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# OLD DIOCESANS UNION

## *Class of 1964 – 50th Reunion*



*L to R: Des Pollard, Richard Von Hoesslin, Charl Conradie, Derek Stuart-Findlay, Peter Georgeu, Geoff de Wet, Nigel Desebrock, Anthony Von Hoogstraten, Tim Le Mesurier and David Rawbone*

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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*

**Gerald Shaw (1927-32)** Pvt, Botha Regiment. Greece *9 December 1941*

## In January we remember

### THE GREAT WAR 1914-1919

**RD Graham (1902-06)** Capt, SA Scottish. POW and wounded. Died in Cape Town (*not recorded*)

**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*

## NOTES FROM OD UNION OFFICE



During the past term we received visits from two ODs who have recently published books. David Dallas donated a signed copy of his excellent memoir ‘The Father of Woodstock’, and Vernon Head, Chairman of Birdlife South Africa, donated a signed copy of his intriguing book ‘In Search of the World’s Rarest Bird’.

The OD Union Committee is aware that our museum and archive contain one of the finest repositories of South African history outside of the South African museum. In terms of S4.5.7 of our constitution, we have allocated funds to ensure that in our new building there is a safe and appropriate place to house and display our proud heritage. Included in the museum will be a library which will house many books published by ODs as well as library collections

bequeathed to us. We believe this facility will be useful to ODs wanting to research their days at Bishops, look-up ODs with whom they have lost contact, or simply to enjoy some peace and tranquillity whilst reading other ODs writings.

If we don’t know where we have come from, how will we know where we are going? It is for this reason that the OD Union committee has taken a greater interest in the museum and archive in order to ensure that it is properly preserved. You will notice that the museum now has its own section in the magazine after the OD Union. As part of our strategic review, we are aware that alumni organisations around the world have had to revisit their “reasons for being”. To gain greater relevance, we have to be more than simply organisers of dinners and reunions. The “reason for being” must be



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broader and more relevant. We must assist in being the custodians of our heritage. Likewise we must ensure, using technology, that we provide a meaningful network for ODs to connect with each other in a mutually beneficial manner; to share wisdom, advice, energy, opportunities and enthusiasm. Given Nicky Bicket's experience with AROPS in the UK and having visited a number of similar institutions there, it is a process we hope to explore more vigorously in the New Year.

Elsewhere in this section you will see reports on the OD Union 7s and hockey matches. Next year these events will be combined and take place at our new offices.

We include a link to the OD Union London newsletter highlighting the many exciting engagements and functions that have been held

and a few still to be held in the UK. Next year the Bishops rowing crew travels to Henley whilst the school production will participate in the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. You may want to arrange trips to the UK to coincide with these two events.

Finally, I include Kate O'Regan's note on the recent reconciliation process. It is fitting that we could bring the matter to a dignified and proper conclusion. Thank you to all the ODs for their advice, encouragement and support. It is easy to be a fair-weather OD, to simply arrive at functions and events when it suits you, but it takes true commitment to take a stand and support your union when it experiences difficulty. Thank you. This experience has made us wiser, stronger and more united.

*Brian Robertson*

Just to let you know that bookings for **Carols with Richard Cock (1966)** are already open at Computicket.

### **CAROLS WITH RICHARD COCK**

*On Tuesday, 16 December 2014 at 18.00*

*Bishops Memorial Chapel*

**Cost of Tickets:** *R 120 for adults and R80 for children under 12.*

Richard donates a portion of takings to OD Union Bursary Fund. Richard says there will be an orchestra and we'll be singing Carols old and new.

Wine and mince pies (kindly donated by Pick 'n Pay) will be served at interval.

ODs who would like to sing, please contact Hennie: [Hennie@inknet.co.za](mailto:Hennie@inknet.co.za)

We look forward to seeing you there – this is one of the highlights of the year.



**CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE** *Bishops Memorial Chapel at 08:30.*  
*All welcome!*

# SOCIAL REGISTER

## WALKER CUP GOLF MATCH

The 33rd playing of the Walker Cup golf match between ODs and Rondebosch Old Boys takes place at the Royal Cape Golf Club on Sunday 8th March 2015. ODs wishing to play are asked to contact Brian de Kock on 082 577 0811 or at [bdekock@iafrica.com](mailto:bdekock@iafrica.com).

## ODU DINNER

### *Annual Dinner of the OD Union – Thursday 12 March 2015*

**Venue:** The Ballroom, Kelvin Grove

**Time:** 6.30 for 7.00 p.m.

**Dress:** Black tie or suit

**Cost:** R300

**Guest Speaker:** Dr Gregory Mills (1979)

**MC:** Anton Taylor (2005)

**Bookings:** [odu@bishops.org.za](mailto:odu@bishops.org.za) or 021 685 1829

**Payment by EFT:** Standard Bank Rondebosch

**Name:** OD Union

**Code:** 025009 and Acc: 274927187

**Reference:** Your name and ODU Dinner

**Please send proof of payment to:** [odu@bishops.org.za](mailto:odu@bishops.org.za)

## FOUNDERS DAY

### *Friday 13 March 2015*

There will be lunch for ODs participating in events.

**Time:** The 1st and 2nd XI games will begin at 10.30 a.m.

*ODs wishing to take part in cricket, tennis, water polo, 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.*

**Shooting:** Phil Calothi [phil@lsds.co.za](mailto:phil@lsds.co.za)

**Tennis:** John Smuts [westbury@iafrica.co.za](mailto:westbury@iafrica.co.za)

**Basketball:** Glen Gibbon [gibbon@bishops.org.za](mailto:gibbon@bishops.org.za)

**Water Polo:** James Swift [jswift@bishops.org.za](mailto:jswift@bishops.org.za)

**Debating:** Jo Stielau [jstielau@bishops.org.za](mailto:jstielau@bishops.org.za)

**Cricket:** Brian Robertson [broberson@bishops.org.za](mailto:broberson@bishops.org.za)

## **GEOFF BRYANT CRICKET MATCH: ODS VS OAS**

*Saturday 11 April 2015*

**Venue: Johannesburg Country Club**

**Contact: [andrew@thewealthchest.com](mailto:andrew@thewealthchest.com) or +27 82 922 6157 if you wish to play**  
**ODs and families are invited to attend after match braai, more details to follow**



## **EDINBURGH FESTIVAL FRINGE 2015**

Bishops is proud to announce that they will be taking the school production of Herman Charles Bosman's 'Cold Stone Jug', accompanied by Simply Blue, to perform at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in 2015. Performance dates will be from 8th to 12th August.

Simply Blue will also be performing in London before they return home on 16 August.

They would be delighted to see ODs in the audience.

For more information please contact either

***[rwilke@bishops.org.za](mailto:rwilke@bishops.org.za) or [nbicket@katala.co.uk](mailto:nbicket@katala.co.uk)***



# REUNIONS

## CLASS OF '64: 50 YEAR REUNION 29-31 AUGUST 2014

### Derek Stuart-Findlay reports:

After the huge success of our Rovos Rail journey to Matjiesfontein to celebrate our 40th reunion, there was never a question about how we should be celebrating our 50th. But as usual we had totally underestimated the ability of Rohan and Anthea Vos to come up with an innovative proposal. The railway line from Cape Town to Saldanha Bay has not carried a passenger train in a decade, but after eighteen months of negotiation, Rohan managed to secure the use of the line for a weekend. This immediately opened up the possibility of an entertaining Sunday lunch stop at Darling on the return journey.

A Reunion Committee was convened, but its members soon found that it had little to do other than to locate a few '64 Matric fugitives evading tax or criminal authorities and keeping a low profile. John Wilson dragged his wife Annie around England and Scotland banging on bemused doors in the middle of the night while Louis Messaris called on his immense web of contacts to winkle out those lying low in provinces to the north of us. The final committee meeting was held on a particularly wet and miserable

night. Peter Berry was unable to make it and Derek Stuart-Findlay felt quite heroic driving to Chez Vos in Constantia from St James until he realised that Louis had driven in from Sea Point, John from Somerset West, Richard von Hoesslin from Franschhoek and Anthony (Hoogie) van Hoogstraten from Hermanus. We were most concerned to hear that Peter Georgeu had been forced to tender his apologies, pleading an urgent appointment on Skiathos.

Miraculously it all came together. Headmaster Guy Pearson welcomed everyone at a cocktail party held on the Friday evening in the 1st XI cricket pavilion, and impressed us immensely with his summary of how Bishops has flourished over the last fifty years. In retrospect, 1964 had in many ways been a turning point in the history of the school. Most of us had been born in 1946/47, we were effectively the first of the post-war baby boomers and matric numbers in our year had increased substantially over the previous year. It was also Anthony Mallett's first year as headmaster and his totally new approach to leadership proved to be a refreshing change from the traditional old-school style.

The inimitable John Wilson reminded us how funny it had all been. He warned us that if we failed to laugh at his weak jokes he had full



*J Mitchell, P Day, P Brand & A Guelke*



*J Arkell, D Arkell & A Wilson*



*S Gardener, J Gardener, G Pearson & A Vos*



*R Silberbauer, A Duncan, M Harris & G Harris*

authority to banish us to the guard's van for the rest of the weekend where we would be forced to be entertained by his vast collection of the Rev Tom Kime's sermons. There was no chance of that as we were led through the comprehensive list of evocative names and nicknames used at school during this most impressionable time of our young lives; Knob, Tiddles, Flash, Bok, De Kock, Fanny, Honeyball, Hiscock, a male teacher called Daisy and a dayboy house sporting some fifty shades. In those days compliments for academic diligence or excellence hardly existed. 'For us the highest accolade was just S, with NS as a reprimand or even ..... etc' where they were just too lazy to complete what they really thought of us. But it was in the discipline of multiplication that Bishops excelled, the formal side being taught by dear Herby Selfe, with the subject being well camouflaged as physiology, a whole new branch of science to most of us, particularly when we came upon the illustrations on the well-thumbed page 126. We were delighted that on the evening Brian de Kock and John Gardener were able to represent the staff members of our time.

After a cold wet snap during the week leading up to the reunion, the weather over the weekend proved to be pristine. On the Saturday morning Bishops pulled off a thrilling 22-21 victory in the 1st XV rugby match against Rondebosch and a happy bunch of revellers boarded buses to be whisked into the city. All 83 of us were

crammed into a group photo and within minutes we were easing out of the station on a 21-carriage train. Each of the 44 suites on board had been equipped with an impressive tin of Messaris cashew nuts but these were merely a temporary deviation as we aimed for the dining cars for a superb lunch. As we headed out of town the scenery became increasingly spectacular, the spring flowers were out in force and the wet spell meant that huge pools of water teaming with birdlife had formed on both sides of the track. On our left Table Mountain gradually diminished in size as we headed north while in the distance on our right thick snow adorned the distant Groot Winterhoek Mountains. A popular gathering spot as evening advanced was the observation car with its open porch at the rear of the train. While we were waiting in a siding for trains to pass, the intrepid Derek Wollaston decided to explore the wonders of the universe. Engrossed in the night sky, he was startled by a siren warning that the train was about to depart. Hurling back to get on board he was able to cling onto the side of the train as it pulled off. Fortunately his cries for assistance were heard by the ever attentive staff, he was hauled onto the train and packed off to change for the black-tie dinner. After a second superb meal, animated discussions continued on into the night which we spent overlooking the bay at Saldanha with the lights of the town twinkling in the distance.

