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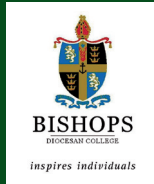
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ROLL OF HONOUR

Their name liveth for ever

In June we remember

THE GREAT WAR 1914-19

Lawrence ('Laurie') Anderson (1909-15) Lieut, RFC. Flanders, *11 June 1917*
Gordon Bayley (1902-08) Lieut, Royal Flying Corps. France, *June 1914*
Edward Bramley (1888-89) Lieut, NLC. France, *June 1921*
Robert Hunter (1900-07) Lieut, 1st King Edward's Force. *June 1920*
Percy Johnstone (1906-08) Trooper. Died of wounds in East Africa, *June 1916*
Harry Lee (1902-03) Lieut Irish Guards. Died of wounds in France, *18 June 1916*
Archibald Mansfield (1902-05) Pvt, 1st SA Infantry. France, *June 1918*
Bolton Redler (1912-13) [MC] Lieut, RAF. Aeroplane accident, Scotland, *21 June 1918*
Wardlaw Thompson (1908-09) Lieut, RFC. Aeroplane accident, England, *6 June 1917*
Harry Fred Lee (1902-03) Lieut, Irish Guards. France, *18 June*.

THE WORLD WAR 1939-1945

Anthony Askew (1934-39) Lieut SAAF (RAF). Europe, *5 June 1944*
Lionel Forsyth (1929-35) Lieut, SAAF. Off Crete, *3 June 1944*
John Frost [DFC and Bar, M] (1933-35) Major, SAAF. North Africa, *16 June 1942*
Cullis Gau [M twice] (1924-29) Lieut-Colonel, Royal Engineers. North Africa, *3 June 1944*
James Gray (1924-30) Lieut, Pretoria regiment. Italy, *30 June 1944*
James Hooper (1926-30) Cpl, F/C-CTH. Italy, *22 June 1944*
Dacre Haddon (1930-39) Lieut, Pretoria regiment. *Italy, 6 June 1944*
Rex Just (1930-35) Lieut, SACS. North Africa, *13 June 1942*
Boyce Kent (1924-32) Cpl, SAB HQ. North Africa, *15 June 1942*.
Grenville Kitching (1929-32) Sqn-Ldr RAF. Europe, *27 June 1941*
Arthur Middlemost (1929-36) Pte DEOR. At sea, *16 June 1941*
Victor London (1924-33) Pte, DEOR. North Africa, *6 June 1942*
Paul Nellmapius (1930-40) Capt, SAA. Italy, *14 June 1944*
Mark Newton-Thompson (1928-35) Lieut, SAA. Tobruk, *20 June 1942*
Robin Pare [DFC] (1929-37) Capt, SAAF. North Africa, *3 June 1942*
Patrick Steele (1936-38) Cpl, Pretoria Regiment. Italy, *25 June 1944*
Harold Tanner (1928-32) Lieut, RNVR. Mediterranean, *15 June 1942*
Edward Todd (1930-38) Lieut, SAAF. North Africa, *16 June 1941*
Basil Zahn [M twice] (1930-37) Lieut-Bdr, SAA. Tobruk, *20 June 1942*
Paul Budgen (1940-42) Lieut Royal Marines. Malaya, *19 June 1951*

In July we remember

THE GREAT WAR 1914-1919

William Carlson (1901-03) Pvt, SA Infantry. Delville Wood, France, *16 July 1916*

Eric Coventry (1905-06) Lieut, Royal Fusiliers. France, *20 July 1916*

William Fletcher (1903-08) Lieut, North Staffordshire. Mesopotamia, *July 1916*

William Hewett (1903-05) Pvt, SA Infantry. Flanders, *July 1916*

Betram Hirtzel (1903-08) Pvt, 1st SA Infantry. Delville Wood, France, *July 1916*

Douglas Hutson (1913-16) Lieu RAF. England, *23 July 1918*

William McGregor (1895-98) Lieut 9th Black Watch. France, *28 July 1916*

Hugh Morris (1895-1906) Lieut, 2nd Scottish Rifles. France, *14 July 1915*

Jasper Naish (1902-10) Lieut, RAF. France, *25 July 1918*

William Nimmo-Brown (1905-06) 1st SA Infantry. France, *7 July 1916*

John Norris (1903-08), Rifleman Rhodesian Platoon, King's Royal Rifles. Flanders, *July 1916*

Arthur Edward Ochse (1881-83) Corpl, SA Infantry. France, *July 1918*

Lionel Osborne (1903-08) Lieut, Royal Fusiliers. France, *7 July 1916*

Frank Ridgill (1902-04) Machine Gunner, 3rd SA Horse. East Africa, *19 July 1917*

Johan van der Spuy (1906-07) Pvt SA Infantry. Delville Wood, France, *18 July 1916*

THE WORLD WAR 1939-1945

Cecil Adams (1924-27) Sgt-Pilot, SAAF. Rhodesia, *17 July 1941*

Frank Barbour (1938-42) Flying-Officer, RAF. Off Corsica, *25 July 1944*

Douglas Buchanan (1928-30) Lieut, SAAF. North Africa, *2 July 1941*

Ernst Landsberg (1926-34) Capt, SAMC. Union, *4 July 1941*

Donald Carmichael (1925-29) Lieut, ILH/KR. Italy, *26 July 1944*

Adrian Cope (1932-40) Lieut, SAAF. Union, *24 July 1942*

Paul de Villiers (1917-23) Flying-Officer, RAF. Germany, *29 July 1943*

Rycherde Hogarth (1931-32) Flying-Officer, RAF. France, *18 July 1943*

Gerald Le Mesurier [DFC] (1922-32) Major SAAF. England, *8 July 1943*

Kenneth Scovell (1931-34) Dvr, RASC. POW of Japanese, *30 July 1943*

James Tzamtzis (1929-32) Lieut, SAAF. Kenya *4 July 1942*

In August we remember:

THE GREAT WAR 1914-19

Arthur Shirley Ball (1901-07) Lieut Royal Field Artillery. France *16 August 1917*

George Blackman (1913-14) Lieut, Royal Scots Fusiliers. France *1 August 1916*

Cyril Brooke (1901-10) Capt 6th Somerset Light Infantry. France *22 August 1917*

Alan Fraser [MC] (1900-03) Lieut London Regiment. France *31 August 1918*

Ryner Garlake (1886-91) Pvt, 2nd Batt 6th Australians. Gallipoli *6 August 1915*
Norman Maasdorp (1900-05) Capt, RF Artillery. France *30 August 1916*
Geoffrey Noaks (1912) Lieut, Northamptons Regiment, France *18 August 1916*
Roger Savery (1904-05) Capt. Dardanelles *7 August 1915*
Tristram Syfret (1904-11) Lieut, 1st Northamptons Regiment. France *16 August 1916*

THE WORLD WAR 1939-1945

William Burton (1925-34) Flight-Lieut, RAF. Continent *20 August 1941*
John Caro (1927-34) Lieut, SAAF. Off Italy *14 August 1944*
Peter Duff (1935-39) Flying-Officer, RAF. England, *24 August 1943*
Guy Harvey [M twice] (1915-16) Flying-Officer, RAF. England *1 August 1944*
Reginald Hunter (1918-21) Capt, RA. POW of Japanese, *8 August 1943*
Eric Impey (1934-36) Lieut, SAAF. Warsaw *17 August 1944*
Christopher Judd [DSC] (1921-22) Lieut-Cmdr, Royal Navy. Mediterranean *12 August 1942*
Ralph Lawson (1937-40) Lieut, SAAF (RAF). Warsaw *13 August 1944*
Donald Murray (1930-38) Sgt, RAF. Continent, *12 August 1942*
Henry Read (1924-27) Sgt, SAAF. Mediterranean, *5 August 1941*
Daniel Sharpe (1938-41) Mt, Navy. Scotland, *28 August 1945*
Howard Sivertson (1937-47) Capt, SAA. Stettyn's Kloof, Worcester *8 August 1963*

PERSONAL

OBITUARIES



NASH. Laurie Nash died on 3 March 2013 at the age of 97. He was at Bishops from 1925-34.

Laurence Curlewis Nash (Laurie) was born in Cape Town on 18 November 1916. He grew up in Muizenberg and Rondebosch, attending Bishops Prep and College, excelling in sport and being appointed as a prefect in his matric year. After school he joined an accounting firm to do his articles. He was a keen golfer with a five handicap and no fear of the 19th hole. He won the 'inauguration cup' for the first round at Rondebosch Golf Club's new course, setting a course record of 76 that stood for many years, though he was always reluctant to speak of his many achievements. After serving in the navy Laurie joined his father's accounting practice, *Douglas Nash & Son* as a partner in 1942. He subsequently took over and grew the business merging with various other firms over the years to create *Douglas Nash & J.D Low*, then *Dekker Nash* and finally *Coopers & Lybrand* which ultimately became part of *Price Waterhouse Coopers*.

Though it was not his passion he took over and successfully grew the business during his forty-plus years as a chartered accountant, merging with various other firms and carving out a reputation

of steadfast honesty, integrity and professionalism.

Laurie met Rita Revington on a train while travelling to work in 1939 and married her on 5 December 1942. They spent a lifetime together – raising a family in Sunglint ‘the happy home’, holidaying with great friends in Gordon’s Bay, Witsands, Arniston, Europe and the USA, and finally settling in at Noordhoek Manor in 1997. After 57 years of marriage Rita was called for higher service. Though always missing his life partner, Laurie reinvented himself and stepped into new family roles beyond the solid patriarch that he had always been. He made wonderful new friends at Noordhoek Manor and enjoyed a more vibrant social life than any of his grandchildren. After his 96th Christmas, Laurie passed away peacefully on 9 March 2013. Though he leaves an empty space in the lives of those who loved him, his son John, daughter Carol and their families will always lovingly remember a caring, humble man, dignified and gracious to his last breath.

Carol Beukman



HEWITSON. Professor Rodney Philip Hewitson died on 29 January 2013 at the age of 89.

Rodney Philip Hewitson was born on 18 January 1924 in Pinelands. He was an only child, and was schooled at Bishops (1932-40) where he excelled both academically – winning the *Jagger* Scholarship and numerous academic prizes – and as a cricketer, opening the batting for the first team.

He was known throughout his life to those close to him as a deep thinker who wrestled with issues. At 15 years of age he became a committed Christian following a discussion with friends at school, and this commitment became his *raison d'être* through the rest of his life. After this he added studies in classics, Greek and philosophy for his matriculation exams, and went on to study medicine at UCT at the age of 17. At university he continued to excel academically, competing with several illustrious classmates, including two who would later also enter the world of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Donald Ross and Christiaan Barnard.

While at UCT he was widely involved in the Mountain Club, as well as the Student Christian societies, and played cricket for the first team. One of his close medical school friends was the son of the minister of health, and he recounted how they would bypass the petrol rationing problems of the war years to go into the mountains at the weekends by ‘borrowing’ the minister’s official car while he was in Pretoria! During his university years he also met Lulu De Villiers, whom he would later marry, and taught her and her friends to also love the mountains.

During the war years he struggled to come to terms with the realities of war, several older friends having gone to fight, some of whom were killed in action. It was out of this that he developed a keen interest in the moral and ethical implications of medical practice that lasted all his life, and he contributed to a textbook and the academic literature in these areas. After internship at Groote Schuur Hospital and a few months working in Port Elizabeth, he went to the UK to specialise in surgery. He spent a year in Edinburgh, achieving both the Edinburgh and the London surgical specialty exams, and then went to Clare Hall Chest Hospital in North London to work with the legendary thoracic surgeon Robert Laird. Apart from instruction in Thoracic surgery, Laird taught him particularly about surgery for tuberculosis, an area in which he became a leading expert. Af-

ter three years training in the UK, Rodney returned to Cape Town in 1951, and married Lulu De Villiers (after nine years of courting!) They spent their honeymoon camping in the mountains near Du Toit's Kloof. Rodney had plans to go to work in Angola as a missionary doctor, but was refused because there were no surgical facilities in the country. Instead, in August 1951 he became the first Thoracic registrar at Groote Schuur Hospital under Dr. Walter Philips. He was joined in 1953 by Dennis Casserley, and together they developed a 'closed' cardiac surgery program in Cape Town. This was especially directed at closed congenital procedures. In 1955 they became one of the earliest centres doing closed mitral valvotomies for rheumatic valve stenosis, a major problem in the country, using a mechanical dilator that was sent by the head of the Edinburgh unit, Andrew Logan.

Rodney founded the Medical Christian Fellowship in 1951, primarily aimed at being a support group for missionary doctors in southern Africa amongst whom he had many friends. He later co-founded the Graduates Christian Fellowship which was intended as a thinker's forum to engage culture and society from a Christian standpoint. He arranged many visits to UCT by eminent Christian thinkers over the next two decades, including Martyn Lloyd-Jones, John Stott, Dick Lucas, Michael Green, and many others. He organised regular July gatherings for missionary doctors all over the country.

In 1957 Christiaan Barnard returned from training in the new field of 'open' cardiac surgery in Minnesota, and the Thoracic department took a dramatic new direction, open-heart procedures becoming the focus. Whilst Rodney revelled in the new surgical challenges and excelled at open cardiac work, he also maintained the activity of the thoracic (lung) work, Chris having no training or interest in that area. However Chris lent heavily on him for his surgical skills, drawing him increasingly into the cardiac work, especially with the children. This close working relationship culminated with Rodney being the primary assistant at the first heart transplant in 1967 and remaining involved with the transplant program as Chris' second-in-command for the first five transplants. At this time he also led the department for prolonged periods of many months while Chris was increasingly absent and travelling. The relationship between them became strained as the thoracic patients became increasingly neglected through Chris' insistent focus on the cardiac work. This culminated with Rodney's resignation from Groote Schuur and UCT in the late 1970s. His professional life had become unbearably busy and adversarial, and he in addition recognised how he was becoming an ever more absent father to his four children. However the head of the Surgical disciplines, Jannie Louw, persuaded him to return – there now being no thoracic expertise at the hospital – with the offer of a separate Thoracic department under his headship. He accepted this, and while he continued some cardiac work with Prof Piet Barnard of Tygerberg hospital, at Groote Schuur did only thoracic work for the rest of his career.

When Chris Barnard retired in 1983 Rodney petitioned the University to re-join the departments into one cardiothoracic department. He acted as chief of the new department for the following two years whilst refusing the permanent appointment. Rodney was awarded the University's Distinguished Surgeon award in 1988, and retired in 1989. For a year he did some consultation work helping various hospitals with thoracic expertise on a part-time basis, but then stopped all medical work and settled into retirement in Hermanus. His advice to younger colleagues on retirement was "Don't make the mistake of building your whole life around your job, such that you are never happy to leave. When you retire, get out the way!"

In the high-profile world of cardiothoracic surgery he was something of an exception to the rule, always standing out as one willing to serve rather than take the limelight, and as Chris Barnard once said of him, “always willing to stand at the back.” He will be remembered by countless surgical trainees as a technically outstanding surgeon with an uncanny clinical acumen, and an excellent teacher. Two of these trainees still continue to work in his former department, his son John (1971), and Johan Brink (1970).

In retirement he was active in the community and the church in Hermanus for almost twenty years, until what he called the greatest tragedy of his life, the murder of his wife by an intruder in their home early one morning in September 2008. After almost 57 years of a truly happy partnership, he struggled for the rest of his life with the trauma of this sudden end, and yet, in the midst of the pain and sadness he remained completely forgiving, never angry. This was remarkable to all who interacted with him, many commenting on it.

After Christmas of 2012 he became quickly weaker physically. In those last few weeks he was openly keen to “go home.” A few days before he died he joined in prayer with some of his children, and afterwards commented that it is “so good to go with assurance and confidence.” His perspective on looking back on his life was that “Life is not about money, or fame, or achievements; it’s about my heart, and the loving relationships I have had with so many, family and friends and colleagues, and it is for these many relationships that I am grateful.”

He died peacefully at home with family on the morning of 29 January, shortly after his 89th birthday. That morning someone close to him described him as “a man totally captivated by God who dedicated his whole life to him. He was a deeply humble man because he lived in reverent awe of God.”

Survived by his children Mary, John, Stephen and Bruce. His grandchildren Gareth, Matthew, Sarah, Janet, Rachel, Philip and Joshua, and soon to be great-grandchild Emily.

LORD. Cecil John Lord died on 5 April 2013. Cecil was at Bishops from **1948 to 1952**. He was affectionately known as “Dog Lord” at school and although no-one knows how he got this name we suspect it may have been our cricket coach “Digger” Vincent Wells who gave it to him. Dog was a superb wicket keeper and played for the first XI for three years winning three Western Province Nuffield caps. In his second tournament in East London he was a member of the famous WP side that contained 10 Bishops players. In the first match of that tournament he played against his nephew, William Patrick, whose mother was Dog’s much older sister. William opened the batting for Transvaal and in later years was a regular member of the Transvaal Currie Cup team. At the following tournament in Pretoria uncle and nephew again came face to face and on this occasion each of them was awarded his SA Schools cap, a most remarkable occurrence highly unlikely ever to be repeated. Dog often stood up to Libby van Heerden our tall opening bowler who was quite quick and on at least one occasion achieved a leg-side stumping off Libby. He was also a mighty striker of the ball and many a six ended up in the pine trees on the edge of the ground at the Founders end. Unlike today’s big hitters Dog hit ‘em straight! After leaving school he played for UCT and was kept out of the WP side only by the established presence of another OD, John “Coffee” Ferrandi.

He was a prefect in Top House in 1952 and was widely respected as someone with full integrity. He was quiet and modest with an unusually equable temperament (except when appealing!); always to be relied upon for calm judgements and wise counsel. He was eminently a team man and was respected by one and all.

Cecil spent his life working for Protea Holdings in Johannesburg apart from a spell when he was the Managing Director of Protea Holdings in the Cape. He returned to Johannesburg in 1969. He will be missed by all who knew him at school and university.



DAVY. William Bromley died on 17 April 2013 at the age of 77 after a short illness. Bromley, as he was known, was born in Rondebosch in 1936. He attended Scan Lea School in Pinelands until standard one and then went to Bishops Prep from the age of eight. By sheer coincidence 13 years ago my wife Jenny and I bought the house where the school was located from 1934-1953. Bromley instantly recognised the house on his first visit to us and provided some interesting background to his spell there. He completed his matric at Bishops in 1953 and went up to UCT where he enrolled in engineering. After two years he decided to change his degree course and graduated with a BA Librarianship (Hons).

He worked mainly in the library field for most of his life, ending up with the SA Navy Library in Simon's Town, after which he retired. He was extremely well read, articulate and erudite. He particularly enjoyed the great British authors of the 18th and 19th centuries such as Sir Walter Scott, WM Thackeray, Charles Dickens and Polish-born Joseph Conrad. His general knowledge was extraordinary and he loved classical music. He had a dry sense of humour, much like many intellectuals. Although he led a fairly solitary life he had some good lifelong friends such as Roger Embling, who was a UCT contemporary and taught at Bishops for a year in 1965. Roger then went to St. Andrews in Grahamstown. Bromley used to visit him and his wife Ros there on a number of occasions, the most recent being last year. Bromley was always most grateful for their enduring friendship and great hospitality.

Bromley's father William Henry Davy was born in New Zealand. He was a descendant of Sir Humphrey Davy, the famous 19th century scientist who discovered nitrous oxide (laughing gas) the first effective anaesthetic, as well as the miners' safety lamp. We have a painting of Sir Humphrey's statue in the Main Street of Penzance in Cornwall. Bromley's interest in books could well have been inherited from his illustrious relative, who was close friends with poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge, and also friends with Wordsworth and Sir Walter Scott. Some of his relatives were at Bishops, including his mother's brother Daniel McIntosh, as well as cousin Stewart McIntosh (known as Peter). He was very proud of his Scottish ancestry, his maternal grandfather, who was a Chartered Accountant, having come from Inverness. His maternal grandmother was from Glasgow. He was always fascinated with my involvement in the Cape Town Burns Supper Club and the wearing of the Fraser tartan and full Highland regalia to these annual events.

Bromley never married. He was predeceased by his sister Marjorie Wilkie (née Davy) and broth-

er-in-law Dr Bill Wilkie. He will be greatly missed by his nieces Jenny Bett, Linda Theurer (Germany), Jean Fairhead, Tessa McDougall (New Zealand) and their families. Slàinte mhath laddie.
Donald Fraser Bett

GALLOWAY. **Ian Galloway (1967-71)** was tragically killed in a motorbike accident on 18 February 2013, a month after his 59th birthday. He was responding to a call-out after five white rhino were reported in the road reserve along the tar road bordering the family farms, moving towards the neighbouring town of Okahandja. A truck crossed the road in front of him as he approached town on his motorbike and he died on the spot. He is survived by his wife of 31 years, children Tessa, Ian, Bonnie and Megan, brother **Steve (1970-74)** and nephew **Alexander (2006-10)**.

Ian grew up on *Elizabeth Hill*, the family farm that grandfather Stephen John and father **Ian (1917-23)** had established from scratch after they left Cape Town in 1923, reacting to appeals in the Cape press for pioneering stock to develop South West Africa. His father was pulled from Bishops at the end of his Standard nine year to become a farmer, which he was until his death in 1981, and his eldest son Ian took over.

Ian did home schooling on the farm for Sub A, before going to St George's in Windhoek as a weekly boarder and then to Bishops in Standard 6. After a poor entrance exam, including 3% for Latin and 28% for Maths, which he attributed to getting his name right and being able to count to 28 cattle, respectively, he soon caught up and flourished academically. A similar backlog in sport saw him participating passionately but never at a high level, in village cricket, boxing, cross-country and rugby, where he was remembered for his spirited performances for the 3rd and 4th teams. He was always a stalwart of the White House rugby, cross-country and any other team that needed him, and was intensely loyal to the cause and popular with the boys. His teachers, including 'Ma Frik' and 'Odd-Job' raved about him, while his housemaster was less enthusiastic, describing Ian as 'too casual', but whose own performance received an even less favourable review from Ian throughout his life. Anthony Mallett described 'Southwesters' as 'different and independent, mostly in a positive way', and Ian lived up to this view. Ian sadly always had mixed feelings about Bishops, but no doubt benefited greatly as his successes in life surely show, and he certainly got the matric father Ian sent him back to get, and some.

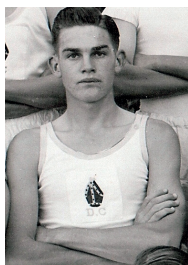
With a great first-class matric behind him, including split sciences and Add Maths, he took himself off to Stellenbosch after a short stint in the army, and again flourished, but not academically at first, as life was too good - motorbike and all! He did recover though and graduated with a BSc in Civil Engineering from UCT in 1977. He remembered his varsity days with great delight and he was certainly one of the 'manne', whose legendary antics will live on forever. He was very popular and even captained his University House rugby first team but mostly through popular demand, and a reputation for guts and determination, rather than his pure sporting ability. Much later he became an impressive runner and completed several marathons, including two recent Two Oceans half-marathons (2011, 2012), with his family and where he allegedly waited for them to catch up with him! His love for fun and adventure never left him and tragically led to his death on 18 February.

