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ROLL OF HONOUR

Their name liveth for ever

In June we remember:

THE GREAT WAR 1914-1919

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 1939-45

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 1914-1919

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 1939-45

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-Comdr, 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



NOTES FROM OD UNION OFFICE



March 2015 was both busy and rewarding. Busy by virtue of the number and variety of activities taking place, and rewarding because we had the opportunity to welcome many ODs back to Bishops; to connect with them, to connect them with the school and to connect them with each other. It is a time of reflection and rekindling old acquaintances, a special time on our calendar.

The AGM held on the 13th March in the Hyslop Hall, on account of our new

building The Mitre not being ready, is reported on elsewhere in this edition. It was encouraging to see more ODs in attendance than in previous years. The committee was encouraged by their interest and support.

The dinner at Kelvin saw a number of improvements. The welcome drinks on the lawn accompanied by a string quartet meant ODs could avoid the traditional scrum at the Ballroom entrance. The decision not to hold a raffle was welcomed by ODs. Dr Greg Mills was informative and entertaining, a delicate

balance for an after dinner speaker, whilst President Raymond Ackerman's reply was positive and inspiring.

The following day began with a Chapel Service in the morning where the President was again on duty shortly after the rising bell speaking about his experiences as a Bishops boy. A truly inspiring talk and one enjoyed by the boys. There was a newfound interest in the Founders Day activities with an unprecedented number of enquiries from ODs to participate in the wide range of activities. Founders Day is the one day on the calendar where the past interacts so comprehensively with the present across a wide range of activities from debating and shooting to cricket and water polo. This is important as ODs get the opportunity to visit their school, to observe first-hand how the Bishops of today operates and to interact with the boys, our future ODs. Conversely the boys look to the ODs closely observing the examples they set in terms of competition and sportsmanship. An event involving Bishops boys and ODs is an intriguing view of the past and the present – many taught by the same teachers or trained by the same coaches.

To all of you who completed our recent survey, thank you for your contribution. Revisiting the purpose of the OD Union has been a long and thorough process, culminating in a strategic planning session held in the city during March. It was wonderful to have our Patron Michael Watermeyer, President Raymond Ackerman and many Vice-Presidents join us. Their vast wisdom and institutional memory of Bishops has been distilled and integrated into our strategic plan. The entire process has been led by Nicky

Bicket, and as we prepare with confidence for the challenges of the future we are indebted to Nicky for his contribution. There will be more news on this exciting development shortly.

The move to The Mitre has absorbed a number of people's energy mainly Phil Calothi who has tirelessly worked to ensure that we finally have facilities specifically designed to assist us in delivering on our objectives. We would love to welcome you to your new home and look forward to seeing you at The Mitre.

Brian Robertson (1979)

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR OF THE OD UNION SECTION OF THE BISHOPS MAGAZINE

When I was approached to become the Editor of this section of the magazine I was convinced it was not going to work. Here I am, four issues down and, besides some small typos, gremlins, print problems, this section continues to be filled with amazing news, both local and international, covering a myriad of OD achievements.

My thanks to those who help me with the collating and proof reading of this section every term: Brian Robertson, Wayne Tucker, Paul Murray and Delré O'Rourke. Please continue sending your articles to Delré at dorourke@bishops.org.za and you are welcome to contact me directly with any suggestions or comments at: marketing@bishops.org.za

Please keep your articles and photographs coming in.

Rosemary Wilké,

Editor OD Union section

UK BRANCH REPORT

Perhaps the most rewarding of the UK OD activities over the past month has been the way in which UK ODs have got stuck in to the mentoring programme. To-date, 7 young ODs have availed themselves of the opportunity to benefit from the wisdom and encouragement of other ODs (there are 50 mentors so far) to help guide them in their career and life choices. Both mentors and mentees who are actively engaged have written to say how pleased they are that the ODU is broadening its purpose to include an initiative like this. The 7 mentees have said how valuable this has been to them.

The ODU questionnaire responses underscored just how important mentorship is to ODs and the ODU. We even have two ODs based in Dubai providing mentorship. To all the mentors, from the ODU, me and the mentees, a huge thank you.

The Old Haileyburian Society held a reception for their OHs in Dubai on Sunday 22nd March and very kindly invited local ODs to join in.

One of the advantages of being hon. sec. of the UK ODU Branch is the opportunity for contact with a large number of ODs up here

who, seemingly unknown to the ODU and Bishops, have done and still do so much with their lives after School. Many of these ODs do so in a most unpretentious way. Yet it is important that we as Bishops and the ODU recognise and be enormously proud of them. Some, sadly, come to our attention only when they pass on. There are many ODs who make a huge difference in this world and we really ought to know about and celebrate them! One such is Andrew Porter (G, 1945) who died earlier this month.

Matthew Golesworthy (2010K) Organ Scholar at Trinity College, Oxford (and



The photo shows the diehards (from left): Mark Herringer (1989B), Nicky Bicket (1973F), John Hawinkels (2010O) and Richard Immelman (1989B).

OLD HAILEYBURY SOCIETY GATHERING



Matthew Born (2003F), Graeme Low (1975W), Gareth Edwards (2003F)

A grand evening was had by the ODs who attended the Old Haileybury society gathering in Dubai on 22nd March 2015.

In attendance was John Clemow (1968F), Graeme Low (1975W), Gareth Edwards (2003F) and Matthew Born (2003F).

Nick Gilbert (OH President), Jane Everard (OH Secretary) and Iona Hutchinson (Registrar) were exceptional hosts, and made us feel most welcome!

I hope one day that the OD Union extends such a warm welcome to them.

Matthew Born goes on to write, "One interesting thing to note was the importance of these gatherings to OH, in terms of their networking. Which made me ponder on the use, and ability to use the OD network. I recall the speech we received on receiving our OD ties, that an OD tie should be the first thing you pack when going on a trip, be it personal or business, the presence of

the tie will likely attract other ODs, which could lead into new friends, jobs and lives and this has been the case when I have worn mine. I feel that one of greatest assets one leaves Bishops with, is the OD union, you only need to look at the names on the members role, heads in all fields of industry, with many making up the ranks from middle to senior management in all walks of life. Being from bishops will never get you a job, but it will get you through the door, and once you're in, then it's all about the person. Given the current economic climate, especially in South Africa, getting in the door is the hardest part. Thus the greatest contribution the OD union could give to its members, is the ability to get through those doors."