*J Arkell, C Conradie & A von Hoogenstraten**T de Smidt, P Day & D Rawbone*

Well before mid-day on the Sunday we pulled back into Darling station and ambled off in the direction of Evita se Perron. Pieter-Dirk Uys was as amusing and incisive as ever, welcoming us with “I bought the station and you brought the train!” By coincidence he had also written matric in 1964 at a school ‘down the road’ from Bishops, and had attended music lessons with Dr Claude Brown at Founders, does this qualify Evita as an OD? A number of the members of her audience had been out of the country for many years. For them Evita’s synopsis of life in South Africa after the Nats took power must have been a sobering but excruciatingly funny reminder of the journey the rest of us have endured. We were treated to a hilarious non-stop lampoon of the so-called ‘leaders’ of our times from the dispeptic old Dr Malan of 1948 to the noisy and uncontrollable young Jubjub of today.

The conversations continued as we gradually made our way back to the city. With sadness we remembered those of us in matric who were no longer with us; Patrick Barnett, Chris Coulter, Patrick Downey, Jonathan Lindbergh, John Moore, Henri Naude and Neil Ovenstone, and those who had been with us for most of the

*J Wilson and G Pearson*

way, Arthur Higgo and Hammy van Breda. Peter Muller, who as Mayor of Cape Town had welcomed us to our 25th reunion, had sent greetings from his hospital bed in Switzerland. Nevertheless 46 of our matric class of 82 had

managed to make the reunion, including nine of the 1st XV, five of the 1st XI, and even, after 60 years, ten of the 22 in Miss Wolfe’s Std 1 class in Bishops Prep!

We gathered on the front steps of the Rovos Rail offices for a nostalgic valette from John Wilson. He described the weekend aptly as “a time of jogging pleasant memories, unbelievable anecdotes, re-kindling warm friendships and great love, laughter and joy”. On behalf of the group he expressed profound thanks to Rohan and Anthea Vos and their staff for their generosity and passion in organising a truly outstanding experience for us all.

Most of us were joined by wives or partners for the weekend. Those of us who made it were:

*From England:* **Richard Duck, Martin Harris, Waine Lawton, Richard Silberbauer.**

*From Northern Ireland:* **Adrian Guelke.**

*From Scotland:* **Peter McMorland.**

*From Australia:* **John Arkell, Nigel Desebrock.**





# Class of 1964



*From Botswana:* **Roy Young.**

*From Gauteng:* **Michael Caradoc-Davies, Jeremy Gaylard, Trevor Impey, Vincent Magnus, Robin Mills, Stephen Spottiswoode.**

*From Western Cape:* **Charl Conradie, Paul de Wet, Duncan Henderson, Roy Jeffery, John McNaught-Davis, Anthony van Hoogstraten, Richard von Hoesslin, Michael Walker, John Wilson.**

*From Metro Cape Town:* **Geoffrey Ashmead, Peter Berry, Colin Boyes, Peter Brand, David Clegg, Anthony Collier, Peter Day, Andrew Duncan, Tony de Smidt, Geoff de Wet,**

**Peter Georgeu, Tim le Mesurier, Louis Messaris, Jack Mitchell, Des Pollard, Dave Rawbone, Richard Stuart, Derek Stuart-Findlay, Rohan Vos, Brian Wakeling, John White, Derek Wollaston.**

We're all determined to be around for our 60th reunion but need a sense of direction on this. It's rumoured that Rovos Rail may soon be operating as far as Bitterfontein, north of Vredendal, for the spring flower season. On the other hand, perhaps we need to be a trifle more expansive, how about the fabulous rail journey to Dar es Salaam via the Victoria Falls?



*B McMorland, P McMorland & J Gardener*



*The De Wets en route to the train*



## 10 YEAR REUNION



*Back Row (Standing) Josh Isaacs; James Mason; Julian Hulme; Wesley Coetzee; Mark Vernon; Josh Downes; Mark Van Niekerk; Sa'ad Chothia; William Esau; Dominic Hibbert; Philip Voget; Jean-Pierre Du Preez; Ricci Gerstner; James Milne; George Le Roux; Richard Thompson; Paul Madden; Dale Griffiths; Robert Watson  
Front Row (Kneeling) Kyle Powter; Chris Chase; Stratos Laskarides; Dayne Larsen; Tumi Wallace; Damion Stander; Jake Lord; David Black; Andrew Van Dorsten; Li-King Tan; Byron Messaris; Paul Madden*



The Class of 2004 held a '10 Year Reunion' with various festivities over the course of the Derby weekend.

Friday an informal gathering at Forries; Saturday supporting the derby game; and on the Sunday a buffet braai lunch held at Kelvin Grove, followed by a gentle game of lawn bowls to close off the weekend.

## 5 YEAR REUNION

**Matt Hawinkels (2009)** On Friday the 29th August, the 2009 matric class held their 5 year OD reunion at the Oaks Pavilion. There was a positive response to the event with 80 out of the 140 boys in our year in attendance. It was a great opportunity for us to catch up with old class mates, some of whom we had not seen since Valedictory. A lot of ODs really enjoyed this aspect and feel very

strongly about keeping the OD network alive- this is encouraging for the OD Union going forward. The atmosphere was relaxed and informal, everyone brought their own drinks and food was provided courtesy of Paul Faber's spitbraai service. On the whole, it was a special occasion and I think I speak for everyone when I say there is much anticipation and excitement for our next reunion to be held in 5 years time.





*A Corder & G Loubser*



*R A Williams, D Petit, G Hutchins,  
D Haritos & T Daron*



*D Haritos, T Daron & S Hulme*



*G Muller, M Muller & G Hutchins*



*M Hearn, S Payne, S Winter  
& G Nugent*



*C Jolley & J Faure*

## CLASS OF 1955 – LUNCH (PRE-REUNION)

The class of 1955 decided shortly after our 50th reunion that we were all getting somewhat long in the tooth and should meet more regularly as our numbers were beginning to decline, Don Rowand was the motivator of the bi annual meeting. We started by meeting at the City Club in the City but this was proving a little difficult as the club was having problems and we approached the OD offices and were made very welcome and have met in there for the past 6 or 7 years. The meeting has proved very successful and at our last lunch we had the stalwarts of the group. Robin Richards, who now lives in Hermanus, obviously cannot always be with us so it was a

pleasure to have him there for our last lunch. Frank Seaton always comes along all the way from Yserfontein. We have been fortunate in the past to have OD visitors who happen to be in



*Pic from left to right: John James, Michael Fielding, Anthony Hare, Sandy Bean, Geoff Arenhold, Frank Purcell, Peter Lamming, Eddie Twiggs, Don Rowand, Robin Richards, Anthony Plummer and Frank Seaton.*

town at the time of the lunch and are always welcome. Bonnie always supplies the food and Don supplies the wine and we pay a standard fee for the lunch and wine and the change is always given the OD Union Bursary fund. It is not a great sum

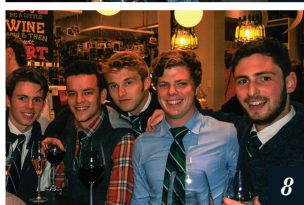
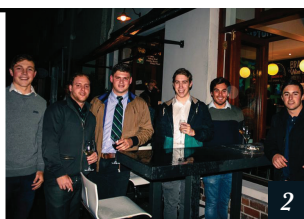
of money but always a few hundred rand. We generally manage 12 members sometimes we have as many as 14, one of our regulars Dennis Clarke passed away last year. We have always enjoyed the old club house but we plan to meet in the new one next year and hopefully we can carry on as before.



## BOLAND GET TOGETHER

The Boland OD Union Branch recently hosted a function at the stylish Brampton Wine Bar in Stellenbosch. Martin Versveld (Jnr) and Michael Foxcroft organised an excellent event attended by a great number of ODs currently studying at Maties. Anton Taylor spoke about the OD Unions desire to attract and welcome young ODs adding that the diversity and energy young ODs bring to the union creates

a dynamic environment and one where young ODs can benefit from the experience and knowledge of older ODs. Brian Robertson spoke about the OD Unions plans to become more than a body focussed on reunions and functions to one which provided more support and assistance through coaching, mentoring and networking, a system that has been adopted by progressive independent schools in the United Kingdom.



1: Callan Galacher, Leon Raubenheimer, Ian Craven, Paul Leach, Christo Burger

2: Leon Raubenheimer, J D Kruger, Mathew Gunston, Ross Dewer, Jacques Tredoux, Michael Foxcroft

3: Rob Boyes, Kane Reiley, Graham Leslie

4: Michael Foxcroft, Anton Taylor, Martin Versveld Jnr, Brian Robertson, Martin Versveld Snr

5: Doug Parry, Mathew Gunston, Uwe Jacobs

6: A group of young ODs

7: William Leslie, Martin Versveld Jnr, Robert Edwards, Paul Kuiper, Nick Olds, Sam Stelzner, Mike Muller

8: Paul Leach, Callan Gallacher, Igor Arkipov, ODs

9: Tim Olds, Stuart Steyn, Brad Bolus

10: Sam Stelzner, Nic Olds, Robert Edwards, Ali Galloway

11: Brian Robertson, Graham Leslie, Martin Versveld Snr, Rob Boyes

12: Luke Johnston, Mikael Bolus

13: Fred Scholtz, Emilio Da Graca



## UPCOMING REUNIONS

### LONDON CHRISTMAS DRINKS

**Friday 12 December 2014:**

Christmas Drinks at the House of Lords (6pm-9.30pm). Any OD who happens to be in London is more than welcome to join in, please contact Nicky Bicket at [nbicket@katale.co.uk](mailto:nbicket@katale.co.uk)

### 13 DECEMBER 2014

The Class of 1994 are planning on holding their reunion from **Saturday 13th - Sunday 14th December 2014**. Please contact James Durrant [james@durrant.eu](mailto:james@durrant.eu) or Gavin Muller [gavinmuller@yahoo.com](mailto:gavinmuller@yahoo.com) and join the facebook page 'Bishops 1994 [20 Year Reunion]'

### LONDON SENIOR OD LUNCH

**Friday 23 January 2015**

Senior OD Lunch with Raymond Ackerman at the RAF Club (A senior OD is 55 or older) Any OD who happens to be in London is

more than welcome to join in, please contact Nicky Bicket at [nbicket@katale.co.uk](mailto:nbicket@katale.co.uk)

### MID-MARCH 2016 - CLASS OF 1966 - 50TH YEAR

Planning for the 50th reunion of the matric class of 1966 has begun. A tentative date in **March 2016** has been earmarked, including the annual OD dinner. Notices will appear in future OD magazines, however should you have any suggestions or queries please contact one of the organisers below.