Professionally, Ian was highly respected in engineering circles and he built a successful engineer-

ing career at the *Department of Water Affairs, Kuchling and Partners, Stewart Scott Namibia* and *Consulting Services Africa (CSA)*, where he was Managing Partner until he stepped down in 2008 to focus on his charcoal business on the farm. He single-handedly established Jumbo Charcoal (using a derivative of his nickname “Jumbie”) and grew it to be a formidable international business. He also ran the farm and a growing game business in his spare time, and in the meantime also slipped in an MBL from UNISA, but with no pomp and ceremony.

As was his nature he quietly (“casually”) but determinedly went ahead with *Jumbo Charcoal* against all odds and was one of the few to establish a sustained and sustainable export business, now Namibia’s largest, employing 250 people directly and many more in supplier businesses countrywide. He was the first Namibian producer to receive the FSC (Forestry Stewardship Council) certification to export to the UK and *Jumbo* is now the only charcoal producer in the world to have received FAIR TRADE certification. Even that was understated by Ian, and insignificant in his mind when compared with the accomplishments of his children. By far his greatest pride and life focus was his family, all four of whom he was rightly proud of, intensely involved with and to whom he was the best husband and father. He did them, us, and all with whom he interacted, proud, as the many accolades from some of the 400 who attended, and some who had known him in life sent from around the world, testified at his memorial service on the farm on 21 February 2013.

Steve Galloway



BRIGGS. Dennis Arthur Briggs died on 31 January 2013. He was born in 1939 and spent almost his entire schooling at Bishops (1948-1957). He excelled at a variety of sports, most notably boxing and tennis. He boxed for the school and for many years was part of the prestigious *Lukin Shield* team. He played first team tennis and captained Gray house. His grandsons (James and Reginald) were proud to find a number of photos of him displayed in the Gray house rec-room. He also was a member of the choir throughout his time at school, singing solos at major chapel services. He had very fond memories of his time at Bishops with stories about characters such as:

Hu- bert Kidd, Piley Rees, Tuppy Owen-Smith, Sir Wilfred Robinson, Herby Selfe, Peter Le Mesurier, Trader Hunt and Charles Currey; the latter five gentlemen taught his sons, with Tuppy also being their school doctor!

He studied quantity surveying at UCT and continued to excel in boxing, representing UCT and the South African University Team (1959 and 1960). He married Ruth in 1962, with their marriage service being conducted in the school Memorial Chapel. Post university he practiced as a quantity surveyor and after some years joined his father in the family shop fitting firm *Brimble & Briggs*, where he ultimately became managing director. When the firm was sold in 1975 he took a gap year and taught economics, accounts and maths for a year at Fishhoek High school, gaining a new appreciation for teachers. In 1976, on the invitation of Robin Grier, he joined *County Fair*, establishing a broiler chicken farm in Agter Paarl. He hosted many school visits to the farm, as part educational outings, on the initiative of Tim Hamilton-Smith

While his sons (**Kenneth, Reginald and Duncan**) were at Bishops (1967–1985) he was a very

active and supportive parent. For many years he judged the boxing at the preparatory school, before it was stopped in about 1977. He assisted in piscatorial outings from the early 1970's, ultimately hosting fishing expeditions to his holiday home on the Breede River. The school association with the Breede has continued with the family still hosting the annual father and son's preparatory school Inter-House Fishing competition, under the auspices of Keith Griffiths. For many years Dennis participated in the competition, as partner to his grandchildren, which assisted Charlton winning the inter-house trophy a number of times. While his sons were at Bishops he was a leading personality within the rugby supporters club and very vocal on the touchlines. In 1981 he and the family joined the rugby touring party to the Far East, ensuring strong vocal support for Bishops in Hong Kong and Taiwan. He was also involved in the school mountain club, joining hikes and supporting his sons' rock climbing exploits. In memory of his son Reginald, who lost his life on the border while undergoing National Service, he donated the climbing wall behind the Mallet Centre, at the entrance to the squash courts. Dennis was well known for his love of golf, fishing, skiing and the outdoors. Dennis played in most of his golf club teams, winning many golfing accolades, including at least two holes in one. He also achieved on the mountain conquering a number of trails and peaks, most notably walking the Annapurna to base camp and conquering the lofty heights of Ben Nevis and Kilimanjaro. He continued fishing, hiking, skiing and playing golf right up to his short battle with cancer.

His love for fishing and his determination is aptly illustrated by a story told by his eldest son. 'At one of the father and sons fishing camps Dennis was partnered with his grandson, James. On day two Charlton were behind in the fish length running total and fish were off the bite. Dennis and grandson had been on the water for hours and all the other teams had returned to shore, fathers resting and boys playing in the mud. Grandson suggested they go home; No was the answer and Dennis just lit another cigarette. This request and rebuttal cycle went on for some time, until Dennis said, fine you can go, instructing his grandson to swim to the bank and walk home. This occurred at almost the exact point where the world record shark was caught a few months later. His grandson experienced granddads patience and tenacity.'

Dennis had many attributes namely; his natural sporting ability; honesty and integrity (handshake was as good as any document); perseverance; tenacity; and patience. He achieved a great deal in his life, including coming to terms with drink, where he remained strong for the best part of the past ten years. He was a great champion of Bishops and the school played an important role in his life.

Kenneth Briggs

PEROLD. Francis Perold died on 9 February 2013 at the age of 85. He attended Bishops from **1939 -1945** and was a dayboy in Ogilvie House.

He lived in Paarl and for most of his life worked for *Berg River Textiles* where he was the sales director. Apart from the fact that he loved his sport, especially tennis, he was very quiet and reserved and much loved by everyone. He never had a bad word to say about anyone or anything and was renowned and respected for his kindness, gentleness and the care that he always had for all his friends.

He was given the nick-name 'Tich' from Sarmy Britton, because he was even smaller than Sarmy and probably the smallest boy in the school, even in his matric years. His mother was a much-loved owner/teacher of a small nursery, or pre-Prep school on the main road at Green Point, and Tich

caught a bus from there into the Cape Town Station where he took a train to Rondebosch every day.

After retiring from *Berg River Textiles*, he lived for some years in a retirement Village called 'Die Oude Renbaan' in Paarl. He leaves his wife Elsa to whom he was married for over 50 years, two sons and three grandchildren

ENGAGEMENTS:

Our sincere congratulations and best wishes go to the following on the announcement of their engagement:

Simon Arenhold (1987-91), son of **John** (1941-50) and Marian Arenhold and Nina daughter of Hildegard Graf-Welte and Roland Welte;

James Beatty (1997-01), son of Christopher and Helen Beatty, and Valerie, daughter of George-Antoine and Inci de Boccard;

Simon Roberts (2005-06), son of Timothy and Marian Roberts and Emma, daughter of the late Frank and Belinda Dawber.

MARRIAGES:

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

Peter Hanley (1994-06), son of the late **Mark** (1970-73) and Mandy Hanley, and Danielle, daughter of François and Jacqueline Weich on 7 December 2012 at Bakenhof Wine Estate, Wellington, Cape;

James Pickering (1989-97), son of **David** (1954-57) and Monica Pickering and Samantha, daughter of John and Gail Pears on 12 April.

BIRTHS:

Warm congratulations go to the following on the recent births of sons or daughters:

Alistair (1987-91) and Cathryn **Diesveld**, a son, James Cameron on 21 April;

David (1980-91) and Miranda **Dugmore**, a daughter, India Madeleine on 30 April;

André (1987-94) and Diana **Gagiano**, a daughter, Florencia on 6 March in Tallinn, Estonia;

Ian (1980-88) and Kim **Marr**, a daughter, Holly on 2 January;

Pete (1977-89) and Nicola **Milne**, a daughter, Rafaella Willow on 9 April;

Jonathan (1993-97) and Ingrid **Shaw**, a son, Daniel James Mackay, on 22 March in the UK;

Nick (1993-97) and Nikki **Wright**, a daughter, Harper Rose on 18 February.

DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Denis (1941-1944) and Rachel **Gibbs** celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 11 April 2013. They were married on 11 April 1953 at St. Mary-le-Strand Church in London The Very Rev. Michael Gibbs, Dean of Capetown, gave the address. They now live in South Oxfordshire at Kingsweston, Appleford, Abingdon Oxon OX14 4PD



GOLDEN WEDDINGS:

Our hearty congratulations go to the following:

Geoff (1941-45) and Jean **James** who were married at St Thomas Church Rondebosch by Rev Tom Kime (OD) on 15 June 1963 and now live at 24 Mossie Avenue, Sedgfield 6573

Peter (1947-52) and Denise **Glennie** who were married at St Mary's Church, Highlands, Salisbury, Rhodesia on 8 June 1963 and now live at 2 Mediterranean Mews, 3 Meath Road, Avondale, Harare, Zimbabwe.

SENIOR ODs

We warmly welcome the following who have become OD Octogenarians during the second quarter of 2013.

David Dallas (1942-51), Villa 486 The Village Glen, 335 Eastbourne Road, Rosebud West, Victoria 3940, Australia, on 21 May;

Rollo Dickson (1941-49), 30 Morkel Street, Somerset West 7130, on 26 April;

Peter Gain (1947-50), P O Box 411832, Craighall 2024, on 9 June;

George Grant, 2474 Old Second Road North, Elmvale, Lolipo, Canada, on 3 May;

Rev Alastair Macgregor (1941-51), 16 Ash Street, Milkwood Park, Noordhoek 7975, on 21 April;

Bob Murray (1944-51), 33 Amberglen, Private Bag X004, Howick, on 25 May;

Okkie Oosthuizen (1945-51), Cottage 56, Private Bag X7, Bryanston 2021, on 20 June;

Prof Lionel Opie (1943-49), 14E Ripelby Road, Claremont 7708, on 6 May;

John Rathfelder (1942-50), 57 Constantia Place, Southern Cross Drive, Constantia 7806, on 4 May.

Congratulations and best wishes go to the following, who celebrated birthdays during the second quarter:

97th Laurie Wale (1931-34), Cherry Hill, 23 Upper Primrose Avenue, Wynberg 7800, on 14 June.

89th Dr Vincent Fox (1938-41), 6 Dunster Avenue, Fish Hoek 7975, on 7 June;

88th Richard Boehmke (1934-42), 52 Alphenvale, Private Bag X17, Constantia 7808 on 8 April;

Alex MacKenzie (1939-42), 181 Amber Valley, P Bag X30, Howick 3290, on 25 May;

Gysbert Watermeyer (1941-32), 7 Paul Kruger Street, Graaff Reinet 6280 on 7 April;

David Gohl (1934-42), P O Box 264219, Three Rivers, Vereeniging 1929, on 29 June.

87th Alex Mair (1940-43), of 19 Bay View Avenue, Tamboerskloof 8001, on 15 May;

P G T (Bob) Watson (1941-43), Good Hope, 93 Osborne Road, Burradoo, NSW 2576, on 11 April.

86th Michael Emmett (1939-45), 13 Callington Avenue, City Beach, Perth WA6015, Australia, on 10 June;

Antony Jennings (1936-44), Aptdo 83, Correos, Pollensa 7460, Spain, on 12 May;

Bruce McKenzie (1940-44), Courtlands, 32 The Breach, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 5BJ, on 9 June;

Dr Gerald Rhodes (1940-44), 10 Melrose Walk, Claremont, W Cape 7708, on 18 April;

85th Geoffrey Adams (1937-45), P O Box 218, Bombala, NSW 2362, Australia, on 3 June;

Dr Ian Banks (1939-45), P O Box 27, McGregor, 6708, on 20 April;

John Doff (1940-44), 18 Richmond House, Church Square, Chichester, West Sussex PO19

7BG, UK, on 26 May;

Miles Malleon (1942-44), 2a Putney Park Avenue, London SW15 5QN, on 24 April;

Peter Newell (1942-45), 30 Kloof Road, Gordon's Bay 7150, on 19 June;

Gregory Plant (1941-45), 3225 Wynford Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22031, USA, on 16 May;

Michael Watermeyer (1940-45) 104 Woodside Village, Norton Way, Rondebosch 7700, on 11 May.

84th **Garth Calder (1939-47)**, P O Box 248, Agulhas 7287, on 23 May

Geoffrey Canning (1938-46), 83 Pinewood Village, University Drive, Pinelands 7405, on 7 June;

Jim Hudson (1944-46), 116a Harewood Road, Christchurch, New Zealand, on 26 May;

Michael Nolan (1938-46), 2326 Magnolia Lane #2, Naples, Florida 34112, USA, on 15 April;

Michael Pargiter (1940-47), 23 Cle du Cap, Polsmore Road, Kirstenhof 7945, on 16 June;

Michael Rydon (1945-46), Apt 12A The Penthouses, 20 Old Burleigh Road, Surfers Paradise, Queensland 4217, Australia, on 8 May;

John Sampson (1938-47), 87 Cambridge Road, P O Box 68983, Bryanston 2021, on 19 April.

83rd **Riem Barry (1945-48)**, 9 Garlands Ride, Mount Pleasant, Harare, Zimbabwe, on 12 May;

John Fairweather (1941-48), Bructullo, 18 Pirton Road, Hitchin, Herts SG5 2BD, UK, on 23 April;

John Ferrandi (1940-48) 44 Woodside Village, Norton Way, Rondebosch 7700, on 3 April;

John Hueton (1939-48), 32 Lakeside Drive, RR2 Puslinch, Ontario NOB 2J0, Canada, on 27 June;

Terence Marquard (1946-47), 22 Hillcrest Crescent, Ranger Road, Fish Hoek 7975 on 1 April;

Ted Roy (1944-47), 16 Charmbeck Park, Haveringland Hall, Cawston, Norwich NR10 4PN, UK on 22 April;

Paul Tancred (1943-49), N5 Peer's Village, Private Bag X2, Vallyland, 7078, on 9 June.

82nd **John Arenhold (1941-50)**, Bloemhof, 29 Upper Towers Road, Muizenberg 7945, on 9 May;

Richard Chappel (1941-49), P O Box BW2, Borrowdale, Harare, Zimbabwe, on 1 April;

John Eaton (1942-49), 10 Sandown Manor Stella Street, Sandown 2196, on 20 May;

Stephen Jones (1940-48), 18 Stellenberg Avenue, Kenilworth 7700, on 22 May;

Bruce Leask (1945-49), 66 Helderberg Village, Private Bag X19, Somerset West 7129, on 12

May;

Keith Macfarlane (1941-48), 15 Spearhead Quay, Marina da Gama 7945, on 29 June;

Richard Owen (1946-49), P O Box 10433, Vorna Valley 1686 on 17 April;

Kit Robertson (1941-49), 78 Parkland Villas, 52-54 Liege Street, Woodlands, WA 6018, Western Australia on 6 May;

George Whitelaw (1940-49), 802 Helderberg Village, Private Bag X19, Somerset West 7129, on 8 June.

81st **Charles Brownlee (1945-50)**, Pte Bag 2125 Unit 246, Port Alfred 6170, on 18 April;

Tony Cooper (1946-50), Crossing Cottage, Little Faringdon, Lechlade GL7 3QN, UK, on 20 May;

Dr John Coxon (1946-49), 120 Short Road, Walmer 6070, on 22 June;

Bill Fairhead (1945-49), P O Box 4392, Cape Town 8000, on 17 May;

Ian Fletcher (1941-50), P O Box 53129, Kenilworth 7745, on 27 April;

George Heye (1946-50), 33 Upper Mountain Road, Somerset West 7130, on 18 April;
Dr Peter Morris (1944-49), P O Box 143, Melkbosstrand 7437, on 28 April;
Keith Nicolls (1946-49), 16 Calderwood Drive, Aston Manor 1619, on 2 April;
Peter Trew (1940-49), 1 Painshill House, Portsmouth Road, Cobham, Surrey KT11 1DL, UK, on 30 April;
John Whiting (1941-50), 42 Sandpiper Cove, Busselton, WA 6230, Australia, on 14 June.

CLASS REUNIONS

The 60th, 55th, 50th, 40th and 30th class reunions all took place over the Founders Weekend. Activities consisted of cocktail parties, spit braais, 1950's evening and special lunches. Many of the functions took place in the OD offices, the Heatlie Pavilion and the Founders dining hall. ODs came from far and wide to celebrate and reconnect with their fellow peers, and a lot of fun was had by all. Tours of the school were arranged and ODs were impressed to see that the school was looking good.

The following verses were written by an OD and published in the Cape Times 100 years ago. We felt that it would be appropriate to include it in the OD notes section of the magazine at a time when there were so many reunions and so many ODs visiting Bishops once again:

"Old Haunts"

'Tis glorious to return once more to the place where I was born,
 After travellings far and farther in the forest, on the plain,
 And to feel old Table Mountain, never changing, ever fair,
 Standing, lone and steadfast sentinel, above me once again.

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From Camps Bay to Constantia, from Wynberg to Kalk Bay,
 I hear a voice that welcomes me, a prodigal unspurned;
 On Alphen Hill and Paradise some spirit of the past
 Seems to whisper cordial welcome to wanderer returned.

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The same old oaks are leafing as they used to years ago;
 The golden loquats ripen as they always used to do,
 When, as boys, perched in the branches, in the sun of early springs,
 We contend for the ripest with the muisgovel and the spreeuw.

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And every nook and cranny has a memory stored away
 In those days of happy childhood 'ere I turned to other scenes;
 'Ere I left my Alma Mater, dear old "Bishops" 'mongst the trees –
 Ah, it's only those who've wandered know the joy returning means.

IN THE PLANNING STAGES

29-31 August 2014

Organizer:

CLASS OF 1964

Rohan Vos

50 YEAR

rohan@rovos.co.za

26 July

Organizer

CLASS OF 1987

Bruce Jack

REUNION LUNCH

catherine@terraceroad.com

16-18 August

Organizer

CLASS OF 1988

Eddy Roberts

25 YEAR

eroberts@icon.co.za

27-29 September

Organizer

CLASS OF 1993

Chris Edwards

20 YEAR

chris.edwards@absacapital.com

6-9 March 2014

Organizers:

CLASS OF 1954

John Charlton – Hon Life Chairman

Ian Brown

60 YEAR

ianbrown@telkomsa.net

Peter Steyn

peregrine@mweb.co.za

Joint co-ordinators:

Brian du Toit, Lawson Howes, Len Ward

12-16 March 2014

Organizer:

CLASS OF 1984

Paul Burton

30 YEAR

burton@iafrica.com

13-17 March 2014

Organizer:

CLASS OF 1959

Chet Sainsbury

55 YEAR

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REUNION REPORTS

THE BISHOPS MATRIC CLASS OF 1953 – 60TH YEAR REUNION

John Powell reports:

The first time that the matric class of 1953 held a reunion, suggested by John Bentley, was forty years after we had left school. It was a spectacular success, even though some had not changed one iota since they had left school, while others were from another planet.

We subsequently had fiftieth and fifty-fifth reunions (none of us ever thought we would reach the sixtieth one!) which were even better, and, suddenly, here we were, after months of planning, on the March 2013 Founders weekend, celebrating our sixtieth year reunion. This was voted by the 40% of our original class present and their partners as undoubtedly quite the best reunion to date – so much so that we have voted in the same organizing committee for the same again in five and ten

years' time. What a bunch of optimists!

Taffy Lloyd and Paul Farber, the spit braai king, served up a delicious braai at the OD office, which got us into the weekend's habit of over-eating and old friendships and nostalgic memories were soon regenerated and the weekend was off to a great start.

Founders Day on Friday saw a weather change of venue into the Memorial Chapel in lieu of the intended service on the Piley Rees field which, in certain respects, suited us ODs better as it was our chance to experience again, the highly impressive and refurbished chapel. We were given an extensive and most relevant list of recollections by OD Past Principal John Gardener who was listened to by an attentive present generation of pupils who must have wondered how little of the present Bishops existed in his and our days and how we had coped with such limited resources!



Left: Val & Hugh Roy, Joe Barry, Jan Bentley, Paul Cannon, Hazel Girdwood, David Slingsby, Graham English, Andrea Louw, John Powell, Richard Borden, Everitt Murray, Peter & Kerstin Keen, Nigel Rouse, Taffy Llyod, Jennifer & Richard Clowes

As Paul Murray expertly showed us around the school grounds and buildings, he struck us as a typically dedicated Bishops Master, possessing a complete passion for his school, whose history he had obviously studied in depth. He explained the fascinating architectural history and details of the Memorial Chapel and of Founders House and showed us past additions since our days which have doubled the school. He also told us of future projects which will continue to enhance Bishops as arguably one of the best schools in the country. We found the Museum of particular interest.

The weather, having gone through all the seasons on this Founders Day morning, had cancelled the scheduled 1st Cricket Eleven vs ODs cricket match, which resulted in us being invited to the transformed Frank Reid cricket pavilion to help them reduce their surplus lunch, which we did with great gusto.

Geoff Burton is a member of the Cape Town Male Voice Choir and he arranged to be a part of their performance to us while we dined extremely well that evening at Westlake Golf Club at a dinner organised by Keith Bisset. The choir had taken part last year by invitation in London during the Olympic Games celebrations. Under the enthusiastic and agile conducting by Margie Barlow,

it was easy to understand why it had been so well received overseas. Their singing was outstanding and contained music from the classics, Africa, show business and also included touches of humour. Each song was carefully described before their renditions they sang.

Graham English organized our Saturday morning excursions around the city or around the northern peninsula in the ubiquitous CitySightSeeing red tour buses. and it was amazing how different everything looked from the top of a double-decker bus as compared with the view from a car. The class split into separate groups and many hopped off the buses and caught a later one to enable them to enjoy an attraction or a meal on the way.

The Burton/Bisset combo got together again to conceive and execute the highlight of our reunion which was a full-on dinner and 1950s bop session in the hallowed Founders Dining Hall, beautifully decorated by Keith's daughter, Simone. The presence of *Back to Back*, a four-piece live band with singers, who were under very strict orders only to play 1950s music, which they did to great effect, really made this a night to remember. It was augmented by a delicious meal by the school's events caterer Bonnie Padaichy and her staff. Prizes were given for the best dancers, the most suitably dressed, the best sideburns (won by "Pop" Rouse because they met under his chin!), the best wedding photo on display, lucky tickets, the most travelled (Brian and Hazel Girdwood from Canada), We all wondered what Piley Rees would have made of all this !

Our last day had arrived all too quickly and 9-00 a.m on Sunday found us combining with the other reunions in the Brooke Chapel for a communion service especially for us and the other reuniobs. The Reverend Terry Wilke used the sermon given to our class by The Reverend Agape Irving at our last service in 1953 as a central theme.