Any ODs moving to or travelling through Dubai feel free to contact Matthew matthew.born@tradition.com



One lone OD tie, Nicky Bicket (1973F) among a sea of RBHS Old Boy ones

reading Chemistry there) and I met up with Tim Farrell (1961G) last week. Tim, the finest organist ever produced by Bishops and former organist at Westminster Abbey, St Paul's Cathedral and the Chapel Royal, kindly gave Matthew the opportunity to play for him ahead of Matthew's own fellowship exams. It was wonderful for me to see the Bishops' thread pull the two together and I'm very grateful to Tim for his time and support.

Drinks last month drew out a few ODs and we met, appropriately, at Ye Olde Mitre (The Mitre is the name of the new ODU offices at Bishops). There is also an upstairs room which we hope to colonise in future called the Bishops' Room - seems almost too good to be true.

Ye Olde Mitre is one of the oldest pubs in the City with a comforting and familiar boozy atmosphere reminiscent of the Founders study row in the days when beer rather than vodka was the tipple of choice.

Rupert Pardoe (1973F) was there as were Jeremy Friedlander (1972F), Max Kramer (2008O) and Francis Eliot (1996F).

For as long as there's support, this is going to be a last-Thursday-of-the-month arrangement. They'll run from 6pm-8.30pm. No RSVPs required.

I was honoured to have been invited to give the speech at the Rondebosch Boys' High School Old Boys' UK Dinner last week. On behalf of the ODU, I presented them with a copy of *A Brush with Bishops*. While from time to time we thrash them on the playing fields, no such oppositional behaviour was evident at the most enjoyable dinner. They are an amazing school and we are fortunate to have them as friends and neighbours in Cape Town. Up here they are keen to join up in some of our activities. The picture shows one lone OD tie (back row, left) among a sea of RBHS Old Boy ones.

After an illustrious career as a prominent and activist political journalist and well-known as the editor of the *Sunday Independent* in South Africa and foreign correspondent for the *New York Times*, John Battersby (1966W) took on the leadership of Brand South Africa here in London. Having done this job for the past



John Battersby (1966W)

20 years, he has now retired and was sent off in splendid fashion at a lively function at South Africa House at the end of April. Tributes were paid to him by Lord St John of Bletso

(Anthony St John (1974G) to us), Lord Renwick and Peter Hain, MP. John's fearlessness as a vociferous opponent of apartheid and his taking on the then-government coupled with, later, his energetic and passionate promotion of South Africa and its people through Brand South Africa

were qualities highlighted in the tributes paid to him. A happy retirement, John.

ODs Craig Eriksen (1971F), Hugh Corder (1971S), Charles McGregor (1969F), Duncan Coombe (1990K), Chris Winearls (1967W), and Mark Charnock (1962O) attended the UCT Trust function at the House of Lords on the 7th May. The event launched the UCT Trust Appeal. Aptly, Dr Shula Marks spoke about the life and times of Cecil Rhodes, setting up the vice-chancellor, Max Price, to deal (very well) with the complex and divisive details of that "statue affair". He also spoke about UCT's transformation journey which is being achieved while not just retaining its place as Africa's top university, but actually rising in the world rankings (UCT is the only



Dr Craig Eriksen (1971F), Prof. Hugh Corder (1971S), Nicky Bicket (1973F)

African university in the world's top 200 and in the 2014-15 Times Higher Education rankings it's placed ahead of, among others, the Universities of Birmingham, Leeds, Nottingham, Reading and Liverpool).

Stephen Larkin (1990F) CEO of Africa New Energies gave a presentation on his vision for new sources of energy and power for the African continent to the House of Commons earlier this year. The presentation was recorded. Stephen's vision (and the very

sneaky weaving of Bishops into his introduction) might be of interest to some of you www.anc.na/commons *Nicky Bicket* (1973F)



FOR THE DIARY:

Wednesday 1st & Sunday 5th July:

Henley Royal Regatta
Lunch at the Leander Club (1st)
Finals Day Family Picnic (5th)

Sunday, 12th July:

ODs vs the Old Tonbridgians Golf Match
Royal Ashdown Forest Golf Club
Some golfers have withdrawn and so we are looking for others who'd like to play.

Saturday 8 - Wednesday 12 August:

Simply Blue in concert and
Cold Stone Jug by HC Bosman (Bishops Drama Society)
Both performing at the 2015 Edinburgh Festival

Friday, 14th August:

Simply Blue concert in London for ODs and their families and friends
(Simply Blue is Bishops' a cappella choir. The Choir is passing through London on their way home from their appearances at the Edinburgh Festival.)

Saturday, 12th September:

Oxford Family Day
Dr Chris Winearls (1968G) is a Fellow of Jesus College Oxford. Oxford has been his home for many years. He will guide ODs and their families around the splendours of the University in the morning. Lunch will be in Exeter College and after some punting on the Cherwell in the afternoon, we'll finish with early-evening drinks (and a tour of the College's legendary gardens) on the lawns of New College

SOCIAL REGISTER

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



Christian Spencer Price was born on the 17th April at 21H05. Leigh-Anne Price, daughter Juliet Marianne Price and dad Christopher Price (2001F) especially, are thrilled to have another man in the house! Maybe one day he will be an OD and Founders House boy like his father!



David Riches (1996K) and wife Susan, welcomed their second child, Lauren Isabella Riches, born on 22 April 2015.



ENGAGEMENTS

Stuart Commins (2006F), son of Gail and Gavin Commins got engaged to Lisa Karstel, daughter of Rosemary and Peter Karstel (1970F) in Hermanus in January 2015.

MARRIAGES



Gary Brockman (1971W) married Sue van Noort on 28 March 2015 at the Anglican Chapel on Rottneest Island. The wonderful day was enjoyed by immediate family & close friends.



Dasch Barber (2006M), son of Peter Barber and Inka Fogarty married Megan Manzoni, daughter of Christopher Manzoni and Maria Tomaz at Vredenheim Wine estate in Stellenbosch on 30th January 2015.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Neil McCarthy (1957O) and Elizabeth [nee Holmes] celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 27 February 2015. Elizabeth's father W H H Holmes was at Bishops during the first

world war. Neil's son Sean McCarthy (1984O) was there from 1972 to 1984 and his son is booked in for 2016. Neil is still working, almost full time, at age 75 and as a consequence his golf handicap is suffering.



Ann and Melvyn Wallis-Brown (staff) were married on 24th April 1965 by Rev. Arnold Hirst at St Saviours Church Claremont. Dr. Claude Brown, Director of music at Bishops, played the organ and

conducted the Bishops choir at the wedding. After Melvyn retired he continued to serve Bishops as Marketing Manager for 10 years and has remained in service doing school tours for ODs and prospective parents.