Main organisers: **Donald Fraser Bett** (Founders) [donaldb@networld.co.za](mailto:donaldb@networld.co.za) 021 531 3789

**Mick Reid:** (School) [mjreid@kingsley.co.za](mailto:mjreid@kingsley.co.za) 023 313 3391

**John Waller:** (White) [waller@afrika.com](mailto:waller@afrika.com) 021 7945712

**Phil Biden:** (Ogilvie) [javelin@javcap.co.za](mailto:javelin@javcap.co.za) 021 6712788

# **BIRTHS** Warm congratulations go to these ODs on the recent births of sons or daughters.



Son, Cameron Walter Lister born on 12 June 2014 to Mikaela and **Neil (1999) Lister**. Pic taken in the Brooke Chapel at Cameron's christening. From left to right it is: **Justin Larsen** – godfather (1999), Ciara Larsen – godmother, Cameron Lister (held by Ciara), Mikaela Lister, Neil Lister & Terry Wilke



Alexander Norton Turck born on 19 September 2014 to **George Turck (1997)** and Samantha. Alex is their 3rd child with sister Scarlett (5) and brother Nicholas (3).



Alexander Norton Turck





First born son, Daniel Honour Marx on 21 September 2014 in Pretoria, to **Marius Marx (2006)** and Nicola Marx. *"Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth." - Psalm 127:4*



Second son, Riley John, was born on 13 June 2014 in Mossel Bay to proud parents **Kevin van Wyk (2000)** and Tia van Wyk.



A son, Sam, born to dad **Richard Evans (1994)** and mom, Aoife, on 17 June 2014 in Dublin.

*"A child looks up at the stars and wonders. Great fathers put a child on his shoulders and helps them to grab a star."*  
— Reed Markham

Daughter, Emily Grace Colledge, was born at home in West Horsley, Surrey, UK on 7 August 2014 to Carmen and **Daniel (1997) Colledge**. She weighed a healthy 3.8kg and both mum and baby are well.



## ENGAGEMENTS

**Ian McClarty (2001)**, son of Ray and Janet McClarty got engaged to Tamlyn Benedict, daughter of Sue and Allan Benedict on 28th September. They are currently living in London.

**Warwick Jones (1961)**, son of the late **Basil Jones (1925)** and Linda Jones, got engaged to Marie, daughter of the late Ebbe and Monica Wijkander, of Onsala Sweden.



## WEDDINGS

**Warren Calvin Kelly (2003)** married Kate Jaclyn Oakley on Saturday 4 October 2014 at Casalinga in Muldersdrift Jhb. Warren is currently working at Obsidian Capital in Johannesburg and is studying part time for his final leg (3) of his CFA degree.



**James Attenborough (2005)** surprised his girlfriend Lizeth Angélica Gonzáles Escudero (daughter of Rosa Escudero Ferrari and David Gonzáles Escudero) with a proposal shortly after reaching the summit of Mount Ishinca (5,530 metres above sea level) in the Cordillera Blanca of Perú in May 2014. They will be getting married in Pachacamac, Perú in April 2015.



**Stretton Barry (2001)**, son of Martin and Jeanne, married Sabine Mahlmann, daughter of Jochen and Uta on 8th March 2014 at Catharina's, Steenberg Wine Estate.

## SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



**Donald Bett (1966)** and Jenny Bett celebrated their silver wedding anniversary in March 2014. They were married in the Brooke Chapel at Bishops on 04 March 1989.

## GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



**Francis de Beer (1955)** and Vivien were married in South Lancing, West Sussex while Francis was serving in the RAF. They have enjoyed their time together immensely, only wondering where the years have gone. Three children, now all with their own families, two in the UK and one in the US, means that they don't meet up as often as they would like but modern communications are fantastic. They recently all had a holiday in Morocco together.



**Jeremy Thorne will (1956)** and Penny Thorne will celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on the 26th September 1964. They were married at St Johns Church in Hale, Farnham, England.



## OCTOGENERIANS



**Liebie Van Heerden**  
(1953)  
4 November



**Patrick Noel Wingfield**  
(1952)  
9 November



**Richard Finn**  
(1952) 23 November  
and Wife Rosemary



**Robert Henry Trew**  
(1952)  
23 November

**Michael Norman Cloete**  
(1952)  
25 November

**Frank Ashley Musson**  
(1951)  
1 December

**Pieter De Leeuw Smuts**  
(1953)  
6 November

**Timothy Edwin Basil Brooke**  
(1951)  
24 December

## VISITORS



**John Hayward**  
(1967)



**Denham Apperley**  
(2009)



**Bradley Brown**  
(1998)



**Kenneth Lloyd**  
(1985)



**Eileen Shean**



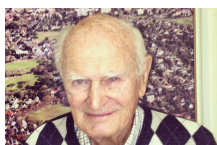
**David Dallas**  
(1951)



**Zandy Bicket**  
(1973)



**Mkuseli Kwatsha**  
(1994)



**Theunis de Bruyn**  
(1948)



**Vernon Head**  
(1985)



**Marion & John Arenhold**  
(1950)



**James Schonegevel**  
(1979)

## OBITUARIES

### **RUSSELL. Rev David Russell (1956)**

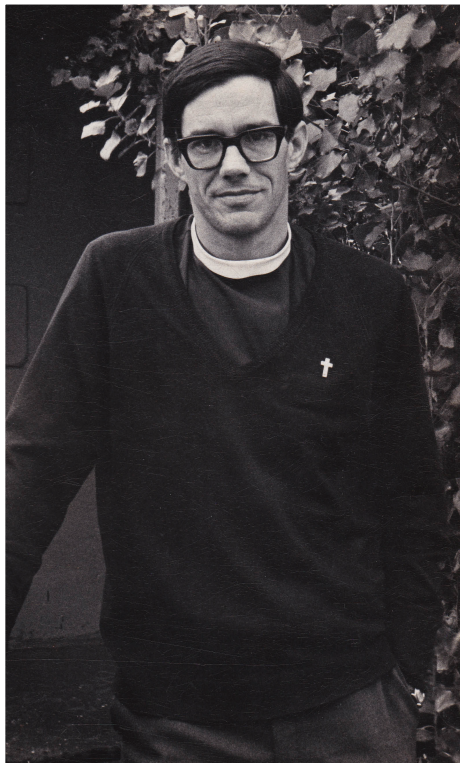
Bishop David Russell, who died at age 75, was deeply rooted in this land, participating fully in its trauma and its transformation.

By Francis Wilson for GROUNDUP.

He lived his life with profound integrity, challenging the Apartheid authorities in a unique and determined way, whilst providing shelter, protection, hope and courage to countless people. Seen in this perspective his death, whilst immensely sad, is not a tragedy but rather a moment to give thanks for an exceptional life.

David's long ministry began typically enough in a remote area of the rural Ciskei, Qobo-Qobo (Keiskammahoek), where, without a natural flair for languages, he immersed himself for three years of painful, difficult and invisible work learning isiXhosa; an essential foundation for his work to come. He persevered until he not only spoke extremely good Xhosa but also had an armoury of powerful proverbs and sayings which he would bring out at appropriate moments to the astonished appreciation of both deep-rural and sophisticated-urban listeners whose mother-tongue he now sometimes articulated better than they did.

In 1970 he moved to King Williams Town. In his search for an effective ministry to the poorest and most powerless in the land, he chose to work as the parish priest amongst the people who were being moved into Dimbaza, a rough resettlement camp which had recently been established as the dumping ground for those an Apartheid Cabinet minister referred to as "surplus people". These people were forcibly removed from farms and small towns



in what was then defined as "White South Africa". The law ceased to give them permission to remain there. As David described it: "It was like a shipwreck really. People who had been removed from some networks of economic survival to these places, were shattered. There was no work. People got sick and children were dying of malnutrition at an appalling rate."

How to respond? With compassion, of course: feeding the hungry and clothing the naked was central to the gospel at the core of David's being and he did that in full measure.



But how to stop the barbaric process in an environment where virtually all political opposition had been crushed with most leaders either jailed or in exile with the racist Apartheid state at the height of its power?

Drawing on the thinking of men like Mahatma Gandhi who had developed his non-violent Satyagraha truth-force in South Africa two generations previously, David slowly began to devise a strategy for Dimbaza. He called it “putting your body on the line”.

He was not going to accept that the widows who had been uprooted and dumped were only getting a pension of R5 plus a meagre R2.58 for rations. He'd been inside their plank houses, hardly three metres squared, freezing in winter and baking in summer. After writing letters to Minister M.C. Botha, to no avail, he went to Cape Town to publicly fast on the steps of St. George's Cathedral, in close proximity to Parliament. His posters read: **HUNGER IS VIOLENCE** and **M.C. BOTHA COULD HELP**. This publicity caused the Minister to offer a maintenance grant for each child of just below R3.00. Later, however, they were told that if they had a grant, the food rations would be taken away. This incensed David and, as he said: “What unfolded in my mind and conscience and heart was to live, myself, on the pension of R5 a month for six months, writing the Minister a monthly letter describing what this was like.” This he did. He “put his body on the line”.

It garnered publicity and was effective in shaming the government. Pensions were raised and, later, factories were built to provide employment at Dimbaza.

“Russell is the only man I know who has ever found a way to compel the System to respond to him,” Steve Biko once laughingly

remarked soon after he, himself, had been banned to Ginsberg, his childhood township, on the edge of Kingwilliamstown. After his arrival, Biko very quickly sought out David Russell (David had, in fact, informed Mrs Biko, a staunch Anglican, of Biko's banning order before he arrived). Almost immediately, David and his priest in charge, James Gawe, were able to provide church space next to David's small house in Leopold Street, from which SASO and the Black Community Programmes operated; from which the Zanempilo Clinic emerged and Black Consciousness was further articulated.

Biko and David Russell, respectful of one another's different strategies, became friends.

David was then 35. The second 35 years of his life were completely consistent with this ministry that he had pioneered so effectively. He moved to Cape Town to build a Ministry to Migrant Workers. He became deeply involved in the attempts to prevent the removal of the many informal settlements springing up around Cape Town in defiance of the migrant labour laws which prevented families from living together.