Assistant Lay Minister OD **Anthony Lister (1973)** encouraged us in our prayers to contemplate how lucky and privileged we were to have been sent to Bishops for all it taught us and how it prepared us so well to face the world in every possible manner. We were asked to be grateful for our marriages, our families, our careers, our friends, especially those whom we met at school and still have, our ongoing health and the countries we have chosen to live in.

We were given tea and snacks on the nearby lawns after the service on yet another beautiful morning and the opportunity to meet and chat with new Principal Guy Pearson before transferring to Geoff and Mary's house for our last excellent lunch prepared again by Bonnie and her team.

We were joined briefly by Tim and Carolyn Hamilton-Smith to the latter of whom we owe a very big thank you for all her help and advice which contributed to a great extent to making this reunion the undoubted success it turned out to be.

All in all, it was, yet again, a great experience to meet up with our 1953 class-mates. Those who had passed on and those who, for various reasons, could not be present and had sent their greetings, were always in our thoughts and were included in many of our reminiscences.

All the right ingredients were present to make this a weekend to remember: careful, painstaking and enjoyable preparation by the organising committee (bolstered as it was by amazing afternoon teas – especially Marlene Bisset's), outstanding functions, excursions, venues, entertainment and catering, the OD office assistance, the school tour, kind weather, the Founders Day programme, the church services and, of course, our class-mates and their ladies (especially those who made the effort to come from overseas) whose gratifying responses and obvious enjoyment of everything made it all very worthwhile

The following shared in the fun :

Tony and Eileen **Ainslie**, **John Bentley**, **Keith** and Marlene **Bisset**, **Richard Borden**, **Geoff** and Mary **Burton**, **Paul** and Wendy **Cannon**, **Richard** and Jennifer **Clowes**, **Nigel Dunsmore-Rouse**, **Graham English** and **Andrea Louw**, **Brian** and Hazel **Girdwood**, **Robin** and Dawn **Hadwen**, **Peter** and Kerstin **Keen**, **Philip** and Angela **Lloyd**, **Robin** and Margie **Marx**, **Everitt** and Bebe **Murray**, **Jeremy** and Sue **Ouvry**, **Nigel Payne**, **Christopher** and Elaine **Phillips**, **John** and Kay **Powell**, **Hugh** and Valerie **Roy**, **Liebie** and Pixie **Van Heerden**, **Ludo** and Danielle **Van Essche**.



We wish Guy Pearson our very best wishes for his tenure as the Principal of this magnificent school. We can assure him it is in very good nick. We all look forward immensely to the same coming together again in 2018!

*Miss Wolfe's class
standard 1 class 1944*

Back Row: Chris Phillips, Tony Ainslie, Charles Lewis, Felix Faure, Paul Cannon

Middle Row: Brian Koeppen, Wallace Molteno, Robin Hadwen, John Gordon-Davis

Front Row: Jeremy Ouvry, Billy Allen, Kemp, John Ackerman



60 years later!

Left to right: **Jeremy Ouvry** (living in Winchester, UK), **Tony Ainslie** (Lives six months in Spain, six months in Ceres), **Paul Cannon** (lives in Cape Town), **Robin Hadwen** (lives in Cape Town), **Peter Keen** (not in Miss Wolfe's class), **Chris Phillips** (lives in Johannesburg)

REPORT ON THE 55TH REUNION OF THE 1949 (PREP SCHOOL FIRST YEAR) TO THE 1958 MATRIC CLASS

Our Reunion spanned three events over the period 14 to 16 March. The following 26 ODs and their partners attended either all or some of the three events:

Allday, David & Jenny; **Baker**, Allan & Marcia; **Bekker**, Simon; **Bonnard**, Richard & Pat; **Borden**, Robin & Rose; **Boyes**, Mike & Carol **Brock**, John & Mary Anne; **Carter**, David & Sally; **Cartwright**, Tim & Serena; **Coke**, Michael; **Dicey**, David & Lynette; **Foster**, Pat & Penny; **Gaylard**, John & Di; **Green**, John & Rosemary; **Hall**, Ridgley; **Henderson**, Pat; **James**, David & Heather; **Mackellar**, Barrie & Anne; **McDonald**, Alex & Barbara; **Micklem**, Peter & Petra; **Molteno**, Julian & Maire; **Palmer**, Geoff & Anne; **Ross-Thompson**, Tim & Lorna; **Satchel**, Rob & Christine; **Savage**, (Prof) Michael & Lucia; **Townsend**, Richard & Fenella.

The first event was on Founders Day, when 18 of us attended the Annual OD Dinner held in the



Marie & Julian Molteno



John Gaylard, Richard Bonnard & Robert Satchel

Kelvin Grove Club Ballroom. Kelvin was crammed to the rafters - (a bit noisy for those of us now battling with hearing issues!).

Anton Taylor, a young(ish) OD was the MC, and was both brilliant and hilarious. The food was great, the wines were appreciated, and most importantly, it was a wonderful opportunity for those of us attending to renew contact with ODs of all ages.



Patrick Henderson Sally Carter Fenella & Richard Townsend

David Grier, the Guest Speaker (and also an OD) is renowned for his extraordinary athletic feats; such as running along the Wall of China, and then along the length of India from tip to toe, followed by the same for Madagascar. His motivations were a mix of personal ambition-gratification, and also as events to generate awareness and funds for a charity which pays for restorative plastic surgery for children born with the “split palate” deformity.

The second was the following day - on Founders Day- being a relaxed informal gathering, together with our spouses and/or partners, 42 of us in all - the venue being the OD Union offices, where we enjoyed a beautiful evening, a spit braai with plenty of good food and chatter. Of note were the wines on offer, blended and bottled by one of our own – Peter Micklem! His wines are branded “Via Appia....” (it seems he did Latin ?),

The emphasis was on informality, with the programme including Pat Foster welcoming everyone present, followed by John Brock who proposed a toast to Bishops. The appropriateness and success of the occasion was well summarised by Professor Michael Savage in his subsequent email:

“I want to thank you all for what for me was a stunningly successful 55th matric re-union. You did us proud! Now I have to confess: I was never successful, nor particularly happy at school – in fact I nearly totally turned off!

But now meeting and chatting to my classmates has made me aware of what good and concerned citizens they are. While time wounds all heels, there wasn’t a heel to be seen among them. I was fascinated to hear and talk to a range of impressive people who all have contributed much to the common good and to SA. I was truly impressed.”

Gratifying to hear what Michael had to say about us, but one needs to comment that he needs to be forgiven for making such a sweepingly generous assessment of us after only two hours tops in our company! (could this rose tinted view perhaps be attributed to Micklem’s brew ?)

The final event was on the Saturday afternoon and evening, again together with our partners. The central venue was False Bay Yacht Club, Simon’s Town, with a choice of activities depending on individual interests. These included: the Maritime Museum, the Submarine Museum, checking out the penguins at Boulders Beach, or relaxing on the yacht club lawn.

About a dozen of us were led by **Martyn “Spook” Trainor** on a tour of the Daphne Class submarine (now a floating museum), a vessel of the same class in which he himself had been a crew member when the S A Navy took delivery of one of them in France. Spook matriculated in 1961 at Bishops and rose to the rank of Vice Admiral in the SA Navy, retiring in 2004. After serving in surface ships, his career was focussed on service as an officer in submarines – in both peace and conflict – and later shore-based senior positions as Commander, Commodore, and Rear Admiral, culminating as Vice Admiral with the portfolios of Chief of Naval Staff & of Chief of Naval Support. We were indeed privileged to have Spook as our guide – and were delighted that he was able to accept our invitation for himself and his wife to have supper with us, as a gesture of our sincere appreciation and thanks from us all.

After the submarine tour, some of us did a sightseeing trip in Robin Borden’s high powered catamaran (“Lucky Cat”), whilst the rest of us enjoyed cocktails in the lovely surroundings. That evening, all of us congregated at the Yacht Club’s restaurant, for a light supper which was exceedingly good. Sal Carter delivered grace, and later on David Carter rose to thank the Reunion organisers (other than himself!) for their efforts, notably Pat Foster as our convenor, and for help from Borden, Green, Henderson and MacKellar. David then asked those present to stand for a minute’s silence

in remembrance of those 13 classmates who are no longer with us, namely:

Peter Davis, Brian Eastwick, Bill Francis, Gunnar Keen, George Leuner, Tony Lloyd, Dale Parker, Trevor Tyers, Geoff Todd, James Simpson, Dickie Orpen, Jeremy Burford, and David Wilson.

Some of us spent the night in Simon's Town or returned on Sunday morning for other activities – e.g. Robin Borden hosted John & Mary Anne Brock for a tour of other local attractions, and Pat Henderson (with his niece Kerry Henderson as crew!) took Pat Foster for a sail on his yacht to Muizenberg and back.

Pat Foster and David Carter

CLASS OF 1963 - 50TH YEAR REUNION

Although our number was small, 17 from a class of 73 pupils, those who attended our 50th Reunion all enjoyed themselves. Sadly we have lost 13 members since matriculating.

On Wednesday 13 March we mustered at Dukes Officers Mess in the Castle, Cape Town. This fitting venue enabled us to re-establish school friendships since our last reunions and to catch up with all the latest news. Attending were **Ian Bartley, Freckles & Jennie Boyes, Nick Forbes & Sue, David Grant, John & Ruth Hebbert, Bruce Hill, Duncan & Helene Innes, Bruce & Anne Macdonald, Leslie & Jenny Masterson, Dave & Annette Slingsby.**

Thursday evening found us at Kelvin Grove attending the annual OD Dinner when we had the chance to meet fellow ODs from a range of classes and not just our own. The Guest Speaker David Grier OD presented a pictographic talk of his run through India to raise funds for the 'Miles of Smiles' campaign. The evening was MC'd by Anton Taylor (Bishops 2005 Cheer Leader) who kept us entertained with his slick and amusing repartee.

The next day was Founders Day and Freckles Boyes and Bruce Hill played tennis for the ODs. Sadly the weather did not play along with many of the sporting events being cancelled. For the non-sporting the programme included a School tour - ably led by History Master Paul Murray. The tour started in the Memorial Chapel - The interior has changed since our day - the pulpit and lectern have been removed and the baldachins have been redecorated to more closely resemble the original style. Joe Barry and David Slingsby enjoyed the tour. The tour was followed by a lunch hosted by the school with Peter (The Gov.) Gibson, Leslie Masterson, David Slingsby, Joe Barry and the tennis players.

Our class dinner was held on the following Saturday in the OD rooms next door to the old San and the school shop. We were blessed with a beautifully warm late summer evening and were able to spread out comfortably onto the school lawns. Bonnie Padiachy, the school caterer, produced an excellent three course dinner. The grace was said by Leslie Masterson; Dave Slingsby proposed a toast to the school with some assistance from Joe Barry. A vote of thanks for the reunion was proposed by Duncan Innes. The hour was late when we left the venue to make our various ways home. After such a small response it was resolved to give everyone five years' notice of our intention to hold a 55th year reunion in 2018 and all members of the Class of '63 are requested to put this in their diaries now. Please plan all your other travel around this.

Class of 1963 participants - **Joe Barry** (East London) , **Ian Bartley**, **Freckles Boyes**, **Nick Forbes** (U.S.A. & Kommetjie), **Peter Gibson** (Kleinmond), **Johann Graaff**, **David Grant** (Ipswich U.K.), **John Hebbert** (Swaziland), **Bruce Hill** (Ireland), **Duncan Innes** (Johannesburg), **Bruce Macdonald**, **Leslie Masterson**, **Alan (Sandy) MacGregor**, **Andrew Robinson**, **Victor Schonborn** and **Dave Slingsby**.



Ian Bartley, Freckles Boyes, Bruce Hill and Jenny Boyes



Nick Forbes, Bruce Macdonald, Sue Forbes and Les Masterson

Lost contacts – **Mark Graham**, **David Eric Grant**, **John Kent**, **Hugh Price**. **Howard Tanner** and **William (Hesketh) Young**

Class of 63 – Passed away - **Jumbo Anderson**, **David Armstrong**, **Billy Basson**, **John Collins**, **Henry De Wet**, **John Dempers**, **Alex Grant**, **Brian Henderson**, **Patrick Molteno**, **Michael Mossop**, **Johan Van Der Burgh**, **Patrick Walton** and **Patrick Wilson**.

Organising Committee - **John Langford**, **Bruce Macdonald**, **Leslie Masterson** and **Dave Slingsby**

CLASS OF 1973 – 40TH YEAR REUNION

Niall Brown reports:

After much effort and some assistance from the ubiquitous *Facebook*, we eventually made contact with 77 members of the class of 1973. A further six of our number have died in the intervening years and another five or six have proved impossible to trace. Ultimately 45 were able to attend at least one of the events, and a number attended all four!

Proceedings kicked off in style with a dinner and overnight stay at Julian Melck's historic Kersefontein Farm near Hopefield. Despite late afternoon temperatures hovering close to 40 degrees, no one was tempted into the murky Berg River although stocks of Hansa Tafel were depleted fast. A large turnout tested the catering staff to their limits and they responded superbly with a magnificent dinner. All in all an unforgettable evening.

At the Thursday night OD dinner we filled three tables and had another enjoyable evening in a



Archie Swanson, Julian Melck, Zandy Bickett, Richard Arnold and Allan Gasson



Loxton, Notcutt and Wilson



Frank Barry, Tim Chase and Michael Mills



*Back: Paul Dobson, June Charlton, Ed Milne
& Tim Hamiltom-Smith
Front: June Clark, John Charlton, Alan Douglas
Brian & Gill de Kock and Carolyn Hamilton-Smith*

packed ballroom at Kelvin. Our congratulations to Anton Taylor on his brilliant performance as MC.

The Friday night function was a cocktail party at Niall and Lynn Brown's home and there we welcomed a number of new faces who hadn't been able to attend the earlier events. At this party we were privileged to host Caroline Broadhurst and Mandy Hanley, the wives of two much loved classmates, Hugh and Mark, who are sadly no longer with us.

The final event was a spit-braai at the Heatlie Pavilion on the evening of Saturday 16 March. There we were delighted to entertain several of those staff members who taught us at Prep and College; and in some case their wives too. Specifically, I refer here to Brian and Gill de Kock, Tim and Carolyn Hamilton-Smith, John and June Charlton, Alan Douglas, Paul Dobson, Basil Bey, Ed Milne and June Clarke. Our thanks to you all for being there. This was another great evening, at

which we were regaled by speeches from Alan Douglas, Zandy Bicket, Archie Swanson and our MC, Tony Gibson.

Several of our year (two accompanied by their wives) made the effort to fly long distance to participate; they were Stephen and Audrey Hofmeyr, Allan and Rose Gasson, Bruce Wilson and Michael Mills from the UK, Cormac Petit (Holland), John Parker (one of the seven in our year now living in Australia), Gary Taylor (Saudi Arabia), Zandy Bicket (USA) and Michael Steytler (Malawi).

To conclude, I would like to thank

- Tony Gibson, my fellow organizer
- Nicky Bicket who did great work in putting together previous reunions of the 1973 class and was able to give us valuable input, and finally
- Paul Murray for taking the time to give our group an informative tour of the school during Founders Week.

Niall Brown

CLASS OF 1982 – 30 YEAR REUNION

Mike Bayly reports:

Festivities started on Thursday night when we occupied two tables at the OD Dinner at Kelvin. David Gri-
er gave a fascinating account of his adventures through India. It was refreshing and brilliantly put together with informative visuals. It was good to catch up with our class and many other ODs from different years!



On Friday afternoon 18 of us played golf at Royal Cape. The weather cleared miraculously for us to enjoy a magnificent afternoon! The course was filled with reminiscent banter and many laughs!

After a few drinks at the club, we moved to Heiko and Nicola van Wyngaarden's home to enjoy drinks and snacks. It truly was a magnificent evening and fantastic to catch up



***Andrew Jackson & John
Henderson***



***Andrew Kilpin &
Guy Keble***

with guys we had not crossed paths with in a while! We had 40% percent of our year turn up, some of whom had flown in from overseas, and then of course those who had driven or flown from around the country.

Special thanks must go to Heiko and Nicola for opening their beautiful home to us. Thanks also to David Wilson and Andrew Kilpin for organizing the golf. Then to all the class of 1983, who made the ef-

fort to attend the functions, a big thank you.
Mike Bayly.

OD OFFICE

NEW VICE-PRESIDENT

We are delighted that **Tony van Ryneveld (1943)** has accepted the invitation of the ODU Committee to become a Vice President of the ODU.



Tony started at the Prep in 1934, matriculated from the College in 1942 and stayed on for post matric in 1943 when he was Vice Head of the College. He captained the 1st XV in 1942 and 1943. In 1943 his team were unbeaten and many considered Tony to be the finest schoolboy captain and number eight of his time. He also captained the cricket 1st XI. He served in the S.A.A.F as a navigator in 1944 and 1945. After the war he went to Oxford as a Bishops Rhodes Scholar. Whilst there he played rugby for Oxford, which included playing for the 1946 unbeaten team led by **Ossie Newton-Thompson (1937)**, winning his blue three times against Cambridge. On his return to South Africa he played rugby for Villagers with a few games for Western Province and found time to serve as a member of the ODU committee throughout the 1950's. He qualified as an actuary and served a term as President of the Actuarial Society of SA. Tony worked for *Old Mutual* for many years finishing as General Manager. In the 1980's Tony was a Director of the Urban Foundation, which was involved in low income community development and also served on the Council of UCT. He was also a committee member of the World Wide Fund for Nature and Vice Chairman of the Peace Parks Foundation promoting trans-frontier parks across international boundaries. He is still involved with community affairs and is Chairman of the John and Charles Bell Heritage Trust, which holds a magnificent collection of art works of Charles Bell, a renowned 19th century Cape artist.

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Jonathan Steytler (1978)

Jonathan grew up in Constantia and attended Wepups before moving to Bishops in 1975. After matric in 1978, he went to UCT, completing his B.A. and LLB degrees in 1984. He spent his two years of National Service as a Law Officer, mostly in Windhoek and Rundu. The highlight of this period was meeting his wife, Anna, who was at UCT at the time. Thereafter he joined the Cape Town firm of attorneys, *Jan S de Villiers and Son*, where he served his articles. He was admitted as an Attorney and Conveyancer early in 1989, and after travelling for a while he began his career at *Buchanan Boyes* where he has remained to this day. In due course he was made a partner and for the last four years he has been Managing Director of the firm.

Simon Peile (1978)

Simon matriculated from Bishops in 1979 and graduated from UCT with B.Bus.Sci in Actuarial Sci-

ence. In 1987 he was awarded Fellowship of the Faculty of Actuaries in Scotland. From 1994-2003 he was a consulting Actuary with *Alexander Forbes*. Simon has acted as valuating actuary, strategic consultant and investment consultant to a number of major SA retirement funds. As national head of consulting for *Alexander Forbes* he was very involved in developing their approach to establishing and implementing investment strategies for retirement funds. He has been very involved with asset manager selection and monitoring for over twenty years. In 2003 he co-founded what is now South Africa's second largest multi-manager investment management company, *Sygnia Asset Management*. Sygnia currently looks after R95 billion of institutional clients' assets. As head of investments, he currently reviews over 80 asset management companies and implements investment strategies for over 500 retirement funds in SA.

RUSSIAN OD

If you ever find yourself in Moscow, our first Russian OD **Egor Arkhipov (2006-12)** has returned and now lives in the Moscow Oblast region.

STARLIGHT CLASSICS

Some 50 ODs, wives, guests and partners enjoyed a wonderful evening under the stars at our annual visit to the Starlight Classics at Vergelegen. Once again **Richard Cock (1967)** arranged a special



*James McGregor,
Tim & Carolyn, Dee Watson,
Jen & Les Masterson*

enclosure in the perfect spot for us and we were spellbound by the spectacular concert so brilliantly put together by Richard. The setting for the concert amidst the immaculate gardens, surrounded by mountains is memorable and the warm windless evening was the cherry on the top!

The event is hassle free. Tickets organised by Carolyn, a comfort-

able bus driven by the legendary college bus driver Tony Noon, reserved seats, and an effortless drive back to Bishops after the event makes for an outstanding evening's entertainment.

DONATIONS

Sincere thanks go to the following for their generous donations to the OD Bursary fund.

The Estate of the late John Philip

The Willmott Trust

Cormac Petit de la Roche

Sandy Jeffery- Pallet Supply

Craig Howie

VISITORS FROM AFAR

It was great to catch up with the following 'long distance' ODs

George Conder (1949)	Mexico City
Joe Barry (1963)	East London
Charles Townsend (1962)	Western Australia
Richard Townsend (1958)	Ontario Canada
Anthony Townsend (1956)	Vancouver Canada
Christian Hageman (1999)	Germany
Peter Robinson (1967)	China
Glen Ledgerwood (1957)	New South Wales
Cormac Petit de la Roche (1973)	Netherlands



Cormac Petit de la Roche



Joe Barry



George Conder



The Townsend brothers



Christian Hagemann

FOUNDERS WEEK CELEBRATIONS

The most important and significant date of the year for ODs has always been Founders Day. This is naturally set in stone but we are delighted that celebrations are now taking place over an extended period. This was certainly the vision of the Committee.

This year hundreds of ODs from all over the world descended on Bishops to celebrate their reunions and various functions were held from Wednesday until Sunday. The annual AGM has been moved to the Wednesday, the OD Dinner to Thursday leaving room for many Founders Day activi-

ties on the Friday, including tours of the school and further functions and sport on the Saturday and Sunday, culminating in the Celebration of the Founder. It is significant that more and more ODs are travelling from overseas to join in these celebrations.

The school grounds looked magnificent. The fields were in pristine condition despite the dry summer. Many of the buildings sparkled with fresh paint, the sports facilities especially the two pools, the gym and the various pavilions were most impressive. Clearly the maintenance of our wonderful facilities is well planned and managed and immense credit must be given to all concerned. The Dayboy houses brought gasps of admiration from many ODs who remembered how Spartan facilities for dayboys were in their days.

The Ogilvie clock once again sits proudly above the Founders tower. After years of unfortunate neglect it has been fully restored. This has been made possible by the combined efforts of Bill Bulgen, the estate manager, the new Housemaster of Founders, David Mallett and the insistence of the ODU. It is one of the iconic sights and sounds of Bishops.

The memorial Chapel so aptly built at the heart of the College looks a little different but there is now greater space.

CHAPEL ALTERATIONS

Look at the photo. What is missing?

Answer: The Lectern and the Pulpit.



These were not part of the original design. The pulpit was presented to the college in 1953 in memory of John Yearsley (1944). In 1966 this became the lectern when the new pulpit was built in memory of Alexander McDonald, who was a member of the College Council from 1938-55.

Terry Wilke, the school Chaplain and Peter Westwood, have provided reasons for the decision to remove them.

More seating was needed. The College has steadily grown in numbers and we were struggling to find

seats for all the boys. In the last four years, 75 extra chairs have been added to the total number of chairs in chapel.