Paul Heinamann (1959O) and Melanie celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on 1 May 2015 by having a service of thanksgiving and renewal at Christchurch Constantia, where they were married on 1 May 1965, followed by a lunch party for family and friends at their home in Constantia.



OCTOGENERIANS

We warmly welcome the following ODs who have become Octogenarians during the second quarter of 2015.



Jonathan Bentley (1953F) 8th May

John writes: -

One of the many boys, who experienced the vagaries of rail travel on 40 trips, to and from Rhodesia, from 1949 to 1953, because my father thought it was good to travel to the coast. I thoroughly enjoyed Founders under Piley Rees and Wilke, with long hikes up the mountain with Frikie 2 trying to improve my very limited Afrikaans.

Academically I remained in the lower averages of my class, but with the not so kind tutelage of Flash Harries, Beefy Brett and the dreaded Herman van Niekerk, I managed to scrape my Matric.

Sporting achievements were limited to the first tennis team for three years, some middle distance running, and the crowning achievement of winning the Senior cross-country, with Boxing often being a painful slaughter for me rather than my opponents

With a passable Matric, what was I to do? A year's practical forestry in a very rural environment, allowed me to think it was a good life, and I was fortunate enough to be granted a loan to go to University in Wales to try for a Forestry degree. What a wonderful social life it was, after the loneliness of the forests. It was here that I got my nickname JAN, because of my South African connection and my love and ability at Rugby. I started in the First team and after three years struggled to turn out for the Thirds! But I retained the nickname for life!!

In 1960 after marrying a wonderful Welsh wife, I returned to the forests of Rhodesia on the Mozambique border where we produced our pigeon pair and I progressed through the hierarchy of the Company, Anglo American, and within the next 10 years I moved into the bright lights of the city of Umtali, to take up a senior

management position, with its many stresses, in the war environment prevailing at that time.

In 1982 I took up a management position in Papua New Guinea, a very different challenge, with very primitive and difficult conditions. It was said, that only Mercenaries, Missionaries and Misfits went to live and work there. What was I? Five years was great, but the climate was enough, and I returned to South Africa ,settling in semi-retirement in the sleepy village of Somerset West That was 26 years ago and I'm still very happy to be here.

Unfortunately the last three years have seen the

death of my wonderful wife and son, but I still have the pleasure of a Daughter and Grandson in Pretoria, and three Grandchildren doing very well in Ireland.

What does the next decade bring?

Philip Craib (1952S) 4th May

Paul Cannon (1953S) 22nd May

Jeremy Gibbs (1952F) 26th May

Brian de Kock (1952O) 5th June

George Fryer (1950F) 8th June

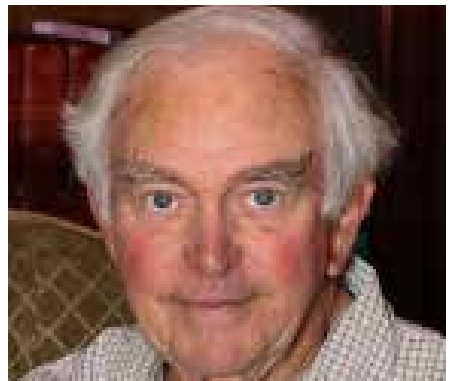
Jeremy Lawrence (1952F) 21st June

Oliver Purcell (1952O) 18th June

Geoffrey Tarrant (1952G) 25th June



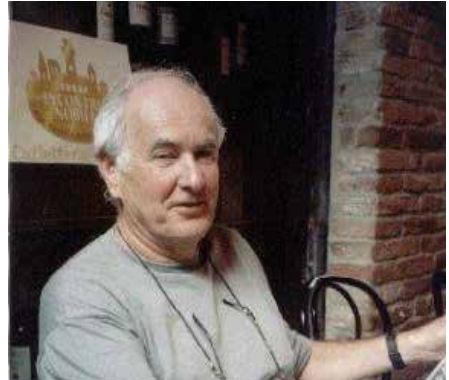
Paul Cannon (1953S)



Brian de Kock (1952O)



Jeremy Lawrence (1952F)



Oliver Purcell (1952O)

VISITORS



*Left Chris Dunn (1965) and wife Cynthia
Right Colin Kenny (1965) and wife Denny*



Fikile Nyarashe (1999)



Robin Watling (1966) and Chase Watling (2004)



Margie and Ian Brown (1954)



Stewart Baird (1950)



Sarah and Thomas Eastwick (1984)

OBITUARIES



STEYTLER. Christopher Steytler (1944O)

Christopher Steytler died at home surrounded by his family, on 15 March, 2015, after a brief illness.

Christopher Steytler was born on November 2, 1926. He grew up in Kenilworth and attended Western Province Prep School from 1935 until he came to Bishops in 1941 where he matriculated in 1944. Despite having just turned 17, he was eager to join the war, but thanks to his father's insistence that he do six months post matric, the war was over by the time he was commissioned as a navigator in the SAAF. He did navigate two flights to Cairo which became the source of some of his greatest stories. It was a generation of young men coming of age during a time when the call to war was unifying and unambiguous. At Western Province Prep

School, and at Bishops, he formed friendships virtually all of which, were to last a lifetime.

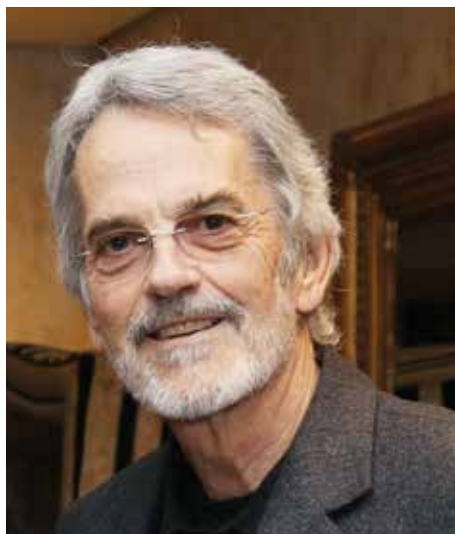
In 1946 he enrolled for the BA LLB degrees at UCT. After completing his BA he was admitted to Trinity College, Cambridge in 1949 where he continued his legal studies. Cambridge was demanding, but despite a very active and varied social life he did very well academically. He was awarded a small scholarship for academic merit at the end of his first year. In due course he finished his studies and returned to Cape Town to begin his career. He maintained an interest in an array of subjects, spanning all aspects of human history, archaeology, literature, steam locomotives in England, politics, philosophy, and cryptic crosswords, to name a few. He attended summer school at UCT until just recently, still drawn to learn and to use his mind, even into his late eighties.

