charming, witty and complementary beyond justification'. Nigel, himself a fine cricketer, asked me to convey the Circuit's sadness at the loss of Jeremy. In addition to his legal career, the other great achievement of Jeremy's public life was his contribution to cricket and in particular to the Cricket Society XI. Despite the loss of his leg, he continued to play. He almost invariably fielded at first slip and was a stubborn occupier of the crease. Of course he had to bat with a runner. Strictly, the Laws only permit a batsman to have a runner if he is injured during the match, but, quite rightly, no opposition captain ever took the point. I am indebted to Peter Hartland, the Society XI's historian, for the following statistics: Jeremy played 310 times for the Society XI between 1963 and 1992. Only four men have appeared in more matches. During that time he scored 1,703 runs at a modest average, but those runs included two 50s. The first was 51 v Southborough in May 1976. Opening the batting, he was last man out in a total of 156 all out. Jeremy faced 159 balls and the innings lasted 146 minutes. The second 50, and his highest score, was 87 against the Cricket Society Colts at Brett's Ground in Canterbury in August 1980, when he added 147 for the first wicket with Ron Paterson, now the Society captain. I remember the day well as it was a blazing hot day and having run for him for two hours before lunch, I persuaded Ron, who had by then been dismissed, to take over after lunch, as I was exhausted. Far greater than his contribution to the Society XI on the field, was his contribution off it. From 1969 to 1985 he was Fixture Secretary, in the early years performing the duties of Treasurer and Team Secretary as well. What bound us together was Jeremy's infectious enthusiasm and his profound knowledge of, and love for, the game.

In addition to these many public achievements, Jeremy privately (and almost secretly) used much of the money he had made at the Bar to help youngsters from South Africa and elsewhere to achieve a good education and a start in life.

On a lighter note, he was a renowned barracker. 'On one occasion we sat together in a grandstand at Edgbaston watching the first day's play of an England - Australia Ashes Test. England's captain, Mike Denness was under intense pressure to relinquish his post. As he walked off the field, after being dismissed, Jeremy suddenly shouted, 'Resign Sir, and make way for a leader!' On another occasion, Jeremy had taken me to stand in the outer at Twickenham to watch an England v Ireland Rugby game. As the game progressed he began shouting, 'Come on England you can do it, send your opponents back to Long Kesh!' (This was during the troubles and Long Kesh was a notorious internment camp for IRA prisoners outside Belfast). I looked around and ALL the spectators within sight had on overcoats, cloth hats and GREEN rosettes on their lapels! Being only 5 feet 8, and a born coward, I told him if he didn't desist I was off before a spectator war broke out!' Both Tim Lowry and I vividly remember one of the last times Jeremy went to Lords, before resigning his MCC membership over some now forgotten iniquity of the Committee. It was 1994, two years after South Africa were readmitted to test cricket and the first time that they had toured England since readmission. It was the fourth day of the Test. We were all sitting in the top deck of the Warner stand. South Africa, who were already over 370 ahead overnight, batted on for a further 2 hours or so on the fourth morning. Tim and I differ in our recollections as to what piece of perceived negative cricket set Jeremy off, whether he thought that South Africa were batting on for too long or because of the initial bowling tactics adopted after the declaration finally came, but what we both remember clearly is that he stood up and began to abuse the South African captain, Kepler Wessels, in fluent Afrikaans so loudly that all in the ground could hear him. The general thrust was that South Africa must play positively if they were to win. Shortly afterwards, England were bowled out for 99, leaving South Africa victors by 356 runs. Jeremy was simply an unsung hero. He was an enthusiast, motivator, enabler, entertainer, storyteller and sometimes outspoken opponent of behavioral or technical faults in sport and its participants. Generous of spirit, I shall miss our all too few meetings of recent years greatly, but the memories are there and he occupies one of the first places in my all-time life XI.'

I would just add this. It was a privilege to have known such a fine man. We shall miss him. His death diminishes us all and we offer our profound sympathy to Tulay and Deniz and his sister Lynn and the rest of his family, on their loss.



# Robin David Packshaw died on 19 May 2011. He was at Bishops from 1941-46.

Eulogy delivered by Rear Admiral Robin Hogg CB

We are here to celebrate the life of a quite extraordinary man who touched the lives, in one way or another, of almost everyone in this church this afternoon.

I first met Robin when he and I were doing our National Service:

he in the Royal Marines and I in the Navy. We were appointed to HMS Black Prince, a fairly ramshackle group of World War I ships and craft, based on the Rhine at Krefeld not far from Cologne. It is hard to imagine now, but the River Rhine then represented the likely last frontier in the West should the Russians decide to attack; a holding position until the Americans could return to Europe and shift the balance decisively in our favour. In the event, it was the later formation of NATO and the deployment of Nuclear Weapons that enabled all our generation to lead broadly peaceful lives. At the time, we in the Royal Navy had the ships and the Royal Marines Special Boat Service had the techniques to destroy every bridge and sink every vessel along the entire length of this huge river to prevent a Russian crossing. Our first "joint operation", by which I mean for Robin and me, came with the Dutch Flood Disaster of February 1953. The Rhine Squadron had been deployed as soon as the news came through on the radio. We set off at full tilt for the various flooded villages and small towns and, having first rescued those people left alive, had the task of somehow transferring the few surviving cattle and other animals, still knee deep in freezing water, to higher ground. We had small landing craft and, with the bow door lowered and the inside full of straw we had spent the night trying to persuade these terrified animals to embark for transfer to higher ground. By dawn we were exhausted, very cold and still at it when a helicopter landed on the neighbouring dyke and two men waded out towards us. With a sailor on each horn and others pushing from behind we were struggling to deal with a cow that had no intention whatever of being rescued. The first of these two men said, "I see you are having difficulty with this cow". I turned and said (and you will have to forgive the language) "If you have nothing better to say than that - why don't you f ..... off"! He took absolutely no notice, walked passed us and up the ramp, picked up some straw and got the cow to trot up the ramp behind him to safety. We were, needless to say, full of gratitude and apologies for being so rude. He said to us: "Please don't worry about that, I would like to introduce myself, I am Prince Bernhardt and have come on behalf of the Queen to say thank you for all you are doing for Holland". Some months later, Robin and I were the last in the queue to receive an award from the Queen aboard the Dutch Aircraft Carrier, Karel Doorman. As we approached; Prince Bernhard leaned over and said to the Queen "These are the two young men who told me to f..... off the other day"! I think that this was the first that our Captain had heard of it.

Robin had a most unusual upbringing; first in South Africa and then England where he went to Bradfield and, as we all seemed to do, went down with 'flu. His mother came to cheer him up and give him some advice on life in general. Within 24 hours she had disappeared over the Bermuda triangle: one of many shocks through a long and varied life. Like me, he had to do National Service, entered the Royal Marines Volunteer Reserve and was quickly selected for N02 Squadron of the Special Boat Service. This may have come about through his first swimming test on joining up. He had, like the rest of us, to demonstrate that he could swim. He was so fast through the water, breaking the naval swimming record, that the instructor though this stop watch was defective. He was made to repeat this test, further lowering the naval record, then proceeding to swim three lengths underwater! Swimming is only one of the requirements for service in the SBS. High intelligence and bravery are others, qualities he possessed in spades and which he demonstrated throughout his life. Robin, after completing his National Service, went into the oil business in the Middle East for ten years, at the end of which he was the Head of Personnel in Iraq. He got to know the Middle East really well, travelling widely and being simultaneously useful to certain sections of the Foreign Office who came to rely on such people who had access to such a wide variety of local players. In the early 1960s he returned with his family to the UK and joined Long, Till & Colvin, a leading Local Authority broking company in the City. In 1969 Robin, with two colleagues (Angela and Marilyn) set up Packshaw & Associates which had as its main shareholder Charles Fulton (one of the original Foreign Exchange, Currency & Sterling Interbank Brokers). In 1973 the two companies merged and the sterling company became Fulton Packshaw, with Robin joining the main board. Robin was a leading expert in the Sterling Markets and was, throughout the Seventies and Eighties at the forefront of innovative changes and developments, particularly in the Local Authority and Building Society markets. He sat on the Bank of England Joint Standing Committee. He was also involved in the setting up of LIFFE (The London International Financial Futures Exchange) which was established in 1982 and sat on its steering committee. Using his considerable experience in the Middle East, he set up offices in Bahrain and Kuwait and travelled the world to other overseas operations. In 1982, when Fultons experienced difficulties, it was bought, indeed rescued by Mercantile House, a competitor. Robin and a fellow Director immediately approached the Chairman of Mercantile House with an offer to buy the Sterling Company which, with the backing of 'Wedd Durlacher, he and his colleagues achieved. Thus began the rebuilding of the group with other management buy outs. The reassembled and expanded group was then floated as International City Holdings on the stock Market in October 1985 with Robin at the helm as Chairman, where he remained until 1989.

This all sounds as though I understand some of this city business. Robin did, however, have a great gift for explaining such matters to those of us outside the city. He was, for my money, one of the great communicators. Years later, the Chairman of the Hong Kong Bank, Willie Purvis, who was then in the business of taking over Midland Bank, asked me to give him my views on Midland Bank's Global Trade Services Division. I had to tell him that I knew absolutely nothing about banking whatsoever, to which he replied that such knowledge was quite unnecessary - all I needed to know was that "In God we trust, all others cash!" Robin of course agreed with him and he turned out to be more or less right. He was a great people person and developed extremely good and loyal relationships with both staff and clients which was a huge strength in good and bad times. Those who worked for and with him have remarked on his remarkable energy, tenacity and his ability to inspire others to do well. Known for sporting an undersized bowler hat and jacket, rather like Steed in the Avengers, he had an uncanny knack of returning to base having made a great impact and bringing with him a new order. He was, in short, the ideal boss. When he left the city Robin became very involved with, and gave a lot of time to, Business in the Community, one of the Prince's charities, indeed the Prince of Wales has been its patron for over 25 years.

Like for many of us, life for Robin was, from time to time, a rocky ride. He was in every way a true friend to many, an inspirational leader of a team and a wonderful example of leading from the front whilst keeping himself last in the queue for praise. We all need luck in life and he had his fair share of disappointment along the way. I suspect there are many here who, like me and some of his children, missed out on great periods in his life. For me, and for many others, regaining contact after a long absence was as though one had never been away. It was his constancy as a friend that I shall remember best. As the Flag Officer First Flotilla in 1986 I was lucky enough to

have a Flagship in Portsmouth and able to arrange for a reunion of the four National Servicemen and their wives, who had all been in the Rhine Squadron together some 33 years before. As all the ladies in this audience will guess, this was like watching the four of us return to the kindergarten!

As we all move on from here, how should we best remember him? I can only speak for myself. I only learnt much about my father's somewhat secret life in the intelligence world once he had died. My wife Angela had no idea that her Father had accepted the surrender of the German Army in Crete until reading about it in the obituary in the Daily Telegraph. There will always be much that we do not know about even our closest friends and relatives, but in Robin's case his demeanor and sheer courage following his accident in France is something that will always remain with me. He could not have withstood the effects of some of his injuries and their aftermath without Catriona's constant love, care and attention. He was indeed a lucky man in this. Their house in France seemed to sum up all that is best in life: beautiful to look at, magically peaceful to stay in and providing an environment in which all things seemed possible. Robin would have been both touched and surprised to see the SBS represented here - It is a tribute both to him and to the very special service to which they belong. I have an abiding image of him from long ago, his face mask on his forehead, peering up at us sailors on the jetty at our Rhine base in Germany from a hole in the ice at least eight inches thick. He was clearly perishingly cold having just cleared some underwater obstruction on the harbour floor. All he said was; I Know what you are thinking, but I would still rather be in the Marines!" Robin led a complex, colourful and extraordinary life and, like me, had four children spread around the world. His love for them never wavered and they will I know feel his loss greatly. For the rest of us, his wider Family, Friends, his City, Royal Marine and other colleagues, we will all have our personal memories of this remarkable man, tall, slim, fit, full of fun and sage advice. Weep no more for him but carry out of this fine church your memories of all that was so good about him.

Can I, on Catriona's behalf, say thank you for joining us in this church, which he so often attended. We have met to remember a quite remarkable man, whose like, alas, we are unlikely to see again.



**WORTHINGTON-SMITH.** My brother, **Peter Sidney Worthington-Smith**, died peacefully on 24 August this year. He had suffered considerable pain arising from very arthritic ankles and his death was a happy release for him. Peter was at Bishops from *1944-48*.

I was with him when he died. I have never experienced this before; it was really rather beautiful. Peter's breathing had been labored and when it stopped, a look of total peace replaced the stress brought on by his efforts to breathe. As the days passed after his death, I realized that during the 77 years

I had known him I had taken him far too much for granted. It was only then that I really appreciated him and realized how much he had meant to me. Peter was devoted to his wife and family and was endlessly concerned with their welfare. But his finest quality was his concern

for those in need of help. There is no better way to describe this than by quoting from a speech made at his funeral by a friend and past President of his Rotary Club.

"I made Peter's acquaintance in 1980 when I was invited to join the Rotary Club of Roggebaai. But it was not until I became President in 1990 that our relationship grew into a deep and valued friendship. Peter's regard for his family was matched by his compassion and magnanimity towards his fellow man. He became aware of the lack of 'care' facilities in the Townships and he proposed that our club take action on this. As President I nominated the Day-Care Centres as the major project of my year in office. He was prepared to find buildings and residents where these might be located. All he asked of me and the Club that we raise the necessary funds. He personally loaned the monies required to fund the first Day Care Centre which was duly opened by the then mayor of Cape Town, Gordon Oliver.

Within a year, three had been built and we had repaid Peter's loan. When 1996 arrived, and I was once again president of the club we had built in excess of forty and today forty-eight exist. Peter, with a team of five, accomplished this amazing feat. I, as he was won't to say, had the simple task of raising the money and intervening when Council became obstreperous.

Being similarly like-minded, nothing was impossible, we tackled all and our friendship grew ever greater and closer. He would often say...the smallest good deed is better than the grandest intention. These Day Care Centres will be his Memorial."

Our sincerest love and sympathy go to Maureen his wife, and his daughters, Rosemary and Josephine.

Humphrey Worthington-Smith



*CULLIS.* Robert Sydney (Robin) Cullis died peacefully in Rondebosch on 10 July 2011.

Robin was born in Johannesburg and went to St John's Prep and College but in 1933 his father was transferred to Cape Town. He started in Standard 8 at Bishops in Gray House, obtaining a 1st Class Matric in 1935 with Distinction in Greek and winner of the Old Boys Prize for Chemistry. He represented the school in crosscountry and was a member of the Democritus Society, presenting a paper on the then new enterprise of SASOL. During his Matric year he was involved in the instigation of the St Pauls Club for "disadvantaged youths" and the Youth Fellowship at St Paul's Rondebosch. He studied Medicine at UCT and joined the Rowing Club. In 1941 he shared a boat with **Sandy Brown (1935)** 

and was awarded his Blue. He qualified with an MBChB on 1 December 1941, graduated on the 10th, married Clare Snepp (a nurse at GSH) in the Memorial Chapel, on 13th and on 26th left for Pretoria to "join up". He did his internship at the Voortrekkerhoogte Hospital and then underwent his basic military training as a member of the "Chain Gang" at Sonderwater outside Pretoria together with **Frank Mitchell** (1930-35), **Roddy Maggs** (1932-35), **Fred Charnock** (1929-34), and **Leslie Druiff** (1928-35). Soon after I was born in October 1942 he was promoted to Captain and transferred to Aliwal North and Port Alfred and in June 1944 was the Medical Officer for 25 Squadron in Port Elizabeth. In July he left Durban for Italy where his squadron was part of the Balken Airforce based at Campomarino on the East Coast and flying Marauders across the Adriatic in support of Tito's partisans in Yugoslavia. At the end of the War he was based in Udine, north of Venice. He was now the Chief Medical Officer for No 3 Wing, consisting of both SAAF and RAF squadrons and was promoted to Major, at 27 one of the youngest South Africans to have achieved that rank. While waiting to be repatriated he used his ambulance as a tour bus exploring northern Italy, Austria and Southern Germany. He returned to Cape Town in December 1945 to meet his daughter, Muffy, who had been born while he was away, and started General Practice in Heathfield, then a very rural suburb. However, soon thereafter, Bergvliet was built to house returning servicemen and as this was the era of the "Baby Boomers" he found himself very busy – he recalled that in one month he had seen 99 cases of measles and in those pre-antibiotic days each patient required between three and six home visits.

He later worked in association with **Basil Parker-Wood** (1923-30), **Geoff Scott** (1932-41) and **Vincent Fox** (1938-41). His rooms were initially in what had been the stables of Melrose, our house on the Main Road, but he later moved up the road to the Caversham Buildings where he practiced for most of his career. When he retired in April 2000 after 54 years in General Practice, the many letters and cards he received from his patients and colleagues attested to the respect and affection they felt towards him. I have over the years had many patients who told me, "your Dad brought me into this world" or, "what a wonderful GP he was."