The sheer bulk of the pulpits blocked the view of many Gray and Kidd House boys. They were unable to see the front of the Chapel, the preacher or the Celebrant at the Eucharist. This made it harder for them to concentrate. Many ODs reported having sat through five years of College without ever seeing what was going on!

The pulpit on the eastern side did not fit into the style of the chapel. In fact, neither pulpit re-

ally did as the Memorial Chapel was designed to be a place of space and light. The two pulpits detracted from this and drew the focus of the Altar away from the sacred business of the Sanctuary area. This has now been restored to the architect's original intention.

NB. The pulpits have been stored in the workshop area and are available to any church that would be able to put them to good use.



Many questions have been asked about the huge new building on the South-East corner of the Frank Reid oval. Geoff Kieswetter has provided us with the following information.

The **Steffan Coutts-Trotter** Indoor Cricket Centre is going to be a big boost to Bishops Cricket. Construction is well under way – the basic structure is in place and the floor was cast in March. Thereafter, the flooring and netting was installed, followed by TV cameras and screens. Provision has also been made in the centre for a lecture room, an office and storerooms. So, by mid-2013, Bishops Cricket will have a hi-performance centre with four lanes. The first lane (from the left) will be a dedicated bowling-machine lane, on the wall behind of which will be a workstation and TV screen for use with the second lane, which will be equipped with PitchVision. This product uses technology that is similar to that of “Hawk-eye” and it will provide coaches and players with enough statistical data to assist in improving skills and techniques, as part of the broader process of helping to develop our cricketers. Initially, we shall be using only the bowling component, and once more funds become available, we’ll purchase the batting component too. The third and fourth lanes will be conventional lanes for bowling and batting, throw-downs, etc. Finances permitting, each lane will have at least one dedicated camera, and the first two lanes will have a TV screen for immediate playbacks. Upstairs will be a viewing area and a room that will be kitted out with a data projector and screen, amongst other things, and will be big enough to host team discussion and viewing sessions. The main entrance will be from the north side of the building, the Mallett Centre side, whilst there will also be an entrance from the Frank Reid field side, which entrance will also boast covered seating for spectators.

This centre has been made possible through the generosity of the family of the late Steffan Coutts-Trotter (1996), who sadly passed away during the Two Oceans Marathon on 3 April 2010. The Coutts-Trotters want a memorial to Steffan in a place where he featured prominently at Bishops, and we believe that we have chosen the right place and the right type of facility in honour of Steffan. And it is our mission to ensure that the family will view this memorial with much pride and fond memories of their son, and will see it being put to the best possible use in the name of Bishops and Bishops Cricket.

ANNUAL OD DINNER

Thursday 14 March Kelvin Grove

This was a really special evening which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. There was a most welcome mix of young and old, who joined new Principal Guy Pearson, ‘legendary’ teachers, College and

Prep staff and representatives from kindred schools. It was wonderful also to have the Heads of our three schools with us namely Noel Andrews, Greg Brown and Vernon Wood. The idea of moving the Dinner to the evening before Founders Day was a great success enabling all the reunion years to join us. This included gentlemen from the Classes of 1953, '58, '63, '73 and '83. David Grier, adventurer, athlete, philanthropist and OD mesmerized us all with his outstanding presentation. He spoke with huge passion and we were honored to have had the opportunity to not only listen but also to be inspired by this remarkable man.

Special mention must be made of Anton Taylor who proved to be an outstanding Master of Ceremonies. He had young and old in stitches as he very skillfully orchestrated the proceedings. It was an enthralling performance. *View other photos on website and Facebook (www.odu.co.za)*

The ODU was delighted to donate R10 000 to David Grier's Miles for Smiles Fund.



Gavid Grier



Anton Taylor



*Phil Calothi, David Grier and
Dugald Robertson*

FOUNDERS DAY

Friday March 15 commenced with a special Founders Day service, which should have been held on the Piley Rees field, but due to inclement weather returned to the Memorial Chapel. For the second year running all the cricket matches were abandoned so our concentration was focused on the shooting, the debating and the basketball. In the afternoon we were able to play the tennis. The school provided reasonable opposition but not enough to avoid the OD teams cleaning up, though rumour has it that John Smuts's tennis team had to enlist a little professional assistance to ensure success.

Before lunch the classes of 1953 and 1963 were taken on an historical tour of the school by Paul Murray. More than 100 ODs were welcomed to a splendid lunch by Guy Pearson. This lunch, hosted by the school, remains one of the great traditions of Founders Day.

Regrettably the ODU was unable to reciprocate as the evening cocktail party was cancelled.

Our thanks naturally go to the school, which many agreed had never looked in better shape, and



*Ed Milne, Arne Cederval,
Alister Smuts & Martin Bey*



*Richard Calothi, Adrian
Kritzing & Kenny Kirkby*



*Basketball team
enjoying lunch*

to the many ODs who gave up crucial afternoon work to support the day. It is worth mentioning that had the cricket not been cancelled there would have been more than 150 ODs involved with the various activities.

Saturday evening was quite remarkable. Bishops was alive and in full celebration and one could not help being both proud and impressed. The ODs were playing a day/night cricket match against the OAs on the Frank Reid; the class of 1973 were in the Heatlie Pavilion enjoying a Reunion Dinner Spit Braai; the class of 1963 were enjoying a gala dinner in the OD Union offices; the class of 1963 were attending their Reunion Dinner in Founders; and the school was staging 'Oklahoma' in the Memorial Theatre.

To cap a memorable Founders 'weekend' on Sunday the Commemoration of the Founder was celebrated with an OD Reunion Service in the Brooke Chapel at 9.00am and College Evensong at 7.00pm in the Memorial Chapel.

FOUNDERS DAY DEBATE 2013

The weather was kind to us this year and the debate attracted a large crowd in the Library Quad. The topic was a controversial issue linking in to the new Senior/Junior relationship – *This House would reinstate 'new boy' faggot at Bishops.*

ODs **Anton Taylor (2005)**, **Andrew Attieh (2011)** and **Tom van Zahn (2011)** opposed it while Ismail Rawoot, Nick Marine and Joe Kahn were in support of the motion. The ODs won the debate and the crowd was entertained, as always, by witty exchanges and the inimitable Mr Taylor!



*Rowan Nicols, Andrew Attieh,
Tom von Zahn and Anton Taylor*



*Iain van Zyl, Daniel Haritos
and Will Esau*

BASKETBALL

In an exciting contest the experienced OD team edged out the boys for the fourth year running by 55 – 34.

Thank you to **William Esau (2005)** and **Iain van Zyl (1996)**, for once again getting the team together and setting the highest standards.

SHOOTING

OLD DIOCESANS	Card 1	Card 2	TOTAL
Larmuth Girvan	93	90	183
McNaught-Davis R.J.	94	86	180
Calothi Richard	88	91	179
Rule James	86	93	179
Madener Mike	84	86	170
Waller John	80	83	163

OLD DIOCESANS WON BY 36 POINTS



Back: Richard Henkel, Phil Calothi, Gírvan Larmuth, Rupert McNaught-Davis, James Rule & Mike Madlener

Front: Peter & Paul Henkel, Richard Calothi

Phil Calothi's astute selection paid off this year and the **Chippy Robinson** trophy returned to the OD Union offices for display. The Henkel family certainly had a lot to do with this!

It is worth noting for the records that the shooting was originally cancelled due to the weather, but Phil challenged this decision and refused to allow his team to disperse! He then managed to persuade the master in charge of shooting to reverse their decision.

TENNIS



Back Row: Geordie Kohler (1972); Paul Boehmke (1971); Pat Foster (1958); Koos Jonker (1959); Bruce Ackerman (1961); David Boyes (1963)

Front Row: John Smuts (1969); Craig Hall (2001); George Eadie (2001); Bruce Hill (1963)



According to Mike Withers, the ODs narrowly beat the boys by 113 games to 112. This was possibly due to the OD team being bolstered by two standby players, **John Waller (1966)** and **John Passmore (1974)** (pictured left), who took over mid-way through the afternoon when other players had to leave. The weather was glorious, in spite of the school

cancelling the cricket matches before midday, as they feared that there would be rain, which never materialised.

Bruce Hill was visiting from Dublin, Ireland as part of his Class of '63 50 year Matric reunion.

Special thanks go to Mike for organising the schoolboys' team + eats and drinks. As ever, it was a very pleasant afternoon's tennis, after an excellent lunch in the Frank Reid Pavilion beforehand.

THE WALKER CUP – THE HISTORY

This event was inaugurated by **Mike Walker (1957)** on 14 November 1982 at Royal Cape. Twelve couples played. It is known as the Walker Cup which refers to Amateur Golf clash between England and the United States which was inaugurated in 1922 by George Walker. Mowbray has hosted the clash ever since 2000. Before this it was held by Royal Cape and Clovelly. The results were tied at 13 ½ games each until 2009, but since then Rondebosch have roared ahead.

The Alan Alexander Memorial Trophy is awarded to the pair with the most number of stableford points. This was introduced in the 1990's. Interestingly the winner for the past two years was Richard Todt who was at Bishops from 1971 until 1978, but now represents Rondebosch!!

The motto of our Walker Cup is: - *Everything counts, nothing matters.*



*Roger Carter, Gwynne Phillips,
Rohan Voss & Brian de Kock*

WALKER CUP 2013

The 31st annual playing of the Walker Cup Golf match between ODs and Rondebosch Old Boys took place at the Mowbray Golf Club on Sunday 3 March. Once again, regrettably, the OD team lost by 13 matches to 19. Our grateful thanks go to our major sponsor, *Auric Auto BMW*, as well as to the **Basson** family of the *Ormonde Wine Estate* and to *Ramsay Media* for their generous donations of the prizes. While Rondebosch couples, with scores of between

45 and 43 Stableford points, topped the list, the OD pairings who fared best were **Jonathan (1957)** and **Giles Hobday (2006)**, **Andrew Kilpin (1983)** and **David Wilson (1983)** and **Philip Austin (1976)** and **Alastair Mackie (1979)**, all of whom scored 42 points, and **Geoff Hackling (1975)** and **John Proudfoot (1975)**, with 41 points. Other OD prize-winners were **James Henkes (1980)**, **David Wilson** and **Robert Worthington-Smith (1978)**, who won the three longest-drive awards for the Under 35, under 50 and over 50 years groups respectively; **Simon Caro (1977)** won the nearest-the-pin award for one of the short holes.

John Smuts (1969) will never forgive the Editor if mention is not made of his eagle (five points) at the 17th, which sealed victory for John and partner **Johnny Waller (1966)** over old rivals the Muller brothers. John's six iron from 160 metres was 'the best shot of his life'.

THE MUSEUM

Mr Ulick Brown (1940) donated his Victor Lewis Biology Prize which he won in December 1940. It is entitled 'A First Guide to South African Birds' by Leonard Gill. The pasted prize certificate on the inside

cover is initialed by R.H.B., which refers to the Principal at the time R Harold Birt.

Mac Bisset (1960), on behalf of J R Ashley (Wales), presented Ashley's father, Lieutenant D W Ashley's WW II medals. The group of four medals, are mounted court style: 1939-45 Star; the Africa Star; War Medal 1939-45 with oak leaf emblem indicating mention in despatches; Africa Service Medal. POW I.D. Card (German) 2902 all in the vitrine. Black cap badge and collar grenade. Medal Issue Form. Letter from Deputy Adjutant General congratulating Lieut Ashley on his mention in despatches. Letter from Field Martial Smuts on his return to civilian life. Letter from Lieut Col. O W Sherwell, M.C. Officer Commanding 2nd Field Regiment (Natal Field Artillery) S.A.A.

Mac Bisset: Photograph of Christ's College Cambridge Tennis team (circa 1927) of four players two of whom were Bissets, William Murray Bisset and Eldred Mouson Bisset ; William Murray's Cambridge half-blue blazer (tennis). (Cambridge and Oxford give full blues only for certain sports such as rugby, rowing and cricket.)

Jeremy Lawrence (1953): Sir Malcolm Searle's two trowels, one commemorating the laying of the corner stone of St Anne's in Maitland on 5 August 1925 by him and the other presented to the Hon. Mr Justice Searle for the laying of the foundation stone of the Church Hall, Roodebloem on 14 July 1912. In addition a silver medal awarded to Malcolm Searle for his first place in Literature (1872 Competition of Schools, Board of Examiners in Literature and Science). Wallet – leather carrying an elaborate set of Searle's initials in silver plate. Finally a plate used for marking his clothes whilst he was in the army – you had to ink the plate which carried his name cut into it while the plate was placed on the clothes being marked.



Priscilla du toit & Brian Barends

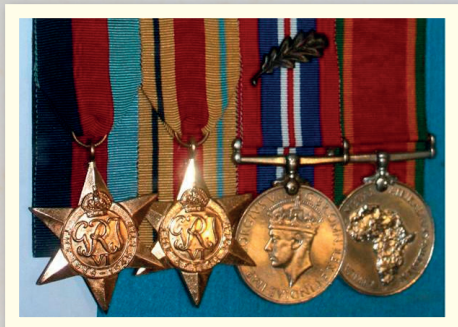
Brian Barends (1945) brought Mrs Priscilla du Toit to the Museum, who donated the Eugene B Markus 1915 Cricket Cap, to the Archives. The cap is currently being placed in a specially made casement and will be displayed in the Museum.

Medals of War Hero Presented to Bishops: Report by **Mac Bisset**

Mr Rodney Ashley has most generously presented his father's campaign stars, medals and mention in despatches certificate to the Bishops Museum. Lieutenant **Derrick Ashley (1932)**, who died in October 2008, is mentioned in the South African Official History, *Crisis in the Desert May – July 1942* as well as in **Major John Newman** and Cmdr A.G. Vosloo's book *6th Battery, A Saga of Gunners in the Western Desert, 12th August 1941 – 13 June 1942*.

6th SA Field Battery covered the withdrawal of the Scots Guards from Rigel Ridge.

'The Battery Commander, **Major John Newman (1935)** then decided that it was his duty to stay



Lieutenant D W Ashley's WW II medals

and fight it out and so delay the enemy as long as possible. The Troop Commanders hastened to the gun positions and all guns were commanded individually by officers and engaged the enemy over open sights. The enemy tanks lay hull down on the ridge with 50 mm anti-tank guns on the ground between them. Supported by field guns, they maintained a devastating fire – including armour-piercing machine-gun fire – on the 6th Battery. Tanks moved round until the troops were being attacked from front and rear. Nevertheless, the fight was maintained until all eight guns had been put out of action by enemy fire. About half the personnel at the guns were killed and wounded, including the Battery Commander and most of the officers. The last gun in action was manned by Lieutenant Ashley and one signaller until this gun, too, was knocked out.'



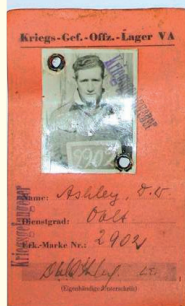
Medals Awarded to Lieutenant D.W. Ashley W.W.II
Donated to Bishop by his son, J.R. Ashley

4 medals mounted court style:
1939-45 Star,
Africa Star,

War Medal 1939-45 with Oak Leaf Emblem
indicating a mention in despatches,
(full-size) Africa Service Medal,
All officially named 13376, D.W. Ashley on reverse or rim.

Lieutenant D.W. Ashley
P.O.W. Identity Card (German) 2902

Black RA cap badge and collar grenade.



FUND RAISING



The Three Oaks Foundation.

Struan Buchanan (1977), Pete Hofmeyr (1973) & Mark Westcott (1977)

Buoyed by raising R200 000.00 – much of which came from ODs - for David Grier's *Miles for Smiles Foundation* with their Cape Town to Hermanus walk at the end of 2011, the three OD 'extreme athletes' set off on 22 April on a new adventure to raise funds for the **Anna Foundation** farm children, the **Jacques Kallis Scholarship Foundation** and **Mark Boucher's Rhino Preservation Initiative.**

• **The Anna Foundation's** mission is to assist disadvantaged schools and communities by providing academic, social and environmental support and equipping children with skills for life-long learning. The Anna Foundation works with children living on farms in the Boland and Overberg regions in the Western Cape. It will cost R1500 to cover one child in their Reading, Running, Right-ing programme for a year (there are currently 650 children benefitting from the program).

• **The Jacques Kallis Scholarship Foundation**, each year, selects four or more boys who are starting high school and makes a financial commitment to each boy to fund their full tuition and boarding fees for their time at high school. This currently amounts to R65 000.00 per scholar per year in 2012, and is expected to increase by not less than 5% each year.

• **The SAB-Boucher Conservation Non-Profit Company** aims to raise enough money to eventually register all of South Africa's 18 000 rhinos on a national Rhino DNA database (RhoDIS), established and run by the Veterinary Genetics Laboratory (VGL) at the University of Pretoria's Faculty of Veterinary Science, Onderstepoort. SAB was the first corporate company to sponsor the RhoDIS database in 2011. The database actively supports the South African Police Service, conservation authorities such as SANPARKS and private rhino owners in building a shared asset register of rhinos in the country.

Education and Conservation are two causes they are delighted to support.



Pete Hofmeyr, Mark Westcott & Struan Buchanan



Mark Westcott, Struan Buchanan, Pete Hofmeyr with Johann de Wet

Latest news from Pete Hofmeyr:

All the walks activities and pictures can be seen on Facebook at 'Winelands charity walk'. Thanks to the incredibly generous donations of so many people including a large number of ODs we have managed to put together the princely sum of over R230 000, which is a fantastic amount. Many thanks to the following ODs and parents of ODs who looked after us so well on our walk: **Johan** and **Lori-Ann De Wet (1976)** from Lorraine in Rawsonville, **Brian** and **Ruth Robertson (1979)** from Avondale in Paarl and **Mike** and **Sabena Bosman (1978)** from Franschhoek. We also ran into **Richard** and **Julie Parkvelt (1977)** from Franschhoek along the way. Thanks also to the many who stopped and gave us refreshments in the heat, much appreciated.

We are already starting to plan next year's walk, so please have the wallets ready as in the immortal words of Arnie, 'we will be back'.

Mervyn Gray (Prep Headmaster 1985 - 96) is now living in Pringle Bay and has been very involved, since his return from the Middle East, in local Child Welfare, especially in getting an after-school care unit called **KidsCan** off the ground. (www.kidscan.co.za)

Mervyn writes: 'It is hugely important to the disadvantaged community in Kleinmond that we create conditions in which these children are kept off the streets and allowed a quiet place in which to do homework, under qualified supervision. Not only do we try to provide this kind of shelter for these children, but we also provide a meal, sometimes the only meal in the day, and some extension work that we hope will enrich their lives and make more sense for them of the work that is covered in school.

'There is an enormous demand for such a facility here and the long waiting list is evidence of this, but we need more classrooms really badly, and it is to this that I am appealing to ODs to consider donating. I can't claim that this is more deserving than any other charity, they are all worthy, but I can say that our positive results speak for themselves and I can guarantee that the money collected will be wisely and honestly spent'.

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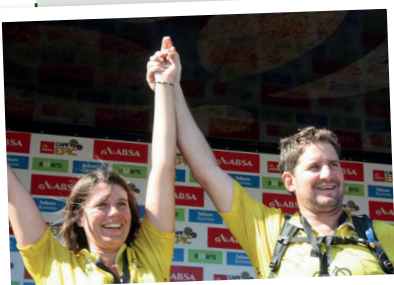
KidsCan! is a project of Child Welfare SA: Kleinmond. It is a non-profit organization that helps all children, especially underprivileged and vulnerable children, become contributing members of society by offering after school care facilities and activities to improve their education and develop themselves.

You can contact Mervyn at: Ph. 028 273 8026. Cell: 082 740 8443. Email: mgray4453@gmail.com

Anton De Waal (1987) together with his wife Brigitte bravely rode the Cape Epic on a tandem in order to raise money for Charity. He certainly deserves our congratulations. He kindly sent this report.

Doing the Cape Epic is not an easy feat, but doing it on a tandem with your partner makes it a special challenge. If you want to really get to know your partner spend almost 62 hours in one week attached to the same bicycle. There is no option of riding ahead to have a break or to chat to someone else. Every

word you say and every move you make influences the other, and that requires both of you to dig deep in many ways. We attempted this silly task to raise money and awareness for the *Bicycle Empowerment Network* which is a NGO that helps put poor people on bicycles as a means of transport and mobility. We managed to raise R60 000 so it was a great success in that respect. We nearly killed each other a few times every day, but the elation of crossing the line made all the troubles from the day melt away. Every day was a struggle, and we ended up as the last official team to complete the Epic in the allotted time allowed. 150 teams did not make it to the end, so even though we came stone last we were very pleased to have completed the 2013 Cape Epic still married.



*Mauro Fioravanti*

ODU FASHION

With the ever increasing OD involvement in the Union, there appears to be renewed interest in the traditional OD colours. **Mauro Fioravanti (1985)** has been appointed as our fashion consultant and is already hard at work sourcing material for blazers, scarves, cricket jerseys and caps. Committee member **John Macey (1979)** will be assisting and involving himself with quality and quantity.

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF ODS

The OD Committee invited Guy and Marcé Pearson and all Bishops staff who have accepted Honorary Membership of the ODU to a lavish cocktail party held in the George Hodgson room. Bishops staff qualifies for membership after 10 years' service and we were delighted to welcome so many new ODs from amongst teachers at the Pre-Prep, the Prep and the College.

*Guy Pearson & Brian Robertson**Jonathan Steytler, Angus Firth & John Macey*

OD RUGBY INTER HOUSE 7-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT

Date: THURSDAY 29 AUGUST

Venue: Piley Rees field

Time: 3.30 – 5.30 p.m.

Reception & Young OD Braai 6.00 p.m. in the Heatlie Pavilion

Organizing committee: Nick Durrant, Angus Firth, Anton Taylor, Dugald Robertson

OD HOCKEY MATCHES VS SCHOOL

Date: THURSDAY 29 AUGUST

Venue: Woodlands Astro

Time: 4.00 p.m.

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Reception & Young OD Braai 6.00 p.m. in the Heatlie Pavilion

Team organizer: Craig Hall

NEWS OF ODs



WESTERN CAPE

David Grier (1977) has just launched a new initiative - *THE AJUGA UNIT*.

According to reports, over the last five years, there are on average 10 shack fires a day in South Africa. In Cape Town alone there are more than 100 deaths resulting from shack fires every year, with one of the worst informal settlement fires in the history of Cape Town having occurred in Khayelitsha in early 2013, burning more than a 1 000 shacks to the ground. During December and January this year, the number of people made homeless by shack fires amounts to nearly 5 200.

‘Shack fires are becoming prevalent throughout the country as shack settlements grow. As a result, increasing numbers of dwelling units are built using highly flammable substances such as wood, cardboard and plastic and are built in close proximity of each other. With limited services and infrastructure, and no safety controls in place, impulsive and fast spreading conflagrations are a constant threat. Often, fire safety is compromised as many people in our country cannot afford safe energy sources and appliances. By replacing crèches with fire resistant structures, this initiative ensures that if there is a fire outbreak, the most vulnerable people of the community will be protected. With this initiative, we can also provide children with a place of safety and improve the conditions in which they are schooled.’