Up until then, David firmly believed in celibacy but, whilst working in Crossroads, a beautiful Catholic nun crossed his path: Dorothea, kindred spirit and the love of his life. They married in 1980.

With Margaret Nash and a few other intrepid souls, David lay down in front of a bulldozer intent on destroying the self-built houses of families trying to survive in town. With even more courage he wrote a scathing pamphlet detailing the way in which the security forces were encouraging and arming the notorious Witdoeke to cause mayhem in the townships, activities that were a precursor to

the Third Force destruction later, during the early 1990s. The State was not amused. David was charged and then, in October 1977, together with other troublemakers such as Beyers Naude and Theo Kotze of the Christian Institute, he was banned for five years.

Subsequently David and Dorothea moved back to the Eastern Cape with their two sons, Matthew and Andrew. There he worked for many years, first as the Suffragan Bishop of St. Johns in the Transkei and then as Bishop of Grahamstown. His ministry focused, as always, on those who are most vulnerable in society. He continued to challenge those in authority, including the new democratic government, to do what they should be doing. When he retired to Cape Town he found his work amongst possibly the most vulnerable and marginalised of all groups in our society today: gay, black women who are living in the urban townships. Practical support combined with hard-headed theological understanding and defence of their position was what he provided until his illness prevented it.

Some idea of what David Russell's life meant to those amongst whom he worked is evident in the presentation made by the Holy Trinity Church in Dimbaza in 2007, almost 40 years after he worked there: It reads, "A compassionate, visionary leader and anti-Apartheid activist."

A few days before he died, before he had moved home, I asked David if, in that hospital ward, he could sense the presence of God. His immediate reply, firm and convinced was direct: "I have a deep trust." That unshakeable trust in God infused his whole life and work. Not without his acknowledgement of his own human failings, it made him the compassionate, courageous person of prayer and

action that he was. Humble to a fault, he was, undoubtedly, a great man.DM

Francis Wilson is emeritus professor of economics at the University of Cape Town. This is an edited version of the address delivered on his behalf by Lindy Wilson at Bishop David Russell's funeral service at St George's Cathedral on Saturday.

*Photo: Bishop David Russell taken by Francis Wilson*

**JONES. Raymond Stewart Jones,  
Flight Lieutenant RAFVR, DFC  
26/03/1918 to 07/09/2014**

Ray was born in Rondebosch. His father William Ernest, had come from New Zealand, had met and married Christina Catherine Stewart of Edinburgh. Subsequently they had sailed to Cape Town where his father had set up practice as a dentist with rooms in Rondebosch.



After nursery school, Ray was educated at Diocesan College, but before finishing his secondary schooling he was sent to Edinburgh to study dentistry. Ray did not take to the dentistry career, however, and his father was persuaded to arrange for him to enrol at Air Service Training at Hamble in England, for a three year course on flying and aircraft maintenance. There he qualified for his commercial and private pilot's licences, joining the RAF VR as a sergeant pilot to gain flying hours, and being paid for doing extra flying at night as part of searchlight training along the south coast of England.

When war was declared Ray was called up for duty. He progressed via Warrant Officer to Flight Lieutenant, and by the time he was demobbed in 1946, his medals and awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Efficiency Award for service prior to 1952, 1939-1945 Star, Air Crew Europe Star, Africa Star with North Africa 1942-43 clasp, Defence Medal, and War Medal 1939-45. He was eventually sent on recuperative leave to South Africa, where he was seconded to Bloemfontein and Dunottar flying schools to convert pilots from single-engined planes to Venturas.

After the war, Ray elected to resign his commission. The Air Ministry allowed him to retain his rank, and he was demobbed in South Africa, and took up a lifetime job with Edgar Donald Importers in Cape Town. Ray was a quiet, humble man, regarded by most who knew him as the quintessential gentleman. He never spoke much about his own achievements but took a genuine interest in anyone he met in his work, family, and social life, and could always recall a great deal of detail on them all. He was happiest when enjoying the peace and beauty of Castle Rock, the family holiday

and retirement retreat south of Simon's Town along Cape Point Road, where he enjoyed walking, fishing and improving his property, often doing his own stonework, brickwork and carpentry. He did his own drainage and plumbing, and built solar water heaters for the property. For years, he produced his own electricity using a farm generator, wind turbine, and solar photovoltaic cells to charge batteries that powered lights, TV and refrigerator, until the local community arranged for municipal electricity in 1987.

Ray had married Freda Bodenham in 1942 and once she was able to join Ray in Cape Town they spent many years at Castle Rock. They became well known in the Simon's Town community. Ray nursed Freda through several years of debilitating illness until she died in 2002, by which time they had moved to Peer's Village in Fish Hoek, where Ray continued to enjoy the friendly support of neighbours and staff in his final years. He continued living in his own cottage, remaining independent until the month before he passed on peacefully in the Health Care Centre.

Ray is survived by three children, seven grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.  
*Chris Mitchell (daughter)*

## **LANDLESS. Bruce Reginald Gregor Landless**

My husband Bruce Landless passed away on 13th January 2014 at home with some of his loved ones around him. Bruce was born on 27 December 1936 in Lusaka, Zambia. The country where he lived all his life. His junior school was at Ruzawi in Zimbabwe and senior school at Bishops. After school Bruce attended Gwebi Agricultural College near Harare, Zimbabwe after which he started

farming at Wangwa Farm, Chisamba with his father.

He married Diana Godson with whom he had three children. They all now live in Australia where they moved with their mother after living in SA after their divorce. Wangwa Farm was sold in the late 1970 and Bruce moved to Water Valley Farm in Mazabuka, where he became known as the maize and potato king.

Bruce & I married in 1984 and we lived and farmed successfully until 2002 in Mazabuka when we moved to Walkover Estate, east of Lusaka. Five years ago Bruce moved back to Chisamba where he mainly took on an advisory job and so could carry on with his farming at Landless Corner.

When – because of health reasons – he could not cope on his own anymore (I lived during the week in Lusaka because of my work), he moved to Lusaka last year August to live with me in our new little abode on the plot of my daughter and son-in-law. He missed his farming, but luckily had other projects that kept him busy. Bruce was a man who did not make waves, but who was a hard worker for the common good. He gave his time and effort generously.

Bruce's most enduring legacy was the work and effort he put into the Zambia Seed Producers' Association, which he chaired for



many years. He was instrumental – along with others – in getting seed production, especially hybrid maize seed, up and running in Zambia. He was also on the Board of Zamseed and served on several other Boards like Commercial Farmers Bureau, Mazabuka Marketing and Musikili School.

He played a lot of squash and tennis in his younger days and was a rugby, tennis

and cricket fan. He also loved musicals and travelled fairly widely.

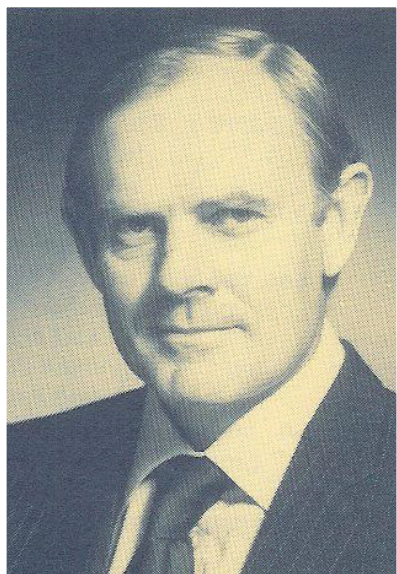
Bruce's great loves were his family and farming and he was good at both. He was a kind and gentle man with a lovely sense of humour and laughed easily and loudly. He was also immensely proud of all his children and very proud to reach the grand total of 10 grandchildren!

*Debby Landless*

### **CONWAY-CRAGG John Conway-Cragg 06/01/1934 – 07/08/2014**

John Conway-Cragg (1951) was born in East London and came to Cape Town with his parents and older brother, Brian Conway-Cragg (1947) in 1942, where both boys attended Bishops.

He was a keen sportsman and played Combined Universities under 19 Rugby while he was studying for a B Com degree at UCT. He went on to gain his CA and then the UK



Accounting Diploma.

He joined Syfrets Trust at the beginning of 1959 and went on to become MD for the last 4 years of his career, retiring in 1993, but continuing with the administration of a large charitable trust and being very involved in other charitable and Christian work.

He always kept himself very fit with squash, hiking, golf, running and karate – he was 4th Dan and part-time instructor, but did not enter into the spiritual or metaphysical side as he was a committed Christian.

He died on 7th August 2014 after an 8 day battle with acute myeloid leukaemia, leaving his wife, Trish, a daughter Sue, a fund manager, who lives in London with her husband and two children, and a son, Jonathan, an airline pilot who lives in Cape Town with his wife and two children.

*Trish Conway-Cragg*

## **CARRUTHERS. Simon Carruthers (1998)**

Simon was born on the 4th February 1982 and passed away peacefully on the 3rd October 2014 after a long and courageous fight against cancer. Simon grew up with his family in the Bloubergstrand area and joined Bishops in standard 7 with his younger brother, Douglas in School House in 1995. Simon thrived on boarding house life where he formed many of his closest friendships. Simon was a creative as well as competitive by nature and it was these unique qualities that shone through in both the classroom and on the sports grounds – art, athletics, rugby and basketball were some of his favourite activities. But by far his favourite past time was spending time with other people, talking about life's challenges and it was at Bishops where Simon started to develop an incredible passion for life and people.

After leaving Bishops, Simon went on to Graduate from UCT with a BComm in Information Systems. Upon graduating Simon left Cape Town to pursue a career overseas in London, where he worked in Finance and continued his studies in Management Accounting. Simon enjoyed London, made many more friends, travelled Europe – which included the running of the bulls in Pamplona, Oktoberfest in Munich, watching the Springbok's play rugby in all the major venues across the UK and many more – but it was Cape Town where Simon's heart was and shortly after being diagnosed with Cancer for a second time he returned in 2006 to embark on a remarkable journey to save his own life. Simon left no stone unturned in his research and met with doctors and medical advisory boards from all around the world





from Cape Town to New York, London, Paris and Brussels – discussing his particular case on a level equal to the medical practitioners and the leading authorities on cancer who he met with – Simon’s relentless determination knew no bounds. The outcome of Simon’s research which he entitled “S.S.S.” – Save Simon’s Soul – was that he was going to die which only further enhanced his zest for life which became an inspiration to so many.