He also consulted in the poorer areas such as Retreat and this often meant walking through the sand dunes from Prince George Drive to the informal settlement of Blouvlei -near to where Lavender Hill now is. As a result of his work in this area he became involved in CAFDA (Cape Flats Distress Association) as their honourary medical officer and served on the Executive Committee. In recognition of his contributions, the Children's crèche was named the RS Cullis Centre. He was also involved in the Retreat Students Clinic as co-founder, then Chairman of the Committee and finally as President. From the early days of his practice he was on the staff at Victoria Hospital as a medical officer in the Surgical Wards, later in Casualty and for many years as Chairman of the Hospital Board. He was similarly involved at the Princess Alice Orthopaedic Hospital, the Lady Michaelis Convalescent Hospital and the Adams Farm Home. As Bergyliet developed he was involved in the foundation of many of its institutions the Sports Club, the MOTH Shellhole, the Primary School and St Martin's Anglican Church. He was instrumental in the appointment of his cousin, Michael Norman, as its first priest, served as a Sub-Deacon, instigated the St Martin's Men Fellowship and represented St Martin's at the Bergvliet Ecumenical Movement. In 1976 they moved to Muizenberg and he soon found himself as the Managing Director of the Bay View Retirement Centre where his 90 year old father was a resident. The corporate world was totally foreign to him but he nevertheless did an excellent job there. Soon after his father died just after his 100th birthday, they moved back to Rondebosch, initially at Evergreen (behind Stanmore) and later to Fairmead from where they looked down from their balcony to watch the boys, including grandsons, **James** 

#### Cullis (1981-93) and Colin Jeffery (1982-94), playing on Rossall Field.

Although he still spent a few hours a day in his consulting room, which he rented from the new owner of Melrose, he spent his spare time walking around the neighbourhood, especially around the Common. He estimated that over the years he must have pulled up many thousands of alien plants there and was recognized by the Friends of Rondebosch Common for his service. He and Clare became a "Port-of-Call" for their nine grandchildren and he particularly enjoyed drinking a glass of champagne outside the Medical School at UCT when his granddaughter, Robyn, qualified 60 years to the day after he had done so. In 2001 he and Clare celebrated their Golden wedding anniversary with a thanksgiving service in the Memorial Chapel where they had been married. When Clare died suddenly in 2003, he found his deteriorating eyesight a serious disability and needed assisted living in the Annexe at the Fairmead. Despite this he retained his courtesy, his good humour, his positive attitude and gratitude to anyone visiting him. He celebrated his 90th birthday in his daughter, Muffy Jeffery's garden surrounded by his extended family including his great grandchildren - but was now becoming very frail and tired of living. It was therefore a blessed relief for him when he died two months short of his 93rd birthday. Despite all his other commitments he was ever a wonderful husband to Clare, a caring father to me and my three sisters, Muffy (Jeffery), Betsey (Joubert) and Charmian (Wightman) - at one stage he was funding all four of us at university at the same time – and a "fun grandpa" to his grandchildren. He was for me a wonderful example of what a doctor should be.

Syd Cullis

**RHODES. Brian Michael Rhodes** died in London on 21 July 2011 after a long fight against a brain tumour. He was at Bishops from 1957-61.

#### Tribute by Frank Coley (1956-58)

Brian was one of my earliest boyhood friends. It was an exceptionally close and abiding friendship that persisted throughout our schooldays and for some years after school, until destiny took us in different directions. A lifetime later, a year or two before his death, we corresponded from our respective homes in London and South Western Australia.

'Fun' is the one word that always comes to mind whenever I think of Brian. I seem to recall that everything to do with him was fun, usually humorous and often irreverent. Strangely, we were opposites in temperament but I think Brian found me divertingly idiosyncratic. Although quiet and withdrawn, I was often easily enticed out of my comfort zone by Brian's sense of fun and adventure. I was amused and deeply touched recently to read one of the last things that he must have written (an account of his early schooldays in some notes found by his daughter), in which he described me as someone, "Who even then was considered eccentric". Perhaps this had something to do with our snake catching expeditions on the Cape Flats, around Zeekoevlei and on the slopes of the Peninsula mountain chain. Excitement and some element of danger were pervasive elements of our childhood; Brian was ready to tackle pretty nearly anything, and wrote about this a year or so before he died: "What a mad place we grew up in, but boy was it fun. Do I feel guilty? I just can't. It was so unique, and will never be repeated,

whatever the rights and wrongs: the freedom, the absence of a nanny state, and the complete disregard of anything to do with health and safety. You must remember heading out into False Bay in my canvas canoe, with nothing to keep either us or the canoe afloat should something rip the canvas. I am sure our parents were trying to get rid of us. Grape fights on Southern Cross Drive, carrying enormous sheath knives when we were still at Prep school, owning lethal pellet guns before we were even teenagers. Can you remember scaring baboons by ramming a pellet into the end of the barrel to make it sound like a rifle? I even remember someone pulling a Cape Cobra out of its hole by its tail". Reading accounts from mutual friends I don't think Brian ever lost his boyish enthusiasm and sense of fun. He excelled at sport, particularly cricket and rugby. As scrum half on the rugby field, his darting, jinking play was often pivotal to our scoring a try or a successful defence, both at school and years later when playing an occasional game for the "London Springboks" against village teams in England. He was so often the one to set up the next move, or the next adventure. I vividly remember an evening some years after leaving school, in the bar of the Vineyard Hotel, when Brian persuaded me to accompany him and Johnny Myerscough to the UK. We travelled in the Stirling Castle, Brian's irresistible charm and talent on the guitar ensuring that we were never short of female company, either on board ship, or during our time in London, where we shared a top-floor flat in Earl's Court Road. Later, Brian, Johnny and myself purchased an ancient Bedford van in which we toured much of Europe. Neville Walker joined us for a few weeks of rollicking, somewhat manic skiing in Kitzbühel; days spent on (and in) the snow always ending up somewhere convivial for 'Glühwein, Wurst und Kartoffeln' ... just affordable, and consumed while listening to Brian beguiling everyone with his voice and guitar; much of his repertoire at that time being from the songs of The Kingston Trio. I eventually ran out of money and had to leave the others and return to the UK. Brian continued his meanderings around Europe, and eventually wound up living in Monte Carlo, singing in a nightclub in the evenings and working on a yacht during the day. We lost touch until years later, when Brian managed to track me down in Australia. It was wonderful to pick things up as if they had only happened yesterday. Brian had plans to write a book about his boyhood, and much of our correspondence evolved with this in mind. I was deeply saddened, both by his untimely death and by the fact that he would now never write that book; it would have been hilarious, and a hell of a lot of fun.

#### Tribute by John Suckling (1957-60)

Brian passed away on 19 July 2011 after a losing contest with a brain tumour.

All through the process, he met the ups and downs with that attitude that endeared him to all those who met him and which made for friendships that lasted for years – in my case since we were four years old at our first prep school – that inimitable attitude that allowed him to see life as something to be enjoyed to the fullest and always painted with humour. A natural extension to his humour was his pervading sense of fun and farce and a talent to entertain musically. With a strong baritone, he dealt with an impressive spread of genres – probably considered "quaint" now when we are talking of Frankie Lane, Gordon Lightfoot, Roger Miller, The Kingston Trio, Roger Whittaker and his own compilations - but as troubadour wannabe's, we formed a group to include

among others **Johnny Myerscough** (1952-61), and took the muse to the "60's" Cape Town folk and pub scene with one of our highest points being a concert at Jamieson Hall in 1966 which was recorded for the production of an "LP" but was banned from broadcasting by the Government due to some controversial political references in a song written by Brian and me. Sometimes we got paid and sometimes we didn't but only enough to cover petrol, guitar strings and drinks. The group thought that was a fair deal but Brian was degrees ahead of us in the ambition stakes – he saw careers in the world of music - he thought we were underselling ourselves horrendously and didn't have the faintest clue about marketing. So we earnestly suggested he manage the affairs of the group which he did. With hindsight, we didn't really give him a chance – we sort of selectively bypassed his formal booking system. We were so keen just to play we were prone to take on any gig and although we continued to play for money, it was in the main for petrol, guitar strings and drinks only! - and we still had our day jobs. Conscription snagged Brian after leaving Bishops and he and I met up in Walvis Bay. While there, we had the Cuban "Bay of Pigs" crisis and we were debating the prospects of the Cold War turning hot – scary stuff while you're stuck in the oldest desert in the world guarding an ammo dump against nuclear attack while issued with your prescribed five live rounds only. Brian's sense of farce and President Kennedy's actions saw us through this potentially life changing incident. In the early 70's, Brian moved to the UK, lived in Monaco for a time and worked in the travel and antique freighting industries for most of his business life but to his last days, continued to entertain with guitar and song. My brother Stephen (1969-76) who had also moved to the UK, maintained our family connections and joined Brian on occasion on guitar and voice while they both played cricket for the Phene Philanderers. Brian captained the side from time to time and was known to bowl his medium "tweekers" with effect while his winter sporting interests were taken up with coaching the local Richmond RFC. He also continued to play one of his treasured sports - tennis - and ultimately represented the Metropolitan Club in Chiswick in the senior's league. In his later years, he took up golf which he began to enjoy more and more. As he grew older though, another talent manifested itself - that of his ability for crossgeneration connection principally through his music as he entertained the younger folk he came in contact with as his kids grew up. It was generally conceded by him that this new found ability prevented him from taking on the label of a "grumpy old man". It was always a delight to me that when we met up wherever, we were able to pick up where we left off without blip or pause. It remains a tragedy that there are no more memories to be made.

He leaves his wife, Jacinthe, his children Carly and son-in-law Ed, Anton and daughter-in-law to be, Astrid, his two precoius grandsons, Dylan and Freddie, and his sister Jenny Naysmith (nee Rhodes).

#### Tribute by Peter Burroughes (1957-60)

Brian was one of my closest friends as a small boy growing up in Cape Town. He was a really good buddy, fun to be with, naughty and charming to a degree. His red hair and freckled face, cheery demeanour and ready smile endeared him to all the parents, mine in particular. We were together at two boarding schools, Tara Preparatory School in Durbanville and Monterey in Wynberg/Constantia, for six years before graduating to Bishops in 1957. During this time we enjoyed our Huckleberry Finn days in what for me were idyllic surroundings. Tara had

been a guest farm in the country outside Durbanville, while Monterey was a replica of an English baronial mansion with its own organ, panelled walls and extensive grounds with formal gardens, orchards, vineyards and even a forest. It was paradise for small boys away from home. We were even allowed to have large sheath knives which we used to throw into a massive oak tree in a sunken formal garden, trying to see whose knife would stick in the highest. Retrieving the knife was sometimes a problem!

I remember Brian as one of the most popular boys, good at sport, clever but not a particularly conscientious worker. Illicit forays at night to the boilers at the back of the dorms at Tara to toast bread and, at Monterey, into the orchards and the big hedge to drink condensed milk from the can were usually led by Brian. Bishops was much more serious and we took time to adjust to the discipline and all the work, he more than the rest of us. We were in different houses, so only really saw each other in class or on the playing field. We kept in touch after school and corresponded regularly when he went to live in England. We corresponded regularly, in the good old days before computers killed the art of letter writing, and he always provided an amusing and insightful account of his doings in a distinctive, neat handwriting.

I remember post-school games of tennis at Hohenhort Hotel - Brian was very competitive and a great player, but there was always lots of laughter – and sing-alongs in the pub afterwards with Brian's rich voice and guitar entertaining us. When I visited England for the first time, in 1971, London was hamstrung by a postal strike and Brian, who was then working for a travel agent called Kuoni Challis & Benson, came to fetch me at Heathrow Airport. We spent the rest of the day delivering letters all around London and I learnt more about the place in those few hours than I could have imagined. Contact was sporadic over the years, but we always got together on the few occasions I passed through London or he visited South Africa and we always picked up where we'd left off, as if there hadn't been years in between.We are at an age when health issues do affect some of us and too often these days we hear sad news about an old friend. Brian left an indelible mark on this world and he will be sorely missed, not just by his family, but also by his many friends around the world.

**THOMAS.** Philip Duncan Thomas died on 7 October 2011. He was at Bishops from 1967-74. The following tribute was delivered by his brother **James**.

We have all lost a friend, a brother. We have many happy memories of carefree days, growing up. Phil had so many wonderful attributes. I will try to highlight some of them.

Phil - The Problem Solver, The Organiser, The - Always make a plan – man. Phil was always on hand to fix things for Mum and Dad or MJ, even in the middle of the night! Even at a young age he was making things, planks and pulleys and ropes and trees and platforms. I remember one day when he was trying to erect a flagpole at the Grange. All was in place, the pole, the ropes, the pulley secured with one of my dad's dahlia stakes in the ground. Unfortunately the dahlia stake broke and became a missile snapping back viciously and nearly costing him an eye. Phil - The restless entrepreneur, always coming up with a plan, The - never in a formal job – man. Phil was far too independent to work for anyone else for long. Some will remember Phil - The Music Maker – Tortise Disco he was famous for DJ-ing the music and getting everyone onto the dance floor. Phil

- The Sailor – Building, racing and delivering yachts – working with people like - Richard Glanville and Bertie Reed. Phil's moment of fame came when he joined the crew of the British boat, Seltrust Endeavour - for the Cape Town to Australia leg of the Parmelia Round the World Yacht race. The vacht jibed in the roaring forties, and Phil was smacked by the boom and cracked five ribs... He did cost Australia hundreds of thousands of dollars as they had to divert a warship 1000 miles to go and pick him up! Phil - The Builder - Tackling houses and decks and never daunted by the unusual. Phil - The rugged individualist, The Resolute, The Determined, The -set the direction and stay the course- person..... once he had decided where he was going, he would press on regardless.... never swayed by popular opinion, giving scant regard to what others thought. Phil has always been his own person... doing his own thing. Phil - The Sports lover. Phil loved to watch sports and would often spend hours nestled in the couch, offering advice and commentary to any who would listen. He loved schoolboy rugby and would never miss a Bishops first team home game. But Phil was The -want no fuss- man, The Limelight avoider, The Private person, The Practical, The Engine room operator, Today he would be saying... come on let's get this thing over with so we can all go and have tea! Phil - The Gourmet loved his food, most especially good food and wine with good friends. But the special treat was always macaroons. Appropriately there will be baskets of macaroons for you all as we leave today. Now, Phil - The Gentle, tender carer, The Dancer.

A number of women, independently have said to me that one of the things they will miss most is Phil on the dance floor. He would unexpectedly, with hardly a word, take them by the hand and gently lead them onto the dancefloor and whirl them nimbly and expertly around with laughter in his eyes and a gentle smile on his lips. One of Phil's resolute decisions was to watch every episode of "Strictly come dancing!" which he would never miss, even if it meant recording it so that Vicky could watch Carte Blanche first! Phil - The humourist with a sharp wit, The well informed with an active mind, always with an apt word. Phil was never a reader, (he had real problems with dyslexia at school).... but always a thinker. The other TV programme that was always watched was "Who wants to be a Millionaire?" just so that Phil could flex his vast general knowledge. We want to thank those who have walked a road with Phil since his diagnosis...All those who have called and cared, wined and dined and braaied and pitched in and been good friends. Phil, ever the sailor treated his diagnosis like a yacht race. With each new stage he would set his course for the next buoy and then sailed hard to get there. Rounding the buoy would bring fresh challenges but Phil would hold his course never vacillating or deviating or complaining. He has tackled this challenge with huge courage and determination and with his wonderful sense of humor.

#### ENGAGEMENTS

Our sincere congratulations and best wishes go to the following on the announcement of their engagement: Jonathan (JJ) Gagiano (1991-03), son of André and Pam Gagiano, and Lisa, daughter of Evan and Chrissie Brown.

#### MARRIAGES

Hearty congratulations go to the following on their recent marriage, together with our sincere good wishes for future happiness:

David von Hoesslin (1983-93), son of Richard (1955-64) and Kathie von Hoesslin, and

Celeste, daughter of Bill and Mare Davidson, on the Island of Kho Samui, Thailand on 14 September. **Stephen Wilson** *(1993-97)*, son of Andrew Wilson and Erica Watermeyer, and Kirsty, daughter of Andrew and Hilary Talbot on 16 July in the Isle of Man.

### BIRTHS

Warm congratulations go to the following on the recent births of sons or daughters:
Christopher (1987-90) and Diana Bands, a son, Rudyard Francis Basil, on 27 August.
John (1973-86) and Candice Dobson, a daughter, Annabel, on 14 October
Marc (1974-86) and Nicky Hoeks, a son, Luke Peter, on 19 August.
Geoff (1975-88) and Jill Hopkins, a son, Nicholas David William, on 10 October.
Ken (1991-95) and Di Kilpin, a daughter, Lucy Jennifer, on 26 October.
Ian (1978-82) and Tjitske Landless, a daughter, Femke Helen Maria, on 19 October in Nijmegen, The Netherlands.
Caelim (1978-90) and Maida Parkes, a son, Rowan, on 5 September in London
James (1983-1995) and Caren Price, a son, Dylan Nicholas James, on 14 September.

Greig (1991-95) and Hayley Wilson, a son, Callum James, on 19 August.

#### **GOLDEN WEDDING**

Our hearty congratulations go to the following:

**Prof James** *(1946-54)* and Margaret **Willis**, who were married at Christ the King Church, Pinelands on 10 December 1960, and now live at 9 Phlox Close, Welgedacht 7530.



**Sandy** (1947-55) and Frances **Bean**, who were married at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Edinburgh on 23 September 1961, and now live at 5 Highwick Avenue, Kenilworth 7700. **Neil** (1953-56) and Joyce **McRae**, who were married at St Mary the Virgin, Merton, Surrey on 24 June 1961, and now live at Newstead, Shaldon Road, Teignharvey, Newton Abbott, Devon TQ12 4RS, UK.

#### SENIOR ODS

We extend a cordial welcome to the following, who have joined the ranks of OD Octogenarians during the last quarter of 2011. As usual, we apologize for any errors or omissions and would be glad to be informed of them. **Dr Sholto Cole (1941-49)**, 21 Creeks End Lane, Ottawa, Ontario K2H 1C7, Canada, on 20 October; **William Dunn (1940-49)**, Stoneleigh, Upper Towers Road, Muizenberg 7945, on 16 December; **Guys Hofmeyr (1945-49)**, Lauriston, 3 Third Avenue, Voelklip, Hermanus 7200, on 8 November; **Derek Marais (1945-49)**, 713 Helderberg Village, PBX 19, Somerset West 7129, on 7 October; **Frank Moodie (1945-48)**, 24a Ocean Road, Ohope Beach, Whakatane 3121, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand, on 7 December;

Dr Robin Sandell (1945-48), 15 Groevenbeek Avenue, Constantia 7806, on 29 November; Ian Townsend (1946-49), P O Box 1, Hazyview 1242, on 16 October.