David explained that the *Ajuga* unit is one of the most unique and effective fire-resistant structures available, as it is made from patented steel and fire retardant panels, which have been fire-tested to 1 000 degrees. ‘The house takes one day to assemble, is fitted with standard windows and doors and services such as water and electricity can be installed.’

David designed the *Ajuga* structure and says that, ‘together with Operation Smile, *Cipla Medpro* has for many years been involved in raising funds for corrective surgeries for children born with cleft lips and palates. During the *Miles for Smiles* initiatives, we noticed the rapid increase of children being admitted with serious burn wounds and that is when we decided to investigate the causes

around this. When we saw the shocking devastation caused by shack fires, we could not walk away.'

Earlier in February this year, the *Cipla Foundation* sponsored the first two Ajuga structures that replaced crèches in the informal settlement of Du Noon in Cape Town. This forms part of a phase where logistics will be tested and finalised to ensure a smooth roll out process in the future.

THE ENVIRONMENT

Congratulations to **Ian Durbach (1996)** who, together with two other UCT researchers, has just completed the first full-length ecological census of the Orange River. Their Senqu2Sea expedition took them 61 days to paddle the 2 125 kms from Lesotho to the Atlantic. Ian who is a statistical sciences lecturer will be busy in the next few weeks processing 61 diatom water samples, 53 isotope samples from the various tributaries, over 1200 GPS locations of interest, including 500 water abstractions points – places where water is extracted for irrigation, mining and human consumption. They also collected ornithological data from a host of sightings including 500 African Fish Eagle sightings. Their storehouse of photographs will provide a good visual baseline for the effects of climate change.

It was interesting to hear from Ian that he had been in touch with **William Dicey (1988)** who had written a fascinating book about the Gariep and the arid western half of South Africa.

Read more about their adventure at www.senqu2sea.wordpress.com



ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIONIST

We are delighted to hear from **Mike Markovina (1998)**, a marine explorer and yet another OD who is passionate about Environmental despoliation and solutions.

Michael has a passion for the ocean, and holds an MSc in Ichthyology and Fisheries Science. While working for the *Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS)*



Michael was in charge of all marine based expeditions. He developed the *Moving Sushi Marine Resource Expedition* as a means to discover inspiring people and global solutions to fisheries management and conservation.

Mike has just returned from an East African Marine Expedition, heading from South Africa to Northern Kenya. You can follow their movements here: www.marinetransect.org and www.movingsushi.com

We are very proud to announce that Mike has been voted in as a member of the Explorers Club.

This club encourages intrepid adventurers to assemble and share information about the earth, oceans, air, space, ancient civilizations and species, science and to promote conservation. Since its inception in 1904, the Club has served as a meeting point and unifying force for explorers and scientists worldwide. Filling the ranks of famous members are familiar names in adventure and



exploration like Sir Edmund Hillary, Roald Amundsen, Sir Ranulph Fiennes, John Glen as well as Diane Fossey, Dr Jane Goodall and Robert Ballard (an underwater archaeologist who discovered the wrecks of the Titanic)

Michael has always had a deep love for the ocean, but he never imagined how far it would take him. From 2008 to 2010, along with his girlfriend Linda Schonknecht, he crossed sea, sky and land to order to find, record and share innovative solutions to saving our marine life.

It was while working with the Wildlife Conservation Society in Gabon that he came across two coast guards who inspired his epic marine expedition, *Moving Sushi*. Despite the depressing state of over-fishing and exploitation, the two were working exceptionally hard to create real possibilities for change. Mike resolved to find similar people across Africa, Europe and Asia who, with positive ideas and projects, are turning a critical situation around. Linda is a photojournalist and, in filming and sharing stories, they hoped to inspire action and 'Africanise' solutions.

Travelling from Betty's Bay to Tokyo and back in 'Johnny', a 4x4 that doubled as their home, Mike and Linda discovered that their thoughts on marine conservation came to be worlds apart from the ones they'd started out with. Over two years, crossing 42 countries, they photographed and filmed individuals who, by adapting solutions to suit their cultures and communities, are proving that change is possible. They soon realised that the real story was not about fish, but about what a fish represents to people. And although people are the problem, they're the solution. In addition to a documentary, photographic exhibitions and talks, Mike started *TEDxSeaPoint* — a local, self-organised event, in the tradition of TED, which brings people together to share 'ideas worth spreading'. Like *Moving Sushi*, it is part of his grand plan to link people globally and, in sharing ideas, change the fate of marine life.

EDUCATION

News from William Donkin (2004).

'Through my involvement with the laptop programme at Bishops, first as a student and later as an intern I have developed a keen interest in the use of ICT in education and the power it has to overcome the boundaries created by poverty and bureaucratic incompetence. While interning at Bishops I became involved in the Teaching Biology Project (www.teachingbiologyproject.org.za), an NGO run by the inspirational Cheryl Douglas that provides training for Life Science teachers with a particular focus on the use of ICT in the classroom.

'I firmly believe that this is a model not only for the use of ICT in education but also for private sector involvement in education. By training and supporting the teachers rather than focusing on individual learners TBP provides long term and sustainable benefits to education in South Africa. Unfortunately at the end of 2012 the funding provided by the Kingdom of

the Netherlands expired. We are desperately searching for new funders in order to continue providing support and inspiration to teachers across South Africa. I know that there are many ODs with the means, the expertise and the desire to improve education in South Africa and I would encourage them to get involved in this project. If there is a way you could spread this message it would be greatly appreciated.'

Should anyone wish to find out more they are welcome to contact William at tbp@agei.co.za.

ENTERTAINMENT

It has certainly been a really great year for Conrad Koch (1995), the Puppet Master who manages to get our politicians talking! He, together with his puppet Chester Missing, is currently enjoying a brilliant TV career as a political journalist on eNCA's comedy show Late Night News with Loyiso Gola. He has certainly managed to put a different spin on South African politics. Conrad talks fast, thinks faster. Snappy retorts are his gift and together with Chester he reveals great warmth and coolness. They humanise politicians, unmasking them as sentient beings capable of self-mockery.

WINE

DRINKS GREEN AWARD

Avondale's Proprietor, **Johnathan Grieve (1995)**, was awarded runner-up for the Green Personality category at the international Drinks Business Green Awards, which was held at the Ivy in London on 24 April. Avondale was also a finalist in the Sustainability Award category. The Drinks Business Green Awards is the world's largest programme to raise awareness on green issues and reward those in the beverage industry who are leading the way in terms of sustainability and environmental performance. The Green Personality accolade is awarded to the individual who has excelled in recent years in furthering environmental causes within the industry and their company. The judges' feedback was as follows: 'Hugely influential biodynamic advocate in South Africa, Johnathan Grieve impressed the judges for his attempts to minimize the impact of his business on the environment and also educate others in sustainable viticulture and eco-conscious living.'

Johnathan's initiatives that contributed towards him receiving this accolade include:

- Pioneering the BioLOGIC methodology which incorporates organic, biodynamic and scientific farming principles for a balanced approach that creates living ecosystems.
- Establishing an *Avondale* community organization, centre and children's crèche with the aim of uplifting the workforce and greater community.
- Introducing the concept of the biodynamic tasting calendar to the wine industry in a unique & innovative way. This campaign, termed the 'Luna Taste Test', has since become an Avondale-owned "buzzword" in the industry.

We were delighted to read that **Pieter de Wet (2002)** is consistently enhancing his reputation as one of our leading viticulturists. It was never going to be easy taking over the wine making from his father Danie, who over the years has shaped the South African wine industry, but Pieter has no intention of sitting back and merely recreating his father's outstanding wines year after year.

Pieter has already added a bubbly and his newest project is a red wine made mainly from merlot. Pieter has plenty of experience with the variety after working vintages in St Emilion. His new vineyard is still young – only eight years old when the first vintage of this wine was made – and Pieter is confident that his merlot, to be called *Thibault*, after the legendary architect of the Koopmans de Wet House in Cape Town, will be meet with both national and international approval.

POSTHUMOUS AWARD FOR COLONEL SIR DE VILLIERS GRAAFF (1929)

These photographs, sent by **Bruce Risien (1965)** were taken at the Cape Garrison Artillery medal parade in August last year.



De Villiers Graaff (1988) accepted the Posthumous Award of the UNITAS Medal, on behalf of his grandfather **Sir De Villiers Graaff**, who was the Honorary Colonel of Cape Garrison Artillery for many years. The current Honorary Colonel is **Sir David Graaff (1957)**

Other ODs present at the medal parade were **Colonel Les Masterson (1963)** **Captain Bruce Risien**, and **Commander Mac Bisset (1960)**

Rollo Dickson (1949) wrote: Your good wishes were much appreciated - though candidly I don't feel any older than I did at 79. Just as busy, really, editing Railways Africa and putting their weekly on-line news together www.railwaysafrica.com. I'm still SA correspondent for Railway Gazette Inter-

national and <http://www.truckbus.co.za/history-of-transport.asp> is mine, too, also the parallel current bus news column in the monthly SA Truck & Bus magazine. All of which may go some way to excusing the lateness of this acknowledgement.

Andrew Boraine (1976) has stepped down as Cape Town Partnership chief executive after a decade in order to head the Western Cape Economic Development Partnership formed last April. He will continue to design partnerships for urban transformation and socio-economic development.

PREP CADETS

Ulick Brown (1940) writes: 'I refer to the picture of 'Cappy' Dodd and the note on him in the latest magazine. When I was at the Prep from 1933 to 1936, the day boy houses were called 'A' Group and 'B' Group. Mr Dodd was my housemaster in B Group. Mr Lewis ('Lugog') had A Group. Cadets started in Standard 5 (Grade 7 today) so I was in it from 1935 to 1936 - drilling every Wednesday and marching up to College. We were inspected annually by O.C. Cape Command (U.D.F.). College cadets provided the N.C.O's, who reported to Mr.Dodd. My sergeant in 1935 was '**Jack' Frost (1935)** who became a decorated pilot in the South African Air Force, serving in East and North Africa. In 1936 the sergeant was **James Farber (1936)**.



NORTHERN PROVINCES

Just over 40 ODs gathered for the annual Northern Provinces Dinner at the Country Club of Johannesburg on 6 March 2013. Branch secretary **Richard King (1974)** reports:

We were privileged to have both Guy Pearson and **Mike Bosman (1978)** as our guests. It was clear from Mike's overview that Bishops is in very good shape on just about any measure one chooses to use. His passionate, frank and upbeat address set the tone for an excellent evening. We were, of course, very pleased to be able to welcome Guy and Marcé Pearson. Guy shared with us his personal background; his educational philosophy and his initial impressions of Bishops. Coming as he did from Michaelhouse, it was most comforting to hear first-hand that his impressions are overwhelmingly positive and that he has inherited an institution that is functioning as it should as

*Andrew Vincent, Guy Pearson
Simon Grose & Johan Loubser*



*Aiden Baigrie, Guy de Freitas, Frazer
Montanden, Ian Haggie, Phil Voget &
Alex Madden*



one of the Country's leading schools.

He clearly also has the passion and courage required to shepherd Bishops through the next phase of its life. We wish Guy and Mareé a happy stay at Bishops.

My thanks to **Simon Grose (1977)** for allowing us to use his club membership; to **Phil Voget (2004)** for sponsoring the beer and to all who made the evening a great success.

Those who attended:

Roly Thompson (1951), Ed Jordan (1952), Richard Clowes (1953), John Bewsey (1953), Johan Loubser (1959), Warwick Jones (1961), Simon Grose (1977), Jonathan de Villiers (1977), Steve Hodgson (1977), Simon Koch (1977), Peter Fine (1982), Ed Jordan (1986), Ed Robberts (1988), Nick Clowes (1988), David Rhoodie (1981), Andrew Vintcent (1989), Antony Cohen (1989), Charles Serrurier (1992), Alex Thomson (1992), Jason Stanley (1994), Craig McLenaghan (1995), Aiden Baigrie (1996), Matthew Gibson (1998), Ian Haggie (2004), Phil Voget (2004), Fraser Montandon (2004), Alex Madden (2004), Guy de Freitas (2005), Mike Bosman (1978), Guy Harris (1970), Richard King (1974)

Their next 'event' was a Quiz Night, which was held on 6 June. A full report will be in the September magazine. Richard King reckons that this promises to be a great evening where the true intellectual capacity of the Houses will be pitted against each other!! Evidently Founders and School Houses have already entered two teams!



Dave Atkinson (1973) contacted Basil Bey: 'I have **Steven Fry's (1941)** rugby jersey that I purchased at an auction in 1984. I will be in Cape Town on 1 March. Can we get together so that I can hand it over if you are interested'.

We were indeed very interested and extremely grateful and this historic jersey has now been framed, courtesy of the ODU, and will be on show with all our other rugby memorabilia in the Heatlie pavilion.

The ODU has now arranged for all the various rugby jerseys and blazers to be framed and the cost has been made possible by the generosity of **Theo Basson (1991)** who for a number of years donated wine and sponsored all the various after match and other rugby functions.

Paul Wharton-Hood (1987) has recently joined Samsung South Africa and is heading up the Financial Services Vertical in their new B2B Business Unit.

ENTERTAINMENT

The OD connection with the very successful band *FreshlyGround* is strong indeed and we are always pleased to note their growing reputation.

FreshlyGround has done sold-out tours in SA, Europe, China, the USA and Canada. They have won seven *Samas* and are nominated for two 2013 *Samas* for Best Adult Contemporary Album and

Group of the Year. *Take me to the Dance* is their fifth studio album. From the hot banter of a late-night radio DJ to the blistering bass of kwaito house, to country-inspired harmonies, *Take Me to the Dance* welcomes it all. Wry and sensual, deeply personal, this diverse sonic material has finally embraced every sound the band loves.

Take Me to the Dance was released in the US and Canada on 12 May 2012, immediately hitting the number one on the CMJ World Music Charts.



We asked band member Josh Hawks (1987) about OD links with his band. He replied:

‘The OD links, some tenuous are as follows. **Keith Farquarson (1984)** our sound and recording engineer who has been with us for years is an OD. Simon Attwell the flautist saxophonist harmonica and mbira player is the son of **Basher Attwell (1965)** who is an OD, who in turn is the son of a teacher who taught with my grandfather at the prep, and **Sevi Spanoudi (2000)** who we no longer are in-

involved with, but was our first manager did her post-matric at Bishops.

‘We are just back from a short tour to the States playing at the famous Appollo theatre in Harlem from where many greats such as James Brown and Stevie Wonder emerged. They were honoured for humanitarian work for their many years of involvement with the Desmond Tutu HIV foundation, together with Harry Belafonte who received a life-time achievement award. It was fascinating listening to Harry’s speech, as I thought I was listening to Marlon Brando! We have just been in London for a few gigs and a day of recording. Still chipping away!’

Murray Stephenson (2006) and **Matthew Pullen (2005)** of *Red Huxley* report: Our Kickstarter project was a success! We managed to reach our target via the website, which is awesome and we are so grateful to the people who got involved and helped us out. But with that being said we still have a long way to go to make this album a success. We are heading over to the US in July and are busy sorting all the necessary things out, like preproduction on the album, flights, visas etc.



THE GARDEN ROUTE

HEART VALVE REPLACEMENTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Glentana resident and world famous cardiac surgeon **Professor Robert Frater’s (1946)** talk on the replacement of heart valves elicited countless questions from the audience at the meeting of the Garden Route Cardiac Support Group.

Robert worked with Chris Barnard in the sixties before he was invited by the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx, New York to start a new cardiac surgical unit. This unit became well-



Robert Frater, Betty Dickson & Blyth Thompson

known for everything to do with heart valves. They did research and developed techniques for the repair and design as well as manufacturing and testing of artificial valves. Robert has encouraged the Cardiac Support Group in their efforts to provide support to heart patients in the Garden Route, stating that an informed patient is the best patient. 'Cardiac surgery is a mature craft and science and it works best when the doctor and patient are working together.'

The interest that the recently established group enjoys, demonstrates a great need among heart patients for its service. Speakers of a high calibre are invited to the monthly meetings and members receive invaluable information enabling them to manage their health better. They can also share their experiences as heart patients and interact with one another as well as with doctors, caregivers and other role players who attend.

Concluding the meeting, Chairman and founder of the Support Group, **Blyth Thompson (1946)** said they are looking to establish a training programme for caregivers who can be trained to understand the specific needs of cardiac patients. The group is also working to launch similar support groups in other towns in the Garden Route.

Interested individuals may contact the secretary, Wendy Thompson, on 044 873 5254 or 083 375 3353



EAST LONDON

AJ (Tony) Mills (1957) writes: 'I have unfortunately communicated too little with Bishops over the years since 1957, so here is a brief update. Elizabeth (née Stanbridge) and I were married in 1965 on her Father's farm between Beaufort West and Loxton, very close to Rosedene, **Werner Koster's (1957)** farm. Werner and I shared the same years at Bishops and have always had an easy friendship despite seeing one another very seldom. Elizabeth and I have four daughters, two of whom live in USA, and the other two are in East London where we have lived for the past 30 years. I graduated as a civil engineer and spent most of my working life as a consulting engineer with *Ninham Shand*, and with whom I saw much of Southern and other parts of Africa, including work in exotic but at times dangerous countries such as Algeria. I served as national Chairman of *Ninham Shand* for two three year terms between 1996 and 2002, after which I became the International Manager, which I suppose was considered to be an apt post for a past Chairman, for three years until my retirement in 2005.

'Some of the projects with which I had strong involvement included the Lesotho Highlands Water Scheme, Steenbras Pumped Storage, and many dams such as Garden Route at George, Mpofu at Port Elizabeth, and Bridle Drift at East London. As seems to be fashionable I still do some post retirement consulting work, but am gradually withdrawing now'.



THE KAROO

Antony Osler (1965) lives on a small sheep farm called *Poplar Grove* near Colesberg in the karoo, just over the koppie from his brother **Maeder Osler (1958)** who also farms in the area.

He last featured in the OD notes when his first book - *Stoep Zen* – was published in 2008. Since then he tells us that he has been contacted by a number of old school contemporaries such as **John Brimble (1965)** **Alastair Millar (1965)**, **Gwyn Phillips (1966)**, as well as **Anton Wale (1975)** whom he sees regularly. His book managed to connect him with long-forgotten names.

The great news is that a second book – *Zen Dust* – is now on the bookshelves. The subtitle is ‘A journey home through the back roads of South Africa’ and it is another meditation on life in South Africa through the lens of Zen Buddhism.

Antony has written to say that: ‘In the process I have been in touch with my school contemporary, poet **Chris Mann (1965)**, as well as **Peter Robinson (1967)** whose much-loved and greatly eccentric late father tried to teach me history. The book was launched in December last year at the *Leesfees* in Prince Albert where I bumped into **Basher Attwell (1965)**. Then it was presented in Johannesburg. The kind **Paddy Kell (1967)** guided me gently through the traffic and I did a radio interview with my old friend **Richard Cock (1967)** on *ClassicFM* on his wonderful Sunday evening programme *People of Note*, where we also reminisced about school days, rugby and the choir. After which I fled back to the open spaces. Writing is a late discovery for me and I just love it. (I remember the great **John Gardener (1948)** once refusing to give me a mark for an essay, noting only at the bottom ‘brilliant rubbish!’ He was also an inspiration). I am particularly excited in that I have been invited by Breyten Breytenbach to take part in a literary event at Spier, Stellenbosch, in May this year. So all is going well in a completely unexpected way, book-wise.’

We are all of us on our way home, teaches Antony Osler, and for as long as our eyes and hearts are open, we belong wherever we go. In this way, however far we travel, our true home is always where we are.

The following comes from Antony's website:

In this follow-up to his much loved *Stoep Zen*, Osler takes a trip down the lesser-known back roads of the Karoo, from Kimberley to Colesburg, finding divinity in the dust and Buddha in every pothole. With gentle wisdom and deep compassion, Osler connects with the people he meets along the way and shares their stories, past and present, as well as his own personal history and insights. The road is sprinkled with his special brand of poetry and interwoven with a fresh telling of the tale of Gotama, the man who would become Buddha.

Antony Osler is a long-term Zen practitioner and a teacher in the lineage of Zen Master Dae Gak of Furnace Mountain. He is also a former Zen monk and human rights advocate. Antony lives with his family on a farm in the Karoo region of South Africa, where he leads meditation retreats in a stone zendo and sits each evening on the stoep to watch the sun go down. When off the farm he arbitrates labour disputes.

UNITED KINGDOM

SEARCH AND RESCUE VOLUNTEERS MARK RETIREMENT OF MOUNTAIN MAN

Search and Rescue volunteers and emergency service professionals from across North Wales came together recently to mark the retirement of an OD, who has spent decades involved in mountaineering.



Dr Tony Jones (1956) MBE, who first became involved in mountain rescue in South Africa in 1954, retired as Chairman of the North Wales Mountain Rescue Association, with colleagues from a number of organisations taking the opportunity to present him with thank you gifts. Amongst them was a framed citation presented by Ian Shannon, Deputy Chief Constable of North Wales Police, in recognition of the immense amount of work Tony has done both in active and supportive roles for mountain rescue in the region. Mr Shannon said: 'Tony is

held in high regard by colleagues. He has been a member of the UK Search and Rescue Operators Group, Chairman of the Medical Group, Secretary of the Inland Consultative Committee and Chairman of the Communications Working Group and attended the Maritime and Aviation Consultative Committee, since their inception in 2000. No one else has given so much of their life and commitment to volunteering as a rescuer, a Team Leader and executive officer. It was with the utmost pleasure that on behalf of North Wales Police and the many locals and visitors who have been rescued by him, I was able to personally thank Tony for his outstanding service.'

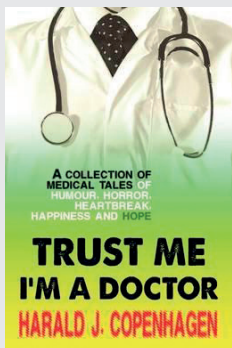
Tony's remarkable mountaineering career has taken him all over the world, involved him in over 900 rescues, won him many accolades, including the MBE and the Queen's Jubilee Medal, and made him the subject of a *This is Your Life* programme in 1993. His search and rescue operations have been carried out in Wales, Western Cape, South Africa, England, Scotland, Norway, Austria, New Mexico and Washington State.

Yet despite all this Tony, who lives in Menai Bridge, remains modest about his achievements.