Simon’s journey had only just begun and in true style he amassed an army of followers along the way from Oncologists, to Surgeons,

Pathologists, Radiologists and many many more medical practitioners one can care to remember. Over the course of 8 years Simon underwent several major surgeries through to traditional and non-traditional breakthrough medical treatments and in between all of these setbacks Simon continued to live a full life – from skiing trips, to half marathons, triathlons, completing the Hout Bay trial challenge, to Argus cycle tour through to climbing Mount Blanc and hiking the Otter trail – Simon’s physical disabilities were overcome by an unbelievable will and determination summed up by this quote Simon lived by – “Mind is everything. Muscle – pieces of rubber. All that I am, I am because of my mind” Paavo Nurmi.

In addition to Simon’s illness, he continued to work for Lesedi, his father’s engineering firm whilst also completing his Management Accounting degree. Regardless of

his health situation and the challenges that this brought in terms of discomfort, pain and sickness, he was always engaged, present and supportive of his family and friends. Even though Simon was under immense physical and emotional stress he never once complained about his situation or burdened his family and friends with the illness he suffered from. Simon put his challenges aside to help others overcome their personal challenges in life as well as celebrate their successes, no matter how big or small. Simon was truly a selfless human being.

Simon's passing at such a young age is a big loss to his family and the large social circle of friends, many of whom are ODs. Simon was a true inspiration and had the biggest appetite for life which shone through in the way he touched whoever knew and met him, this is a mark of man who will be sorely missed. A very moving funeral service was conducted by Rev. Terry Wilke in the Brooke Chapel on the 10th October and was well attended by friends and family from South Africa and abroad. Simon will be dearly missed by his parents, Francis and Margo and his brother **Douglas (1995 to 2000)**

### **NETI. Mawande Neti (2009)**

**30 September 1991 – 13 October 2014**

Mawande was born in the Mount Fletcher district of the Eastern Cape. It was here that he started his schooling, living with his mother, Mandisa Neti, his brother Yanga and the extended maternal family. Sadly she died in 2002 and he was placed in the care of his grandmother and then his aunt. He moved to Cape Town and attended a local school where the principal recognised his quick wit and superior intellect. He was recommended for and received a bursary to Western Province Prep. School where he excelled. On completion of grade 7, he was awarded a scholarship to Bishops by the M.A.D. (Make a Difference) organisation and came under the combined care of his aunt, Bulelwa and Dr Deon van der Westhuizen. He was placed into White House and spent five happy years in boarding. He matriculated in 2009. After matric, he moved to Vega for a year before he decided to rather focus on reading for a degree in Law. He spent a year with Unisa

improving his marks and was then accepted into the University of the Western Cape where he has excelled, earning membership of the Golden Key Honours Society and making the Dean's list as one of the top Law achievers in 2013. Pat Malgas, mother of Damien (OD 2009) opened her home to him and was a stabilizing influence on him in a time when his life was not balanced. At his Memorial Services, his friends spoke of an unassuming person who loved life and believed in "one choice" as his motto. He did not broadcast his successes or blow his own trumpet choosing to introduce himself as "Mawande with the beautiful smile" rather than telling of his achievements. He found people fascinating and made friends of many different and diverse people with his easy going nature and intense interest in the welfare of others. In the M.A.D. organisation, he was a Mentor and positive influence to many of the scholarship holders. One of the moments he was pleased to enjoy was the hard won and newly offered position of Candidate Attorney at the Cape Town branch of Webber Wentzel Attorneys. Sadly his life came to an end after being admitted into hospital with lung problems, first diagnosed as bronchitis. He died in hospital on 13 October 2014, having just turned 23 and was buried among his family in the Eastern Cape on Saturday 25 October 2014. A memorial service was held in the Brooke Chapel at the same time as the funeral and the M.A. D. Foundation held a service of thanksgiving on the evening of 29 October at which many of his friends and family spoke. May he rest in peace.

*Rev T.D. Wilke*

*Chaplain: Bishops*

## NEWS OF ODs



*Brian de Kock and Anthony Lister*

### **QUARTET** - **Brian de Kock** (1953) and **Anthony Lister** (1973)

In a recent production of the play *Quartet* at the Masque Theatre, Muizenberg, ODs Anthony Lister and Brian de Kock took two of the four roles. The successful run of the play, on which a subsequent film version was based, ended with full houses and several standing ovations. Reviews were received from **Michael Matthews** (1952) and **Humphrey Worthington-Smith** (1952), please see Humphrey's below:

Having enjoyed Maggie Smith and Billy Connolly so much in their brilliant performance in the film *Quartet*, I went along to the stage version at the Masque not expecting to be too greatly impressed. I was stunned. All four of the principal actors were wonderful. The ladies gave fine performances and managed to interpret the subtle moments in the drama with great skill. Brian de Kock played Brian de Kock, a role he has frequently played in many a comedy or farce. But this seemed to be written for him and he had the audience in the palm of his hand.

The real surprise of the evening came from

Anthony Lister. Everybody has seen him many times in lesser Gilbert and Sullivan roles, but nothing anywhere nearly as weighty as this. Frankly I had no idea of what to expect. His was a role demanding great understanding of the complexity of the person he was playing, leading to the poignant moment when he confessed why his marriage lasted only nine hours.

The film finished with the quartet singing, or rather miming Rigoletto's Quartet *Bella Figlia Dell'amore*. All four of them were amazingly convincing in their various parts. But Anthony Lister was truly stunning. I could not believe he was not actually singing.

Well done to the cast and the Director, Brenda Gray!

*Humphrey Worthington-Smith* (1952)

### **JORDAN WINES** - **Gary Jordan** (1978)

For the first time in history a South African wine producer has won both a white and red wine trophy from the same vintage.

Jordan Wine Estate in Stellenbosch, has clinched the Blended Red Wine Trophy, previously called the "Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande Trophy for Best Blended Red Wine" for the Cobblers Hill 2010 at the International

*Sjaak, Gary Jordan (1978) & Kathy*





Wine and Spirits Competition. Jordan also received the IWSC International Chardonnay Trophy for the 2010 Jordan Nine Yards Chardonnay at the 2012 awards.

In addition, this year Jordan was also awarded, ‘Outstanding Gold’ medals for the 2010 Jordan Cobblers Hill Red Bordeaux Blend as well as the 2011 Jordan Cabernet Sauvignon, ‘Outstanding Silver’ medals for the 2012 Jordan Nine Yards Chardonnay, the 2013 Jordan Chardonnay and the 2011 Jordan ‘The Prospector’ Syrah and Silver medals for the 2012 Jordan ‘The Outlier’ Sauvignon Blanc, 2013 Jordan Chenin Blanc and the 2011 Jordan Merlot.

Established in 1969, what sets the International Wine and Spirit Competition (IWSC) apart is the formidable reputation of its judging process. The IWSC boasts the most highly qualified group of international judges of any wine and spirit competition in the world. Panels of carefully selected industry experts comprise Masters of Wine, buyers, sommeliers, WSET qualified educators and respected wine journalists and all entries are blind tasted in groups divided by variety, region and vintage as necessary.

Jordan Wine Estate has also been shortlisted for the IWSC South African Wine Producer of the Year Trophy.

This year the Jordan family celebrates 30 years since Ted Jordan replanted the first vines on Jordan Wine Estate and the hard work of the past 3 decades is evident in their other recent accolades.

Jordan Wine Estate will be opening up their 13 unit luxury accommodation in January 2015.

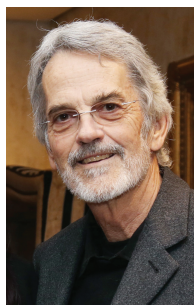
### **Phillip Wessels (1976)**

Phillip Wessels has taken over at Nedbank as its Head of Retail and Business Banking. Previously he had been the Group Chief Risk Officer – as set out in the attached Business day article.



### **Peter Burroughes (1960)**

Peter Burroughes was voted a fellow of the South African Guild of Motoring Journalists in June, an award that recognises people “who have dynamically demonstrated an



exceptional and enduring interest in motoring journalism either in furthering some of the aims of the Guild, or in other ways”, the guild’s constitution spells out.

Peter started his career as a journalist at Motoring Mirror magazine (including three years as editor), before expanding his repertoire into copywriting and advertising, specialising in



automotive accounts. He worked for both the Delta Motor Corporation (now General Motors) and Nissan as Public Affairs Manager and has successfully operated his own company, Peter Burroughes Communications, since 1992. He has been a loyal supporter of the SAGMJ and has served the organisation continuously, especially through the annual Motor Sportsman of the Year awards in recent years. His passion and knowledge of motor sport has been an invaluable asset to the Guild,

something he maintained through adversity and health problems. His resilience is inspiring, the motivation for the award concluded.



**Gareth Penny (1980)** was ap-

pointed as the Non-Executive Chairman of MMC Norilsk Nickel in 2013. Norilsk is the world's largest producer of nickel and palladium and leading producer of platinum,

copper, cobalt and rhodium. In addition, the Company produces gold, silver, iridium, selenium, ruthenium and tellurium. Other than holding positions as chairman and a director of several companies, he is the Executive Chairman of New World Resources Plc, one of Europe's major coking coal producers. He is the former CEO of the De Beers Group, having led the company through a Seminal Strategic Review, and successfully oversaw its implementation.

### **Dr Ian-Malcolm Rijdsdijk (1991)**

Senior Lecturer Film Studies at UCT. After his distinguished Teachers Award from UCT last year, he has followed that up with the National Excellence in Teaching and Learning Awards 2014 from the Council on Higher Education, CHE.



### **Chris Wade (1954)**

Chris Wade was awarded by FIDIC - The International Federation of Consulting Engineers of the Louis Prangey Award 2014, class of 1954 and still working!

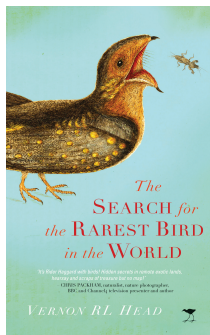
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right hand side under 'Highlights' which will lead you to the article.



### **Stuart Symington (1978)**

At a recent meeting, the Exporters Club played host to Stuart Symington, Chief Executive of the Perishable Products Export Control Board, who addressed the issue of mobile technology in agriculture. The event was held at the Encore Conference Centre in Platteklouf.

**Vernon Head (1985)**

This book is more than a Boy's Own adventure in search of the rarest bird in the world. It is a meditation on nature, on ways of seeing, on the naming of things and why we feel so compelled to label.

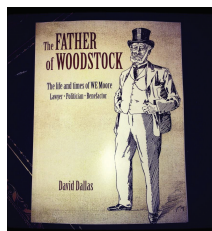
Part detective trail, part love affair and pure story telling at its best. In 1990 an expedition of Cambridge scientists arrived at the Plains of Nechisar, tucked between the hills of the Great Rift Valley in the Gamo Gofa province in the country of Ethiopia. On that expedition, three hundred and fifteen species of birds were seen; sixty one species of mammal and sixty nine species of butterfly were identified; twenty species of dragonflies and damselflies; seventeen reptile species were recorded; three frog species were filed; plants were listed. And the wing of a road-killed bird was packed into a brown paper bag.