Equally sincere congratulations go to the following, who have celebrated birthdays during the fourth quarter of 2011: In particular we would like to congratulate Arthur Thiel on turning 101 this year, our oldest Life Member we believe **101st** Arthur Thiel (1919-28), 52 Maclean Street, Umkamaas 4170, on 22 October.

- 95th Jim Turner (1926-35), 1103 Helderberg Village Private Bag X19, Somerset West 7129, on 1 November;
  Laurence Nash (1925-34), Noordhoek Manor, Private Bag X3, Sun Valley 7985, on 18 November.
- 94th Sir Wilfred ('Chippy') Robinson (1928-36), 37 Riverview Gardens, Barnes, London SW13 9QY, England, on 24 December.
- 93rd Maryon Minicki (1932-36), 2 Outspan Road, Fish Hoek, 7975, on 12 November.

92nd George Miller (1933-35), 34 Mauch Road, Hilton, Kwazulu-Natal 3245, on 19 October;
 John Slingsby (1934-36), 2 Pear Lane, Constantiaberg Close, Diep River 7800, on 5 November;

 91st Alistair Baillie (1931-38), P O Box 68291, Bryanston 2021, on 16 October; Willoughby Cleghorn (1931-38), Cottage J9, Peers Village, Private Bag X2, Valyland 7978, on 24 November; Ernest (Sonny) Taylor (1932-38), P O Box 37714, Valyland, Fish Hoek 7978, on 1 December. 90th Brian Banks (1930-40), Cottage 6, Rosedale, Lower Nursery Road, Rosebank 7700, on 26 November;
Harry Hands (1936-38), P O Box 34, Vlottenburg 7604, on 22 October;
Charles ('Dick') Haw (1936-37), 39 Myburgh Street, Somerset West 7130, on 23 October;
John van der Byl (1936-41), Irene Estate, P O Box 589, Irene 1675 on 19 December.

 89th John Duncan (1937-39), P O Box 296, Plettenberg Bay 6600, on 29 December; Colin Michell (1932-41), Unit 814 Helderberg Village, Private Bag X19, Somerset West 7129, on 31 October; Derek Robb (1936-39), 302 Carlingford, P O Box 565, Highlands North, Gauteng 2037, on 23 November; Rear-Admiral Peter Tomlinson (1937-40), Constantia Place, Southern Cross Drive, Constantia 7806, on 13 December.

88th Ulick Brown (1933-40), 3 Park Road, Rondebosch 7700, on 6 November; Revd Thomas Gibson (1935-41), 9 Lansdowne Place West, Bath BA1 5EZ, England, on 10 December; David Gow (1932-41), 97 Silvermine Village, Private Bag 1, Noordhoek, 7985, on 22 December; Lt-Comdr Ian Lasbrey (1938-41), 7 Malone Heights, Upper Malone, Belfast BT9 5PG, Northern Ireland, on 11 November; Frank Lilford (1939-40), 11 Alphenvale, Private Bag X17, Constantia 7848, on 4 October; Rex Pennington (Staff 1953-68), P O Box 71, Hilton 3245, on 6 November; John Snepp (1933-40), 43 Manning Road, Double Bay, NSW 2028, Australia, on 24 November.

87th David Knight (1934-42), 6 Middedorp, Majestic Village, Kalk Bay 7975, on 18 October; Robert George Osler (1937-41), 8 Pillans Place, Rosedale, Lower Nursery Road, Rosebank 7700, on 17 December; David Parry (1933-36), 5 Azalea Suite, Cle du Cap Health Centre, Polsmoor Road, Kirstenhof 7945, on 14 November; Dr Elles West (1933-43), address unknown, on 13 October.

B6th Derrick Ferrandi (1936-43), 950 Helberberg Village, P Bag X19, Somerset West, 7129;
Phyllip Golding (1939-43), Cottage 39, Fairhaven, Woodhead Drive, Humewood, Port Elizabeth 6001, on 5 November;
Dr Hansie Hofmeyr (1937-43), 17b Heritage Manor Somerset West 7130, on 18 December;
Richard Kemsley (1938-44), P O Box 1264, Faerie Glen, 0043, on 29 November;
Otto Carl Kiessig (1940-43), Unit No 6, Carriageway, 52 Park Drive, Port Elizabeth

6001, on 23 November;
Brian Robb (1938-41), 22 Whitehouse Road, Woodcote, South Oxon RG8 0SA, England, on 15 December;
William ('Bobby') Schierhout (1935-40), 107 The Chase, Mount Pleasant, Harare, Zimbabwe, on 25 October;
Tony van Ryneveld (1934-43), 13 Cabernet Circle, Cumberland Avenue, Constantia 7806, on 17 November;
Michael White (1938-44), Unit 2, 8 James Street, Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia, on 2 November.

85th Stewart McIntosh (1937-40), P O Box 87561, Houghton 2041, on 5 October;
 Basil Hone (1940-43), P O Box 680, Oldwick, New Jersey 08858, USA on 1 October;
 Ian Campbell (1941-44), P O Box 4078, Ida's Valley 7609, on 15 October;
 Esdon Frost (1936-44), Flat 29, 19 Dean Road, Hampton TW12 1BF, England, on 25 December;

Michael Le Mesurier (1935-44), 37 Towersey Drive, Thame, OX9 3NS,
England, on 21 December;
Chris Steytler (1941-44), 403 Maynardville Court, Wellington Avenue, Wynberg 7800, on 2 November;
John Leyds (1936-45), 105 Rusdon Park, College Road, Rondebsoch 7700, on 20 October:

**84th** Brian Barends (1937-45), 453 Helderberg Village, Private Bag X19, Somerset West 7129, on 29 October;

Dr Fred Cornwall (1941-42), The Cotswolds, 8 Indian Road, Kenilworth 7708, on 26 October;

**Doug Hoffe** (1941-44), 25 Tottenham Ave, Melrose 2196, on 21 December; William van der Byl (1936-45), 2 Heath Common, Membury, Axminster, Devon EX13 7UF, England, on 18 November.

83rd Kenneth Ackerman (1943-45), 1 Dunstan Road, Golders Green, London NW11 8AG, on 23 December;

> Christopher Compton (1942-46), 16 Lyndhurst Gardens, London NW3, on 1 December; Lindsay Cook (1943-46), P O Box 2625, Harare, Zimbabwe, on 27 December; Prof Robert Frater (1937-46), 24 Prescott Avenue, Bronxville, New York 10708, on 12 November;

**Dr Anthony Hughesdon** *(1937-46)*, Ellenglaze, 1 Tregenna Fields, Camborne, Cornwall TR14 7QS, England, on 8 November;

**Derrrick Mills** (1937-46), 3 Visser Avenue, Kenilworth 7708, on 29 October; **Geoffrey Montgomery** (1937-46), Smithfield House, P O Box 221, Smithfield 9966, on 3 December;

Ian Nicholson (1939-45), #11-2 Royal Ann Court, Osoyoos BC VOH 1V2

Canada, on 29 October;

**Dr John Noakes** (1943-45), 108 Cranbrook Road, Bristol BS6 7BD England, on 29 November;

Pieter Roux (1942-46), 6 Groevenbeek Avenue, Constantia 7806, on 24 December;
Donald Sim (1942-46), 38 Elm Park, Suzanne Crescent, Northcliff 2195, on 12 December;
Dr Etienne van Heerden (1942-45), 6 Mill Park Road, Mill Park 6001, on 17 October;

82nd Douglas Green (1938-47), 409 Helderberg Village, Private Bag X19, Somerset West 7129 on 16 December;
 Bruce Relly (1939-47), P O Box 471, Pringle Bay, 7196, on 25 November.

81st Peter Adams (1945-48), 13 Firth Road, Rondebosch, on 4 November;
 Hugo de Bruyn (1942-49), P O Box 1214, Somerset West 7129, on 16 November;
 Douglas Heffer (1941-48), Old Orchard, Durweston, Blandford Forum, Dorset DT110QA, UK, on 11 November;

Dr John Philip (1944-48), 2691 Cerrada El Ocote, Tucson AZ 85718 USA, on 29 November;

Ken Stuart-Findlay (1943-47), 1 Tara Lane, Bergvliet 7945, on 23 October.

# CLASS REUNIONS

### IN THE PLANNING STAGES

<b>19-22</b>	April	2012

## CLASS OF 1952

60th YEAR

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15–18 Ma	rch 2012	CLASS OF 1962	50th YEAR
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15-18 Mai	rch 2012	CLASS OF 1972	40th YEAR
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15-18 Ma	rch 2012	CLASS OF 1982	30th YEAR
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	G.C Allen	gus@alphafamilyoffice.co.za	
August 2	012 (to be confirmed)	CLASS OF 1992	20TH YEAR
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#### **CLASS OF 2001 - 10 YEAR REUNION Anthony Fenton-Wells reports:**

The class of 2001 came from all corners of the globe to attend the 10 year reunion, sparking an excellent turn out on the weekend of 26-27 August 2011. Festivities kicked off at Forries pub on the Friday night, which included partners. A handful of guys attended the 1st team hockey match to show their support and were rewarded with some top notch hockey and a Bishops win. The following morning, slightly groggy the old boys managed to make their way down to the Bishops vs. RBHS rugby match, to celebrate 150 years of Bishops rugby and the 100th year of the derby game. Tom Brown reminded all, that he had not lost an ounce of form from his cheerleading days, with witty comments aimed towards the dithering RBHS rugby team. A solid Bishops win with some flaring running rugby set the tone for a festive day and night. Anthony Fenton-Wells organized a spit braai at the Heatlie Pavilion that evening, aided by the kind donation of a couple of lambs from Mario Oberholzer. Andrew Gilder, who ten years earlier had delivered the valedictory speech in the Memorial Chapel, once again took the stage. Andrew delivered a humorous speech taking the guys down memory lane with some hysterical photos and comments to suit. Nick Holman followed up with an emotional spur of the moment speech, which went down a treat and everyone is looking forward to a similar performance in 10 years' time. A charity collection was organized by George Eadie,

which was used to purchase and donate two BMX bikes to the Life Cycling Academy Foundation. The foundation aims to use cycling as a means to focus young minds on education and the development of their human potential.

The class of 2011 would like to thank all involved in the organizing, including Carolyn Hamilton-Smith for her invaluable contribution and advice and of course Bishops for hosting the Saturday night function.

### CLASS OF 1991 – 20 YEAR REUNION Anton de Waal reports:



a very funny short video of our exploits at school.

The Class of 1991, (26 - 27 August), reunion was a wonderful weekend which managed to attract ODs from all over the world. The organising committee was very pleased that 80 ODs attended the Friday night Function at Ferrymans Tavern. Many thanks to Mark Shuttleworth who entertained us with quirky stories about space travel and to Justin Gomes who produced

The highlight if the evening was undoubtedly an informal auction that managed to raise more than R80 000.00 for the OD Union Bursary Fund. Generous auction items were donated by Duncan Parker, Jeremy Wakeford, Paul de Wet, Michael Bains, The Peech and Last word Hotels. Also a special thanks to Gareth Lloyd-Jones and Mark Shuttleworth for topping up the fund in a very generous fashion after a few glasses of good vino. The following day we were entertained to a classy performance by Bishops rugby 1st XV who comfortably beat RBHS in style. This was followed by a great family day held at the Frank Reid field where kids and adults were well entertained with jumping castles and good food and wine. Many thanks to Ross Wilson from *Urban Tonic* for supplying the bar.

It seems that contrary to predictions, the class of 1991 have all grown up to be well grounded and responsible people. I look forward to bumping in to some of you in the future and hope that we do not have to wait another ten years to see each other.

#### CLASS OF 1987 – 25 YEAR REUNION



**Back row: l to r** Anthony Kirsten, Michael McPetrie, Deryck Rowe-Roberts, Adrian Plantema, Philip Tyers, Eddie Joubert, Jurgen Finnern, Iain Klark, Jurgen Richter, Robert Plummer, Anton Potgieter.

Front row: l to r Steve Willmott, Carsten Becker, Paul Faber, Ivan Uttley, Nigel Gwynne-Evans, Paul Neill, Michael Hyne, Pierre van der Merwe, Jeremy Nel, Peter Todd, Wayne Mudge, Hamilton van Breda, Anton Kleye, Anthony Sedgwick, Clive Wynne, Mark Hoeks, Marcus Milner

#### Peter Todd's speech:

It is hard to believe that it has been a quarter of a century since we last donned the blazer and boater – to put it into perspective that is more than twice the time that we spent at school or should I say more than twice the time that most of us spent at school (apologies Ed Joubert).

As we stand here in familiar surroundings, it's hard to recall what life was like 25 years ago. So I turned to that everyday tool that didn't exist in 1986 – the internet: In 1986 Apartheid was alive and kicking, in fact we were embroiled in a civil war as PW Botha declared a state of emergency on 12 June and if you Google South Africa 1986 you will see that there was a bomb or limpet mine explosion almost on a daily basis. There was a military Coup in Lesotho and Samora Machel was killed in a plane crash. However, it was also the year that PW Botha met with Nelson Mandela in prison, while Reagan and Gorbachov opened talks that would lead to the end of Apartheid and the Cold War respectively. A Dollar cost you R2,50 and a Pound R3,50. The oil price dipped below \$10/barrel. Further afield, the first meeting of the Internet Engineering Task Force took place, while Microsoft completed its IPO which would result in 4 Employees becoming Billionaires and 12,000 Employees becoming Millionaires (we should all have joined Microsoft straight out of school!). IBM produced its first 1 MB chip. The Russians launched the Mir Space Station, while the Space Shuttle Challenger exploded. And Arnold Schwarzenegger married Maria Shriver.

What also struck me was how 25 years on, some things appear not to have changed:

In 1986 the US declared sanctions against Libya and were effectively at war with Gadaffi, including rumours that he had been killed. 25 years later and the hunt continues. Robert Mac-Bride detonated the Magoo's bomb and was sentenced to Death, 25 years later and he finds himself in jail again. In 1986 PW Botha censored the press, 25 years later we see our present Govt attempting to pass legislation that will restrict the freedom of press. The Chernobyl Nuclear Plant exploded, while this year we watched the Japan nuclear disaster unfold. So as we reflect on the changes and similarities of our world 25 years on, the allure of a 25 year reunion becomes obvious. Let's face it we are all dying to know just how much our class mates have changed.....or not.

It's hard to believe that Bruce Robinson once dived through a School House window clutching the Lion. I'm sure Bruce will be relieved to know the Lion is still banned! If we had had one of those Year Books, like they do in the US, where they vote on the most likely to succeed, I have no doubt that John Cranswick and Ivan Uttley would have been on top of the list of the "most likely to kill himself" list and in the case of Ivan he tried his damndest by climbing on top of a train, but not even Eskom was able to shock him into submission......now that he is a colleague I must say I am rather grateful! Similarly it should come as no surprise that Jasper Horrell became a rocket scientist, Ed Jordan and JAJ Stewart became recording artists, Nick Pentz turned a dairy into a winery, Ed Joubert built a solid reputation as the best joint roller in town and Paul Farber is still doing the spit braais at Bishops!

On the other hand, who would have guessed that:

Bohrat would become a household name and our own Harroon Bohrat would become a university professor, that Anton Potgieter would build a company, call it Huge, list it and then

go Small; Philip Tyers would become a top interior designer and that Deryck Rowe-Roberts would single handedly organise our 25th reunion! Another thing that would have been hard to predict in our Year Book, is where everyone would find themselves 25 years later. Out of a class of 140, only 81 remain in the Cape; while 14 live in the UK, 5 in Australia, 4 in the US, 2 each in Germany, Switzerland and New Zealand and 1 each in Zimbabwe, Spain, Ireland, Dubai, Chile and Monaco. 11 of us live in Gauteng and 6 are unaccounted for. In closing, those of you who attended the 20-year reunion, will remember Tim Hamilton-Smith reflecting on how the school had changed. The Lion had been banned, Rugby House Matches banned as had many of the forms of punishment we had endured, such as a lashing from Tank himself or pre-dawn swims in the middle of winter and of course fagging had been banned. However, we should embrace the fact that change is inevitable and as a great school Bishops will always be ahead of the times and in fact always has been. I recall reading up on the Head Boy privileges in the days of Robert Grey and had we not changed with the times I would have walked around the school wearing a beard, smoking a pipe and administering corporal punishment.....yet we didn't think that we were a bunch of over-indulged kids lacking discipline and I have no doubt that the class of 2011 don't see themselves as such either. The reality is that the world moves on and a school such as Bishops will always be at the forefront of change. We are all privileged to have had the opportunity to attend such a great school and it was thanks to the great teachers who made this school that we owe our thanks. The likes of Odd Job, Tank, Basil, Dobbo, Strappy, Spike to name but a few of the more colourful characters. So I would like you to raise your glasses to Bishops, its teachers and in particular in remembrance of those teachers who have since passed away:

Mark Hanley, Dave Hiscock, Michael Fisher, Richard James, Charles Currey, Mona Leeuwenburg, John Peake. Sadly we have also lost two of our class mates in James Ledgerwood and Bobby Woods, both of whom died in tragic circumstances in the prime of their youth. We



Eddie Joubert, Paul Farber and Deryck Rowe-Roberts.