'I have always been part of a team. I have been involved in over 900 search and rescue operations, but I didn't do any of it alone, it is critical in these circumstances to work as part of the team,' he said. Tony, a geologist by profession, came to Wales to do a PhD in the 1960's and has been a resident ever since. North Wales became his home when he came to work at the Marine Science Laboratory, Bangor University, a move which enabled him to merge his work and lifelong love of the mountains. Tony said: 'An increase in the use of the hills results in an increase in incidents, which are creeping up each year. But when you look at the relationship between the increase and foot fall there is no significant increase in the percentage of incidents. It equates to more use, more call outs. Mountain rescue is also a victim of its own success, the teams get call outs to non-moun-

tain related incidents such as flooding. So the range of work has increased as well which contributes to call outs. Also before mobile phones if there was an accident someone would have to come down the mountain to get help. Mobiles speed up response, but also result in a number of parties not using their own initiative to get down. We're also finding that many young people rely on technology, they have no fundamental skills, which is not always wise.'

Tony is currently busy transcribing the RAF Desert Rescue Diaries from the 1960's.



AUTHORSHIP

Many congratulations to **Dr Harald Copenhagen (1950)**, who has completed his first book. *Trust me I'm a Doctor* was published last year by Pen Press in the United Kingdom. It is a collection of medical tales of humour, horror, heartbreak, happiness and hope. Harald says that 22 short stories are a distillation of interesting and amusing incidents that he was privileged to be involved with as a doctor. They are written in an autobiographical form so as to give a feeling of immediacy to the events.

The ODU were delighted to be sent a copy which is proudly on display in our offices. We can assure you that it is a wonderful read.

BUSINESS

Gareth Penny (1979) is Executive Chairman of New World Resources, one of Europe's leading hard coal and coke producers, listed on the London, Prague and Warsaw stock exchanges. He provides leadership at Group level for the Company's overall growth, development and performance, directing and leading the execution of the Company's strategy through the operating subsidiary management teams.

Closer to home, Gareth is the Vice Chairman of the Botswana Economic Advisory Committee to the President.

During the 22 years that he was with *De Beers* and *Anglo American*, Gareth was instrumental in reshaping not only the world's largest diamond company, but also the diamond industry.

James Emslie (2007) is currently doing his LLM in Competition Law at UCL in London, after completing his LLB at UCT and working as a research and teaching assistant in the UCT law faculty prior to going to London to do his LLM in September last year.



UNITED STATES

We delighted to catch up with **Dr Andrew Comrie (1981)**, who today is Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost at Arizona University. He is the chief academic officer of the University, overseeing all academic programs and units exclusive of the health sciences and medical enterprise where academic programs come under the oversight of the senior vice president for



health sciences. Andrew has been at the University of Arizona since 1992 as a climatologist in the School of Geography and Development. He has several interdisciplinary appointments including Atmospheric Sciences and Public Health. Prior to his appointment as Dean in January 2006, he led the UA's graduate program in Geography for almost a decade. Andrew received his undergraduate education at the University of Cape Town in South Africa and his Ph.D. from the Pennsylvania State University. His research focuses on the connections between climate, disease vectors and pathogens.

Aarjan Snoek (1997) wrote to us about a fantastic achievement that he had recently noticed from a fellow OD and friend, **Mohammed Kumail Ali** - who also matriculated in 1997.

Dr Mohamed Ali (1997) is now an assistant professor of global health and epidemiology at the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University and a consultant in the CDC's division of diabetes translation in Atlanta. After completing his medical studies at UCT, 'Mo' was awarded a Rhodes scholarship to Oxford, where he and Aarjan frequently met up with each other.

'Mo went to greener pastures in the USA from there. I noticed that in last week's New England Journal of Medicine - arguably the most distinguished, influential, and respected medical journal - that Mo has had some of his excellent academic research work published, for which he was first author (an even more esteemed achievement).

It was very inspirational to see this achievement from a fellow Bishops classmate, so many congratulations to him'.

<http://health.usnews.com/health-news/news/articles/2013/04/24/diabetes-self-care-improves-slowly-us-report-finds> <http://www.nejm.org/medical-research/diabetes>

Andrew Barry (2000) has been living in New York for the past three years. He has just been appointed a Senior Manager, Director of Curriculum for KPMG Learning - the client-facing training and CPD provider for KPMG US.



AUSTRALIA

BUSINESS



Greg Savage (1975) is fast establishing himself both in Australia and overseas as an 'International Recruitment Guru'. He has recently shared his 'Savage Truth' on the future of recruitment at a two day seminar in Cape Town. During the seminar he addressed the fine balance between 'old skool' recruitment techniques and new 'kool' technology. He also shared his direct experience on how to adapt your business to the new reality and make more money.

Since leaving Bishops, Greg has had: '30 years at the coalface. I've been a recruiter, a manager, an owner,

run a multi-national, been through several recessions and started and sold recruitment companies.'

At his seminars he talks about what he knows and shares in detail what has worked. Greg is the founder of leading recruitment companies *Firebrand Talent Search*, *People2People* and *Recruitment Solutions*. He is an established global leader of the recruitment industry and a regular keynote speaker worldwide. Greg provides specialised advice for Recruitment, Professional Services and Social Media companies.



ARTS AND CRAFTS

It was good to renew contact with Nic Jooste (1979), who writes:

'After a 25 year career in motor sport manufacturing some very intricate and demanding metalwork, I was inspired by a small metal sculpture of a fish, a gift from a former employee. I decided to try it myself. About four years ago I made my first sculpture and with a bit of networking in the fishing charter business I very easily landed my first two commissions.



'My sculpture is different from a lot of the more traditional methods of sculpture. I make them from bare metal using hammers and a few basic tools like the english wheel and power hammer, more in the tradition of classic car coach builders. This allows me to sculpt any size subject without the constraints of clay modelling and casting limitations. Most of my work is life size or bigger and I work predominantly in aluminium or stainless steel. Fish are my obvious choice of subjects because I

love to fish, and I have been privileged to fish all around the world. For a long time it has been my weekend hobby, and demand for my art has kept me on a seven day week for many years, but in the near future I hope to practice my art full time in Kenya. I like to say I am retiring, but I will borrow the words of a famous racer and say, retirement is easy; I have done it dozens of times. This is true for me too, and I hope some of my former classmates will try it.

'I have been very fortunate in my brief art career, I have been voted a finalist in the "Best Marine Artist" annual art edition of Marlin Magazine for four years in a row, and I have been featured in Blue water Magazine in Australia, in 2011 and 2012 I exhibited at the Miami Boat show and one of my pieces was on display at the International Game Fishing Hall of Fame in Florida, before going to its new owner. I have sold my art in Russia, the Middle East, Australia, Seychelles and the USA. I have also donated a few pieces to the International Game Fish Association for their conservation fund raising auction. In the future I hope to have a few exhibitions in Kenya and the Middle East. I work in order to fish, and this has made sculpting marine life easy, since I get to photograph my subjects up close and personal, before I let them slide back into the ocean. At some stage I will attempt to sculpt the wildlife of Africa. After all these years I still learn a new trick every day, and the beauty of mastering metal fabrication is that anything at all is possible. And sometimes we hope that might be true in other aspects of life.'

www.metalfish.com.au



MIDDLE EAST

Con Jooste (1977), Nic's older brother is the Senior Human Resources Director for the *Pepsi Company*.

Con is based in Dubai and responsible for implementing and maintaining PepsiCo HR Core Tools across four regions covering Asia, China, Australasia, Middle East, East Med and Africa. He is responsible for HR Management across the entire AMEA Sector.



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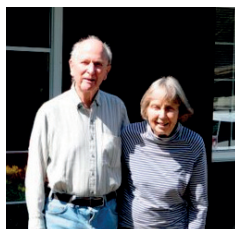
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Contact : Jo and **Arthur Higgo (1962)** +33233457057/joannahiggo@gmail.com



CANADA

Sholto Cole (1949) writes: 'We have just attended the last OD meeting at **John** and Elinor **Hueton's (1948)** wonderful cottage west of Toronto at Pushlinch. The weather was perfect, spring at its best, and the company so enjoyable though only a few ODs managed to attend.



John & Elinor Hueton

'I send this as John is too modest to claim any credit for hosting this occasion for some 37 years and really holding us ODs in Canada together. This says nothing about his altruistic energetic support for disadvantaged black students at Bishops. He has acted with tact coupled with determination and charm to cajole us ODs into giving him funds for this scholarship. We are all delighted to hear that the ODU is now in touch with some 60 ODs from the black SA population. From the letter he read to us it is clear that they themselves are taking up the challenge of getting the black ODs together to encourage each other and vindicate the trust put in them. It was quite apparent from the letter he read from one such student that they truly do appreciate

the privilege of going to Bishops and hope to prove this in their lives and careers.

'I don't know how much longer John will shoulder the responsibilities of the OD Secretary for eastern Canada but I can assure you he has done a fantastic job and merits our grateful thanks, both he and his lovely wife Elinor.'



*Brian Girdwood Richard Townsend John Hueton
Nic Searle Sholto Cole*

John is the longest serving overseas OD secretary. He took over from Richard Townsend in 1977.

Angus and Gilly **Simpson (1959)** hosted a pot luck evening of Western Canada ODs at their home in West Vancouver. Branch secretary **Ian Simpson (1959)** reports: 'Twelve ODs and seven wives attended. After a long period of summer-like weather it unfortunately rained and we could not fully enjoy their beautiful garden. We did enjoy a great meal that included boerevors, *bobotie* and South African wines'. Regrets were received from 20 other ODs.

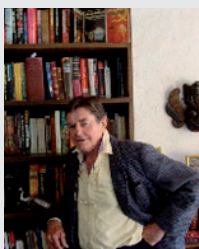


The photo shows standing from left to right **Neil Philcox (1987)**, **Tim Newton (1960)**, **Ian Simpson (1959)**, **Wade Richardson (1960)**, **Alan Snowden (1964)** and **Conrad Guelke (1954)**. Seated are **Ian Nicholson (1945)**, **Leonard Guelke (1956)**, **Ted Allen (1947)**, **Anthony Townsend (1956)** and **Angus Simpson (1959)**. **Justin Elvin Jensen (1988)** is in the insert as he arrived after the group photo had been taken and **Wade Richardson (1960)** had left early to catch the last ferry to Vancouver Island.

We really must congratulate our Canadian ODs, who so stongly support the OD Union. At their two reunions this year a total of 17 ODs attended, which is 25% of all those in Canada! -ed



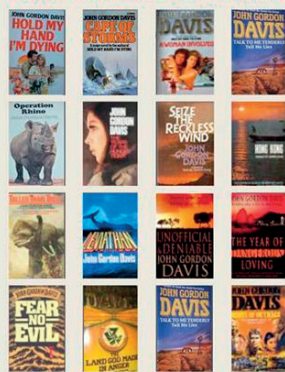
SPAIN



*A recent question in the Gauteng OD quiz was: 'Which OD novelist has sold the most books worldwide?' Answer: **John Gordon Davis***
John was in Miss Wolfe's Standard 1 Class of 1944, leaving Bishops after Standard Five. His father was transferred to Umtata, where John spent the rest of his school days.

John was born in Southern Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe, and educated at Bishops Prep before leaving and continuing until Matric at Umtata High. He earned a BA in Political Science at Rhodes, paying his way

BOOKS BY JOHN GORDON DAVIS



through university by working as a deckhand on British merchant ships and on the Dutch whaling fleet in the Antarctic. He went on to take an LLB degree whilst serving as a judge's clerk in Rhodesia where he was born. Called to the Bar, he was appointed an assistant public prosecutor during the troubled years leading up to UDI, before coming Crown Counsel in the Attorney General's Chambers. He was later appointed to the same position in Hong Kong during the turbulence of China's Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution. He quit the post to become a full-time writer when his first book, *"Hold my Hand I'm Dying"* became a best seller. He is a veteran seaman; he and his Australian wife, Rosemary, have sailed round most of the world in their succession of yachts.

Now retired, they divide their time between their small farm in southern Spain and traveling.

FICTION: *Hold My Hand I'm Dying*, *Cape of Storms*, *Years of the Hungry Tiger*, *Taller Than Trees*, *Leviathan*, *Typhoon*, *Fear No Evil*, *Seize the Reckless Wind*, *A Woman Involved*, *The Land God Made in Anger*, *Talk To Me Tenderly*, *Tell Me Lies*, *Roots of Outrage*, *The Year of Dangerous Loving*, *Unofficial and Deniable*

NON FICTION: *Operation Rhino*, *Hong Kong*, *Through the Looking Glass*

John now is currently receiving considerable acclaim for the Fiction Writing Courses that he holds at his beautiful farmhouse in Andalucia, Spain. As many aspiring novelists have come to learn, if you want to write fiction contact John. As his website says:

The entire world loves a story. Story-telling is a compulsion the writer feels and needs to satisfy. But whence does the story-teller get his ideas, plots and what are the best ways to put them into evocative words on paper? It is often said 'There are no rules'. That is untrue: there are plenty of pitfalls and many useful, important guidelines. A degree of talent is necessary, of course, but talent can be improved. In the charming environment of a rambling old farmhouse in Spain, the would-be story-teller will learn the basics from a best-selling author in friendly classes, pointed exercises and one-to-one discussions.
www.johngordondavis.com



CHINA

Patrick Sellier (2012) writes: 'I am spending the year in China learning the language and getting to know the culture of this unique nation. I plan on studying here until the middle of October and then returning to South Africa in order to begin my undergraduate studies.'

Patrick Sellier, 留学生在北京国际中国大学, +8615901110632



ZIMBABWE

Thomas Eastwick (1985) is delighted that his 30 year reunion is in the pipeline.

'I can't believe it's been that long. I am still wondering what I want to be. So much for career guidance! I had a call out of the blue the other day from a person in Zimbabwe wanting to lease my farm (after nearly 12 years). My farm was taken lock stock and barrel by a government minister. I was back there about five years ago and every item of value had been pillaged even including all the workers houses right down to the bricks in the foundations of the houses!!?? This is exciting as I may in my life time get some reward for what I lost!! We watch/wait and hope like hell that this anarchy will one day finally be over.'

Branch Secretary in Harare **Len Thomas (1957)** has sent two pictures of an OD get together on the 3 March 2013.

The luncheon was held at **Dave and Lynn Mills's (1966)** home; sadly those on sick parade were **Remo Barry (1948)**, **Doug Dryden (1947)**, **Lindsey Cook (1946)** and **Austin Ashley-Cooper (1949)**. Apologies from **Rick Arkell (1962)**, **Dave Scott (1951)**, **Ken Saywood (1951)** and Betty Micklem, who lost her husband **Esmond (1939)** last year.

Len has provided the ODU with some up to date information:

'Bob Schierhout regaled us with his stories about why he was so unpopular with the school, after he was diagnosed with Diphtheria and as a result the whole school was put into Quarantine. (Tuppy Owen-Smith was the Bishops doctor in those days). Nick Winskill, Malcolm Francis, Len Thomas, Peter Quinton, Ross Hildebrand and Jim Sinclair are ex-farmers, forcibly retired and now semi-urbanised! Andrew Francis, Rupert Hildebrand are still on their farms. John Twiggs still has a dental practice, at his age! Dave Mills is Managing Director of the *TM Supermarket Chain* who have *Pick 'n Pay* as partners. Steve Davies is a wetland conservation consultant/activist who is continually vexing the local would be developers in Harare with his team of experts! Andy Pycroft is as you know in the top league of ICC match referees,

as we speak he is in SA for the Proteas/Pakistan ODIs, and finally Bob Schierhout is very retired and is cared for by his two daughters!



Standing (left to right): Andy Pycroft (1974), Peter Quinton (1957), Andrew Francis (1965), Dave Mills (1966), Rupert Hildebrand (1957), Malcolm Francis (1960), Len Thomas (1957). Seated (left to right): Ross Hildebrand (1955), Jim Sinclair (1956), Nick Winskill (1954), John Twiggs (1953), Bob Schierhout (1940) & Steve Davies (1956).

And later:

'I forgot to mention that I had seen and chatted to **Bruce Landless (1955)** on his farm last month just outside Lusaka and invited him to our get-together here in Harare, however sadly he was unable to come as his vehicle was in an accident, so he could not make it.

'He is still growing seed maize stock on contract. He tells me he was the founder member of the Seed Maize Producers in Zambia in the 60s having taken a small quantity of seed out of Rhodesia as it was then, and built up on that!'

SPORT

ODS VS OAS (ST ANDREWS) CRICKET ON FOUNDERS V DAY

Report by the OA captain **Andrew de Blocq**.



OD v OA team

This marquee fixture for the Western Cape OA XI took place this past weekend. This was the second time this fixture has been held as a day/night game, on the Frank Reid under floodlights.

The OAs won the toss, and elected to field first. Don Blignaut was very effective up front, removing one opener and restricting the runs. Simon Voigt had other ideas though, and once Don was withdrawn from the attack he proceeded to smash a quickfire 50, with some very clean hitting after which he retired. Not being dismayed, the College bowlers mounted the pressure once again and managed to pick up regular wickets, not allowing the ODs to build any more meaningful partnerships. There was some excellent catching on display from the OAs, with some athletic dives in the outfield by Matthew Timothy Vass and captain Darryl Cooke. Roger Wiseman bowled his orthodox left arm overs through to the death very effectively picking up 3-27. The ODs finished their innings on 206/9 off of their allotted 30 overs.

In between innings there was an hour break for a delicious spitbraai, a tradition at this annual fixture. Supporters and players alike enjoyed the great meal put on by the hosts.

The OA openers went in to bat under the lights, walking ceremoniously towards the wickets



Simon Voigt

with the stirring sound of the bagpipes at their backs and the glorious sunset over Table Mountain as their backdrop. Whether it was the tears of nostalgic emotion or the over-indulgence in lamb and Castle Lite during the break we'll never know, but the openers struggled to get ball on bat as Bishops managed to restrict the OAs to 4-1 in the first five overs. This all changed, however, when Kevin Andrew, one of the heroes of the Kelvin Grove game, walked into the crease. He was indomitable once again, hitting to all corners of the ground amassing another half-century. Batsmen chipped in down the order, with Paul Penzhorn and Darryl Cooke providing some late resistance to the OD attack. Eventually the OAs were 186/8 after 29 overs, requiring 20 to win off the last. A wicket brought Kevin Andrew back from retirement, leaving him the mammoth task of hitting 20 off of five deliveries. This became 18 off three as he and Ammar Mukadam traded singles. Kevin managed a four, and then got himself caught on the boundary in a valiant never-say-die effort.

All in all then the ODs won once again by 14 runs. This was the most competitive score by the OAs against the ODs in the last couple of years, and the team must be commended on a great effort in the last fixture for the year. Thank you and congratulations once again to Bishops and their Old Boys Union for the sportsmanship, camaraderie and for being fantastic hosts once again for this much-awaited annual fixture. Long may the rivalry continue!



WP Super Senior golf team

Jonathan Hobday (1957) was a member of the four-man WP Super Senior (over-60) golf team that recently won the Super Senior division of the SA Seniors' Inter-Provincial Golf Tournament played at Euphoria in Limpopo earlier this month. This win gave the WP team a hat-trick of victories.

This is the 18th time that Jonathan has represented the province at the Seniors' Tournament.



This photo shows **Rory Julian (2008)** at the 2013 NCAA swimming championships where Rory came 2nd in 100 Breast with a new Wingate University record of 52.98 secs. He won five All American awards and led his team to a 6th place finish.

■ *Note the tie – well done Rory! – editor*

Martin Muller (2006) has recently signed a contract to play for Newport Dragons next year. At present he is still recovering from injury having played in recent seasons for Griquas and the Cheetahs. We wish him the best of luck in South Wales where he will experience rather different conditions from the Highveld.

Our last OD to play for Newport, **Haldane Luscombe (1999)**, went on of course to play for Wales.

Peter Sauerman (1955) recently was a special guest at the South African golf museum.

The Museum and Hall of Fame are located at the *Hyatt Regency Hotel* in Oubaai which is near Herolds Bay. The museum has been in place for some time now but this was the formal opening of the facility which was done by Gideon Sam, Chairman of SASCOC, assisted by Sally Little.



Bantu Holomisa, Gideon Sam & Peter Sauerman

the Strand Golf Course! But perhaps that is best forgotten. Sally Little is very supportive of the whole venture and has made a valuable contribution to the displays, as have other famous golfers such as the Henning brothers and Reg Taylor's family'.

Peter writes: The museum comprises for the most part the extensive collection of golfing memorabilia of all kinds which I put together over a large number of years and includes an extensive library and archive. Bantu Holomisa is a keen golfer and does a lot for golf in the Transkei. Gideon Sam is not a golfer and declaredly so, having had bad experiences as a youngster caddying for Transvaal holiday-makers at

ROWING

Many ODs have enquired about rowing at the College and are clearly interested to know whether this sport is continuing to develop. For all ODs who were members of the rowing club, here is an update from Head Coach Sam Wells, on the wonderful world of competitive rowing.

2013 started off with new and increased interest in the sport with particular reference to the u14 intake. Fifteen under 14 boys came on camp in January. Not only does this give them the opportunity to try out and start the basics for an all new sport and set of skills but it also gives them the opportunity to integrate into the school. They meet the seniors, make new friends and become a part of the rowing family.

The first three weeks were scheduled for local regattas. These regattas give us the opportunity to test the athletes and crews locally with the aim of medalling at the South African National Championships. The under 15s showed a lot of promise winning every octo and quad race regardless of the line-up. **Piers Johnston** showed his strength in the u16 single while the opens started closing the deficit against SACS from 2012.

Although we took a large squad to the Buffalo Regatta, the event organisers had changed the format somewhat, meaning fewer events were available for us to enter. However the under 15s won the quad in a very close race against St Benedict's College from Johannesburg. Piers Johnston placed 3rd in the u16 single and **Cole Barnard** and **Matthew Boynton** won the 2nd pair. The 1st eight finished 6th, one second behind St John's College in the A final.

Only the top crews from each age group, from around the country, race at SA Champs. The 1st VIII finished in seventh place, making some good progress from the very slow start at the beginning of the season. The 2nd VIII finished 5th. The u16 VIII finished 8th with Piers Johnston finishing 6th. The under 15s however showed how it should be done, finishing 4th in the singles (James Faure), achieving bronze in the Octo and winning Gold in the quad, both firsts for under 15 Bishops Crews.

Three athletes were invited to the SA Junior and Development trials. Piers Johnston was selected for the SASRU development tour in the single, while Cole Barnard was selected for

the straight four. At the time of press Jack Hanekom was still in the SA Junior Elite squad, trialling for the SA Junior Worlds Team. The Development team will race in Ghent, Belgium at the Ghent international regatta. Junior Worlds will be held in Trakai, Lithuania.

Chet Sainsbury (1959) completed his 31st Two Oceans Marathon over the Easter Weekend. At the age of 71 Chet was a prize winner in the 70+ age category with a time of 5hrs 55mins. Chet served as the Race Director of the Two Oceans Marathon from 1981 to 2008. He is still involved with the Two Oceans Marathon as a Director of the T.O.M Association. He is currently Race Director of the local Landmarks Half Marathon.