He endured bereavement early in life. His mother died when he was 15, his father when he was 23. He married Jeanine Metier whom he had met at Cambridge but was widowed when he was 29. He lost his sister Félicité in 1971. He met and married Sandra Ladds in 1960. His two sons and a daughter were born between 1961 and 1965. His life, which seemed destined for a conventional course, was at times more eventful than he might have expected. It was a life well lived and greatly enjoyed, in which the contrasts only gave more emphasis to, and pleasure in, what was most important to him: his family, good health and good friendships.

In his later years he spent many happy hours in his blue armchair with its view of the mountain watching cricket. He was a huge fan of Hashim Amler whom he said was

imbued with the spirit of cricket. Christopher was imbued with only the best aspects of the spirit of cricket: gentlemanliness, honesty, integrity, good sportsmanship, and a razor sharp perception of what is right.

He is survived by his wife Sandra, three children, and eight grandchildren. He is missed more than even he, with his characteristic



self-deprecation, would ever have been able to discount.

BURROUGHES. Peter Burroughes (1960S)

In memory of Peter Burroughes, loving husband of Gemma, father of Justin and Gina, son-in-law of Federico and grandfather of Max, Liliana and Paolo, who passed away on Tuesday 17th February 2015.

It has been said that when an older person dies – a library closes. This has never been truer than now with the passing of Peter. From a motorsport point of view all the history, the experiences he had in motorsport, the people

he met, the people he promoted to stardom and great success all went when he last closed his eyes and ended the extreme pain of this terrible disease he suffered bravely for two years.

51 years of preserving, researching, recording and reporting on motorsport built up Peter's great reputation he had for his attention to detail and his persistence and passion for collecting information in different disciplines of the sport.

With a father steeped in motorsport, Peter first learned his word-making trade for ten years with the Star and the Argus before joining Motoring Mirror with Robin Emslie and Terry Scott, eventually becoming the editor.

He then had a long spell in advertising (1974 – 1990) as a copywriter and account director on automotive accounts which included Ford (for 14 years), Toyota and Opel.

He became a PR and marketing consultant with a strong motor sport bias in 1992 and had spells working for Delta Motor Corporation/ Opel and Isuzu (1990 to 1991), BMW Motorsport (1992 to 2000), Nissan/Nissan Motorsport (2001 to 2009).

Peter travelled globally covering motor sport, including handling the communications portfolio for the South African team in A1 Grand Prix, and locally, covering national championship circuit, rally and off-road racing and numerous other motor sport commissions and general PR for clients such as Bridgestone, BMW, Nissan, Volkswagen, Toyota, CAR, Wheels and TopCar magazines.



He travelled to Germany promoting young Kelvin van der Linde, giving him his first international racing title and South African Motor Sportsman of the year award – not once but twice.

He was Toyota's reporter at the Dakar in South America with great success travelling anything up to 600kms a day to get his stories back to South Africa.

A member of the South African Guild of Motoring Journalists (SAGMJ) since 1966, Peter was one of only three journalists to have received a lifetime achievement award from Motorsport South Africa.

Peter's big "baby" for years was helping Bridgestone South Africa getting all the finalists of the SAGMJ Motor Sportsman of the Year event together. He highlighted the tremendous talent we have here in South Africa so the media could vote for a winner.

Being a trained field guide (his trusty binoculars never far from his side), he was passionate about wildlife and conservation and spent most holidays in the bush regularly visiting many of the well-known private game reserves and lodges as well as the Kruger National Park, writing about them and doing his best to encourage others to sample the soul-cleansing and inspirational experience of communing with nature (and, in the process, contributing towards the conservation of our threatened environment and the upliftment of the communities providing the work force for these reserves).

Peter as husband, father and grandfather plus iconic journalist we are all – and motorsport in particular – going to miss you very much.

Justin Burroughes



GRAAFF, David Graaff (1956F)

Sir David Graaff, the Bishops old boy who recently passed away, represented the third generation of Graaffs in Parliament. He was also one of only two baronets with a hereditary title still remaining in South Africa.

While serving as deputy minister in F.W. de Klerk's cabinet, he continued a tradition of Graaff's who became parliamentarians. His grandfather, the first Sir David Graaff, was a minister in the first cabinet of General Louis Botha when the Union of South Africa was formed in 1910. The eldest of the first baronet's three sons, De Villiers, generally known as Sir Div, also had a long political career as the longest-serving leader of the opposition in South Africa, for 21 years. His godfather was General Botha and he succeeded his father as baronet in 1931.

The third baronet, David, eldest son of Sir Div, was born in 1940. He only saw his father for the first time when he was five years old, because before his birth Sir De Villiers had left to go and fight in World War II and was then taken prisoner of war. After his retirement Sir Div went to farm his Friesland-Holstein stud cattle and German merinos on the family farm, De Grendel on the slopes of the Tygerberg near Cape Town, where he died in 1999. He had two sons and a daughter: David, Johann and Geneé.

David, who matriculated at the Diocesan College before studying at the universities of Stellenbosch, Grenoble and Oxford, initially farmed with export grapes in the Hex River Valley. When he also entered politics, he stood as a candidate for his father's party, the United Party, in elections before he joined the National Party because he believed that P.W. Botha's government would negotiate with black people about power sharing. In the 1987 election he was elected National MP for Wynberg and then served as deputy minister of trade and industry in F.W. de Klerk's cabinet.

He stepped down in 1998 and started farming on De Grendel after his father's death, inheriting the baronetcy and the family farm. There he continued the stud farming with the oldest Holstein stud animals in the country.

In the light of Durbanville's reputation as an excellent area for viticulture he also started producing wine on De Grendel, recognising its potential to produce quality wine. One of the estate wines produced in the modern new wine cellar is De Grendel Rubaiyat, a name the third baronet associated with his grandfather. In the 1920s the first Sir David obtained a copy of Edgar Fitzgerald's 1859 work *The Rubáiyát* of Omar Khayyám, covered in red suede. It

includes a quatrain of the 11th-century Persian astrologer and mathematician which refers to the grape and wine.

And lately, by the Tavern Door agape, Came shining through the Dusk an Angel Shape Bearing a Vessel on his Shoulder; and He bid me taste of it; and 'twas — the Grape!

A devotee of red Bordeaux, each vintage since then bears testament of Sir David's philosophical side — featuring a different quatrain from Omar Khayyám's *The Rubaiyat*, ruminating life's great questions.