# OD OFFICE

#### DONORS

The Class of '91 20 Year Reunion **R Ferrandi** (1965-75) **Major IAD Gordon** (1937-45)

#### **VISITORS:**

We were delighted to receive visits from the following 'long distance' ODsDes Bravington (1987-91)OxfordJohn Whiting (1941-50)Perth, AustraliaMyke Ashley-Cooper (1951-59)Recently returned from the USAOliver Rosenthal (2003-04)GermanySholto Cole (1941-49)OttawaAlexander Bickett (1962-73)Pittsburg, USA

#### THE OD DINNER NORTHERN PROVINCES

This traditional Dinner was held at the Wanderers Club, Johannesburg on Thursday 6 October. Prior to the Dinner the Northern Branch held their AGM

### MINUTES OF A MEETING FOR THE OD UNION, NORTHERN AREAS BRANCH HELD ON THURSDAY, 6 OCTOBER 2009 AT 18.30 AT THE WANDERER'S CLUB, JHB. PRESENT R Cock (Chairman), R Clowes, T Hamilton-Smith, T Hedges, R King, S Koch, B Robertson, D Xu.

**WELCOME** The Chairman welcomed all present, particularly Tim Hamilton-Smith (Secretary of the OD Union) and Brian Robertson (Chairman of the OD Union)

**APOLOGIES** Blyth Thompson, Jake Crompton, Paul Heinemann, Richard Bottger, Greg Mills, David Brown, Simon Grose, Trevor Buckland

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING held on 9 October 2009 were approved.

**ANNUAL REPORT** The Chairman reported that there had been limited activity. The Frames Trophy had been held but with very little support from ODs and the Golf Day had been an embarrassment.

FINANCES The Chairman reported that there was about R 4 500 in the bank account.

**THE FUTURE** A lively discussion was held as to the future of this Branch. It seems obvious that for the Branch to flourish, more and younger ODs need to be involved. More functions are needed: Sports events, golf days etc. The purposes of the OD Union are basically three-fold:

- 1. To keep Old Boys in touch with each other.
- 2. To keep OD's in touch with the school.

3. To maintain the OD Bursary Fund.

It was noted with pleasure that a large contingent of recent ODs were attending this

dinner and the Branch should capitalize on this. There needs to be a working committee to organize events and a mentoring programme for young ODs coming to Gauteng for the first time. Many were now self-employed and it would be good to introduce them to useful contacts and so help them get established.

**Richard King** (1962-74) offered to be the Branch Secretary and this was accepted. He would speak at the dinner and ask for names of volunteers to get involved. **Richard Cock** (1962-67) agreed to stand down as Chairman. **Blyth Thompson** (1944-46) was thanked for his many years of service and **Antony Cohen** (1985-89) for organizing the dinner at the Wanderers. It was subsequently established, via **Warwick Jones** (1958-61) that there is no constitution for the Northern Branch and so it has been an informal committee from the beginning. The Chairman closed the meeting with thanks to those who had attended.

The actual Dinner was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by 70 ODs and 10 guests. It was wonderful to fill the dining room and there was an excellent vibe throughout the evening.



**Richard Cock** 

**Richard Cock** proved to be a superb host and master of ceremonies and we were honoured by the presence of Grant and Rosemary Nupen. Grant spoke of the considerable achievements that had taken place at the College this year and made us all feel so proud of being ODs. After supper the OD Secretary Tim Hamilton-Smith reminisced about his years as a teacher at Bishops and described the many highlights of being secretary to such a famous Old Boys network.





**Richard King & Brian Biebuyck** 

Towards the end of the evening the OD Chairman, **Brian Robertson** completed the formalities by thanking **Richard Cock** for all that he had done for the Northern Branch of the ODU. Brian presented Richard with a small token of our appreciation. Brian spoke about the various activities that have taken place and that are being planned by the ODU and referred particularly to the Wine Expo, the website, the Nostalgia evening, and the newly proposed OD Business Directory. **Richard King**, the newly elected Secretary introduced himself and indicated the course of direction which he would like to proceed in order to reinvigorate this branch of the OD Union.

#### NORTHERN PROVINCES SOCIAL SPORTS DAY

#### 30th - 31st March

Come and join fellow OD's as we take on the Old Andreans Cricket - the "Geoff Bryant Floating Trophy" \* Tennis and Bowls also on offer Golf will be on Friday 30th March (Venue TBA). Saturday 31st March 2012 Country Club of Johannesburg, Auckland Park. Lunch will be served under the trees on the Saturday Bring the family and join us at CCJ. More details to follow about both days but if you would like to play contact: Richard King richard.king@za.bp.com (083 401 5174) or Andrew Eaton andrew@thewealthchest.com (082 922 6157) \*The cricket match is played in memory of Geoff Bryant, an OA who died in a car accident in 2005.

His brother, Philip Bryant (who was also an OA) died last year from injuries sustained in a car accident in 2002. A trophy was made and this is what we play for.

#### New Treasurer for the OD Committee: Guy Lanfear (1976-79)

Guy moved from 'Wet Pups' to Bishops in 1976 and matriculated in 1979. He studied at UCT before being enrolled in the navy, where he spent 18 months National Service being part of a team that was responsible for the accounting and management accounting of the SA Naval Dockyard. He later qualified as a CA and began his audit and accounting practice in 1988. This grew rapidly and ten years later he merged with *Kirkman Associates*, forming *Kirkman Lanfear Chartered Accountants*. Married to Rene Guy has two daughters at Herschel and a son at Wet Pups. His main interests are mainly in the area of running, cycling, and swimming. He has managed a 'sub-three' Argus Tour and has completed an Iron Man as well as two Cape Epic cycle tours. He has also represented South Africa at Go-Karting. Guy has chaired *Celtic Harriers Athletics Club*, who was the organizers of the Two Oceans marathon at the time and gained valuable experience mainly in the field of politics and logistics. Guy also chaired the Herschel Fund Raising Committee for two years. He writes: 'Only recently (in the past ten years) have I become aware of how important my time at Bishops was in forming my life and how fortunate I was to attend Bishops. It would be a pleasure to join the OD Committee as Hon Treasurer in order to meet and interact with ODs and to give something back to the school to which I owe so much'.

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS WITH RICHARD COCK

SATURDAY 17 DECEMBER Memorial Chapel at 6.00 PM. Bookings: Computicket

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## CHRISTMAS DAY

There will be a service in the Brooke Chapel at 8.30 a.m. All ODs families and friends are most welcome.

## THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE OD UNION

Will be held at the OD Union on THURSDAY 15 MARCH 2012 at 5.00 p.m. For details of the Agenda, please see the notice at the end of the OD section

## FOUNDERS DAY

FRIDAY 16 MARCH 2012

There will be a lunch for all ODs participating in events. The lst and 2nd XI games will begin at 11.30 a.m. ODs wishing to take part in cricket, tennis, waterpolo, debating basketball or shooting matches must submit their names to those listed below as soon as possible. There will be a reception at the Frank Reid Pavilion after the matches followed by the ANNUAL OD DINNER IN THE MALLETT CENTRE

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<b>Fennis</b>	John Smuts	westbury@iafrica.com
Basketball	Glen Gibbon	ggibbon@bishops.org.za
Water Polo	James Swift	jswift@bishops.org.za
Debating	Jo Stielau	jstielau@bishops.org.za

**Tim Hamilton-Smith** 

**Brian Robertson** 

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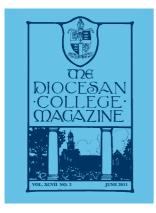
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## THE ANNUAL DINNER OF THE OD UNION will be held on FOUNDERS DAY FRIDAY 16 MARCH 2011 MALLETT CENTRE 7.00 p.m. for 7.45 p.m. GUEST SPEAKER: GRANT NUPEN Dress: Black tie or suit Cost: R295 Bookings: odu@bishops.org.za or phone 021 6851829 Payments by eft: Standard Bank, Rondebosch Code: 025009 OD Union Dinner a/c 274927187 Reference: Your name + dinner Please send proof of payment to odu@bishops.org.za or fax (office hours) 021 6851829

Our Chairman, **Brian Robertson**, reports on three important issues, which are currently receiving our attention.



### **ODU MAGAZINE SURVEY**

I would like to thank, on behalf of the Committee, all the Members who responded to the survey. The high level of interest, the active engagement and willingness to participate is heartening and indicates that the union is vibrant and active. It has also enabled us to improve our services to you the Members.

Having considered the responses, the Committee has made the following decision. All Members who requested that they receive a printed version of the magazine will continue to receive one. The cost of printing will be borne by the school and the cost of distribution [R120 000] will be borne by the ODU. All Members who requested an electronic version of the magazine only will receive the electronic version. All future

Members will receive the electronic version only.

Finally, whilst we are pleased to have been able to maintain the status quo, the Committee wishes Members to be mindful of the costs and to please inform us if they no longer wish to receive the printed version. Furthermore, Members are reminded of Section 4 of the Old Diocesan Rules pertaining to Subscription which states "the Committee may from time to time levy members to cover increases in the cost of production and distribution to Members of the Diocesan College Magazine."

### FACILITIES

For some time the Committee has felt the need to build "a home" for the ODU. To this end, **Phil Calothi** - who will manage the project, **Luke Scott** the architect and myself have travelled to a number of our kindred associations. A proposal was then drafted and presented to the Committee. I am pleased to announce that we have made funds available from our general endowment fund to build offices for the ODU. We are currently in discussion with the school as to where the most appropriate for the offices will be. Members will be kept informed of our progress.

# **BUSINESS NETWORK**

There has been an increasing number of Members who have requested that the ODU consider developing a business network. **Nick Durrant** and I are currently in discussion with the school as to how best to approach this project. Should you have any suggestions, please forward them to the ODU Secretary.

We encourage all ODs to provide us with all their up-to-date details via the website, and where possible sign up for the on-line version of the magazine WWW.ODU.CO.ZA

# **OD WINE EXPO**

On Friday 14 October the ODU was once again able to celebrate the extraordinary contribution that ODs have made to the unique qualities of the South African wine industry. ODs have a proud viticultural heritage which we treasure and through our annual Wine Expo are happy to share with the Bishops family. The Bishops OD Wine Expo is a tangible expression of the freshly re-constituted OD Union's Committee's resolve to deliver on their mandate in at least two important ways.

Firstly: we aim to dramatically ramp up our fundraising campaigns to ensure that the ODU Bursary Fund plays a greater and more sustained role in drawing as many sons of ODs as



Jonathan Grieve, Terry Wilke & Brian Robertson



Paul Robins, Clive Torr & Les Masterson



Mark Simpson



Billy Marklew, Philip Myburgh & Marcus Milner



Richard Parkfeld



Gaedry & de Villiers Graaff

possible back to Bishops.

Secondly: we aim to facilitate and maintain closer relationships between the body of ODs and their school through carefully strategized initiatives that are mutually beneficial and complementary. ODs must not feel exploited and must be made to feel welcome. Bishops has become a powerful and well-oiled machine with substantial reach in the wider society in which it operates. It has wonderful facilities and excellent infrastructure and has shown itself generously ready and willing to put these at the disposal of initiatives such as this one. For this we owe the Bishops Executive our grateful thanks.

The hugely enthusiastic reaction to this event on the part of all the exhibitors (at a time when the wine industry is hectically busy with any number of competing expo's) is also much appreciated and we look forward to hosting this event as an annual highlight on the Bishops' calendar. It also indicates the latent eagerness on the part of ODs to be involved in activities supportive of their Alma Mater and their support of the objectives that the OD Union's Committee has set for itself. For that we are also deeply grateful. Our research indicates that Bishops has produced an extraordinarily high number of ODs who have achieved unparalleled successes in the viticultural and vinous world. We believe there is not another school in the world that can match the statistics of our ODs in this sphere. This event sets out to publicize, recognise and celebrate these achievements and provide a platform for our ODs to show off their skills to the current Bishops family.

## **David Burton** (1968-79)

We extend our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the following OD wine farmers and are proud to announce that through their generosity and the support of ODs and their guests we were able to raise R50 000.

Accolade Wines (Flagstone)	Bruce Jack (1976-87)
Altydgedacht Estate	<b>Ollo Parker</b> (1964-68)
Arumdale Wines	Mark Simpson (1964-72)
Avondale	Jonathan Grieve (1986-95)
Beau Constantia	Pierre du Preez (1987)
Constantia Glen	Gus Allen (1976-82)
De Grendel	De Villiers Graaff (1976-88)
De Meye	Philip Myburgh (1987-90)
De Trafford	David Trafford (1977-81)
De Wetshof	<b>Pieter de Wet</b> (1999-2002)
Elgin Vintners	<b>Derek Corder</b> (1966-74)
Hamilton Russell Vineyards	Anthony Hamilton-Russell (1975-79)
Keermont	Alex Starey (1995-97)
La Chataigne	Richard Parkfeldt (1973-77)
Marklew Family Wines	Billy Marklew (1984-92)
Post House	Nick Gevers (1981-82)

Shannon Vineyards	James Downes (1987-91)
The Drift Farm	Bruce Jack (1976-77)
Villiera	<b>Simon Grier</b> (1972-75)
Winters Drift	James Mcgregor (1953-62)
Waarburg	Martin Versfeld (1974-77)
Zandvleit	Paul de Wet (1961-64)
Topaz	<b>Clive Torr</b> (1970-78)

**Clive Torr** (1970-78) was among the first garagiste wine makers. Together, with business partner Tanja Beutler, they started *Topaz Wines* in the garage of their house in Somerset West, eventually going the whole hog and digging up their garden to plant vines as well. Their success inspired many others to have a go and before they knew what was happening the *Garagiste Association of South Africa* was formed.

A garagiste is 'anyone making less than 12000 bottles of wine per year, which is exactly how much wine you get from 40 barrels – the maximum number you can fit in a double garage.

Today *Topaz* make three wines – a viognier, a pinot noir and a shiraz as well as an easydrinking red, the *Custom Crush*. Clive is based at Delvera Outdoor village and offers winemaking courses, where individuals, groups, work colleagues and families can join them to make wine under their guidance.

# LUNCHEONS AT ODU OFFICES

Luncheons served at the OD Union offices continue to gain in popularity.

We were delighted recently to host two luncheons. Members of the Class of '56 and the Class of '62, all enjoyed a couple of hours of relaxation in pleasant surroundings at a price that would appeal to any pensioner!

Why not plan a mini-reunion and sample the delights of delicious food supplied by the school caterers? Bring your own drinks or make arrangements with the ODU who would be happy to lay on OD wines at special prices.



Jeff Sternslow (Wynberg) & Brian de Kock

# **OLD QUAD GOLF**

The annual competition for the Old Quad Golf Shield took place on Friday 2 September at the Westlake Golf Club. In ideal conditions, teams of 24 old boys each from SACS, Wynberg, Rondebosch and Bishops participated. In a tight finish, the Shield was shared by Bishops and Wynberg, followed closely by Rondebosch and SACS. The overall Stableford scores were: Bishops and Wynberg 459; Rondebosch 447; SACS 445.

The prize for the best individual pair was won

by ODs **David van der Walt** (1988-89) and **Peter Inglis** (1961-66), with 44 points; **Brian Faure** (2001-10) and **Graham Llewellyn** (2001-10) were our second best, on 41, while our other ten pairs all scored between 36 and 39 points. **Philip Austin** (1973-76) won the prize for the longest drive.

# THE BISHOPS MUSEUM

The first mention made of the Bishops Museum is in the Magazine, February edition, 1888; Bishops had then been in existence for only 39 years so it is understandable that exhibits of that time had little to do with the College/School. Here are some examples of those exhibits - a collection of insects presented by Garlake Jun., the skeleton of a Sea-pig presented by E. Schierhout, the sword of a swordfish presented by Barry Jun., the head, wing and tail of a Brown Hawk by Mr Hutton Watermeyer, a valuable cabinet (which we still have) containing upwards of 300 labelled and classified geological specimens presented by Canon Ogilvie, a human heart (in spirits), bushman arrows, sheaf and bow given to us, amongst much more, by Mr F Boers.

There were many more exhibits of various kinds.

At first there was no permanent home for the Museum; then, in 1914, the Magazine reports: "all the Museum cases and cupboards have now been suitably placed in the Library". In time much of the original material began to spread about the school and most eventually disappeared. Fortunately, **Frank Reid** (OD Hon Secretary 1908-1955) accumulated in his home and office a mass of information concerning Bishops. Upon his death, it was all handed on to the School; successive OD Secretaries continued to build on Reid's work and then **George Hodgson**, OD Secretary in 1964, decided to do something about re-establishing the Bishops Museum/Archives; he built on Frank Reid's foundation. In 1987 new squash courts were constructed and the old squash court behind School House became the new Archives/Museum. At last the Museum was housed in its own building! **George Hodgson, Peter le Mesurier** and **Joe Lister** (and later his son **Anthony**), in turn, did sterling work in gathering, cataloguing and displaying the wealth of material that had accrued to the Archives.

Alas! The security the Old Squash Courts afforded the Museum was all too short-lived as it was booted out of its new home and into a newer (but much smaller) one adjoining the "Shop" and San. The money necessary to build a new museum was raised by Tim Hamilton-Smith with the considerable assistance of the Parents Association. Tim designed the facility and organized for it to be built by **'Rock' Brown**, at a cost of R100 000. Paul Murray (staff) was given the responsibility for storing and then moving all the archives and other exhibits. He succeeded admirably – an incredible achievement. Lovely as the new building was, regrettably it quickly became just too small to do justice to the invaluable material collected (new donations keep pouring in).

The ODs are currently working on a plan to extend their quarters; we are desperately hoping we shall be included in their plans. Bishops has a rich history; it is, perhaps, a history of which pupils, many of the staff, ODs and parents are pretty much unaware. The two school archivists, Paul Murray and Basil Bey, and the OD committee, passionately desire to create in the School a Museum that does justice to that past, a Museum that through its displays and exhibits, its stories will inspire all who pass through it to emulate the great deeds and successes of some of those who have gone before. We believe that our Museum could weave such a spell-binding, inspirational tapestry that we should, if and when it is completed, wonder how we ever did without it.