Congratulations to Chet who has also completed 23 Cape Argus Pick 'n Pay Cycle Tours, as well as 14 Comrades Marathons which includes 11 silver medals.



Chet Sainsbury

OD ACHIEVEMENTS **Many congratulations to:**

CRICKET

■ **Kenny Kirkby (2003)** and **James Crowson (2010)** on representing the Premier League Western Province club 2day champions WPCC.

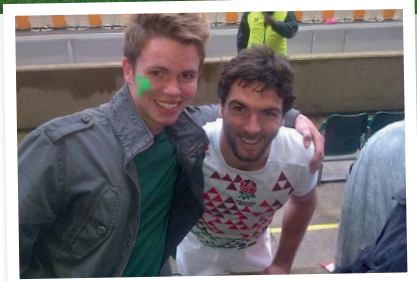
■ **Matthew Riches (2008)** on receiving performance of the season for his six wickets in a one day fixture vs Rondebosch and **Richard Tissiman (2011)** on receiving batsman of the season for the most runs, both for the UCT 2nd XI at the recent end of season awards dinner 2012/13 Season.

RUGBY

■ **Nizaam Carr (2009)** on being selected for the Stormers tour of Australasia.

■ **Timothy Swiel (2011)**, **James Kilroe (2009)**, **Graham Knoop (2005)** and **Dillyn Leyds (2010)** on representing Western Province in the Vodacom Cup.

■ **François Louw (2003)** on receiving the Bath rugby fans player of the season award at the



Paul Leach & Mat Turner at Twickenham

considered by many to be a travesty. Qualifying to play internationally for England through the IRB ancestral rules and regulations, Matt was selected for the England sevens team for the first two legs of the 2009–10 IRB Sevens World Series and has been one of their most successful players for the past four years.

HOCKEY

■ **Pierre de Voux (2004)** on representing the South African Mens hockey team in the World League hosted by Brazil in March. He scored his first international goal vs Trinidad & Tobago.

OTHER

■ **Ben Brimble (2003)** on being the first OD across the finish line in the Two Oceans ultra Marathon.

■ **Ben Brimble** on winning the Pronutro X trail run - a three day team stage race. His team mate Michael Bailey is a Grey High old boy. **Kane Reilly (2010)** ended in second place, his team mate Nicholas Rupanga was at Neshangwe High School in Zimbabwe.

■ **JD Neil (2010)** on winning the cycling leg of the Kings challenge during the 2013 First Ascent Mast Challenge. JD Neill finished third in the King's category overall. The race includes a run and a cycle up to the top of Constantiaberg.

recent end of season awards dinner 2012/13. François has also been chosen for the Barbarians Rugby club for matches vs England and the British Lions.

■ **Nick Fenton-Wells (2004)** on signing for the Bedford Blues in the English Rugby 1st division. **Stuart Commins (2006)** has signed for newly promoted 1st division club Ealing. The English first division is known as the Rugby Championship.

■ **Matt Turner (2006)** who continues to play stunning 'sevens' for the England team. **Matt** is considered to be one of the greatest wingers in Bishops rugby to date. He was part of the 2006 Bishops rugby team, rated as one of the finest in our history. In the 2006 season, he scored 25 tries, averaging more than one try a match. He was, however, overlooked for selection when the Western Province Craven Week side was selected, a decision

A SPORTING MEMORY

by David Slingsby (1963)

THE CAPE ARGUS/PICK 'N PAY CYCLE TOUR

Congratulations to all ODs and their families for taking part in this year's cycle tour. From the news reports the usual organization was once again perfect. Really great to switch on the TV to see **Raymond Ackerman (1948)** starting the Tour on his 82nd birthday! Spare a thought for those ODs whose involvement in the past helped to grow this event into the global affair it is today.

The *Rotary Club of Claremont* was invited to become involved in the event after being asked by the *Pedal Power Association* to marshal the major intersections in order to allow their members to ride in safety. I assume **Frank Robb's (1927)** son-in-law Louis De Waal was involved. OD Rotarians **Joe White (1951)** and **Barry van Breda (1962)** were there when Rotary Claremont started taking part. Joe White and his wife Pat were the stalwarts of the organization, Joe was responsible for communications in those early days to ensure the safety of the cyclists arranged for CB Radio enthusiasts to monitor and lead the tour while the 4x4 club with sophisticated radios took their vehicles to the mountain high spots to co-ordinate the operation to breach the 'blank spots' Pat attended to entries and admin and is well known to thousands of participating cyclists.

Originally the Tour started in Cape Town more-or-less where it starts today following basically the same route, finishing on Victoria Road, Camps Bay opposite the sports field. The field was used as the finish area with the cyclists enjoying refreshments supplied by families and friends. It did not take long for Claremont Rotary to realise the potential to use the event as a fund raiser for charities they supported. The Club in those days was composed of a number of young professional and business men who over years set the standards and systems which are used today which many participants take for granted. I often wonder if the Tour would have got off the ground if appropriate professional fees had been paid for the services they rendered. Planning meetings were long affairs lasting up to six hours discussing the final details with cyclist and public safety being paramount. The recognised Cycle Federations and Organisations would have little or minimal input as the tour involved all the citizens of Cape Town. Apartheid forbade people of colour to enjoy the simple pleasures of riding bicycles in an organized event during that period of our history!

Numbers started to increase; the finish was moved to Maiden's Cove, Camp's Bay. There was more room there with facilities to accommodate a cycle park, refreshment stalls and other attractions. For the organisers, the day of tour started at 4.30 am with fencing being erected, the traffic department moving illegally parked cars and host of other duties. The start was soon divided into groups to assist with traffic flows (no roads were closed during the early days of the tour) – Hospital Bend presented potential accident situations and so a break of a few minutes was introduced between the starting cycle groups. When helmets were introduced as a safety measure there were outcries from the cycling public as there was when the numbering system was introduced. We had one serious situation when a number was swapped and the unfortunate participant had a heart attack and died. When phoning the home to inform the family of the incident the 'deceased' man to whom the number was allocated answered the phone! The game was them on to identify the unfortunate who deceased.

Once all cyclists had started there was a mad rush over Kloof Nek to the finish to assist with

duties there – today this is impossible as many cyclists have completed the tour before the final batches are dispatched for their tour.

Many Bishops boys were involved. The ones I remember were **Mathew Kempthorne (1993)**, **Tim Loughton (1993)**, **Rory Viljoen (1991)**, **Mark (1985)** and **Michael van Breda (1988)**, **Michael Kornmuller (1989)**, **John Slingsby (1989)**, **Josh White (1986)** and **Barry Septoe (1991)**, **Guy Cloete (1962)**, **Jumbo Anderson (1963)**, **Clive Day (1957)** and **John Ryall (1971)**.

I was involved in organising the Maiden's Cove finish for a number of years. In those days there were no electronic chips for timing the cyclists. A bridge over the finish line served as a 'spotting' deck. Members of Interact (probably from School) would note the cyclists numbers, sequence cards would be handed to the cyclists, a complicated computer programme and osmosis set a time for the cyclist – not really correct but the best we do – even in those days it was the biggest timed race in the world!

There were plenty of amusing incidents which happened under my watch – one Tour we had just finished setting up everything when a cyclist panted up with one of those fancy low slung bikes with fairings all round announcing himself as the winner of the race! Oops, not being given the usual radio warning of the imminent arrival of the cyclists no one took much notice. Upon his insistence we called the photo journalists from the Argus took the pics of the cyclist re-crossing the line posing as the winner – we then waited in anticipation of the peloton to arriving with the racing cycles. On another occasion a drunk driver managed to slip into the finish chute – Jumbo Anderson as immense as he was, tried in vain to hold the car back – however all those scrummages of the past helped nought – we managed to turn off the car and the driver was arrested and taken away - luckily no one was hurt.

Another occasion the radio blurted out the leading pack was passing through Hout Bay when a City Council official approached with a policeman to demand our bridge across Victoria Road be removed as it was too close to the overhead wires. Given the fact a crane was needed to hoist it out of the way, the imminent arrival of the leading pack, the fast gathering crowd it was my suggestion he stood in the middle of the road and stopped the race. Public jeering caused the hasty retreat of the official never to be seen again.

On the day there were many more ODs belonging to other Rotary Clubs who assisted alas I'm not sure who they were. The day came to a close nearer to 7.00 pm after removing the infrastructure. A few cold lemonades lots of reminiscences of the day we would trudge homewards.

Today, I understand professional contractors put the show together.

MEMORIES

THE FOUNDERS DAY SERVICE 2013

No one is more qualified to discuss the History of Bishops than **John Gardener (1948)**. John was the 11th Principal of Bishops and the first OD to be elected Principal. His association with



the school as pupil (**1939-48**), Rhodes Scholar and OD, English teacher, Housemaster, Vice-principal, Principal and Council member spans more than 70 years. John also wrote *Bishops 150 a history of Diocesan College*. He was invited to share his very own special memories with the College and the Prep at the Founders Day chapel service.

This took the form of especially prepared questions from boys of all ages.

Q1 Could you mention some special occasions that you remember from your days as a boy at Bishops?

I entered Bishops Prep 1939 in Upper First (Gr 4); left Post Matric in College 1948.

■ **Friday 1 September 1939:** lunchtime break was for play on Stanmore field, but that day we listened at the staff room window to news of Hitler's invasion of Poland. On Sunday Britain declared war on Germany; South Africa followed three days later.

■ **30 June 1943 – school holidays:** Midnight – an enormous storm and almost all the pine trees in the Avenue blew down. At that very hour Harold Birt was succeeded as Principal by his brother-in-law Hubert Kidd. Next morning I cycled over to see the desolation which was reported in the *Cape Times*. About a week earlier, as Head Boy of the Prep (in Standard 6, Upper Third – these days Grade 8), I had presented the school's farewell gift to Canon Birt. In 1943 the 1st XV was undefeated.

■ **In May 1948:** news of the election victory – whites only – was coming through as Hubert Kidd married Mary Maytham in Bishops Chapel. My housemaster, Leslie Irving, talked to me apprehensively about what Nationalist Party rule would mean.

■ **Sunday 11 February 1990:** Much later. I was due to preach in Chapel. That day saw the release of Nelson Mandela. I changed what I had planned to say. I called it 'Out of Prison'.

Q2 What did you have at Bishops that is no longer there?

We had Founders Day in November; we wrote with pens, dipping nibs in inkwells, or with fountain pens; we used blotting paper; we learnt Latin; the Prep rugby jersey was then only for the Prep 1st XV, the rest wore whites; we wore sandshoes (takkies) for running; khaki uniforms were first allowed during the war. Some of us taught in the Science Block at a Night School for neighbourhood workers. There was boxing at Prep and College. Naughty boys were beaten – no longer, praise be. Cadets at College and in the upper Prep years. At Prep my father paid my dayboy fees, what today would be about R70 annually.

Q3 What were some features of life outside Bishops, at home and in Cape Town, no longer there?

Roast chicken was a treat on Sundays; milk in glass bottles delivered daily; tickeys (three pennies); *Cape Times* on Saturdays; trolley buses (or trackless trams) on the Main Road; driving licences at 17 – I once drove the master in charge of my cricket team and some boys to Paarl. We were dosed with castor oil and cod liver oil.

Q4 **What do we have at Bishops now that you did not have then?**

Laptops; calculators; OHPs and power point; hockey, basketball, water-polo, squash, or rowing; girls in Post Matric. Plays at College and Prep were very rare in those years. Perhaps most of all, today we have boys of all races, which we were not privileged to have then. I welcome these changes.

Q5 **And what do we have these days at home and in everyday life that you didn't?**

TV; cell phones; fax; e-mail; computers; digital cameras; air flights domestic or overseas; 20-20 cricket; professional rugby players; 4x4s and minibus taxis; vitamin pills; antibiotics; T-shirts; Lego; supermarkets; sushi, pizzas, muesli, yoghurt, broccoli, rooibos tea and bottled water – but we *did* have, in the same containers, Marmite and Lyle's Golden Syrup. [Some public holidays are different, and] we heard very little of Valentine's Day, Mothers' Day or Fathers' Day.

Q6 **If we had been standing on this field then what would it have been like?**

Look around this Piley Rees field, named after a famous rugby coach, and Vice-principal. In the 1940s, no White House, built in 1954 (named after the first Principal) – a grove of trees was there; no roadway that side – a tennis court instead; no Admin block – offices in School House. No classrooms at all behind the Memorial Chapel, only the Science and Matric Blocks as well as in Founders and School Houses; the Brooke Chapel (Richard Brooke, Principal in 1890s) was the Library and Post-Matric base; the Old Gym was THE gym; no theatre. The War Memorial Chapel, built in 1926, seated the whole College within the four columns; the Prep joined them for saints' days from time to time – too many to do that now.

Turn round: no Hyslop Hall, or John Peake Music School (after my predecessor) just a few rooms behind them in had been a San ages ago; no scoreboard; no Heatlie pavilion, first built in 1991, rebuilt later, named after the first South African rugby captain to win a test, an OD.

Q7 **And further away? What was different in those days?**

The two dayboy houses, Gray (our Founder) and Ogilvie (the Principal who in 1861 introduced the handling football game to South Africa which developed into rugby) – they were both in a small block: four rooms with two shower rooms, where Ogilvie is now. But no Kidd, Birt or Mallett Houses (named after past Principals), no Mallett Centre or Pre-Prep; one swimming pool, with brown water; the Frank Reid Pavilion (after the first OD Secretary, one of the two very first Rhodes Scholars) was smaller, and the Tuck shop operated through a hole in the wall.

No Woodlands field or astroturf – it was a cemetery; no staff houses on the Avenue except the Lodge at the gate, there before 1849; no speed bumps; no security guards.

Lutgensvale fields (once called Jagger, same donor who paid for the Prep hall) were not used – in 1948 Bishops considered moving the Prep there. We knew nothing about that and it didn't happen. Similarly, the Oaks field was not used but was levelled and planted in 1947 by an inter-house competition; the grass rows got further and further apart.

But we did have a bicycle shed (where Mr Wood's house is now) and a .22 rifle range, (where

Gray House is now) – each of the four houses shot twice a week.

Q8 What about the Prep?

At Prep there were far fewer classrooms. Day boys were in A Group or B Group, (Brooke and Charlton Houses after 1951, after Rev Cyprian Brooke, chaplain, and George Charlton, Senior Master – i.e. Head of Prep); Stanmore housed a few boarders, changing rooms, staff, classrooms and office; Rossall housed most of the boarders – both are named after schools in England. Van der Bijl House was named after Pieter van der Bijl, South African cricketer and Senior Master. Rossall was demolished and replaced as you know it, with a swimming pool added. Behind the old Rossall were cricket nets, a small shooting range; outdoor gym equipment, and a music room amid storerooms in the far corner. The field had a matting wicket; boundaries counted for two or four.

Q9 Can you remember some changes outside Bishops?

Camp Ground Road was a single carriageway; there was no subway on the way from Prep to College; the Liesbeek was not canalised and occasionally the Rondebosch Main Road was flooded; houses had no electric fences; dayboys travelled by bicycle – as I did – train, or on foot, very few by car. Westerford and Sans Souci schools were not yet in existence, and SACS was still in Town. We went to the ‘bioscope’ at the Savoy, Rosebank and the Scala, Claremont, both gone.

Q10 Could you say something about what you think is most important about Bishops?

Despite all the changes and our wonderful history, fascinating as they may be, Bishops now, as then, is fundamentally about setting out in many ways to spread sound values, seeking how to do what is right – *Pro Fide et Patria*: for the sake of our living, loving faith and our belief in God – and, from our position of great privilege, endeavouring to serve others, all those with whom we live, work and share this great country.

At the funeral of one of my colleagues, OD and friend, I said this: ‘The important link between him and Bishops was that he saw that Bishops shared, even epitomised, the ideals he believed in. Not that he believed Bishops to be perfect – he could be its sternest loving critic – but that he saw the school’s essence to be a striving for such ideals. That for him was more important than some of the achievements used in public relations exercises. The virtues he cherished are accepted as objectives at Bishops; so he believed and preached and prayed. Movement should be ever toward, toward. That is not arrogance about Bishops; it is hope and humility.’

We are delighted that more and more ODs are sending their memories and anecdotes to us, which, space provided, we are only too happy to print in the Memories section.



MY FIRST MAUSER

by Jem Ricketts (1957)

When I was at Bishop's we still had a cadet detachment, with regular drill every Wednesday afternoon. In Junior Matric (Std 9/Grade 11) 'A' Company under Rex Pennington drilled with Lee Metford .303 rifles handed down from the Boer War days. They were fully operational except that a modification to the breech prevented a live round being chambered, though blanks were accepted and were issued during 'Cadet Week' towards the end of the year. The rifles were kept in the Armoury which formed part of the basement of the Memorial hall. During my matric year the armoury was spring-cleaned and two Mausers dating from WW1 were turfed out. Both were missing their

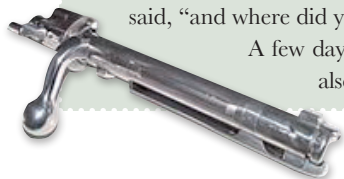
bolts and I suppose the armour master thought they were useless. I was mad keen on anything to do with guns and managed to persuade one of the recipients to part with his for the massive sum of Fifteen shillings, in today's money probably equivalent to about R80.00. There was a bit of damage in that a short section of the barrel which protruded beyond the foresight had been shattered, clearly by being hit full on by a bullet, and that may be the reason it came back to South Africa as a trophy, either from Europe or more likely South West Africa. And of course, the missing bolt. But now I had a genuine Danzig 1905 8m/m Mauser and I was delighted!

Later that year (1956) my father, who was a retired SA Naval Officer, was invited to attend trials aboard a British warship, I think she was a frigate, *HMS Sparrow*, and he managed to take me along with him. We were to attend gunnery practise off Cape Point. Twin-barrelled 40m/m Bofors anti-aircraft guns fired vast amounts of ammo at a drogue towed by an aircraft about 3000 feet above us (brave pilot!), and the ships 4" guns fired at a floating target rather like a cricket screen moored on the horizon about 10 km away. All very exciting. I told the Gunnery Officer about my Mauser acquisition and he offered to have his armourer examine it and clean it up properly. When I got it back the damaged muzzle had been removed as well as all surface rust and I was well pleased.

Sometime after that I was in Rawbone's gun shop in Cape Town and asked the proprietor, a Mr Klein, what the chances were of my obtaining a bolt so as to make the gun complete. Virtually nil, he replied. At that, another customer in the shop who had overheard the conversation said that he happened to have a bolt without the rifle which would fit my rifle without the bolt, and a deal was struck! A week later I collected it and now my Mauser was complete!

The story doesn't end quite there. I now had a functional firearm and realised it would have to be licensed. I presented myself and the rifle at the Muizenberg police station and said I would like to apply for the licence. The constable called the Station Commander. "Oh," he said, "and where did you get this from?" So I told him the whole story...

A few days later the Bishop's Vice-Principal, Mr GC Hunneyball, who was also OC the Cadet Detachment, called me to his office. "What on



earth have you been up to?" he asked," I have been summoned to appear in the Simonstown magistrate's court to answer a charge of illegal possession of a firearm and you have been cited as co-respondent to appear with me!" I was gobsmacked! I then had to tell him the whole story and it was the first he had heard about it....

But there was a fortunate ending. My dear father had many friends from many walks of life, and one of them was the attorney general in Cape Town. He instructed the police to drop all charges and to issue me with an application form to legalise the whole matter. The licence was granted a week or two later, and the dust settled.

So what happened thereafter? Firstly, the incident formed some sort of a bond between GC Hunneyball and myself and we became good friends over the years, particularly when he became OD Secretary in the 1960s.

And the Mauser? A gunsmith turned it into a sporting rifle which I used for many years. Its first job was shooting Impala for rations in Swaziland. But eventually I sold it to upgrade to a more modern weapon. Should have kept it...

OD AGM

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in the Hyslop Hall on 13 March 2013

Present: *David Burton, Simon Peile, Jonathan Steytler, John Bettison, Mike Bosman, Martin Bey, Reg Hands, Arthur Mngxekeza, Moshe Apleni, Martin Crawford, Nick Durrant, Dugald Robertson, Anton Taylor, Martin Koch, John Dobson, Greg Brown, Paul Burton, Angus Firth, John Arenhold, Michael Watermeyer, John Macey, Jan Newman, Bulelani Calana, Mark Campbell, Antony Gregorowski, James McGregor, Colin Boyes, Bill de Bruyn, John Charlton, Brian de Kock, Andrew Lanning, Richard Morris, Bruce Risien, Brian Robertson, Guy Lanfear, Tim Hamilton-Smith, Carolyn Hamilton-Smith, Guy Pearson*

Apologies: Tony van Ryneveld, Kevin Lennett, *Richard King*, Bruce Macdonald, Peter Muller, John Smuts, Peter Jeffery, Grant Nupen, Bruce Jack, Blyth Thompson, Charles Withington, Dirk van Doorn, Mark Moffitt-Jackson, Ian Byers, Mike Olds, Dominic Sides, Les Masterson, James Drew, Mike Hyde, Clive van Ryneveld, Mark Webber, *Phil Calothi*.

Committee members in italics.

ODU COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

It is my great pleasure and privilege, on behalf of your committee, to present the 117th Annual Report of the Old Diocesan Union for the year ended 2012.

This report catalogues the activities of this committee in pursuit of the OD Union's objectives. It is important to remind ourselves of what these objectives are: to bring ODs together, to keep them in touch with one another and the school, to maintain a bursary fund for the descendants of ODs, and to promote the interests and welfare of Bishops. As I mentioned last year, in order to operate effectively and efficiently, we need to focus our attention on these objectives. I quote from the rules given to me

by the President when I assumed this role: 'It has never been the policy of the union to interfere with the running of the school or with its policies; these are viewed as the concern of the Principal and the Council. An invisible line exists which all parties respect'.

It is my privilege to address the matrics on their last day at school and welcome them to the ODU. At this meeting we give them an OD tie and read the rules of the ODU. Some years back the master introducing me commented to the boys: 'You are fortunate to have a vibrant and active old boys union. I did once, but no longer. You see I went to school in Zimbabwe, the old boys are scattered around the world. There is no body to organise the old boys. As most schools rely on their old boys for financial support, the school has all but closed down. The link between what was, what is and what can be no longer exists, and I feel that a large part of my life has simply vanished'.

Gentleman, an active, vibrant old boys union is not a luxury it is a necessity. It is against this background that your Committee takes its role of stewardship of the union as a crucial one. The report is presented under the headings of the four objectives of the union as determined by the constitution

1. TO BRING TOGETHER PAST STUDENTS

■ REUNIONS

The following classes held reunions during the course of 2012: Classes of 1952, 1962, 1972, 1982, 1987, 1992 and 2002. The ODU office plays a major role in the organisation of these gatherings.