Sir David was a director of Graaffs Trust and Milnerton Estates Limited and also the Honorary Colonel of the Cape Garrison Artillery. A patron of the arts, he was also well-known for his support to farm labourers and their families as well as encouraging the Montrose Foundation, set up by the Graaff family in 2008, which promotes equine youth development programmes.

He passed away at home on the De Grendel family farm on Saturday, 24 January 2015, after a short illness. He was 74. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Sally (Lady Graaff), four children - De Villiers (1988F), Robert (1992F), Leeza and David John (1995K) - and seven grandchildren. As the eldest son De Villiers inherits the baronetcy and the farm.

A memorial service was held at the Groote Kerk in Cape Town where Sir David's grandfather, the Rev. Van Heerden, in the past preached from the famous Anton Anreith-designed pulpit crafted by another forbear, Jan Jacob Graaff. He was buried at De Grendel next to the graves of his baronet predecessors in the cemetery of the church erected by his Graaff grandfather.

De Villiers Graaff



WILKINSON. David Robert McIntyre Wilkinson (1943S)

David was born in Bulawayo, Rhodesia, in 1925. He lost his father when he was just one and a half years old, and when he was five, the family moved to the Cape. They were not well off, and moved in with helpful relatives. Eventually his mother remarried and his stepfather was able to send him to Bishops.

After Bishops, David joined the air force and became a navigator. He wrote about that period of his life in his book entitled *Memoir of the Shuttle Service*, 60 years on, of a Novice Navigator 4 March 1944 to 4 March 1946 or A crash Course for the Innocent.

After the war, he was given a grant by the air force to study for a Bachelor's degree (the air force issued grants to all those who had served in the war). David decided to study English Literature at Cape Town University. The money was enough for a Bachelor's degree, but David managed to make it stretch to a Master's. Having obtained his Master's, he worked for many years as a schoolteacher in the Cape, and

subsequently at a school in Rhodesia. In that period he was again frugal and saved money. He began to think of leaving Southern Africa to continue his studies in Europe, and he applied to study English Literature at Cambridge, as he had saved enough to fund a further course of study. He was accepted, and so he travelled to England by boat. Among the friends he made during the journey was Dorothea Krook, who had just been appointed as lecturer of English literature at Cambridge University. She then became his tutor during his two years at Cambridge. English literature was David's passion and he greatly enjoyed his studies and the lectures he followed at Cambridge under people like F.R. Leavis.

After obtaining his Master's from Cambridge David began to apply for jobs. He found a position as lecturer in English literature at Leyden University, and that was the beginning of his time in the Netherlands, where he lived till the end of his life. In Leyden he met his wife, Han, whom he married in 1958. It was to be a long and happy marriage, and the couple had three children, and four grand-children, the icing on the cake.

After some years in Leyden, David was offered the chair of Professor at the University of Groningen for English literature after the Middle Ages, and in 1964 the family moved to Groningen. Eventually he became head of department. In addition to writing articles on English literature and doing research, he passionately enjoyed teaching and he loved the seminars he ran for his students, many of whom kept in touch after he retired.

Following his retirement, he continued to teach part-time for the HOVO, an organisation that ran classes for students over fifty, often people who had retired from different

disciplines. David taught there together with his wife Han, who was also a lecturer in English literature, and the classes turned out to be a very joyful and fascinating experience, with students ranging from retired engineers to psychiatrists.

David died peacefully at his home in Paterswolde - a village just outside Groningen - in the presence of his wife Han, on 21st of December 2014. He is greatly missed by his family and friends.

PORTER. Andrew Porter (1945G)

Andrew Porter, New Yorker Classical Music Critic, Dies at 86

Andrew Porter, a music critic celebrated for his stylistic elegance, immense erudition and polymathic command not only of the work under review but also of everything else in creation conceivably connected with it, died either Thursday night or early Friday in London. He was 86.

His death overnight, from complications of pneumonia, was confirmed by Sheila Porter, his sister and only immediate survivor.

Considered one of the foremost music critics in the world, the Oxford-educated Mr. Porter was widely read on both sides of the Atlantic. He was best known in the United States for his long association with *The New Yorker*, where he was music critic from 1972 to 1992. There, his purview took in the city's profuse musical riches as well as those of wherever in the world — and there were many such places — someone he admired was performing something he wanted to hear.

After leaving the magazine, Mr. Porter forsook his New York apartment, where visitors were sometimes obliged to sit on the floor because every horizontal surface was heaped with books, scores and records. He returned to London, where he lived to the end of his life,



Picture: Anthony Crickmay

writing for *The Observer*, *The Times Literary Supplement* and other publications.

Andrew Brian Porter was born in Cape Town on Aug. 26, 1928; his father was a dentist, his mother a homemaker. He studied music at Diocesan College in Cape Town before taking a degree from University College, Oxford, where he studied music and English.

Mr. Porter wrote criticism for *The Manchester Guardian* and later for *The Financial Times*, from which he was plucked by William Shawn, then *The New Yorker's* editor, for a year's trial at the magazine. He remained for nearly 20.

As a translator, Mr. Porter was renowned for his complete English version of Wagner's "Ring" cycle, which was recorded by the English National Opera. He also translated many other works, including Gluck's "Orfeo ed Euridice"; Mozart's "Idomeneo," "Abduction

from the Seraglio,” “The Marriage of Figaro” and “Don Giovanni”; Saint-Saëns’s “Henry VIII”; Wagner’s “Tristan and Isolde” and “Parsifal”; Verdi’s “Nabucco,” “Macbeth,” “Rigoletto,” “La Forza del Destino” “Otello” and “Falstaff”; and Schoenberg’s “Pierrot Lunaire.”

As a musicological detective, Mr. Porter was responsible for bringing to light a restored version of “Don Carlos,” which he meticulously pieced together from traces Verdi had left behind. It had long been known that the opera as traditionally performed was incomplete: Large sections of the score had been cut just before the world premiere at the Paris Opera on March 11, 1867, and were believed lost.

In the 1970s, while doing research in the Paris Opera’s library, Mr. Porter came upon long-forgotten archival sources, including orchestral parts with the cut material still visible, that would let nearly an hour’s worth of deleted music be reconstructed a note at a time.

“It was absolutely extraordinary to open the first violin part and find those pages,” he told Opera News in 2011. “I rushed out, bought a lot of music paper, and copied from the first violin part, then the second violin part, et cetera. And the vocal parts were there too, all the roles.”