Basil Bey

# **RECENT DONATIONS FOR THE MUSEUM INCLUDE:**

Four glorious paintings by **Myke Ashley-Cooper** (1951-59) and two cartoons.

Myke wrote re the cartoons:







Dr Claude Brown

I found an old book in which I had pasted cartoons going as far back as far as 1956 and was amused to find these two caricatures! HJ Kidd was not amused when Wilkie published my caricature of him on an overseas holiday in June 1958. He used to squeeze the side of his face to possibly al-

low more air to navigate up his large nose. Wish I could find the cartoon of the Rev Clarke and his big nose – which was NOT published! HJK was published in June 1958 and Dr Brown was in the magazine in September 1958. He used to clutch boys' legs and call them "Poor boy", but didn't get any further (to my knowledge)! Most of the cartoons that were published in those days are an embarrassment to me in their corniness today! I noticed that Dr Brown was missing some finger nails. I'm a bit more careful these days and can draw hands a lot better!

# OD RUGBY, HOCKEY AND SQUASH vs BISHOPS

Wednesday 7 September was certainly a day to remember. Our traditional day had a different balance to it but was, nevertheless, thoroughly enjoyed by hundreds of ODs.

On the rugby front there were four matches:

# ODs vs 5th XV played on the Cemetery.

The ODs were organised and managed by player-coach **Anton de Waal. RESULT: 7-31 Adam Pike, Anton de Waal, Duncan Duvenhage, Nick Durrant, Adrian Lawson, Fred Roed, Sakkie de Villiers, Lu Bethela, Russell Nelson, Stuart Wallis-Brown, Michael Baines, Marlon Parring, Luke Scott, James Blankenberg' Scott Forsyth, Gareth Lloyd-Jones, Justin Osburn, and JP Gomes** 



# ODs vs 4thXV played on the Range.

The ODs were organised and managed by player-coach **Alistair Smuts**. **RESULT: 15-17.** The OD 4th XV comes with a brief synopsis from the coach:



Chris Hathaway Forward whose only words in 3 emails have been I am in for a 'TROT", chances.Jimmy Adams Forward who will often be found in the back line except scrum time.Alex Daniel Forward who thinks he is a back line player but sadly looks like a forward.Marcus Milner Forward with the oldest pair of boots known to man and the oldest player by far.

**Anton Louw** Forward who is young and who probably is less fit than last year Simon Richman Forward who has just returned from starting the riots in the UK so is ready and eager Chris Warnkce Forward who is playing for UCT 5th XV so ringer number 1 Matthew Le Roux Forward who you most definitely will hear and feel in the rucks Philip Myburgh Forward who constantly tries to use the "I have no boots" **Justin Stewart** Forward solid as a rock, did not bat and eyelid when asked. James Inglis Forward who might be the youngest Dean Gurney scrumhalf as he has issues and needs this more than you can imagine Tim Richman Backline who is playing for UCT 5th XV so ringer number 2 Alister Smuts Backline who you might hear but not see and never expect to be on your shoulder Andrew Thomas Backline young and fast unless he has been eating pies **Stefan Swanepoel** Backline potentially the dark horse as he has not revealed himself in the past. Timothy Morake Backline also potentially a dark horse **Murray Carlyle** Backline, fast, hard, sees the gap but can never make it through. **Crispin Inglis** Scrumhalf currently playing for UCT 5th XV so ringer number 3 Lucas McDowel Backline, fit, fast but old, wishes he could be on a bicycle instead Terence Xolani Backline, Xolani means "runner of 100m in 10 dead" so expecting big things

ODs combined 2nds and 3rds vs the Heatlie XV (a non-Matric team). The ODs were organised, selected and managed by player-coach **Anton Taylor. RESULT: 26-47** OD 2nd/3rd Combined XV was:

Devan Knoetze, Seb Mattheson, Ali Broadhurst, Nick van Breda, Craig McKenzie, Anton Taylor, Guy Muller, Damion Stander © Warren Valentine, James During, Guy Whitfield, Heinrich Abrahams, Ricci Gerstener, Brendan Raubenhiemer, and Matthew Battle

OD Legends vs the South African Legends. The ODs were organised, selected and managed by player-coach **John Dobson** and captained by **Robbie Fleck. RESULT: 31-38** For the records, the OD LEGENDS XV consisted of the following OD superstars:

Paul Day, Kenrick Brown, Wela Mnukwana , Stephen Knoop, Tim Collins, Sean Flanagan, Martin Bey, Glenn Macleod-Smith, John Dobson, Chris Warncke, Gazza Skeeles, Grant Paxton, Myles Brown, Clint Vosloo, Alistair Collins, Archie Mitchell, and Rob Fleck

For your interest, the SA Legends team was:

**Forwards:** Andries Human, Dale Santon, Wessel Lightfood, Mark Willard, Johnny Trytsman, Hanyani Shimange, Richard Britton, Faiek Hendricks, Jerome Paarwater, Dion O"Cuinneagain, Jake Boer, Clark Roberts

Backs: Pieter Muller, Christian Stewart, Irwin October, Jerome Booysen, Joe Van Den Berg, Quinton Daniels, Riaan Swarts, Louis Koen, Clinton van Rensberg, Gus Theron, Pieter O"Niel, Johnny Aitken

# HOCKEY.

The OD 'Old Crocks' played the 2nd XI and were managed by player-coach **Sandy Jeffery** *(1970-82)*. **RESULT: 0-2**.

OD Old Crocks XI

Mike Olds, Nigel Gwynne-Evans, Chris Hanley, Mike Hyslop, Richard Jamieson, Thomas Turk, Jeremy Berrisford, Sandy Jeffery, Jason Cowell, Bob Baigrie, Paul Farlam, and Andrew Drummond.



The OD 1st XI played the hitherto unbeaten College 1st XI and was selected and managed by player-coach **Craig Hall** *(1997-2001)*. **RESULT: 7-2** – a remarkable performance, which resulted in the following letter from the Bishops coach, Warren Wallace:

Thank you to all for participating. The quality of the game was really impressive, and the ODs really turned it on. It is pleasing to see the high standard of hockey from the individual players that have graced the Bishops astro over the years. Thanks once again, until next year.

The successful OD side was composed of the following:

J P van der Merwe, Craig Hall, George Eadie, Eric van Duuren, Andrew John, Paul Henkel, James Plimsoll, Nic Olds, Rich Stanford, Rob Edwards, William Leslie, Pierre de Vaux, John McInroy, Shaun Golding and Peter Henkel.



At the John Tyers squash courts the ODs played five matches vs the College

Derek Brink	beat	Andrew Day	3-2
Mark Austin	lost to	Duncan de Groot	0-3
JP Lanser	lost to	Chris Boyes	1-3
Michael Louis	lost to	John de Groot	1-3
Richard Mills	lost to	Tim Austin	0-3



Tim Austin, John de Groot, Duncan Groot, Chris Boyes and Andrew Day

# Match result: ODs won 4-1

Note from John Knight (i/c squash): Thanks to the ODs for turning out - the boys will have benefitted a lot from playing more experienced opponents.

The afternoon culminated in a superb reception held in the Heatlie pavilion. Speeches were delivered by the OD Secretary, The Principal Grant Nupen, the former Springbok rugby coach Ian McIntosh and the OD Chairman. Drinks were served from a really special bar, courtesy of **Ross Wilson** (1987-92) of Urbantonic. The mouth-watering snacks, supplied by the OD Union and the School kept everyone there for many hours.

# NEWS OF ODs

# AWARDS



**Alistair Millar** (1956-65) Professor of Paediatric Surgery at Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital and UCT has won international medicine's top Paediatric Surgery Award. Alistair was awarded the Denis Browne Medal by the British Association for Paediatric Surgeons, which monitors surgery worldwide. He is the second South African doctor to have won the medal in its 58-year history. The Denis Browne Gold Medal is named after the late Australian born British surgeon considered the father of modern paediatric surgery. Alistair began working at the Red Cross Hospital in 1984. In 2004 he was appointed Head of paediatric transchildran's Hospital. England a post he held until 2007, when he

plantation at Birmingham Children's Hospital, England a post he held until 2007, when he returned to South Africa as Head of Paediatric Surgery.



**Paul du Toit** (1988-92) is a most talented actor, who should have received far more publicity than he has in our quarterly journal. The ODU would like to congratulate Paul on his wonderful performance in his brainchild, *Offbeat Broadway*.

Paul du Toit is best known for his roles as Dean on the e.tv soapie *Backstage* and for his role as Malan Koster in the M-Net soapie *Binnelanders*. Paul graduated in Drama from the University of Stellenbosch in 1996 having received the best actor award and a Fleur du Cap nomination for most promising student. After university followed appearances in the theatre productions *The Doo Wah Boys*, *Into The Woods*, the title role in *Elephant Man*, Stephen in *Old Wicked Songs* (for which he received an FNB Vita nomina-

tion for best Actor), Orlando in As You Like It, Guy in Strangers on a Train, the title role in African Star: the Will Schreiner Story, Tom in Skin Tight, The Cat in Honk (Vita nomination: Best performance by an actor in a musical) and Cassio in Othello (for which he won an FNB Vita for best supporting Actor). For his involvement as scriptwriter, lyricist and performer in the latter, he earned a Fleur du Cap and a Naledi nomination for Best Contribution to a Musical. His film work includes appearances in Blast! (2004) and the made-for-TV movie Supernova (2005). Aside from his work on Backstage and Binnelanders, Paul also played the role of Eric - Madam's son - in the e.tv sitcom Madam and Eve.



**Raymond Ackerman** (1945-48) received the CNBC Africa All Africa Business Leaders Lifetime Achievement (AABLA) award for his success as a businessman and for highlighting the importance of philanthropy in business. In his acceptance speech, Raymond said: *'Being an entrepreneur has enabled me to set in motion everything I ever wanted to achieve, and I would like to encourage our entrepreneurs-in-waiting to take that first step.'* 

**Lionel Opie** (1943-49) has just returned from India where he was the guest of the Cardiovascular Society of India in Mumbai and gave five lectures.

Lionel has recently been appointed 'Senior Scholar of the University', one of a small group of retired Professors who are elected for three years to continue their contributions to UCT's Academic progress.

In contact with the ODU he wrote: Currently I have a small research laboratory working on heart failure. I am also spending much time on the 8th edition of my book, Drugs for the Heart. The last edition was reviewed in the leading medical journal, The Lancet.

'Big fat medical books are in the library, not on the desk nor in the clinic. But Drugs for the Heart is a rare exception. This new edition is even better than the last, and that one was good'. It has certainly lived long and flourished since its birth in 1980. However, this will be my last edition as Chief Editor.



**Vincent Hare** (1999–2005) began a four year MSc/ DPhil programme at Oxford University this semester, reading Archaeological Science. Vincent studied physics and archaeology at UCT, and at the end of 2010 graduated with his BSc (Hons) with distinction. His studies have now taken him into the realm of dating techniques for fired brick and ceramics, coupled with a study of the changes in the earth's geomagnetic field - again through the analysis of bricks of varying ages. For these geomagnetic experiments he is working in conjunction with the University of Paris at the Sorbonne, and before heading for Oxford he was invited to come to the Sorbonne to run the analysis of samples which he had drilled from old

Cape bricks and sent to France. He will be returning to the Sorbonne in December to continue this work as part of his MSc.

After completing his UCT BSc Honours, Vincent applied to Oxford to read for an MSc. He was accepted, and was invited to extend his programme to a DPhil. He was then nominated by the Department of Archaeology at Oxford for (and awarded) a prestigious and coveted Clarendon Scholarship which will cover his Oxford tuition, college and living expenses for the full four years of his studies. Oxford University says of the Clarendon Scholarship

Scholars are selected from the leaders in their field - that is, academic departments nominate whom they

believe are the most deserving of their place at the University of Oxford based on their academic record and ability to contribute significantly to their field of study, both in the present and future. This feature ensures the best and brightest minds are selected as Clarendon scholars.

Vincent has entered Keble College, the alma mater of his great-grandfather Frank Brooke (Staff 1887 -1892), and great-great uncles Rev "Chips" (Chaplain 1895 – 1903) and John Brooke.

Congratulations to **Justin Pearce** (1980-84) on being awarded his doctorate (DPhil) from Oxford University. After two years as BBC correspondent in Angola, Justin was awarded a University scholarship to St Antony's College, Oxford. He graduated with an MSc cum laude. He was invited to stay on to do research for his Doctorate, which involved further work in Angola. The subject of his dissertation is post-conflict Angola, which was the theme of an earlier book that he wrote, An Outbreak of Peace. While working on his thesis, Justin was doing some tutoring of Masters students in the College and one of these was **Dugald Macdonald** (2001-05). Justin currently has a Research Fellowship at the School of Oriental and African Studies at London University.



**Daniel Nel** (2001-05) a final year UCT medical student has won the award from the South African Transplant Society for the best original research presentation. He presented a paper titled 'slow early kidney graft function, a neglected entity in renal transplantation' to the annual conference.



Many congratulations to **David Brown** (1976-80) CEO of Impala Platinum who recently accepted the Corporate Social Investment Leadership Award for his company, at the Sunday Times Top 100 Companies Award banquet.

The Gordon Institute for Performing and Creative Arts has honoured the work of poet and essayist the late **Stephen Watson**. The tribute took the form of a reading of some of his work.

The Bishops Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committee has nominated **Ziyaad Bhorat** (1995-2007) as the Bishops Rhodes Scholar for 2011.

**Ziyaad Bhorat** was in Kidd House, and he matriculated with seven distinctions in the final exams of 2007. He received the Grade Prize for 1st place from 2003 to 2006. He was awarded his Academic Jersey, and a number of school prizes during his years here. He was a College Prefect, the Deputy Head of Kidd House, and Chairman of the SRF. He was active in academic competitions, including the English, Maths and Science Olympiads, the UCT Maths Competitions in 2004, 2005 and 2007, the Science Expo (Bronze medals in 2004 and

2005) and he was a Minteck Quiz finalist. He was very active in Societies and Cultural activities (including being Chairman of the Forum), and gave service to the school through the Interact Committee, the PR group, and the Diversity and Transformation Committee. He played Hockey and Tennis. After School, he went to UCT, and enrolled in the BBusSc in Management Studies, in the Law and Economics specialisation. He is currently in his final year, and he obtained a special concession to study a dual major in Economics and in Law, as his interest now lies in the intersection of these two disciplines, especially industrial regulation. He achieved Firsts in 24 of the 27 courses he has completed; has been on the Dean's List regularly and has won several Commerce Faculty Scholarships as well as the valuable Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship. During his time at UCT he was the First Year Commerce Class Representative, and the Chair of the Law Students' Council's Transformation Portfolio. He has also taken a lead in the development of the Constitutional Literacy and Service Initiative, which strives to develop awareness of Constitutional Law and the promotion of the legal profession. During his vacations, he was worked for Melomed Hospital Holdings and for the Edward Nathan Sonnenbergs law practice. While he has not taken part in competitive sport, he has been a regular member of his local gym. He plans to read for a Masters Degree in Economics at Oxford, with the intention of coming back to South Africa to complete his LL.B, before practicing as a lawyer for a while. His plan then is to specialize in developing effective public policy in competition law and economics in South Africa. While this field in well established in Europe and the USA, it is still in its infancy in South Africa, and he wants to be a part on its development here, most probably through research, teaching and policy development.

The ODU congratulates him on this achievement, and wishes him well for this time at Oxford.

**Charles Canning** (1988-89) must be a very proud man. He is the Pipe Major for the Drums and Pipes of the Cape Town Highlanders regiment and they have recently been invited to represent South Africa in Germany at the end of October, in Berlin's first military tattoo. The 29 band members will perform four times over three days in the 68 000-seat arena. Charles said: 'A lot of practice and planning has taken place in preparation for this event. We look forward to representing our beautiful city and South Africa as a whole'.

The band has performed at 11 international events including the Edinburgh Military Tattoo, where it will make its sixth appearance next year. They have more than 30 members, aged between 16 and 73.

**Jan Newman** (1967-76), co-founder of investment banking firm, *Newman Lowther & Associates* ("NLA") is to be congratulated as his firm has been named as 'double award winners' in the third annual International M&A Awards in New York. NLA advised *Kansai Paint* of Japan in respect of its hostile takeover of Freeworld Coatings. This transaction was recognised as the international M&A Deal of the Year and Corporate/Strategic Acquisition of the year (\$100 – 500 million), and is the only successful completed hostile takeover of a JSE-listed company by a foreign company (www.nla.za.com).

# **BOOK LAUNCHES**



Brian Robertson & Clive van Ryneveld

**Clive van Ryneveld** (1936-46) has written a marvellous book entitled 20th Century All-Rounder. The book is not an auto-biography, but more a selection of reminiscences and reflections. These relate to cricket and cricket people; others to rugby and finally to his experiences as an advocate and in parliament. Certainly Clive, one of our esteemed Vice-Presidents is and has been an all-rounder of the kind and magnitude that is now virtually extinct. Clive was at University College or "Univ" as it is usually

referred to and this College has always enjoyed very close links to Bishops. However, of all the ODs who studied at Univ and Oxford, none have achieved such diverse fame than Clive did by playing rugby for Oxford and England and captaining Oxford and South Africa at cricket, before going on to become a founder member of the Progressive Party, respected advocate and member of the College Council.