■ LONDON

Branch Secretary **Lloyd Bowden** organised a cocktail party at the Royal Overseas League Club on 3 October. This gave ODs the opportunity to say farewell to **Grant and Rosemary Nupen**. **Brian Robertson** kept everyone up-to-date with the development of the ODU. 80 ODs were entertained by **Grant Nupen** who reminisced about his 12 years as Principal. It was a memorable evening.

■ KAROO DINNER

The 2012 Karoo Dinner was held on 19 May at *Lemoenfontein Game Lodge*, Beaufort West. This was organised by the central Karoo secretary **John Hayward**. The guest speaker was **Angus Firth**, Housemaster of White House. Amongst the guests were **Grant and Rosemary Nupen, Sally Firth, Paul Murray** and **Tim and Carolyn Hamilton-Smith**.

■ BOLAND DINNER

The 2012 Boland Dinner was held at Olive Rock just outside Ceres on 26 October. The dinner was organised by Boland secretary **Bruce Robinson**. Guest speakers were **Brian Robertson** and **Tim Hamilton-Smith**. Grateful thanks to the owners of this outstanding venue, **Paul** and **Nick Stanford**.

■ GAUTENG FUNCTIONS

The Northern Provinces Branch has been a hive of activity under the guidance of new Secretary **Richard King**. Thank you Richard.

■ MARCH 2012

Sporting Weekend with Old Andreans.

■ GOLF

Friday 30 March. A group of 16 ODs/OAs teed off at The Wanderers Golf Club.

■ CRICKET

Saturday 31 March. The annual GEOFF BRYANT Trophy took place. This limited over match

has been played between the old boys associations for many years. Once again, St Andrews proved victorious but the OD team has been in intensive training.

A braai for over 50 people- players, their families and others gathered afterwards for a delicious braai at the Country Club Cricket Pavilion.

■ JULY 2012

25 July 2012: A book evening was held with **John Dobson**.

Over 40 ODs and partners joined John at The Local Grill in Parktown for a catch-up on Bishops and the inside story on the adventures of Jason, the character in his book, *Year Of The Gherkin*. This proved to be an excellent evening.

■ OCTOBER 2012

10 October 2012: A farewell cocktail party was held for **Grant and Rosemary Nupen**. About 50 ODs gathered at the Country Club.

■ NOVEMBER 2012 – THE FRAMES TROPHY

The annual interschool old boys Golf Tournament, The Frames Trophy, was held at the Royal Johannesburg on the 21st September. It was won by the ODs competing against more than 20 schools. This is the first time in years that the Bishops has won this prestigious event. The triumphant team of **Rob Starkey, Warren Kelly** and **Murray Kuiper** won R28 000 for the development of golf.

■ NAMIBIA

Grant and Rosemary Nupen, Angus and Sally Firth and **Tim and Carolyn Hamilton-Smith** were royally entertained during their visit to Namibia as guests of the Namibian Bishops Family. This was organised by Branch Secretary **Steve Galloway**, who together with his wife Clare put together a package which included an OD cocktail party, an OD/Bishops parents dinner and visits to their beautiful farm and also to the *Erindi* game reserve. Grant, Tim and Angus were the guest speakers at the dinner in Windhoek.

■ OD DINNER

This was held for the second successive year in the Mallett Centre, which was beautifully decorated and much enjoyed by 285 ODs and guests. The master of ceremonies was Tank Lanning and the guest speaker the retiring Principal **Grant Nupen**.

■ FOUNDERS DAY

A wide range of the usual activities were held including a Commemorative Service on the Piley Rees for every boy currently at the Pre-Prep, Prep and the College. Guest of honour was 'Bishop Gray' whose splendid arrival in a horse drawn carriage will be a lasting memory. Cultural activities included Debating, an art exhibition, chess and the school play. The inclement weather washed out the afternoon activities but enabled the splendid traditional lunch to continue into the afternoon.

■ THE WALKER CUP

This traditional Golf Challenge played against Rondebosch Old Boys was held on 4 March at Mowbray GC. It was once again impeccably organised by Brian de Kock with the assistance of **Brian** and Cynthia **Barends** and Carolyn Hamilton-Smith. We are forever grateful for the generous sponsorship by the **Basson family** in memory of Nico. The OD team gave a good account of itself coming second.

■ OLD QUAD GOLF DAY

This took place on 28 September. The OD team were runners-up to Wynberg

■ YOUNG OD FUNCTIONS – ODS VS RBHS OLD BOYS

Two rugby matches were played against Rondebosch Old Boys. The match held at Bishops was followed by a braai kindly organised by young ODs on the committee, **Anton Taylor** and **Dugald Robertson**

■ ODs vs OAs

The ODs now play traditional Rugby and Cricket fixtures against the OAs. These matches take place at Bishops, as well as the ‘challenge day’ in Gauteng.

■ OD HOCKEY

There are exciting developments to flow from the new hockey pavilion soon to be built on the top field. **Laurie Gardener** and **Mike Olds** have plans for an OD Hockey Club, which will cater for both young and old alike. Please contact them if you wish to be part of this exciting initiative.

■ STARLIGHT CLASSICS

Once again **Richard Cock** has made an enclosure available for 50 guests in a prime spot for the ODU. Tickets sold rapidly for this event – a highlight on the Cape’s musical calendar.

■ HERITAGE CIRCLE LUNCHES

These lunches are organised by the Principal’s Office and are held in Cape Town, New York, Oxford, London and Gauteng. The purpose is for the Principal to keep senior-ODs informed as to the latest developments at Bishops. The Principal also addressed ODs at dinners hosted by **Lionel Goetz** and **David Sutton** in New York.

■ WINTER COCKTAIL PARTY

Despite the end of the OD rugby matches, a reception was held in the Heatlie pavilion in September. After watching the OD hockey matches vs the College we gathered to listen to **Matthew Pearce** being interviewed by **Mike Bayly**. Once again we are indebted to **Ross Wilson** for setting up a suitable bar and to **Greg Mallett** for organising and manning the bar.

In place of the ODU versus College rugby, the committee is in the process of ‘restoring house-matches’ and will be organising an OD inter-house sevens competition. Matches will take place on the Range and the Graveyard with the final being played on the Piley Rees. This will be followed by a reception in the rugby pavilion. It promises to be a fine celebration of running rugby.

Please diarise the date as 28 August 3:00pm.

■ FUNCTION FOR PATRON, PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS

This cocktail party is now something of a tradition and gives the Chairman the opportunity to thank everyone involved with the organization of the ODU. This year it was held at the ODU offices on 22 November.

■ ODs SONS AT THE COLLEGE

The ODU is delighted that 28 sons of ODs are currently in Grade 8 at the College.

2. TO KEEP PAST STUDENTS CONNECTED WITH ONE ANOTHER AND WITH THE SCHOOL

In 2012 we connected with ODs via the following channels of communication

■ The traditional OD ‘notes’ that are circulated in the Diocesan College Magazine four times a year. These are put together by **Tim Hamilton-Smith** and keep us in touch with ODs around the world; highlighting the achievements of ODs, reports of functions, and future plans.

■ The website [www.ocu.co.za], facebook, twitter, and the ning network allows all paid-up life mem-

bers of the ODU to register through the ODU offices. This allows ODs around the world to connect, update personal details, update content, read latest news, read latest newsletters, check on upcoming events, view and post photographs, organise reunions, begin various interest groups, as well as gain direct access to Bishops website to view activities at Bishops.

■ An electronic version of the magazine is available to all ODs and has allowed us to reduce postage costs from R136 319 to R102 016. This money is then allocated to the bursary fund.

■ The first quarterly newsletter developed and managed by **Nick Durrant** was circulated to ODs in December. Please share useful and relevant information with us.

■ ODs receive weekly notification from Carolyn regarding activities at Bishops that affect ODs.

■ The attempt at a business directory is on-going and I am pleased to say that **Nick Durrant** has made considerable progress. We believe that the constant requests from ODs to advertise their businesses and services should be managed in a proper, tasteful and effective manner. You will receive news on this initiative shortly.

■ We are currently developing the ODU Broad Networking programme. This programme aims to form a coaching and mentoring programme for young ODs at university as well as those about to embark on their careers. A sub-committee has been established to create a database of volunteers who possess expertise and experience and who wish to coach or mentor and impart their wisdom on young ODs. There are a number of ODs academics, tutors and senior students at both UCT and Stellenbosch, who have indicated a willingness to assist. Furthermore we have had interest shown by professionals who could assist with coaching, career guidance, vacation work, job shadowing, articles and more. You will receive news on this initiative shortly. Please let the office know should you wish to be involved.

3. TO ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A FUND TO ASSIST SONS OF ODs TO BE EDUCATED AT BISHOPS

■ The Chairman and Secretary of the ODU sit on the school bursary committee. The OD bursaries are operated independently but in conjunction with the other scholarships and bursaries awarded by the school. Annually we allocate 4% of monies in the bursary fund, and should the full amount not be taken up, it is repatriated into the OD Bursary Fund.

■ In 2012 we were able to allocate an amount of R440 000 to 19 sons of ODs

■ In order to qualify, an OD must approach the admissions office and complete the necessary forms. The process is anonymous and as objective as possible. Should the OD succeed, then the funds available or a portion of what is available is allocated.

■ I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following ODs who contribute so willingly to both the bursary fund as well as the ODU general endowment fund. Mr **Ulick Brown**, who has now donated three full bursaries in perpetuity to the school. Mr **Raymond Ackerman**, who launched the OD bursary fund. It is to a large extent his generous donation that initiated the fund along with judicious investments and allocations that has led to the fund flourishing today. The Rev **Michael de Lisle**, who donated 5% of his estate, **Tim Allsop**, **Dave Kirkness**, and **Sandy Jeffrey** all made considerable donations. The Hoffman Stemple foundation, have topped their already considerable contribution with a further \$ 200 000. A further number of ODs have established monthly stop-orders for which we are grateful.

■ Under the initiative of **Arthur Mnyengeze** and **Moshe Apleni**, 56 black ODs have organised them-

selves as an enthusiastic group, who intend resuscitating the Hamilton Mvelase Bursary for the sons of black ODs. We fully support this initiative. Arthur and Moshe sit as observers on the ODU committee.

■ The Governance Committee under **John Macey** met for the first time on 17 January 2012. It has subsequently completed its first audit. The objective of the Committee is “to ensure that the Committee accomplish and execute objectives of good governance and accountability. “When you manage significant funds – generously donated – you must take the role of stewardship seriously and responsibly. This Committee ensures that we do so.

■ In 2012 we engaged the services of attorney **Mathew Walton** who is processing our application as a Non-Profit Organisation. We were granted our Section 18 tax status as a Public Benefit Organisation on condition that we apply to become an NPO. The committee is now comfortable that our Section 18 tax status is secure.

4. TO PROMOTE THE INTERESTS AND WELFARE OF BISHOPS [A SHARED PURPOSE AND UNDERSTANDING OF ALL SECTORS OF THE BISHOPS COMMUNITY]

■ To this Committee this is a logical purpose to strive for as we all desire a prosperous Bishops. I am pleased to inform you that the excellent working relationship with the School Executive and Council allows us to make compromises and do what is in the interests of both parties; in short to promote the interests of Bishops by ‘respecting the invisible line’. In terms of Council, we have the Chairman of the ODU represented as an observer, Mr **Mike Bosman** as Chairman, and a further three ODs are members. ODs are active in many facets of school life, as parents, teachers, Council and any number of Council sub-committees. It is these contributions that led the master, referred to in my introduction, to call the ODU ‘a vibrant and active old boys union.’ It is indeed a necessity not a luxury; you simply cannot have a dysfunctional ODU and a functional school; likewise without a successful school there can be no successful ODU. They need one another to exist.

■ ODU offices: we are indeed fortunate to have a man of **Phil Calothi’s** experience and expertise to project manage the building of our new offices. Phil operates in tandem with the architect **Luke Scott** and the plans can be viewed at the ODU offices. Currently we await approval by the city council. New regulations pertaining to sustainable buildings have hampered their processing, and we envisage the project to begin this year and be completed by December 2014. The collaboration with the School, Council and the Trust on this development has been very positive and I am pleased to say that this cooperation has facilitated the ease with which this project has been managed.

5. GENERAL

■ KINDRED ASSOCIATIONS

In keeping with previous years members of the Committee attended Old Boys dinners at Rondebosch, SACS, and Wynberg. In the same way we have invited representatives from these schools as well as Paarl BH, St Andrews, Paul Roos, Wynberg, St Josephs, and Herschel to our dinner. We have invited representatives of our kindred Diocesan schools namely St Andrews, Michaelhouse and St Johns, but it appears to be a logistical problem for them to attend; we will persevere.

■ ODS WHO EXCELLED IN 2012

Law: **Zandy Bickett** (elected as Judge of the Fifth Judicial District of Pennsylvania in the USA)

Art, Music and Entertainment: **Michael Cumpsty ; William Esau; Paul du Toit; Conrad Koch; Richard Cock; Ed Jordan; James Stewart; Mark Nixon.**

Films and Photography: **Craig Foster ; Damon Foster; Jonty Acton; Greg Simpson; Michael Raimondo**

Fund raising Philantropy: **Peter Hofmeyr; Mark Westcott; Struan Buchanan; John McInroy; Mark Barron; Anton de Waal; David Grier; WP van Zyl; Lourens van Zyl; George Eadie; Ian Michler**

Medicine: **Lionel Opie; Robert Frater; Neil Orpen**

Community Welfare: **Anthony Davies; Johnathan Hobday**

Authorship: **Justin Cartwright; Harry Stephan; Tim Noakes; John Dobson; Greg Mills; Anthony Osler and David Grier.**

Sport: **John Duckitt; Francois Louw; Nick Koster; Nizaam Carr; Siya Simutu; Nick Leggatt; Sam Lane; Dillyn Leyds; Landon McClure; Roger Hudson; Pierre de Voux; Matthew Turner; Robbie Fleck; John Dobson**

CONCLUSION

There are many people I wish to thank for ensuring that your union operates effectively. Carolyn and Tim thank you for everything you have done to assist the committee in executing its roles and responsibilities during 2012.

To the gentlemen leaving the committee: Dave Burton has provided a calm, clear sense of logic that is greatly appreciated. He has ensured that we operate in terms of our constitution and most importantly that we maintain our tax exemption status. Thank you Dave. Jan Newman, who has managed the finance portfolio; you only need to look at the state of the finances to realise what an excellent contribution Jan has made. Thank you Jan. Nick Fenton-Wells, who served us well as a Young OD representative, but who left in the course of last year to play for Saracens, thank you Nick.

The above mentioned are replaced by Jonathan Steytler, who will fill the legal portfolio, Simon Peile, who will oversee the financial portfolio and Dugald Robertson who will assist Anton Taylor in the Young OD portfolio. Thank you gentlemen for offering of your time, your energy and your expertise; we look forward to working with you.

To the President, Mr John Arenhold, thank you. A chairman could not wish to call on a more experienced and wise servant of the ODU. During his 22 years on the committee, many of them as chairman and a further ten as President, there is very little relating to Bishops that he has not experienced. He has continued to provide valuable advice and assistance to myself and the committee. Thank you.

To the Patron Mr Michael Watermeyer, the words sage, considered and considerate summarise the committee's experiences in dealing with Michael. He is a wonderful man to serve under and to have as our Patron.

Finally, thank you the ODs who in the words of Canon Birt 'remain passionate about their school'. We value your passion for Bishops and enjoy interacting with you; indeed it has been this committee's pleasure to serve you during 2012.

I finish this evening by quoting Craig Howie OD in the Bishops 150, 'Commitment has always been there. It has prompted ODs to give immeasurably to the school in terms of time, thought, effort and material gifts; and to their country in times of war.'

To my colleagues on the Committee, it has been a difficult yet productive year. Thank you for your considerable, selfless contributions towards achieving our objectives.

Brian Robertson

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The Chairman of the ODU took the Chair for the election of the Patron and President of the ODU. There being no further nominations Michael Watermeyer as Patron and John Arenhold as President, were duly re-elected. The President resumed the Chair. David Burton and Jan Newman would stand down from the Committee having served three years and would be replaced by Simon Peile and Jonathan Steytler. Brian Robertson, Nick Durrant, John Macey, Richard King, Anton Taylor, Phil Calothi, Angus Firth, Moshe Apleni, Arthur Mngxekeza, and Dugald Robertson were available for re-election. The Chairman would be elected at the first Committee meeting after the AGM.

ADDRESS BY THE PRINCIPAL

In his first address to the ODU, Guy Pearson commenced by welcoming and thanking all members of the ODU and in particular the Patron, Michael Watermeyer; President, John Arenhold; Chairman of the OD Union, Brian Robertson; Chairman of Council, Mike Bosman; and ODs.

“Thank you for the warm welcome Mr. President. As you know, for the past 11 years I have been the Rector at Michaelhouse. For the past few years Mareé and I have been saying to each other “where to after Michaelhouse”. Well, the answer is Bishops; we are very pleased about that! I can tell you that I had a very positive relationship with the OM’s and I look forward to the same with the ODs!

“This evening I am going to share some thoughts with you about my own educational philosophy, my first impressions of Bishops, give a brief feedback on the matric results, some interesting information regarding the 2013 enrollment and finally an update on some of the major projects this year.

“When one considers all boys Independent Schools it is true to say that they all have a similar philosophy. We all believe in an “all-round” education, I like the description of educating our young men to become “gentlemen, scholars and athletes” in that order. Today we are much better at providing opportunities for boys to grow in all areas, whatever their talents. The concept of “multiple intelligence” is well accepted today and we need to provide boys with opportunities to fulfill their particular talent. It is true that some boys are good at many things (“A” type student), but equally true that each boy is good at something! We need to provide that “niche” for each boy because as we know, success in one area inevitably leads to greater self-esteem and confidence which results in better performance in other areas.

Most importantly boys need to be in a disciplined and structured environment, they ask three questions of us:

1) what are the rules? 2) who is in charge? 3) Will the rules be fairly applied?

If the answer to these is positive then they will get on and learn!

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

‘I need not tell you that Bishops is a beautiful place, Table Mountain provides a wonderful ever changing backdrop. The buildings are an eclectic mix of architecture, and around every corner is

a surprise. Watching night cricket from the Frank Reid Oval as dusk sets with Table Mountain in the background is truly awe inspiring.

Bishops is a busy place! It is all that I expected. I have found the boys who I have engaged with to be positive and proud to be at Bishops. The school provides every boy an opportunity to find his niche. We know that boys have a great need to “belong” to something bigger than them. The school has done this so well with the House system which allows even the day boys to have an identity in their House and to have their own space at school. At the same time it is important to create an environment of creative thought and our motto “Bishops Inspires Individuals” reminds us of that need constantly.

A school such as Bishops needs to be open to change and new possibility. We have a heritage and tradition which is important but we need to also be sensitive to changing times. I know that this is at times difficult for Old Boys to accept but it is necessary. In every generation there is change, always for good reason.

At the College, we are pleased with the way in which the boys have embraced the new Junior/Senior relationship. This has been made for two reasons, firstly, to move to a situation where there is mutual and appropriate respect between junior and senior; and secondly for legal and educational reasons. I have enjoyed my interactions with the staff across all three schools at Bishops; they are committed and work hard. Some travel long distances to work, a consequence of the cost of real estate in Cape Town, particularly in the areas surrounding Bishops.

2012 MATRIC RESULTS

‘These were good, overall the school came 2nd in the Western Cape based on the criteria of total % passes, % Bachelor Degree passes and % Core Mathematics passes. Two boys came in the top 20 in the Province, in total there were 353 subject distinctions, an average of 2,47 per boy. The school continues to produce excellent results in Olympiads and Expos, this is an important way in which to benchmark the school’s academic standards. Academics remain the core focus of the school and we will continue to evaluate our programmes and exit examination on an on-going basis.

‘We have enjoyed good success on the sports fields this term, the 1st XI have performed beyond expectations while our water polo team came 5th in the KES tournament. The hockey squad leaves for a tour of Germany, Holland and Belgium in the Easter holiday; hopefully they will continue to enjoy the fantastic success of the past year having had an unbeaten season. The rugby fraternity are cautiously optimistic of better things this year. We begin the season with our fixture against St Andrews in Grahamstown next weekend which goes back to 1896. We are playing at the St Suthians Festival at Easter.

‘The cultural life of the school is alive and well with a superb music department. This week we are staging the musical *Oklahoma*, it is a fantastic production.

ENROLMENT 2013

‘Old boys may be interested in our 2013 enrolment figures:

Pre-Prep 215

Prep 378

College 768

The total enrolment in all three schools is 1361. Our Grade 8 intake was 154 (75 from Bishops Prep and 33 from Wetpups). Applications for the school remain strong in all sections and we are

experiencing an increased demand for boarding’.

PROJECTS

‘The two main projects are well on their way to completion. The Coutts-Trotter Indoor Cricket Centre is due for completion at the end of May and will be a great asset to the school. The upgrade to the Jagger Hall at the Prep is also on target for completion by the start of the second quarter. The plans for the Woodlands Pavilion at the hockey Astro have been lodged with the City authorities and we hope to begin building in the second half of the year. This will be a wonderful facility for hockey, the OD Union and the school in general. The purchase of the Glebe land outside the main gates is subject to the necessary approval of various authorities. Normal refurbishments to staff housing and other school facilities are on-going and are provided for in the maintenance budget.

CONCLUSION

‘I thank you for your attendance here this evening. I am well aware that Bishops is a complex environment. It has many different constituents; the boys, the staff, the Council, parents, old boys and indeed the greater surrounding community. At my installation as Principal by Archbishop Thabo on 16 January, I said this to the boys:

‘Bishops has a wonderful history and tradition which we are all fortunate to be part of, a history which stretches back to 1849 when Bishop Robert Gray founded our school. In the history, “A Century of Bishops” Chapter 1 begins as follows: “Bishop Gray had decided to found a school. His first problem was to house it. Either he must build certain quarters or he must buy them. Church funds were low; and building, he found, cost half as much again in this country with results which were half as good. The old South African College (SACS), laden with debt was in the market. On second thoughts, the Bishop deemed the seeming bargain “not worthwhile”. So happily SACS was left to recuperate miraculously and to become Bishops’ great and friendly rival. The school initially opened with six pupils at the property called Protea which is now Bishops court and the home of our Archbishop! In 1850 it moved to its current site, Woodlands with 22 pupils. Bishops has established deep roots on this beautiful campus below the shadow of Table Mountain and has grown and flourished to three schools with 1350 boys. We have much to be proud of and we need to protect and build on our past’.

‘At the same time I expect Bishops to be open to change and new possibilities. It needs to be a dynamic and vibrant environment which is able to adapt to the challenges of our time. I am proud and honoured to be the 14th Principal of Bishops and to be part of the next chapter in its History’.

AOB

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.20pm. Drinks and snacks followed.

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HAVE YOU MOVED, MARRIED, HAD CHILDREN, CHANGED JOBS?

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