As a director, Mr. Porter presented an array of operas, including a production of “La Forza del Destino” at the Seattle Opera in 1984.

Mr. Porter, who also contributed articles on music to The New York Times starting in the early 1950s and continuing for decades, was a three-time winner of the ASCAP Deems Taylor Award for music writing. His other books include the anthologies “Music of Three Seasons” (1978), “Music of Three More Seasons” (1981) and “Musical Events: A Chronicle” (1987).

Margalit Fox April



COPENHAGEN. Harald John Copenhagen (1950G)

Dr. Harald John Copenhagen passed away peacefully in London on 2nd February at the age of 82. A regular contributor to the OD magazine throughout his life he maintained close links with the school and ODs visiting London, as well as making frequent visits back to South Africa. He lived in Ealing, West London - his home there being named ‘The Cape’.

After Bishops he qualified from UCT and worked initially at Groote Schuur hospital (with Professor Christiaan Barnard), in 1962 he moved to the UK and worked at Hammersmith Hospital as their Causality Surgeon. He was awarded a Wellcome Trust Research Fellowship which he took up at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School and thereafter worked in the field of Wound Healing. He had papers published in both the UK and the USA and lectured at the Royal Post Graduate Medical School on this subject. He later moved into general medicine and was a senior partner in a

very successful practice in Hounslow, close by Heathrow Airport.

Whilst in practice he was awarded the MRCGP membership of the Royal College of Practitioners and was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine.

In 1985 he was made a Freeman of the City of London for his services to medicine, a signal honour understood to be the first bestowed upon an OD. The following year he submitted a description of this honour to the OD magazine, writing amusingly that thereafter he was “entitled to drive his sheep across London Bridge and in the crisis of a fire the fire brigade may not take his horse from his carriage to pull the fire engine”.

In 1992 he was elected an Allied Associate of the British Association of Plastic Surgeons for his work in that field. He was for a while the Royal Naval Surgeon and Agent General for Heathrow Airport as well as a Senior Civilian Medical Advisor to the Bomb Disposal Unit at that airport. In 1997 he retired as the Senior partner in his Practice after holding that post for over 20 years, but still continued as a full partner.

In his retirement he enrolled at University gaining a MA Degree. He wrote and published his own book entitled ‘Trust me, I’m a Doctor; a collection of medical tales of humour, horror, heartbreak, happiness and hope.’ (www.penpress.co.uk). He contributed many articles to a wide range of medical publications for over 40 years.

He was member of the Noel Coward Society and Chairman of the BMA film and tv medical awards. A passionate traveler to many parts of the world including following the path of Shackleton to his hut in Antarctica, sailing to Tristan da Cunha, visiting St. Helena island

and many other unusual destinations. He was awarded the prestigious National Geographic Membership and was a keen and active member of the International Wine and Food Society. Highly knowledgeable about the history of the Cape and an avid collector of Cape Silver, he also had an extensive collection of photographs and stamps. He was much loved and will be sorely missed by many.

He is survived by his wife Jill, daughters Emma, Catherine and Valerie, his ex-wife Rosemary, his sister Rosalind.

James Green (19780)



ROY. Ted Roy (1947S)

Edmund (Ted) Roy died peacefully aged 84 on the evening of 7th February 2015 in a care home near Norwich, England.

His daughters Linda, Janet and Louise, their

partners, and many of their children had been at the bedside to comfort him in his final days and hours.

He is survived by his wife Virginia after 60 years together in marriage. Virginia is looked after in the care home where Ted died, as she suffers from dementia.

Ted's funeral [took place / is taking place] on Friday 27th February at Horsham St Faiths crematorium, near Norwich.

Those who knew him may wish to give a donation to Cancer Research UK in his memory.

Ted would amuse and enthrall his family with many tales of his days at Bishop's: he was immensely proud of having been a pupil at the school.

He is very much missed by all who knew him.

David Wynne

To those of us who knew him at Herschel, Mickfield, Wet Pups, 1st Kenilworth Scouts, Hermanus Camp, and College, he was always Teddy, a fun loving scamp. If not always the mischief instigator, ready immediately to join those who did. At Mickfield he played John in the 1937 performance of Peter Pan.

He was a great all-round athlete. Bat and ball, rugby flank, House tennis player, boxer, middle distance runner and golfer, he excelled in all. Teddy must have been close to winning the 1947 Jamieson Prize. Possibly he lost out for being part of a mischievous School House gang, the bane of schoolmasters, especially younger ones new to teaching, and the elderly ones who were brought in to teach us during and after the War.

After College he went underground on the Reef, and sustained a severe back injury in a rock fall which killed all those ahead of him. This caused nightmares, and he seldom spoke

about the incident. Ted worked his passage to England and hitch-hiked to the Helsinki Olympics. While working at a temporary job at Collins Publishing in England he asked fellow employees if anyone played golf and was told the father of one of the secretaries did. Ted presented himself to her to request the golf round. She was Virginia and her Father was a divisional superintendent with Marks and Spencer. They met on the first tee the next day where the worthy asked for Ted's handicap. On Ted's reply, "Plus three, Sir", he quickly said, "Shh, don't tell the others ". After the golf round Ted was invited to tea at Virginia's house, and the rest is history.

Then her Father called Ted into his office to say that he had arranged a post for him, but that Teddy was never to come to his office again.

While working in Castleford in Yorkshire in 1954, I visited Ted at M & S in Doncaster. I was at his wedding in Glasgow, the only South African present. Their wedding reception was held in an hotel having a beautiful staircase. After the reception he was carried head first down it, coatless, shoeless and pantless, and poured head first through the open window of the limo on to Virginia's lap. His shoes, pants and coat followed.

Elinor & I saw him in the Exeter M & S store in 1959, Teddy by now a professional Store Manager. He proudly showed us around the store, pointing out the reasons for the remodelling he had planned and carried out. He prospered in marketing and quickly moved up the M & S ladder to trouble-shoot, open new stores and train staff. He regularly played and won foursomes with his Father-in-law, now his boss. He and Virginia and their family moved regularly. His work was stressful, and after being diagnosed with a heart problem, he

took early retirement in 1983.

They moved to Javea in southern Spain, taking advantage of the warmer climate to live without the stress of retail management and also to ease Ted's back pain from the mining accident. They settled happily into a small community of expatriate British, away from the major tourist attractions. He soon made his presence felt, supporting numerous community activities, social and charitable, and organizing group tours for the community.

We saw Teddy again at our Class' 40th, still the same, joyful but now a bit more serious. Almost none of our Class had seen him in 40 years.