It was to become the most famous wing in the world. When the specimens finally arrived at the British Natural History Museum in Tring it set the world of science aflutter. It seemed that the wing was unique, but they questioned, can you name a species for the first time based only on the description of a wing, based on just one wing?

After much to and fro confirmation was unanimous, and the new species was announced, Nechisar Nightjar, *Caprimulgus solala*, (solus:only and ala:wing). And birdwatchers like Vernon

began to dream.

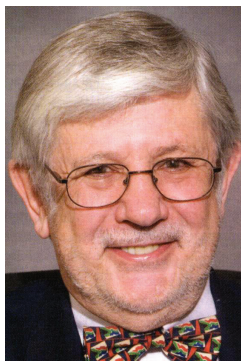
Twenty-two years later an expedition of four led by Ian Sinclair set off to try to find this rarest bird in the world. Vernon R.L. Head captivates and enchants as he tells of the adventures of Ian, Dennis, Gerry and himself as they navigate the wilderness of the plains, searching by spotlight for the elusive Nechisar Nightjar.

**David Dallas (1951)**

David donated a copy of his 'The Father of Woodstock' to the OD Union. The book documents the life and times of David's great-grandfather W E Moore. There are numerous references to Bishops. A fine addition to Cape history.

**Phillip van der Merwe (1963)**

Phillip has accepted a five-year appointment to edit Advocate, the SA Bar Journal, from



January 2015. He previously edited De Rebus, the SA Attorneys' Journal, from 1988 until his retirement in 2011. He is also a member of the Panel of Adjudicators of the SA Press Council.

## RELIGION & GEOLOGY

### Garth Hugh Gilmour (1976)

Garth is a Research Associate based at the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies. He was in Israel for 10 days during August. He also attended a conference in Paris and spent a week in South of France, Avignon. He can be contacted at [garthgilmour@arch.ox.ac.uk](mailto:garthgilmour@arch.ox.ac.uk)

### Ian Michler (1977)

Ian Michler is actively involved in dealing with various conservation challenges across Africa. This year he has visited Europe and Australia to lobby politicians, law-makers and conservationists in an effort to bring an end to the twin horrors of predator breeding and canned hunting in South Africa. His Australia trip was particularly successful after meeting with the Minister for Environment and a parliamentary presentation in Canberra (<https://au.news.yahoo.com/nsw/a/25194357/canned-hunting-under-fire/>) and (<http://www.todaytonightadelaide.com.au/stories/canned-hunting>). He will be revisiting Australia, and in early 2015 he aims to present in the European Parliament. He will also be visiting the USA later this year. Ian is also involved in the rhino horn and elephant ivory trade debates as a journalist and active campaigner against the legalization of trade. When not involved in conservation work, Ian focuses on Invent Africa Safaris ([www.inventafrica.com](http://www.inventafrica.com)), a specialist safari company that he co-founded. Invent Africa plans and books top-end safaris to 15 countries across Africa.

### John Bewsey (1957)

John won a Gold Medal for 2013 from the SA Institute of Chemical Engineering for the KNeW process.



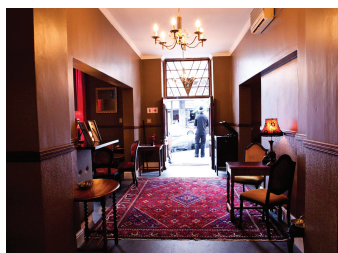
## MARK SHUTTLEWORTH, THE STATE AND UBUNTU 2.0



Richard Poplak reported in the Daily Maverick that Mark Shuttleworth, Billionaire IT Entrepreneur, won a landmark victory against the South African Reserve Bank and donated R250 474 893.50 as follows:

“I will commit the funds returned to me today by the SCA to a trust run by veteran and retired constitutional scholars, judges and lawyers, that will selectively fund cases on behalf of those unable to do so themselves, where the counterparty is the state,” Shuttleworth said in a statement on his website. That’s not all. “The mandate of this trust will extend beyond South African borders, to address constitutional rights for African citizens at large, on the grounds that our future in South Africa is in every way part of that great continent.”

*The full article may be read at [www.dailymaverick.com](http://www.dailymaverick.com)*



### **Jon Keevy (2000)**

Smack bang in town, where the cafes and clubs of Long Street meet the soaring office blocks, is Alexander Bar. It's a two story building of that particular old Cape Town style – the kind that could hold an airy design studio or a dingy rock club. It's seated on the corner of Strand and Loop. Nicholas Spagnoletti and Edward van Kuik opened their dream bar in 2011 and they've created a sophisticated and funky space filled with old-world charm; serving good wine, classic martinis, whiskies, and classic café fare. The bar is filled with playful touches from the décor through to the games available. The bar was a hit but there was nowhere to go but up.

So October 2012, **Jon Keevy (*Founders*, 2000)** stepped in and built Alexander Bar's Upstairs Theatre, an intimate space where the audience are up close to the performers and musicians on the stage. He founded van Kuik and Spagnoletti and the local industry quickly took notice; not only as a new venue but as a new way of managing theatre spaces. Their innovative approach to integrating software tools to enable creativity and business to flourish earned the team the Small Business award in August of 2013 from Business Arts South Africa.

In two years Alexander Upstairs has changed the landscape of independent theatre in Cape Town, punching far beyond what its seating capacity would imply. They hosted the debut of critically acclaimed and award-winning plays like Penny Youngelson's expectant, Louis Viljoen's *The Kingmakers* and Spagnoletti's own *Civil Parting*, and regularly play host to sleight of hand maestro Stuart Lightbody. The theatre has become something of an industry feeder, with many productions going on to bigger stages and national (and



sometimes international tours). Keevy attributes this to their philosophy of putting the artists first, allowing the producers to take risks on new work. As part of this Alexander Upstairs hosts a monthly open night called Play Things for performers, musicians and writers to showcase and try out new material. Several full productions have evolved from this program.



### **Charles Leggatt (1956)**

William Burchell's book "Travels into the Interior" was recently restored by Hugo Leggatt and re-donated to the Garden Route Botanical Gardens Library by Dr. Joan Branford, a renowned author/compiler of one of South Africa's well known dictionaries.

Animals that were named after him include four birds: the starling, sandgrouse, courser and coucal. Also the red fin fish and the zebra. In November 1810, Burchell arrived in Cape Town and, in mid 1811, he set off on a four-year, 7 000km journey of scientific exploration. When he returned to Cape Town in April 1815, he had amassed 63 000 specimens and 500 drawings.

### **Graham Cox (1950)**

Graham Cox is testament to how much difference one man can make in a lifetime. He formed a law firm in Mercury Lane in downtown Durban in 1964, bringing to life a teenage dream of becoming a lawyer specialising in business.

Back then he didn't want anyone to tell



him what to do, so he set up his own practice and paid the princely R30 a month in office rental.

He retired last year, aged 82, though he still consults and is a regular at the offices of Cox Yeats on uMhlanga Ridge.

It is 50 years since he set up shop, but Cox Yeats, probably

the biggest individually owned law firm in KZN, still has most of the clients Graham and his partner Jeremy Yeats secured years ago.

Cox Yeats, now headed by Michael Jackson, has 30 lawyers, including partners, associates and candidate attorneys.



### **John D H Bell (1962)**

John has been in Western Australia and has enjoyed doing different things including being a coach driver for the 170 km pilgrimage Camino Salvado from Subiaco Perth to New Norcia.

For more information on the Camino Salvado please visit <http://www.caminosalvado.com>

## **MISS WOLFE**

### **Bishops Prep - 72 Years ago**

It's a cool, clear, quiet, mid-winter's day in June 1942, during World War 2. The silence

is broken by an eerie, mournful sound. Yes, an air raid siren. It warns those within ear shot of imminent danger; probably an air raid by hostile aircraft, intent on damage to buildings and death. But wait! Winter in London, in June – how can this be...? No - actually, it's Rondebosch, a lovely, quiet, peaceful suburb in the heart of the most beautiful city in the world – Cape Town! Ok, so what about this air raid siren?

I am in Miss Wolfe's standard 1 class room at the Diocesan College Preparatory School, known as 'Bishops Prep'. I am a year older than most of the others, having missed school avoiding the 'blitz' in London, and seeking a safe haven in Kalk Bay. However, I am now securely ensconced at the Rossall boarding house, ably manned by the house master, John Keeble – yes he did have rather a red face!

Miss Wolfe was an 'institution'. Hundreds of boys went through her care, and benefitted from her tuition during their school days. They looked

## BISHOPS PREP 1944



**Back Row:** Thorpe, Maud, Reynolds, Symington, Sellars

**Middle Row:** Ashley-Cooper, Van der Byl, Wilkins, Field, Hubbard, Carstens, Borchers

**Ground Level:** Wilkins, Ashley-Cooper

back on her with affection, although perhaps not while actually under her care!

Hearing the siren, Miss Wolfe, puts down her chalk and black board duster, and listens, intently. Yes, she realises, an Air Raid Siren all right! She straightens her dress and, following recent written instructions from the Head Master, Mr. Charlton, she instructs us to:

Stand up. and taking our geography books

and pencil cases, making sure they contain what Miss Wolfe refers to, somewhat variably, as an 'India rubber' or, 'rubber', sometimes, 'an eraser', to follow her, in orderly single file. We shuffle, as school children do, out of the class room and towards Duke Road, which divides the school from the grounds of the Rossall boarding house.

At Duke Road, Miss Wolfe instructs us to



“Look right, look left, look right again” (which some of us duly do) - then “OK. You can cross now”. We walk into the Rossall grounds, into the gardens, through the thick shrubbery, and climbed into – yes, wait for it – the trenches! Trenches some 1 metre deep had been dug in the gardens, and hidden by bushes and large shrubs so as to be almost invisible, I imagined, from the air. We climb into them.

On the command, ‘crouch!’ from Miss Wolfe, who has assumed the role of a Regimental Sergeant Major, we duly crouch down. ‘Rubbers between teeth’ commands Miss Wolfe. ‘No ‘India Rubber’ or ‘eraser’ here! We obey – they are not tasty! Some a bit grubby. “Look at your geography books and see where Germany is on the map, until the all clear sounds!” – again a loud command from RSM Wolfe. However, because of her build – middle age/portly, to be polite, she cannot fit into a trench, let alone crouch down in one! Nevertheless, and bravely unprotected, she parades up and down the trenched areas, stalking through the shrubbery, checking that all the ‘troops’ are obeying commands – rubbers in mouths, etc.! One may wonder why the ‘rubbers in mouths, between teeth’ instruction - the answer is so simple; it was to ensure that, when the percussion from the falling bombs occurred, the boys teeth did not shut violently together, and shatter! Rather clever. Miss Wolfe was the first to think of it, and was most proud of her idea which she had recently relayed to all the other Masters in the Staff Common Room. also the Head Master ‘Charlie’ Charlton!