### The following article, written by John Scott appeared in the Cape Times.

Multi-million rand pay-outs, bonus scandals and anti-corruption units are all a far cry from Clive van Ryneveld's day as cricket captain of South Africa in the 1958. In an era of more gentlemanly cricket, when nobody was paid anything and there were no franchises, Van Ryneveld was even more gentlemanly than most, scrupulous on the field and self-deprecating off it. He excelled not only on the cricket field. He played rugby for England while a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford, and gave it up only when forced to by a hip injury. It was that same hip that ended the very pleasant social tennis we used to enjoy together until a few years ago. Among the many photographs in his recently published memoirs, 20th Century All-rounder. It is of the Western Province team that under Clive's captaincy won the Currie Cup in 1955/56. No helmets or thigh pads in those days. Van Ryneveld describes how, during the 1953/54 Johannesburg Test against New Zealand, Adcock sent two of their first four batsmen to hospital. Bert Sutcliffe was felled by a ball on the ear, and SLM Miller then came in but was soon hit on the chest and coughed up blood. When he captained South Africa against Australia in the 1957/58 series, the ever-gallant Van Ryneveld placed a limit on the number of bumpers Adcock and Heine could bowl, but he confesses: "In retrospect we could legitimately have used more." As a United Party MP he couldn't first make up his mind either about joining Helen Suzman's Prog breakaway group. He had personal connections with Part leader De Villiers Graaff, and dithered forward and back before deciding it would be impossible to stay in the UP while sharing the philosophy of the Progressives. Clive was present on that wonderful occasion when, about to leave by ship to tour England, the South African team were entertained to tea by the then prime minister, D F Malan, who thought they were all Poms, thanked them for visiting the country and hoped they would come again sometime.

Sports scientist **Tim Noakes** (1963-66) launched his memoir Challenging Beliefs on Tuesday 25 October

Evan Faull (1986-99) co-founder of Knead launched his new book Café Food at Home on 29 October

**Jon Abbott** (1948-51) has, at the age of 78, just published his first novel "Where have all the children gone?" on Amazon.com. But it's an event tinged with great sadness. A thriller, the book is loosely based on one of the cases he investigated while working as a self-employed Private Investigator. Its shocking events came hauntingly alive in a terrible way for the author after he completed it. "It was as though the book was an uncanny prediction of what was to happen to my only daughter in London," he said. In the story a young girl fell to her death in mysterious circumstance from the 15th floor of a block of flats in Johannesburg. And to Jon's horror his daughter Samantha did much the same thing when she jumped from the seventh floor of a car park building. Samantha, who was a nursery school teacher, had been living with a high profile barrister for some 20 years. She died just three months after she gave birth to her first child, a boy they named Bosco. She was evidently suffering from post-birth depression and was only 41. Jon had lost touch with his daughter after he and his wife got divorced 37 years ago and his wife went to live in England with their two children. "Samantha had no idea I had written the book or that I had even done the investigation on which it is based," he wrote. It ends, "Nobody who gets divorced should ever use their children as a means of getting their own back. And nobody ever wants to write a novel that has a real life ending like this."

To read Jon's blog go to: http://dearjon-letter.blogspot.com

# **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

It is great that so many ODs are concerned about The Environment. **Nick Pentz** (1974-86) a wine grower and custodian of his family farm 'Groote Post' has been one of the best ambassadors for the Voorkamersfest held annually at Darling. Every year the residents of this lovely village open their homes to professional performances by local and international artists. This event draws many visitors to this unique area which is world renowned for their wild flowers. The family farm, Groote Post on the Darling Hills has a natural beauty and remarkable flora and fauna and should be visited by all ODs!

Bishop **Geoff Davies** (1955-59) is director of the *Southern African Faith Communities Environment Institute* and is very involved with the issues involved with climate change. They recognize that ordinary people can make an enormous difference. They believe that climate change is fundamentally a moral and spiritual issue and will only be solved by applying moral principles. It is indeed true that all religions call for equitable sharing of resources and respect and care for the natural world. Geoff is calling on all concerned citizens to sign their 'We Have Faith' petition on www.wehavefaithactnow.org Much hangs on the outcome of the COP17 conference in Durban in December.



**Jonathan Hobday** (1949-57) is today the co-chair of the newly formed Friends of the Black and Vygekraal Rivers group. The whole idea began in earnest in 2010 when like-minded individuals decided to act on their long standing desire to help clean the rivers. Justin says that the group is similar to the *Friends of the Liesbeek* and is an initiative that intends to focus attention on the appalling state of these two rivers and to promote efforts to improve them. Ward councillor **Matthew Kempthorne** (1989-93) has added his support.

The group is investigating the resources for launching and maintaining a website for the friends group. You can email Jonathan: hobday@sybaweb.co.za

**Scott Ramsay** (1981-93) our OD photojournalist continues to focus attention on the destruction of our natural vegetation and the appalling disregard for extraordinary ecological diversity. Recently he has turned his attention to the Tankwa Karoo, the beautiful valley between Ceres and Calvinia. This area, which is one of our most priceless ecological jewels was almost lost, but after a skilful recovery programme, that has been in place for 25 years, it is once more a glorious sight, particularly so just after the first rains, when these lands explode into colour. As Scott writes: *billions and billions of flowers erupt from the earth into a kaleidoscopic show that rivals Namaqualand.* The Tankwa, a distinct biome, is one of the world's 25 biological hot spots – those areas which are important for their diversity and which are threatened.

# **FUND RAISING**

# Ciffy Austin (1969-73) reports: A GOOD CAUSE – MILES FOR SMILES

Three mildly decrepit mates of mine are doing a very good thing! Firstly they are going to walk far away from me and secondly they are raising money for a good cause by doing so. Have a look at their website. You might like to contribute.

http://www.milesforsmiles.co.za/component/content/article/104-hermanus-walk.html



Peter Hofmeyr, Mark Westcott and Struan Buchanan

# Pete Hofmeyr (1963-73), Mark Westcott (1968-77) and Struan Buchanan (1974-77) will walk from Cape Town to Hermanus

We are your average, run-of-the-mill Dads who have decided to walk along the coast from Muizenberg to Hermanus to raise funds and make some small contribution to a charity. We chose 'Miles for Smiles' because, for a relatively small amount of money and a reasonably quick operation, a person's life can be changed forever. Our walk will start on 20th November at Surfer's Corner in Muizenberg and we will arrive in Hermanus (hopefully!) on Saturday 26 November walking approximately 25km each day. This is not a race but simply a fun way of raising much needed funds for the organization. Friends, family, businesses and people we do not even know will be supporting us by making donations directly into the 'Miles for Smiles' account. Any donations over R100.00 are welcome and will put you on "The Smile List" where you will be eligible to win wonderful weekly prizes running up to the event. We encourage everyone to follow us on our walk via Facebook, and our Blog and to join us for the festivities at the finish on Marine Parade in Hermanus where we will have a Live Video Link to **David Grier (1974-77)** as he emerges from the Himalayas on his way to running the length of India (5,500km!) for 'Miles for Smiles'.

# GENERAL NEWS

WESTERN CAPE

We thought that ODs would be interested in reading this extract from the Annual General Meeting of the Western Province Cricket Club - 25 August, 2011.

Tonight sees the end of an era at the Western Province Cricket Club. Paul Burton (1972-84) (Vice Chairman: 2003 and Chairman: 2004 - 2011) is required by the constitution to stand down from the Executive Committee and Paul's contribution to the present healthy state of this great Club cannot be underestimated. Those who found Paul playing cricket in the 3A and persuaded him to stand for ExCo eight years ago and then to be Chairman a year later probably did not realise how wise their choice would turn out to be. The term "natural leader" is often bandied about yet in Paul's case he has ended up at the top of the pile in just about everything he applies himself to and that cannot be an accident. At WPCC we have been fortunate to have him as Chairman of this Club for the past seven The current ExCo are at one in that it has been an absolute privilege to serve with Paul. His intelligence, integrity and judgement are an example to all of us. We know we shall be associated with him for a long time to come and we wish him more happy times at home with Karen and their children, Luke, Michael and Christina. In saving thank you but certainly not good by to Paul, let us remember the legacy left to us, of honesty and integrity, of skill and expertise and of the prosperity and good spirit which has been brought to this great place. We are not going to let Paul off the hook that easily though and to ensure that we have the benefit of his wisdom and experience and the pleasure of his company at Newlands and at the home made for us here, Paul Burton is now formally elected as an Honorary Vice-President of the Western Province Cricket Club.

**Michael Wilson** (1973-79) now runs a company called *Brilliant Sounds & Music*. This could be of great interest to many ODs, so here is some detail from Michael:

Brilliant Sounds & Music offer an exceptional service. We cater for upmarket events and functions such as weddings, corporate functions, 21st birthdays etc. Run by Michael and Liza Wilson, we use state of the art equipment (Labgruppen amp, Community speakers, Shure mic's) so sound quality is unparalleled. With the end of the year coming up, if you are looking for something upmarket and special, Brilliant Sounds & Music should be on your list of companies to call. Should you have any queries, or need any more information, please do not hesitate to contact me at <u>michael@mixmed.co.za</u>

Tim Cartwright (1949-58) has recently been on a cycling exploration in the Champagne-Ardennes region in France. Described as 'heaven for cyclists' by Tim's wife Serena, they were most impressed by the sheer number of tiny roads so 'if your map reading is faulty there is always another way further on!' They thoroughly recommend a week cycling along the River Meuse.

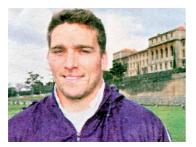
*Cycling for Softies* arranges trips in the Ardennes, with good bikes, maps, gourmet dinners and accommodation included. **Visit www.cycling-for-softies.co.uk** 

It was great to catch up with **James Willis** (1946-55) who visited the ODU offices. We insisted that he tell us more about his distinguished career.

**Prof Emeritus James Willis** worked in the Departments of Geochemistry and Geological Sciences at the University of Cape Town from 1961 to 2000, during which period he gained his Masters (with distinction) and Doctoral degrees. He was initially employed as a research assistant rising through the ranks to Associate Professor in 1981. On his retirement from UCT in 2000 James was appointed professor emeritus in the Department of Geological Sciences.

He was a NASA co-investigator for lunar sample studies in the late 1960s and early 1970s, a visiting scientist at the Max Planck Institüt für Chemie (Abteilung Kosmochemie), Mainz in 1982, a member of the central committee of the South African Spectroscopic Society from 1974-1999 and its president from 1986 to 1999. He was also a council member of the South African Coal Ash Association from 1987-1993. He was the recipient of the SA Spectroscopic Society's ARLABS Gold Medal (1986), a Geological Society of South Africa Honours Award (1992), and the Denver X-ray Conference Birks Award (1994).

James taught courses on instrumental analytical techniques, sedimentary geochemistry, environmental geochemistry and the theory and practical aspects of geodata analysis (statistics). He initiated and co-directed a highly successful one-year Masters degree course in Environmental Geochemistry (six months lectures, five months dissertation) (1994-2000). Since 1974 he has directed at UCT an annual intensive two-week course on the theory and practice of XRF Spectrometry for university staff and mining and manufacturing industries. The course was also given at the Department of Geology, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario from 1991-2005. Since 2008 he has written three books, "Understanding XRF Spectrometry" (2008), "XRF Sample Preparation – Glass beads by borate fusion" (2010), and "XRF in the Workplace – a guide to practical XRF spectrometry" (2011).



Nick Fenton-Wells

Some UCT students and staff have recently teamed up with civil society organisations and high profile individuals to bring *It Gets Better* campaign to Cape Town with a collection of 18 videos providing messages of hope for youths under fire for having different views on sexuality. ODs involved include actor **Charles Keegan** *(1991-2004)*, who in the film Schoonheid strives to reassure young people. **Nick Fenton-Wells** *(2000-04)* UCT's rugby captain added words of encouragement. The local collection of videos was conceptualised by **Andrew Barry** *(1996-2000)* who is doing his masters in philosophy of education. You can watch the videos at **www.youtube.com/ itgetsbetter-capetown**.

**Dick Parke** (1936-45) was so pleased to receive birthday greetings from the ODU. Gaydrey, his wife writes: Dick has asked me to thank you so much for remembering him. He was also delighted to receive the commemoration issue of 150 years of rugby at Bishops & then this week, the OD magazine – thank you again. We have **Alex** & Janet **Fry** (1935-42) coming for coffee this coming week so the "old boys" will be able to reminisce! Janet & I served on a committee for many years in Salisbury/Harare helping to run & supervise a children's home so we are also old friends.

# **SHOWBUSINESS**

**Barry Donnelly** (1975-88) has been involved with the spectacular film *Black Butterflies*. Barry was the sound engineer for this movie which many critics feel will receive much deserved honours in future award ceremonies.



James Stewart (1977-86) has, for some time, received huge acclaim throughout South Africa for his unique style of music and is recognised as one of the finest songwriters around. Throughout the late 90's his band *The Usual* thrilled audiences countrywide with their unique and melodic African tinged pop gems. James is making music once again and his Cape Town based production and composition business *Water*, has produced the soundtrack for the exciting new movie Skeem.

For more information: www.water-sound.com.

# UNITED KINGDOM OD GATHERING IN LONDON LLOYD BOWDEN (1989-95) REPORTS:

Wednesday 28 September 2011, London

A forty-strong gathering of ODs got together for an informal evening over a few drinks on Marylebone High Street. It was great to see such a good number of ODs make it for a low key event. Once again it reminded me what a fantastic fellowship exists between Bishops boys, even long after they have left the school and indeed South Africa. A key goal for me was to find out what appetite there is amongst UK-based ODs for events outside of the usual biennial cocktail parties and dinners. It turns out that there is a great deal of interest in golf and cricket days (on weekends) and from those ODs based far from London to have opportunities for getting together elsewhere - in particular for the benefit of those based in the North of England and Scotland. A handful of ODs have come forward offering to support the office in the UK, and to participate in a committee which will meet once or twice a year to consider events and help rally the troops. If you would like to participate please let me know, as I plan to write to those ODs around the end of November to find a date for the first committee meeting in Ql 2012. Please also keep an eye out for an invitation to an OD Dinner in London next year. Tim and Carolyn Hamilton-Smith, OD Chairman Brian Robertson and Council Chairman Mike Bosman hope to fly out.

Best wishes to all. Lloyd Bowden

We have news of two of the current Bishops Rhodes Scholars in residence – **Jacobus Cilliers** (1998-2002) and **Simon Franklin** (2000-04). Both have done very well, completing their MPhil degrees, both of them being awarded the degree with Distinction. Kobus is now working on his DPhil on "Coercive labour markets in warlord economies" which involves doing fieldwork in various African and Asian countries. He was also elected 'most valuable player' for the Balliol Lions rugby team. Simon will also be starting his DPhil on "The impact of government housing subsidies on shack dwellers in South Africa." He recently represented Oxford at the Econometric Game in Amsterdam, when he came 2nd out of 30 participating universities in this three day competition. Clearly both of them are having a great time, and achieving significantly as well.

News from Gil Joyce (1955-59): In June/July I was part of a SA Seniors' golf tour to the UK and met Stuart Rangely-Wilson (1952-56) and Richard Duck (1955-64). Donald Campbell (1944-50) was also on the tour and was lucky enough to get a game with Rob White-Cooper (1957-61) at Wentworth. Finally, my son Chris (1981-85) and family have left Abu Dhabi and moved to Perth where he has joined

John Holland Rail. I don't have a fixed address for him yet.

**Gareth Penny** (1971-80) has handed over his executive responsibility for *De Beers* and before the end of 2010 had completed all Board responsibilities, cutting centre and client visits and general goodbyes, after more than twenty years in the exciting and challenging diamond industry. Early this year he teamed up with *TowerBrook Capital Partners* (TCP), a leading private equity firm. The following is an extract from a statement which was released to the press:

"TCP was interested in identifying an investment opportunity in the mining industry and I was keen to utilise my mining and marketing experience and contacts in a more entrepreneurial way and where I could have real "skin in the game". We started by looking at various opportunities in different mining sectors from precious and base metals to bulk commodities. Quite soon we identified minor metals as being of greatest interest, where there was less competition from the majors and where capital required was lower. Within minor metals, a sub-category often termed "critical metals" became an area of particular focus. These are generally metals (almost entirely used in alloys) which are vital for new technologies, such as computers and telecommunications, but where supply to the western world is precarious. An often quoted example is Rare Earth Elements (REE's), where China controls more than 90% of world supply and where REE's are vital for mobile phones and permanent magnets for wind turbines, amongst other things. I felt there would be a real opportunity to create a mining house focused exclusively on critical metals and to build the expertise, scale and technologies to become a leading player in this space. No other diversified, scale mining business seemed to occupy this position. Serendipitously, shortly before Easter, we came into contact with AMG (Advanced Metallurgical Group), a Dutch listed, but globally diversified, metal processing company with operations in Germany, the U.S. and elsewhere. Over the years, AMG had acquired a number of critical metal mines to assure the supply it needed of these materials for its own manufacturing operations. You will find further details on www.amg-nv.com.

The ODU has recently heard from the legendary Revd Canon Michael Bands (staff 1987-94) who writes: I hope this finds you both well and happy in your labours. I retired at the end of August and we're both still settling into our cottage and getting used to this strange status. Thank you again for your very kind 70th birthday good wishes. Louise and I shall be in Cape Town for a month over Easter next and we'll look you up and inspect the old firm! The e-mail address remains the same but everything else is as follows: Montagu Cottage, 20 Princes St, Lochmaben, DG11 1PQ United Kingdom Tel. +44 (0)1387 811149 michael.bands@btinternet.com

It was good to hear from **Ian Gordon (1937-45)** who wrote to us from Castle Douglas in Scotland. I am delighted that Alexander Gordon, the grandson of my twin brother Tony, will be at Bishops next year. He will be the fourth generation of our family to be at Bishops. Regarding the magazine, I do not have email so please continue sending it by sea. It was super to read about Vandy. When we were at Rossall, Vandy was in the Dukes and told us to polish his buttons belt as we came from a military family. On one occasion I failed to clean the brasso polish off the back of his belt buckle and he was faulted by his RSM! I accepted my responsibility and he gave me three with his large slipper – a lesson learned!! He was the most wonderful person – teacher – officer – commander.