For family reasons they returned to the UK and settled in a small village near Lochgilphead at the head of Loch Fyne, of kipper fame. After that he and Virginia moved to Norfolk.

They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary, but sadly, after Virginia had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's and was living in a care home, where Ted attended her daily and where he also lived his final weeks. She survives him in the care home.

John Hueton (1947G) (Canada), Joc Forsyth (1947G) (Australia), David Wynne and Joyce Ness

KENNELLY. Brian Kennelly (1952G)

Brian was born in East London in 8th August 1935 and passed away on 27th February 2015, having lost his battle with cancer.

He started at Bishops Prep in 1945. In an autobiography he remembered the class roster: Blackman, Cloete, Cox, de Kock, Dicey, Duncan, Finn, Goodlet, Hunneyball, Kennelly, Lawrence, Paton, Penny, Purcell, Rohr, Schonegevel, Wingate, Zoutendyk. He also remembered wrestling during break with fellow classmates, on Stanmore field, and that Peter Penny was



consistently the strongest!

At College he abhorred the fagging system. He really liked Vernon Harries and enjoyed Frikkie II's Afrikaans teaching. He learned to play golf with Brian and Robin de Kock. He was without doubt one of the top scholars in his matric year. In the biography he states "Bishops provided me with an education which I shall forever cherish."

He entered medical school at UCT in 1952. After graduation in 1958 he was awarded a three year Commonwealth Scholarship and while in Edinburgh he obtained Membership in the Royal Colleges of Medicine, of Edinburgh and London and completed a PhD thesis in cardiac physiology. In 1963 he met and married his wife, Fiona, a Scottish lass.

Then came registrarship at Groote Schuur and Somerset Hospitals. After a spell in Dallas, Texas, he and his family returned to RSA, and Groote Schuur hospital for the next 10 years.



Government policies and propaganda in the time of the SWA border conflict led to Brian's decision to take up partnership in a thriving cardiology practice in Newport Beach, California. There he became a respected member of the staff at Hoag Hospital and role model to many. He was revered by his colleagues and patients for his experience, research and knowledge, as well as his hardworking nature, excellent patient care and sense of humour.

Eighteen years later aged 63 he retired to a 5,5 acre property 50 miles north of San Diego. He always loved sailing and fishing and now he had a vineyard, horse pastures, a garden and an orchard to keep him busy.

The closely knit Kennelly family of Fiona and children, Brian, Fiona Mandy, Scott and Kirsty, and seven grandchildren miss him dearly and treasure his memory.

Kirsty Kennelly Cone (daughter) and Alan Douglas (Staff)



MINICKI. Maryon Albert (Touchie) Minicki (1936O)

A man with many names. Some called him Maryon, some called him Albert – his two baptized first names, while some called him Touchie, a pet name his sister Josephine gave him. His fellow civil engineers used to call him “Piet”. In the Cape Point area he was mostly known as “Mr Minicki” and sometimes as “Mr Min” in later years not because he was better or smarter, but it was the way things were done years ago.

He was the son of Francis Joseph Minicki and Ethel Wood. Francis was born in Warsaw, Poland the son of a medical doctor and his wife a bride from Paris. As a young man Francis travelled the world and spoke a number of languages, including Russian and French. Francis met and later married Ethel Wood from Seven Oaks in Kent, England.

Francis and Ethel decided to ‘see’ Africa and arrived in Johannesburg round about 1900. They bought the farm Orange Grove which today is a bustling suburb of Joburg. After a holiday to Cape Town they decided to move to the sea with their two little ones Maryon and Josephine. They sold Orange Grove where they had lived very happily for a number of years and bought the farm ‘The Orchards’ in



the Strand.

Happy days spent on the beach with friends and family trips into Cape Town. On one of these trips Francis Minicki went to the Parade to have a look at the revolving map vehicle which indicated plots for sale around the Peninsula. He rather liked the property in the Cape Point area and decided to buy it without any inspection whatsoever. Dad would tell the story of how he met his father walking back from the beach at the Strand. His father pointed across the bay at Simon's Town and told him that he had just bought some land there.

After a while Francis decided to go and take a look at this newly acquired piece of

land at Cape Point. After inspecting it he immediately decided to sell it as he thought it was too remote and went back home. Ethel was curious and wanted to see this piece of land that was bought and sold. After she came to have a look at it she fell in love with the farm and Francis bought it back.

The family moved into the homestead at Klaasjagersberg and a very happy childhood continued with hiking, fishing, horse riding and friends eager to visit. Touchie started school at Simon's Town and progressed to Bishops in Rondebosch as a weekly border living for the weekends when he could come home to the farm. Weekends consisted of long walks across the veld up into the mountain and catching

crayfish and cooking them in a paraffin tin on the beach at Oliefantsbos.

As a boy he earned pocket money by growing onions and selling them by the roadside. In this way he earned money to buy his first rifle. He used to recall how it arrived by train, and how he and his sister between the two of them managed to carry it back home. He remained an avid veggie-patch grower all his life. Though, in later years the depredations of the local baboons eventually forced him to stop growing veggies in his corner patch on the farm – something that was a great regret to him.

Whilst at Simon's Town School his father got to know the operator of the old Aerial Ropeway that operated between Simon's Town and the Naval Sanatorium on the Klaver Valley plateau above Red Hill. He would allow Touchie to ride up after school and then continue his journey home walking over the mountain and down the kloof back to Klaasjagersberg.

Studying Civil Engineering was interrupted by the outbreak of World War Two. The carefree youngster was now faced with new challenges, stark realities, decisions and death. He was on duty first in Kenya where he did his training and later in the Sahara desert in Egypt maintaining airplane engines that landed on secret locations for refueling. It was an opportunity for making new friends that he kept contact with all his life, visiting new exotic places and developing a fondness for Cairo, Egypt.

After the war he continued his studies at UCT and completed his Civil Engineering Degree. His first job took him to the middle of the Karoo away from his beloved farm. Savoring the open spaces, the plants and experiencing life in one of those famous

roadside construction camps. Later he was then promoted to regional engineer in the Eastern Cape. New scenery, different vegetation and diverse cultures. A short stint followed in Pretoria at the Head Office, now married to Estelle and with a baby daughter Mary.

Back in Cape Town, just before retirement he was very much involved with others in the planning, designing and constructing of the Huguenot Tunnel in Du ToitsKloof which was his pride and joy.