Did all the boys take refuge in the trenches when the Air Raid Siren sounded? No, only those in Miss Wolfe’s class, but also, I recall, those in Lobby Laubscher’s, they being the

School’s youngest and, so it seemed, the most precious? Ha! The rest were left to the tender mercies of the pretty Miss Estment, Cappy Dodds, not so pretty, who was still slightly shell shocked from the First World War, and the Very Revd. Cyprian Brooke, who had been gassed in the same war, and had trouble breathing and talking – more especially during his sermons in the School Chapel. All the younger Masters were in the Army, except for a Mr Mason who needed, urgently, ‘anger management therapy’!

We crouch, rubbers between teeth for what seems an extremely long, uncomfortable, smelly and boring time – although admittedly better than Miss Wolfe droning on in the class room about adjectives and the multiplication tables! However, one member of the class discovers a diversion. It was simply this... he detaches a sod of clay from the side of the trench, and, as Miss Wolfe passes, throws it into the shrubs next to her; this results in her leaping upwards and sideways to avoid whatever danger the noise presented; a snake, a frog, or, God forbid, a bomb!!; not a pretty sight, but something to occupy the mind of a small boy, bored out of his mind. Who was it – why Philip Ashley- Cooper of course. Who else. Shame on you Philip!

No bombs fell that morning, or ever, and the trenches disappeared with the passing of time. However, they remain a memory in a little boy’s mind of an interesting ‘add-on’ to Miss Wolfe’s long, hugely successful and welcome stay at Bishops Prep.

‘I can still remember my 9 x table Miss Wolfe!’ - ‘Good boy’, she’d say.

God Bless her!

This ‘good boy’ is now 82!

**Peter Reynolds (1950)**



## HONORARY ODS

On Thursday 16th October, after our quarterly committee meeting, we held a function for members of the Bishops staff who, having completed ten years' service, qualify as Honorary ODs. It was gratifying to see so many staff in attendance. Committee member Anton Taylor welcomed the staff and commented that whilst the school had an entirely new complement of boys every five years, the staff was the DNA that ensured the values and standards of the school continued through the generations.

**Brian Robertson (1979)**



## NEWS FROM SE ASIA BRANCH

Yesterday we had a meeting of the SE Asia group with a visit from Donald Hope-Robertson.

Great to catch up with him, we last chatted at the 150th anniversary on the Piley Reece field.

His stay was far too short and he is expected back in SE Asia again soon.

I hope to visit early 2015 when I bring a Rotary delegation to Cape Town in February.

**Stuart P.G. Lucani (1975)**



*Donald Hope-Robertson 1970, Stuart Lucani 1968 and Alexander Lockhart (1975)*

### **Tom Moultrie (1987)**

Tom has been promoted ad hominem to professor of demography at UCT. He studied actuarial science at UCT and worked at a life assurance company in Cape Town after graduating, tasked with developing mathematical models of the impact of HIV on the company's business. This sparked an interest in demography, and led him to a MSc in development studies at the London School of Economics (distinction, 1998) and a PhD at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (2001). He rejoined UCT as a postdoctoral fellow (2002-2004), was appointed as Senior Lecturer (2005) and promoted to Associate Professor (2009). From 2010-2013, he led the international team that produced

Tools for Demographic Estimation, a print and online reference work for the UN setting out techniques to estimate demographic parameters from limited, deficient and defective data.

### **Gary Skeeles (1993)**

Gary has been appointed Acting Headmaster at Western Province Prep School. Gary's acting role is for a period of one year. Gary has been at WPPS for the past 13 years, nine of which have been served as Deputy Head.



*Gary Skeeles and Mike Bayly pose beneath a photo of Rick Skeeles*

## UK GET TOGETHER

I was delighted to have been a guest at a 1990 OD braai hosted by Neil and Nicky Orpen. Their house is set in the most gorgeous Savernake Forest and even ODs were not able to undermine the setting's natural beauty. To be expected, with partners and assorted children and that famous 1990 reputation, the event was lively and amusing. Neil and Nicky's hospitality was flawless and generous and while much of the afternoon blurred into a bit of a soporific haze, everyone seems to recall having had a wonderful time. Thanks, Neil & Nicky.

**Nicky Bicket (1973)**



## OD UNION SPORTS

### 7S TOURNAMENT

On the 23rd of September the OD Union hosted the second Annual OD Interhouse Sevens Festival. Once SARU introduced Boksmart, effectively outlawing the traditional School versus OD Union matches, the OD Union introduced an innovative alternative and the Interhouse 7s was born. This initiative is part of the OD Union objective of drawing ODs of all ages back to Bishops.

With the tournament moving down to the Rick Skeeles Pavilion on Lutgensvale, the entire event was contained in one venue and on three adjacent fields. The atmosphere was collegial and competitive with DJ Daddy Cool providing aural stimulation and Anton Taylor providing a running commentary that would keep Hugh Blayden in retirement.

A highlight as always is the staff versus old crocs game, won this year by the old crocs. An extra old crocs team was assembled due to the enjoyable nature of the games last year. This team took part in a knock-out match

before the winner played the staff team in the 'curtain raiser'. The staff side loaded with a few fresh lads from Prep came in hot and eventually took the honours.

The coveted Sevens Trophy was retained by Founders, who beat School 15-14 in a repeat of last year's final. The quality, speed and skill of the rugby makes it a highlight on any rugby aficionados calendar with members of both UCT and Maties Internal Leagues along with a few Varsity Cup players being big drawcards.

Ultimately the event built on the momentum that was generated last year and the event looks to grow in stature in the coming years. Going forward the OD Union will look at ways to develop the event, specifically looking at spectators with the cunning happy hour ploy and possibly a few more "mature" teams.

Thanks to all involved in organising, administering and being available on the day to ensure the continued success of the tournament.

Kind regards,

**Dugald Robertson (2011)**











*From left to right: ODs Andrew van Dorsten, Sandy Jefferey, Ian Thompson, Murray Anderson, Leith Stewart, Chris Hanley, Some idiot, Paul Farlam, James Cullis, Mark Erlangsen, Brad McNamara, Jeremy Berrisford, Nigel Gwynne-Evans*

## OD HOCKEY SENIOR XV VS SCHOOL 3RD XI

Well as you can see from the photo, Heather Lees, our fabulous photographer and mother of a son far more talented than his OD School House father Nigel (1974), needs some urgent tuition in Photoshopping numerical exchange skills. I could have sworn we won 5-4, but I suspect the scoreboard was controlled by a mathematically challenged School House newboy. T'was always thus in that unprincipled place up the road from the clock-tower.

All that aside... it was a marvellous fixture with the ODs fielding a perfect blend of experience and... well ... more experience, the latter provided by ODs Bob Baigrie (1974) and Chris Hanley (1975) and an even older Bishops parent, Leith Stewart (from some Natal school circa 1960). He did show his pedigree with a cheeky goal and a fine assist to the energetic (well, one or two brief bursts) Murray Anderson (Prep staff) who needs to see a doctor or a make-up artist about his rather puce photographic complexion. Can Photoshop restore his dignity, Heather?

James Cullis, a clone of his speedy father Syd (1960) who graced this fixture for about 40 years, was our electric right wing, but not even he could

cover the eccentric positional play of Jeremy Berrisford (1986) who clearly believed that a right half should attack under all circumstances, regardless of the five school attackers in our circle. Only he dared to ignore the barked abuse of our captain Field-Marshal Sandy Jeffery (1982) who as always led by instilling fear in all those around him. He is apparently nearly as effective as his uncle Peter Jeffery (1961) who did the same for the Syd Cullis's OD team all those years ago. Nigel Gwynne-Evans (1986) ran hard and occasionally effectively, while the holes in defence he, Jeffery, Handley, Baigrie and Berrisford left, were effectively plugged by the wannabe youthful Mark Erhlangsen (Prep staff) and the actually youthful Paul Farlam (1983), Brad McNamara (1995), Ian Thomson (1985) and Andrew van Dorsten (2004).

And the boys? Well they were quick, skilled and ruthless. But they tempered this with some kindness and pity for their slow, dribbling or dribbly, formerly-skilled opponents and a great contest was the reward. Floreat Bishops, floreat hockey – can't wait for next year!

*Robert Baigrie*



**BLAKE GOWAR (2005)**  
***GOOD DAY FELLOW ODS AND CURRENT BISHOPS BOYS***



*Blake Gowar - 4th from the right is with Aspen Rugby formally known as The Gentlemen of Aspen Rugby Club*

Typically as an OD, we remember our Rugby playing days as some of our finest memories growing up at Bishops. It's not just rugby that we are so passionate about but more so our unique understanding of the game and our desire to play it in the most enjoyable and free spirited way. Rugby brings people together, creates and builds friendships and for the most beneficial part, connects you with people you may work with in the future. Currently, I am in a unique situation where my wine touring business, The Constantia Wine Tour experiences the typical Cape Town winter slow season. This made me wonder how I could make the most of this time and sure enough Rugby came to mind. Our business partner took full responsibility of the tours, so off I went to the USA for a little marketing of our tour but most of all a Rugby adventure.

Arriving in Denver was very exciting and

Andre was there to fetch me. First practice was that following morning and the facilities are of a world class standard. That weekend was the Serevi 7's tournament, teams from all over North and South America took part in this tournament, unfortunately we, Glendale Raptors got knocked out in the quarter finals but an awesome Rugby weekend it was. A few weeks later we travelled up to Aspen for Aspen Ruggerfest. Aspen was once the powerhouse of Rugby in the states and between the 80's and 90's they won Nationals 6 times. The Glendale Raptors arrived in Aspen with a 46 man strong squad, rolling subs was part of the rules so we won the festival quite comfortably. My aim for the weekend was to play as much Rugby as possible so I played for Aspen as well. After the tournament the president of Aspen Rugby, John Staube asked if I would like to come and play for them for the remainder of the season as they

*Standing in front of their home field which is called Wagner Park right at the bottom of the famous Aspen ski slopes.*



are looking to build a team again. It seemed like the right thing to do and it offered more of a travelling opportunity and experiencing Aspen seemed like a great opportunity.

Myself and another Saffa got collected from Denver by John Staub and we made the drive to Aspen. John was kind enough to host us at his house with his wonderful family and we felt extremely welcomed by all of the Aspen current and former players. Our second last game took place in Boulder where we narrowly lost and with only one game to go Aspen were

in need of a victory. Our last game was at home against the Denver Highlanders and a decent sized crowd of about 200 people came out to watch, sure enough we won the match 38- 36. It was an awesome feeling helping out a team that is known in America as the sleeping giant. Aspen is one of the most friendliest towns I have ever been to, the former players that once dominated Nationals have their own businesses and were very helpful with finding us work and accommodation.