**James Hall** *(1991-2005)* graduated BComm (Hons) at UCT in 2009 and then headed off to St Andrews where he has achieved a Master of Letters in Business Administration. St Andrews, founded in 1413, is the third oldest university in the English speaking world. James strayed onto the fabled St Andrews links from time to time, and is reported to have entertained much of Scotland with his inimitable and magical violin playing in local pubs - yet he still graduated with distinction in both coursework and dissertation. James was joined at the end of his stay in Scotland by Vincent Hare for a memorable roadtrip through the north west and the isles. We understand many a gig was played by the two of them en route. James has since returned to Cape Town and Vincent has started studies at Oxford.

## EASTERN CAPE

Andrew 'Seki' Smith (1975-88) writes: My wife, Cherry, and I have moved from Kei Mouth and are now living in Cathcart, near Hogsback, where I am managing a game and cattle farm called Coverside. We will soon be developing a website for it, where we will be offering self-catering accommodation to the public...watch this space! I met up with Andrew Penn (1986-1988) at a golf day at the Cathcart Country Club, in August this year. It was great to catch up with him over a few cold ones.

My new contact details are:

Cell: 0731026699 Email: Andrew.cherrysmith@gmail.com

Postal address: P O Box 193, Cathcart, 5310

**P.S.** Please, should any ODs be passing through or require a bed for the night, then do not hesitate to call in!

## ZIMBABWE FUNCTION

Our newly appointed Branch Secretary in Harare, **Len Thomas** (1954-57) has sent a great photo. He writes:

Hope this will be of use to you - the gathering took place for a lunch on the 11 September at the home of **Stephen Davies** together with our wives and / or partners!! We hope to make this a half-yearly get together in view of the age group who attended!!?



Back Row Left to Right: **Steve Davies** (1956), **Nick Winskill** (1951-54), **Peter Quinton** (1952-57), **Dave Scott** (), **Jim Sinclair** (1949-56), **Len Thomas**, **Andy Pycroft** (1970-74) Front Row Left to Right : **John Twiggs** (1945-52), **Doug Dryden** (1943-47), **Bob Schierhout** (1935-40), **Es Micklem** (1936-39), **Remo Barry** (1945-48), **Austin Ashley-Cooper** (1941-49)



We have received some great photos from **Bob Schierhout's** daughter Sue, who writes:

Sorry to have taken so long to send these photos of my Dad. We so enjoyed our visit to Bishops - a first time for me and it was wonderful meeting you as well.

Dad wears his jersey and cap with pride and is very happy to tell anyone interested his Bishops stories.

## **NEW ZEALAND**

**Howard Gant** (1968-74) our secretary in the South Island, New Zealand did not escape the massive earthquake unscathed. He writes:

Well you can imagine the change of address is due to our home in Christchurch significantly damaged by the

22 February 2011 earthquake. We are convinced the house will need to be demolished and rebuilt, but now wait for the insurers to complete their assessments. In the interim we have moved and will likely not get our home back for another three years or so. The rebuild effort will take another five to ten years or so. Other than that we are still well settled here with no plans to move. And winning the world cup was very sweet as they say here in NZ, and getting the cup and team through Christchurch yesterday was a good boost to all.

Howard's contact details are on the back cover of the magazine.

# THAILAND

Stuart Lucani (1968-78). A new life for me! I have moved lock, stock and barrel to Bangkok, Thailand. I have been toying with this move for some time and have now made the dream come true. I have met up with Robbie Bluett (1960-67) and a whole lot of ex-pat golfing friends- so life here is rosy. Any ODs in the area are welcome to contact me, I am well connected in the local golfing scene and am starting to do in-bound golfing tours here. My email has changed to stuart.lucani@gmail.com and my mobile in Thailand is 081 458 0976 Unfortunately I am years behind Robbie in speaking Thai but will get there soon, I am coaching a few Thai office ladies and gents British pronunciation of the English language. They have great difficulty getting their tongues to work in the British way, great fun!

# **UNITED STATES**

**David McMillan** (1975-81) and wife, Heidi have moved to Durango a small mountain town in SW Colorado. He writes: *Heidi has joined a paediatrics practice and I will return to full-time environmental consulting at a company we own. I taught at a Catholic high school in Salt Lake City for the past two years. I found it a true delight and can see now how Tim (HS), Hugh (Fynn), Pickles, and Alan Douglas, to name a few, used to do it for a pittance!* 

Please pass on our contact information to any other ODs in the 4 corners region (Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, and Utah). 6 Aquarius Place, Durango, Colorado 81301 USA.



### **CHARLES CURREY**

Charles Currey died on Monday 22nd August. He had been unwell for some time. Many of you will remember Charles. He was at Bishops for 37 years (1955-91). He taught Physics, Maths and Physical Science. He was Head of the Science Department, Housemaster of Ogilvie House and in charge of the Cadets. He became Vice-Principal in 1987 until his retirement in 1991.

# Eulogy delivered by John Gardener

Charles Patrick Currey, born on St Patrick's Day, came of a distinguished Cape family. His father, Ronald Currey, was Rector of Michaelhouse and Head of St Andrew's, Grahamstown. Charles was at school at St Andrew's Prep and Michaelhouse, going on to graduate in Natural Sciences at Trinity College, Oxford. After teaching awhile at Sevenoaks, Kent, he came to Bishops in 1955 where he remained till 1991. His contributions here were immense. He taught chiefly Science and was Head of that department. He was Housemaster of Ogilvie from 1965 to 1976. Our studies were side by side next to the wind tunnel when I was Gray Housemaster in those days of only two dayboy houses. Charles was in charge of a famous Signals Platoon - about which he was reminiscing to me just over a week ago – and was OC Cadets for four years. He ran the Democritus Society, the Chess Club and the Mountain Club. He coached rugby and hockey and was in charge of the lighting of plays when Sam Butler did the scenery. He was one of the lay ministers in Chapel. He was, with Mona Leeuwenburg, one of the prime movers in the introduction of computers at Bishops and later the addition of Computer Studies to the curriculum. And he was appointed Vice-principal in my years as Principal, being replaced on his retirement in 1991 by no fewer than five Senior Masters. This move was made for a range of reasons, but it entitled him to considerable enjoyment of the implications. Charles was, in all the right ways, old-fashioned. When all is said and done, he was quite simply a thoroughly good man, a gentleman. He was steeped in the ethos of those Christian-based schools he knew; he cherished the eternal core values, virtues and verities that shine forth in such schools despite their inevitable shortcomings. He once declared that the greatest change in his years at Bishops had been the growth of 'the attention given to each individual boy'. And he was also ever 'a man of the mountains'. For them he had deep love and rigorous respect. He would have been most proud of his foundation of the end-of-year Cederberg Adventure Course in 1968, which has subsequently been greatly expanded. Let his own words speak about this, for they reveal something of the man himself. 'We tried to teach the boys to get on with each other and work together when they were exhausted but when there were still vital chores to be done; to help each other when necessary by carrying part of someone else's load if he had blisters or a headache; to think of others first and self last...We hoped it would bring out qualities of leadership, by boys' having to make sometimes vital decisions affecting others without outside help. I hoped it would give boys a love of nature, of wild solitary areas and of mountains.' It was, however, true that this last hope worked the other way with a few of the staff members he dragooned into participation. We all treasure our own memories of Charles. Apart from being left-handed, he had few blemishes. We recognise this description of his characteristics: 'Dry sense of humour, unfailing courtesy, insistence on high standards, deep interest in the welfare of boys and staff.' Another is this: "The one word that shouts for inclusion about CPC is surely "loyalty" - to family, school, country, mountain and his colleagues.' And another: 'Pickles somehow managed to combine his craggy literal pragmatism with shafts of delicate soaring irony.'

### We are proud to publish the following tributes sent by ODs worldwide

"Pickles" was one of the teachers who really had a big influence on me when I was at Bishops. I was in his Physics class from Std 8 to Std 10 and I also did a year of physics with him in Post Matric in 1966. His teaching has stood me in good stead for the rest of my life and given me an enduring interest in science. I subsequently became a physician, but am still a physical scientist at heart. His teaching enabled me to take the second place in the whole country in Physics in Std 10 in 1965. I still have the book which the external examiner sent me as a reward for my efforts. I also went on to take the Physics Medal in first year Medicine at UCT in 1967.

Pickles was a demure man and one could never accuse him of going out of his way to crack a joke, but I have a clear memory of an incident that occurred one morning when we were in Std 10. It was after some girls from St Cyprians had started coming to Bishops in the mornings on some days of the week to work with the Post Matrics. As we were doing physics, a group of these girls walked past the window with their teacher (outside the Chapel). A wag in the class piped up "Pardon me Sir, but what are those girls doing here?". Pickles came straight back " They've come here because we've got some equipment that they haven't got!" I think it took about 5 minutes for the laughter to die down.

I will never forget Pickles, his love of Newton's Laws, and his van der Graaf generator. I am very sad to hear that he has passed on, but I am sure he is up there amongst the angels, chewing on his pipe and teaching them physics.

## Jim Muller (1957-65)

I remember Mr Currey fondly even though I think I was one of his less favourite physics pupils. He had a quicksilver wit and a great sense of humour. His curved smoking pipe with its silver lid was always handy and it usually disappeared belching blue smoke furiously into his tweed jacket pocket as he crossed the jamb of his next class.

An unforgettable character !

## Paul de Wet (1961-64)

# I received this from John Brock (1949-58)

I remember him as the man who gave me the mountains. I was climbing alone in the Scottish mountains when a mist came down and it was too thick to continue so I sat down on a rock and stocked up my pipe. I must admit Charles said that I was smoking a bit of a Herbage at the time. After about an hour a voice called out through the mist from some distance away, I called back and the fellow found me. Do you know the way down? he said. Charles answered that he did not know the way down but not to worry he'd get him down safely.

At this point the lost climber said he knew that Charles must be somewhere nearby because he could smell his pipe!!

## Richard Starke (1950-57)

This saddens me - Pickles as we used to call him, made a valiant attempt, with me, to keep physics simple and fun. His dry and wry sense of humor was evident during his daily lectures. I enjoyed his labs and sitting in the back of the bench seating in the old physics classrooms. **David MacMillan** (1975-81)

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I remember Mr Currey very well and he was my housemaster at Ogilvie from 1965-1967 until I moved to White House and became a boarder. I really liked him and he was a great housemaster.

He was very inspirational at that time as I had moved from our farm HADECO FLOWERS & BULBS in the old Transvaal to Cape Town with my parents and helped me cross that divide from "farm boy" to Bishops. My thoughts are with him during this period of mourning. Hans de Leew (1965-69)

Charles Currey was a brilliant physics teacher who taught me physics in the early 80's. He was a pillar of the Bishops I knew and he will be sorely missed by boys, parents, OD's and staff.

# Mark Moffitt-Jackson (1971-84)

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We should thank and celebrate the wisdom that was passed on by Mr Charles Currey. Thank you sir! With sad condolence,

## Ian Landless (1978-82)

Here for what it's worth is a memory of Charles Currey. He was a rookie teacher when he came to Bishops. I was a second year in standard seven and I suppose a cheeky 14 year old. The fact that I remember him at all is significant since many of the teachers were not of fine calibre. He came into the classroom, one of those rooms in the north east corner of the ground floor of School House, with a broomstick and a ball of fine string. Brilliant! The cheeky 14 year old minds were filled with curiosity. He was about to teach us about Pi. He wound the string around a long length of the broomstick and counted the number of turns. Eventually he measured the length of the string and from that calculated a quite reasonable semblance of the value of Pi. He was a pleasant if dry man and I am glad to be able to pass on a positive memory of him.

# Charles Frater (1949–58)

It was with sadness that I received the news of Charles' passing; he played a huge part in my life at Bishops and particularly in Ogilvie House from 1972 to 1976. Charles was my Physics teacher when Physics and Chemistry could still be taken as separate matric subjects. I have fond memories of Charles' dry humour, as he paced the classroom with his metre ruler, and of his sharing with us his passion for Physics in the classroom and the laboratory. He saw me through to a distinction in my final exam, which prepared me well for a successful academic career. Out of the classroom, I came to know Charles well though serving as a house prefect in my matric year, and then as Head of House in my post-matric year. I remember the prefects meetings (after chapel on Sunday evenings) at which Charles would listen to the views of all the prefects before applying his mind, his wisdom and his experience in coming to his decisions. In my experience he was open-minded, impeccably fair and forgiving – values and qualities that were inadequately recognised and even less appreciated by sometimes arrogant and hot-headed young men he was mentoring. The Bishops community is poorer for his passing, but richer for his contribution to so many of our lives

# Dr Anthony Stacey (1966-76)

-----'Pickles' somehow managed to combine his craggy literal pragmatism with shafts of delicate,

soaring irony. I will remember his deep love and rigorous respect for the Mountain. Go well

## James Gardener (1963-75)

That is very sad news. I was never great in the Maths and Physics, but Mr Currey was a brilliant master especially regarding extra murals like the Cedarberg week. He put me in charge of the most difficult group of boys and assigned us the most difficult route. In the beginning I was genuinely upset, but we did exceptionally well. On asking Mr Currey what his motive was afterwards – he said " I was testing your leadership abilities and I am delighted you came through with flying colours. I never doubted you. " My respect for him is immense. Thank you Sir for everything you so unselfishly meant and did for all the pupils who passed through your hands. May he rest in peace!

## John Koster (1973-79)

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Thanks for letting me know. Not having spoken to Mr Currey for some time, I did three years ago need some advice from him. It was like talking to my old schoolmaster – clear and precise, helpful and supportive and just so dedicated to his boys and the school. We will miss him and all he stood for. He will leave behind with us many warm memories.

# Vince Van Der Bijl (1961-66)

He visited NZ a few years ago - he has a son here. Pity I missed him, he used to come my MCSA trips in the 70s. He got many pupils climbing through the Bishops Mountain Club and the annual Cedarberg Adventure Camp (which he started in '68 or '69). He was absolutely instrumental in fostering my interest in climbing. It was mum who persuaded him to include me in the Cedarberg Adventure camp - it worked, I never looked back after that.

# **Derek Richardson** (1963-71)

# SPORT



Back: Buchanan, Smith, Day, Gant, Caro, Koch Front: Groves, MacSymon, Versfeld, Westcott, Kuiper, Ryall

# OD GOLF from Simon Kock (1974-77)

As we are about to take part in our second OD reunion Inter-House golf match, something new to reunions, I have decided to give you a report on this innovation. We 1977 leavers have in previous years been involved in many stimulating events, such as playing cricket against the College 1st XI, and had much fun. During these OD gatherings we did play golf, as a result of which some of us began to play golf more regularly with each other. **Adrian Kuiper** (1972-77), for example, has been my partner in the annual Wild Coast Founders Tournament (it has been going for 30 years!) and we have both won the individual title and, with two others, also won the teams' event twice. **Richard Day** (1969-78) and **Martin Versfeld** (1974-77) have also played in the team tournament. A very competitive match was held between **Koch/Westcott** (1968-77) and **Kuiper/ Day** and in earlier years **Versfeld/Koch** challenged **Ryall** (1967-77)/**Kuiper**; recently **Stuart MacSymon** (1966-77) joined the fray with some considerable vengeance!

You will no doubt remember from our schooldays that we were all extremely competitive, although under the shadow of Kuiper's unbelievable exploits, be it cricket, rugby, hockey or other athletic sports (not sure he could swim, though). Anyway, one thing led to another and some of us living in Johannesburg decided to hold a golf tournament in the first week of December 2010. As a trophy for the winners, Richie Ryall built a model of the Lion in House colours. In order to understand the need for this event you have to go back to our schooldays when in 1977 School House won every House competition conceivable (except hockey); in our day the main contests took place in rugby, cricket, athletics, relay sports, 7-a-side rugby and place-kicking. White House won the Water Polo. Founders had a particularly lean year but may have won the singing - to the delight of Paul Dobson and Top House!

Ironically, while the most hotly contested sports events at Bishops were always the House matches, especially rugby (probably second in importance only to the Rondebosch vs Bishops matches) all of us were team-mates as well as rivals with the competitive spirit strong within us, driving us. Why then should it cease to be so now, just because we are 50? It doesn't, of course, so perhaps you can imagine with what anticipation and excitement we awaited our first Inter House OD golf tournament in December 2010. We all had our own team golf shirts and caps. Shoes were polished, clubs cleaned – after literally years of trying to organise this momentous contest, it was at last going to happen!

Venue was important. Many of us had from our school days fond memories of Hermanus and the fact that Adrian Kuiper was the vice-captain of the Hermanus golf club, added to which Simon's home could accommodate 18 (he has five kids!) in dormitory style, Hermanus it was! On Friday at 17h30 we all met at the Cubana in Hermanus, six guys representing School House and six representing Founders:

# SCHOOL HOUSE: Simon Koch; Richard Day; Adrian Kuiper; Martin Versfeld; Gerald Gant (1970-76); Simon Caro (1964-77)

# FOUNDERS HOUSE: Mark Westcott; Ritchie Ryall, Stuart MacSymon; Simon Grose (1973-77) Alistair Smith (1970-77), Struan Buchanan (1974-77).

Some had met early for a team talk resulting in their being fairly jovial. Driving a car was out of the question so we walked to Simon's home where we had a dinner, customary in any serious golf tournament, where introductions are made and insults exchanged. Founders' captain, Mark Westcott, being a lawyer, obviously took a few months to prepare his speech at the close of which, furthermore, he handed School House captain, Martin Koch, a bunch of carrots and then played dirty, trying to insinuate that Adrian Kuiper was not a true member of School House.

The lines were drawn. Old rivalries stirred and, all extremely inebriated, we went to bed.

06h30. Saturday morning. The farmers among us led by Adrian Kuiper were up with coffee and ready for the practice tee – the first time for many before a game of golf! Truly, this was a sight to behold!

08h00. Time for the start of the foursomes. Handicaps ranged from 5 to 24 providing a very interesting test of golf and character. School House depth eventually carried them to victory, 2 - 1. The real test began after our consumption of a magnificent lunch - singles and betterball. Top House won all their better-ball; however, yours truly received a snot-klap from Stuart MacSymon. I think that was the only Founders victory.

That evening we had another braai at Simon's place which included a prize-giving, fines imposed by the fines committee and victory photographs, some of which should not appear in the OD magazine for fear that children may view them. The evening was one of the most enjoyable most had had in a long time and tears of laughter cascaded down many a cheek. A fair amount of verbal jostling, all in good humour, took place, something that can happen only after 40 years of history as former teammates, bound together by sport.

That evening we staggered into bed and the following morning some of us played golf again (very social this time) and the rest left for home.

We shall meet again on the 1st weekend of December 2011 in Hermanus.

All I can say to our ODs is that this was a really great experience and I suggest, nay, encourage you, especially those who play golf, to do something like this – you will not regret it! *(Edited by TH-S, corrections by BB)* 



# SAILING – Nick Leggatt (1980-84) reports:

I have been meaning to write for some time but things are such a blur at the moment with just four days to go to the start of the Global Ocean Race! Phillippa Hutton-Squire and I delivered our boat, Phesheya-Racing, from the UK to Mallorca together with Phillippa's parents, Johnny and Di Hutton-

**Squire.** We arrived in Palma three weeks ago and have spent the intervening time checking the boat thoroughly. We are now expecting six boats on the start line on Sunday, with crews from South Africa, Italy, New Zealand, Spain, Holland, France and the UK. We anticipate arriving in Cape Town in the first week of November. The fleet will be moored at the Waterfront

until 27 November, when we set sail on the second leg, to Wellington. Phillippa and I aim to be the first South African team to complete a double-handed round the world yacht race. We will send out daily reports on our website: www.phesheya-racing.com and there will also be information on the official race website www.globaloceanrace.com . On the race website there is also a virtual race so you can compete against us!

# **ESSENTIAL READING FOR ALL OD RUGBY FANATICS!**

The Black River wanders through Rondebosch and past Bishops. Tullyallen Road goes straight from Bishops to Rondebosch, a distance of some 400 metres. The people who attend the two schools come from the same sort of stock. They are the same people. It is no wonder that the rivalry is so keen but so healthy and it has been so since 1911. They play twice a year because they know there will be no bitter residue when the second match comes around. Unpleasant incidents in the last century of matches are negligible.

## Paul Dobson

In order to end all arguments we are proud to publish the complete set of results down the years:

<b>1911:</b> Bishops won 18-0 & 25-0	<b>1945:</b> RBHS won 6-0 &	<b>1964:</b> RBHS won 13-0 & 13-0	<b>1986</b> : Bishops won 14-4 & 13-3
<b>1916:</b> Bishops won 13-0 & the	Bishops won 11-8	<b>1965</b> : Drew 0-0 & the sides	<b>1987:</b> Bishops won 12-7 & 15-3
sides drew 13-13	<b>1946:</b> Drew 3-3 & the sides	drew 3-3	1988: Bishops won 10-3 & 13-3
<b>1917:</b> Bishops won 5-3 &	drew 3-3	<b>1966</b> : RBHS won 14-3 & 12-3	<b>1989:</b> Bishops won 58-10 & 7-4
RBHS won 14-3	1947: Bishops won 6-3 &	1967: Drew 3-3 & RBHS	<b>1990:</b> Bishops 14-7 & 9-0
1918: Bishops won 16-0 & the	RBHS won 9-6	won 20-0	1991: Bishops 12-9 & 21-9
sides drew 0-0	1948: RBHS won 17-13 &	1968: RBHS won 6-0 & the	1992: Bishops 34-3 & 27-6
1921: Bishops won 6-0	Bishops won 13-6	sides drew 8-8	1993: Bishops 28-10 & 19-5
1923: RBHS won 9-8	1949: Bishops won 23-0 & 17-6	1969: RBHS won 11-6 & 25-3	1994: RBHS won 6-5 & 19-9
<b>1925:</b> RBHS won 22-3	1950: Drew 14-14 & RBHS	<b>1970:</b> RBHS won 14-0 & 11-9	1995: RBHS won 7-6 & 11-10
<b>1926:</b> Bishops won 10-9 & 6-3	won 17-6	1971: RBHS won 8-3 & 24-3	1996: RBHS won 17-7 & 6-0
1928: Bishops won 8-3 & 15-3	1951: Bishops won 8-0 & 17-0	<b>1972:</b> RBHS won 13-4 & 13-4	1997: RBHS won 18-0 & 31-11
1929: Bishops won 7-3	1952: RBHS won 6-3 & the	1973: RBHS won 13-12 &	1998: Bishops won 20-0 &15-7
1930: Bishops won 15-9 & 12-9	sides drew 3-3	Bishops won 16-13	1999: RBHS 16-15 & Bishops
1931: Bishops won 11-3 & 16-9	1953: RBHS won 6-3 & 13-3	1974: Bishops won 9-3 & 18-4	won 24-9
1932: Bishops won 9-3 & 15-0	1954: RBHS won 11-3 & the	1975: Bishops won 27-3 & 22-6	<b>2000:</b> RBHS 22-19 & 27-17
1933: Bishops won 11-6 & the	sides drew 3-3	1976: RBHS won 14-13 & 22-12	2001: Bishops won 17-0 & 18-0
sides drew 3-3	1955: Bishops won 9-6 & 8-6	1977: RBHS won 15-12 & 33-7	2002: Bishops won 53-8 & 41-25
1935: Bishops won 6-3	1956: Bishops won 11-0 &	1978: Drew 6-6 & Bishops	2003: Bishops won 18-5 & 78-19
<b>1936:</b> Bishops won 49-0 & 37-3	RBHS won 9-6	won 8-6	2004: Bishops won 27-8 &
<b>1937</b> : Drew 0-0 & Bishops	1957: RBHS won 5-0 & the	1979: Bishops won 9-0 & 24-0	RBHS won 26-22
won 6-3	sides drew 3-3	<b>1980:</b> RBHS won 22-12 &	<b>2005:</b> Bishops won 31-6 & 14-12
1938: RBHS won 8-3 &	1958: RBHS won 8-0 & 8-6	Bishops won 10-3	2006: Bishops won 71-3 & 75-22
Bishops won 16-6	<b>1959:</b> Bishops won 10-0 &	<b>1981</b> : Bishops won 12-6 & 7-6	<b>2007:</b> Bishops won 48-27 & 27-24
<b>1939:</b> RBHS won 8-0	RBHS won 3-0	<b>1982:</b> Bishops won 18-6 &	<b>2008:</b> Bishops won 20-8 & 47-15
<b>1940:</b> Bishops won 25-3 & 11-8	<b>1960:</b> Drew 3-3 & RBHS	RBHS won 12-6	2009: RBHS won 16-10 &
<b>1941</b> : Bishops won 13-9 &	won 12-3	1983: RBHS won 18-10 &	Bishops won 10-6
RBHS won 8-3	<b>1961:</b> RBHS won 5-0 & 13-6	Bishops won 16-6	<b>2010:</b> Bishops won 38-10 & the
<b>1942:</b> Bishops won 16-4 & 10-3	1962: Bishops won 3-0 & the	1984: RBHS won 7-0 & 15-11	sides drew 19-19
<b>1943:</b> Bishops won 21-0 & 31-3	sides drew 6-6	<b>1985:</b> Bishops won 12-3 &	2011: RBHS won 34-18 &
<b>1944:</b> RBHS won 21-14 & 6-0	<b>1963:</b> RBHS won 11-0 & 9-6	RBHS won 16-9	Bishops won 37-12



**Oliver Kebble** (2004-09) completed his 'A' levels at Dulwich college in June and moved straight over to France to start a two year contract with Mont de Marsan. Bishops played their junior team on a French tour some years back. Also interesting to note **Guy Kebble** (1982-83) spent a season there in 1986, and was followed by his great mate **Mark Neill** (1982-83), who had just come off a successful 1987 Rugby World Cup.

# 'Young' OD activities: Rugby.

As has now become tradition two rugby matches were played, home and away against the Rondebosch Old Boys. These matches are played on the Friday before the schools clash and played on the respective 1st team rugby grounds. Our sincere thanks go to **Warren Butler** *(1993-2005)* for organizing the OD sides, which were victorious on both occasions.

The 'home match' was played as a curtain raiser to the 'Young ODs Braai and drinks party' which was held at the Heatlie. It was good to see 80 young ODs enjoying themselves and thank you to **Anton Taylor** (1992-2005) for all the arrangements.

The food was presented by **Paul Faber** (1979-84) and the drinks were sponsored by the ODU.

### The OD rugby vs Rondebosch - Warren Butler reports:

Each year the ODs battle it out with the Rondebosch Old Boys to get the derby weekend underway. This year saw the ODs win both the home and away legs of the fixture, which is always played in great spirit. In now it's fifth consecutive year of this 'Old Boys' rivalry, more and more people are coming down to support and have a run against our traditional rivals. The home leg on the Piley Rees was very special as all the Bishops pupils came out to watch and did their cheerleading practice whilst the game was on, this got the emotions going not only for the ODs on the pitch, but the Rondebosch Old Boys too. The ODs won the first leg at Rondebosch 20-15, and backed that up with a 25-10 win on the Piley Rees in the return fixture. After the game both sides shared many stories and reminisced about the rivalry between the two schools over a few cold beers. A big thanks to all who came down to play and support.

# **TWO RUGBY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR**

**Daniel Vickerman** (Australia), **JJ Gagiano** (USA) and **Francois Louw** (South Africa) on representing their respective sides in the 2011 IRB Rugby World Cup.



JJ Gagiano

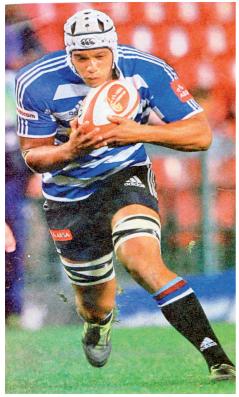


Francois Louw



Daniel Vickerman

■ ODs **Nick Koster, Nick Fenton-Wells** and **Nizaam Carr** playing together as the three loose forwards, for Western Province in the Currie Cup this year.



Nizaam was the first boy to be selected as Vital bursary scholar and represented Bishops with immense distinction. His various coaches hail him as a potential Springbok.

Bishops senior coach Dave Mallett: 'With the right training and advice, Nizaam can become a great player of the game. In his time with us at Bishops, I can honestly say that he was a coaches' dream to coach. He never missed practices, was an inspirational figure to the blokes around him and never ever took opposition teams lightly. His work ethic was unbelievable, his appetite to learn unquestionable, not to mention what he brought to the occasion from a physical point of view'.

Bishops assistant coach, Kevin Foote: 'He is big and strong and has an amazing rugby head on him for such a young guy. His ball skills are second to none in his position and his carrying ability is a big factor in putting the team he plays for on the front foot. He was born for the big stage. There is little question that he will become a household name'.

WP Vodacom coach John Dobson: 'His

ball skills are in the same mould as Sonny Bill Williams. Nizaam's offloading ability is a thrill to see ... pure talent at its best. He brings a huge appetite to the game and is always willing to take in new ideals to improve his game. He is still only 20, but he is well ahead of the chasing pack.'

## Other OD sports achievements. We congratulate:

**Marvin Christians** and **Graham Knoop** on representing the Championship winning DHL Western Province Amateur team in the Provincial Amateur Competition.

**Craig Wilson** on coaching the tournament winning Wynberg 7's team in the 2011 Villager 7's, beating Bishops in the final.

**Matthew Pearce** on being part of the Supersport Commentary team in New Zealand for the Rugby World Cup. **Christian Stewart** also made some in-studio appearances during the Canada matches.

**Stephen Knoop** on being part of the Supersport Commentary team for the ABSA Currie Cup.

■ The predominately OD team at UCT, the Cobras, won the UCT Internal League and will now represent UCT in the 2012 Varsity Cup Koshuis competition. The ODs who were involved in the team this year:

Brendan Raubenheimer, Cameron Doyle, Warren Handley, Tom Horne, Jason Scott, Mike Blanckenberg, Sean Paterson, Mike Nel, Stephen Buerger, Pete Haw, Jaime Manuel, Ian Armstrong, Mike Cockburn, Rayaan Adams, Dean Smorenberg, Nico Loizides, Evan Strauss, Dillon McEvoy, Dugald Macdonald, Guy Whitfield, Craig McKenzie, Matt Khoury, Josh Nortje, Dino Loizides, Mano Ghioules, Anton Taylor, Nicholas Bailey, Badr Ebrahim, Graeme Steen, James Bailes, Geoff Van Ryneveld, Nicholas Lassen, Brian Faure, Callan Artus, Warren Butler

## CRICKET

**James Strang** on being selected for the Western Cape Cricket academy for the 2011/12 Season and representing Jag Western Province in the CSA Under 19 Provincial competition along with Current Matric Seb Golding.

**James Crowson** and **James Strang** on representing WPCC in the 2011 Club Championships.

**Adeeb Joseph** on being named UCT 1st XI Captain for the 2011 / 12 season.

**Adrian Holdstock** on making his International Umpiring debut.

**Andy Pycroft** on being part of the match officials as match referee for the Bangladesh vs. West Indies Series October / November 2011.

# KAYAKING

**Andrew Kellett** (1979-88) on winning the freestyle section of the Zambezi Kyak Festival in Zambia

# **MEMORIES**

## THE FATHER OF THE TUBE



The beginning of Bishops coincided exactly with the halcyon beginnings of modern science. True, science had no place in the school's early curriculum, but the first Principal was a trained scientist. Henry Master White loved to wander around his domain botonizing, geologizing and zoologizing. His boys went with him. White was also an expert meteorologist. His boys were inspired and despite its initial lack of formal science classes, Bishops numbers amongst its early students a number of great scientists, the life and achievements of one of whom is glorified in an impressive memorial which stands for ever in Cornhill, London near the Bank Underground station next to the Royal Exchange. Are there any other statues of ODs in central London?





**James Henry Greathead** *(1858-60)* is forever remembered as the father of the 'tube'. Next time you sit in a train on the London Underground remember that it was the vision and expertise of an OD that made this extraordinary method of transport possible.

"He was a God in his field. It is fair to say that without his invention of the tunnelling shield, there would be no London Underground"

James was at Bishops from 1858-60 and was probably South Africa's most famous engineer and our first prominent inventor. After leaving Bishops he emigrated to England and became extensively involved with the development of the new traction and eventually electric underground railway network in London. His most famous inventions were The Greathead Shield for underground tunnelling (1869) and the Greathead Grouting Machine (1891) which were extensively used for the development of the underground throughout central London, Liverpool

and elsewhere. The first tunnelling shields were invented by Marc Brunel, but there was considerable loss of life as they tunnelled beneath the Thames, between 1825 and 1843. By 1867 engineers proposed, as a relief to London's increasingly congested road traffic, a system of underground railways in 'tubes' built using shields and lined with cast iron segments. However, no contractor could be found to carry out such dangerous work, until Greathead tendered for the construction of the shafts and tunnels using his newly invented cylindrical, wrought iron tunnelling shield. The Tower Subway was opened in 1870. Greathead's shield moved forward in one piece and cut and protected as it moved forward. Behind it a permanent tunnel lining of cast iron rings was fitted into place – a most important innovation. He patented many of his improvements to tunnel engineering, including the use of compressed air and forward propulsion by hydraulic jacks,

both of which are now standard features of tunnel construction worldwide.

James Greathead died of cancer in 1869 at the age of 52. Next time you are in London take the time to visit the three metre bronze statue by James Butler that was unveiled by the Lord Mayor of London in 1984 next to the Royal Exchange.

## **ADDENDUM 1**

## **The Bishops Connection**

The following three boys in Grade 12 are descended from ODs but were omitted in the previous magazine. We are pleased to publish their details here:

Falconer	Steven	son of	John Falconer	1972
		grandson of	Arthur Falconer	1937
		nephew of	Allan Falconer	1972
		nephew of	Ian Falconer	1975
Kilpin	Callum	son of	Donald Kilpin	1971
		grandson of	Geoffrey Kilpin	1940
		great grandson of	Denis Pilkington Kilpin	1910
		nephew of	Philip Kilpin	1966
		nephew of	Jeremy Kilpin	1967
Tissiman	Richard	grandson of	Ulick Brown	1940
		nephew of	Niall Brown	1973
		nephew of	Malcolm Brown	1978

Parents of boys who will be in Grade 12 in 2012 are kindly asked to e-mail **kerryflorin@ gmail.com** with details of their sons' OD connections so we may include them next year.

# **ADDENDUM 2**

## Legendary Teachers: Left to Right from the top of the photo

Claude Brown, John Peake, Anthony Mallett, Pieter van der Bijl, 'Oxo' Bull, Doug Thompson, Drummond 'Barty' Sutton, Dave Hiscock, 'Piley' Rees, Richard Skeeles, Mark Hanley, John Keble, Hubert Kidd, Dennis Hunt, Vernon 'Flash' Harries, Frikkie Viljoen, Joe Lister, Michael Fisher, Wilkie, Charkes Currey, Andy Robinson, Sam Butler, George Charlton, Richard James, Gilbert Hunneyball.

# **OD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of the OD Union will be held in the **OD Offices**, **Bishops on** *Thursday 15 March 2012 at 5.00 p.m.* 

AGENDA

Notice convening the Meeting Apologies Minutes of the AGM of 10 March 2011 Matters arising therefrom Chairman's Annual Report Financial Statements Election of Office Bearers Address by the Principal Any other Business

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