Aspen are looking to recruit players for their next season and have asked me to try and get a few. It would be great to have an influence of Running Rugby in this beautiful town. If there are any OD's that are wanting to do a gap year to The USA, or are wanting to start a career in Rugby in the USA then to do a ski season in Aspen during the winter and Rugby from spring could be a great opportunity. If this sounds like something you would want to

## OLD QUAD GOLF CHALLENGE 2014

The annual competition for the Old Quad Golf Shield, between Old Boys of Bishops, Rondebosch, SACS and Wynberg, took place in fine weather at the Royal Cape Golf Club on Friday 26th September, 2014. The OD team tied with Wynberg, both teams scoring 487 Stableford points; Rondebosch were third with 474 and SACS fourth with 464. This is the second time Bishops and Wynberg have shared the Shield, the other occasion having been in 2011.

The best OD pairing, Philip Austin (1976) and Rob Cheetham (1967), scored 46 points, while Douglas McFadyen (1986) and Nick Price (1982) scored 45. All but one of the OD pairs scored 38 or more. Simon Koch (1977) won the prize for the longest drive in the Over 50 section, while an OD father and son pairing won the award for 'The Most Golf'!

Our grateful thanks go to Rondebosch OBU, who hosted this year's event, and to our major sponsors, Auric Auto BMW.



*L to R – Wynberg's Antonio Bruni and Gareth Wobbe, with Nick Price and Douglas McFadyen*



*L to R - Wynberg's Gary Mulder and Neels Verburg, with WP van Zyl and Simon Koch*



*Team captains, Brian de Kock and Jeff Sternslow, with the Old Quad Challenge Shield*



## OD ROWING UPDATE



**James Johnston (2012)**, in Boston, USA finished third in the senior eights at the Head of the Charles Regatta, rowing for the Harvard 1st 8. They finished ahead of the French

and USA National eights. They only lost to two composite eights, made up of the 8 best single scullers in the world and the top 8 sweep rowers in the world.





# OD UNION SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

by Steven Riches (2003)

## CRICKET

- **Craig Kieswetter (2005)** on receiving a contract with the Warriors franchise for the 2014 South African Domestic T20.
- **Siya Simetu (2009)** on representing the SWD during the 2014/15 Provincial Season.
- **Mark Wilson** - Kent Cricket 2014.

## RUGBY

- **Nizaam Carr (2009)** on being named the Western Province Players player of the 2014 season, he also won the Adidas MVP award, and has been selected for the Springbok squad.
- **Jonny Kotze (2011)** won the 2014 under 21 most promising player award.
- **Martin Muller (2006)** (Lions), **Nizaam Carr (2009)** (Western Province) on representing their respective Provinces in the Currie Cup final. Western Province was crowned champions.
- **Mathew Turner (2006)** and **Mike Muller (2009)** on representing the tournament winning Welsh Warriors side in the Safari.com Kenyan 7s. Mike Muller has also subsequently been selected for the Western Province 7's team.
- **Oliver Kebble (2009)** and **Dillyn Leyds (2010)** on making their DHL Western Province debuts.
- **Nick Fenton Wells (2004)** on being named Captain of the Bedford Blues for the 2014/15 season. Nick was also chosen to represent the Championship XV in a

friendly vs Canada.

- **Ashley Clarke (2000)** on captaining Villager F.C to the SLB title and promotion to SLA for 2015. **Daniel Clarke (2004)** also played a significant part in the team's successful season.

**Geoff van Ryneveld (2009)** and **Stephen Beurger (2010)** also represented the team this season.

- **Herman Share (2013)** on signing a contract with the C.U.S Verona Rugby Club. They are an Italian Club based in the 2nd division of Italian Rugby.
- **Saud Abrahams (2014)** on representing DHL Western Province under 19 vs the Sharks.

## OTHER

- **Craig Rhodes-Harrison (2008)** on ending in the top 10 at the 2014 Western Province Downhill Championships (Mountain Biking).
- **Oliver Munnik (2003)** on ending 9th overall and 3rd in the Amateur section in the 2014 TransProvence Enduro Stage race, Provence, France.
- **Ben Brimble (2003)** on winning the 2014 Puffer Marathon in a new Record Time. The Puffer is a race from Cape Point to the V&A Waterfront along Table Mountain.
- **Dominic Wills (1999)** on coming 5th in the 2014 Otter Trail Run.



*Nizaam Carr celebrates winning the 2014 Currie Cup (Photo by Action Pix Event Photography).*



*Olivier Kebble during the 2014 Super Rugby tournament.*



*Clarke - Family Affair - The three Clarks following Villager FC Super League B victory.*



*Martin Muller running on in the ABSA Currie Cup Semi Final (Photo by Charles Paddock).*



*Dillyn Leyds in Currie Cup action.*



*Nick Fenton Wells - Captain of Bedford Blues.*



*Jonny Kotze in ABSA Under 21 Cup Action (Photo by Action Pix Event Photography).*



**Cobras - UCT Cobras Internal Champions 2014.**

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*Western Province Touch Rugby Chairman  
Nicholas Lassen*



*Mark Wilson  
- Kent Cricket*



*Herman Share in action for C.U.S Verona Rugby Club.*



*Siya Simetu*



*Dom Wills during  
the 2014 Otter  
Trail Run.*



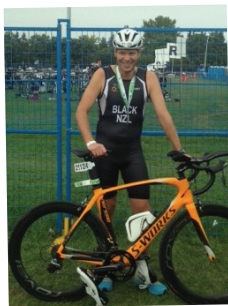
*Craig Rhodes  
Harrison Western  
Province Downhill  
Champions.*



**William Black (1982)**

William represented New Zealand at the world age group triathlon championships held in Edmonton, Canada in September this year.

After leaving Bishops in 1982 he studied at UCT, qualified as a Chartered Accountant with Deloitte and then travelled to the UK in 1990, initially on a three month secondment but which subsequently morphed into a stay of 13 years. He met and married a Kiwi (Sophie) who was also working in London and subsequently moved to NZ in 2001. They now have three children aged 12, 10 and 7, all growing



up fast. While they are Kiwi born they are all staunch SA supporters when it comes to sporting contests between NZ and SA, so it was a relief to finally win a game against the All Blacks in the recent Rugby Championship. William is Managing Partner of McGrathNicol NZ, which is an Australasian based professional services firm specialising in corporate advisory, forensic, transactions, restructuring & insolvency. Over the last 10

years the firm has undertaken some of the most significant corporate restructurings and insolvencies in NZ, particularly through the years of the global financial crisis and its aftermath.

## AN "OLDIE" DONATED BY DOUGLAS GREEN (1947)

*Diocesan College Preparatory – U13 A&B Rugby 1942*



*Back Row: M Pargiter, M Gage, E Allen, J Sampson, R Swift, R Blake, J Haddon, C van Breda, M MacGregor, L Small, J Findlay, L Zederberg, J McDaid, I Flugge-Desmidt, M Nolan  
Front Row: D Thom, D Green, D Wilkens, R Campbell, J Ferrandi, J Faure, H Carter, B Robinson, P West, J Gardiner, M Field, G Currie, J Innes, J Hattersley  
Front: G Calder, R Frater*



## MUSEUM & ARCHIVES

### **R H M HANDS, DISTINGUISHED OD (1888 – 1918) – A SHORT ARTICLE ABOUT AN EXTRAORDINARY LIFE, CUT SHORT BY WAR**

*BY DR PAUL MURRAY*

**T**oday 16 October 2014 was Prize-giving at Bishops. Stefan Rano-szek a Grade 11 boy won ‘The Hands Memorial Essay Prize’, which is a prize awarded to a scholar showing ‘general knowledge of current events’. This prize is endowed by the Estate Late Captain Reginald Harry Myburgh Hands who was at Bishops from 1899 to 1907. Hands was born on 26 July 1888 to a prominent Cape Town family (his father Sir Harry Hands, K.B.E was a British colonial politician born as a son of Josiah Hands of Kings Norton, Warwickshire in 1860 - he was educated at King Edward School in Birmingham and married Aletta daughter of Philip Myburgh. Sir Harry was a member of the Legislative Assembly of the Cape Colony from 1912–1913 and served more than one term as Mayor of Cape Town). After completing his schooling at Bishops the young Hands went up to Oxford (University College) to study law graduating with a BA in Jurisprudence in 1910. Whilst at Oxford, between 1908 – 1909, he represented the University at Rugby Football and also won an international cap playing for England in 1910. In addition, he was a South African test cricketer playing against England as a right-hand batsman in the February 1914 Test Match at St George’s Park, Port Elizabeth. After returning from Oxford, between 1911 and 1914 Hands practised law in Cape Town, and when war broke out in that year, he went to fight in it, first in the in German South West African

Campaign and then in France, where, while he was quartered in what seemed to be a secure position in a house safe behind his own lines, a chance gas shell exploding nearby caused his death by asphyxiation a few hours later; the day was 20 April 1918. The tragic end to Hands’s life is recounted in Anthony Seldon and David Walsh’s recent publication entitled “Public Schools and the Great War – The Generation Lost” as well as mentioning the contributions of several other ODs who fought in the war, such as schoolmaster Charles ‘Oxo’ Bull, and past students, Louis Esselen, Geoffrey Noaks and H M Veale. The War Memorial Chapel was constructed in commemoration of the 110 ODs who had given their lives in the 1914-1918 War (alias ‘The Great War’). As we exit the year 2014, we continue to commemorate the lives of ODs lost in that War, which lasted four years, ending at 11AM on 11 November 1918. Other than other articles about Bishops’s history, this column will be tracing some of the moments in the history of the Great War, where ODs played important roles in the course of it. The remarkable Capt Harry Hands’ life was cut short by war, but it was amazingly full for the short time (thirty years) he lived. It is terribly sad the way tragedy is brought by war, disrupting lives such as Capt Hands’s. It steered the course of destiny for no fewer than 110 ODS who gave their lives fighting Pro Fide Et Patria. To this end, the fourth stanza of Laurence Binyon’s poem - For the Fallen, is appropriate:





**"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We will remember them."**



## OD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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*The Annual General Meeting of the OD Union will be held in the ODU offices  
Woodlands Pavilion on Wednesday 11th March 2015 at 5.30pm*

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### AGENDA

- Notice convening the Meeting
- Apologies
- Minutes of the AGM of 12 March 2014
  - Matters arising therefrom
- Chairman's Annual Report
  - Financial Statements
- Election of Office Bearers
- Address by the Principal
- Any other Business