Happy retirement years followed planting vegetables for the table, watering his orchard, battling the baboons, hiking up his mountain, picking armfuls of Fynbos flowers for Outspan Road in Fish Hock, building stables and a bridge and renovating the cottages on the farm. He was never a man to sit still and while away his retirement years, but was always on the go with some new or old maintenance project at his home and at the farm. For many years he was a keen bee keeper, working the bee hives on the farm. Time was also spent discussing the state of the world as well as amazing developments in technology with his two daughters Mary and Frances, and his wife Estelle providing a comfortable home. A man with an excellent memory, kind and generous in nature.

You will live in our hearts and in Cape Point forever.

Frances Minicki

NAUDÉ. Henry Naudé (1963S)

Henry Naudé passed away at the age of 70 on 3 April 2015 after a short illness. Henry was at Bishops from [insert dates please!] where he was a boarder at School House. Always unassuming and modest, his claim to Bishops fame was unexpectedly winning the annual school cross



country race in his final year!

Henry studied at Elsenburg and Grootfontein Agricultural Colleges before taking over the family farm, Prinskraal, in the Bredasdorp district of the southern Cape, from his father Chris [OD – please insert dates]. He very successfully steered this enterprise through good times and bad, until consigning the active management of the business to younger hands in 2010.

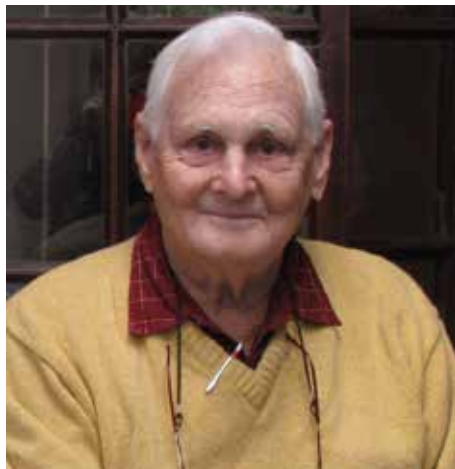
He retired to the nearby village of Napier, where he happily immersed himself in community activities and his garden. Henry's integrity, generosity and good humour will be greatly missed by his family and a wide circle of friends.

Henry is survived by his wife Marion, sons André (1991S) and Christian (1992S) and granddaughter Anna.

CANNING. Geoffrey Ernest

Canning (1946F)

Geoffrey Ernest Canning was born 3 June 1929 and died at the age of 85 on 21 November 2014. He attended Bishops Diocesan College for all his school years where he was more a sportsman



than an academic. He went into the printing trade after school, married Claire Wilson on 20 December 1952 and travelled north in 1953 to first Zimbabwe (Rhodesia as it was then) and then Zambia (Northern Rhodesia) where they lived and had their three children.

They Returned to Cape Town in 1966 and moved into Pinelands in 1967. He started his own printing business but eventually amalgamated with J Ryan Printers where he was a director and worked until he retired.

He loved his sport and was captain of the 5C's cricket club in Zambia, played golf for many years at Mowbray Golf Club and then moved on to bowls. He was a life member at Pinelands Bowling Club and served a term as President in the '90's.

Geoff was a great family man and is survived by his wife, his three children, Grant and Peter Canning and Ruth Romburgh, five grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

In the words of one of his many nephews (James Gardener 1974W) "Geoff was kind, funny, unfailingly loyal, a top man."

Ruth Romburgh (daughter)

NEWS OF ODs



RB HAGART MEMORIAL TRUST SCHOLARSHIP AT BISHOPS IN MEMORY OF DOUGLAS HOFFE

In memory of my late father, Douglas Hoffe (1944F), the RB Hagart Memorial Trust has generously initiated a teaching scholarship at Bishops for a worthy candidate studying to become a teacher. William du Plooy (30) has completed his undergraduate studies and is registered at Unisa for the second year of his PGCE. During the course of his final year of studies, William is residing in Founders House and is employed as an intern, assisting with Life Orientation and sports coaching, as well as fulfilling boarding house duties.

The RB Hagart Trust, of which Doug was Chairman for upwards of 20 years, is one of the largest private trusts in the field of philanthropic endeavours in South Africa. It was established in 1967 by Richard Bein Hagart, Deputy Chairman of Anglo American Corporation from 1949, who bequeathed a significant share portfolio, the income from which was to be used for philanthropic purposes, together with a detailed Trust deed. Given the important role education plays in the work of the Trust, coupled with the

passionate belief Doug had in the importance of education in the transformation and future of our country, an educational scholarship was deemed to be the most fitting way for the RB Hagart Memorial Trust to honour the memory of their past Chairman. Doug passed away in October 2013 aged 85.

The Trust – whose current Chairman, Rupert Pardoe (1973F), is himself an OD – is delighted to be supporting a young man in the teaching profession, and the Hoffe family is extremely grateful for this most fitting tribute to my father, whose involvement in education initiatives and his fondness for Bishops were two of the cornerstones of his life. Needless to say, the importance of education in our country cannot be overestimated, and we trust that William will not only be an asset to the school and a worthy and proud recipient of the scholarship, but that he will go on to become a committed teacher and make an impact as a role model and inspiration in the lives of many young people. ‘A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.’ (Henry Adams, historian and teacher, 1838-1918)

Catherine Murray (nee Hoffe)

20 March 2015



This year's OD Dinner at Kelvin was a success. We started with welcome drinks on the lawn accompanied by a string quartet.

Thank you to our guest Speaker Dr. Greg

Mills (1979O), our President Raymond Ackerman (1948S) for his inspiring reply and our Patron Michael Watermeyer (1945O) for his positive toast.





NEW SECRETARY OF THE KZN BRANCH

We are pleased to announce that Crispian Stanford (1968S) has been appointed Secretary of the KZN branch. Crispian lives in Pietermaritzburg and is the Marketing Manager at Pick n Pay Victoria Family Store. Crispian and Stuart Lucani (1968S) (secretary at our South East Asia branch go back to 7 years old - about 58 years) were both at pre prep, prep, and college together and still e-mail each other.

Crispian has a clear understanding of how to run an OD branch due to his 5 years (1978 - 1983) spent running our then Transvaal branch. We look forward to working with him.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Conrad Geldenhuys for the sterling job he has done at managing the KZN branch. Thank you Conrad, we appreciate your time and effort.

Crispian Stanford can be contacted at crispian@victoriapnp.co.za or 078 459 5947.

ODs in the KZN area please update your details on our website www.odu.co.za or e-mail dorourke@bishops.org.za



NEW SECRETARY OF THE GARDEN ROUTE BRANCH

We are pleased to announce that Francois Moll (1978W) has been appointed Secretary of the Garden Route Branch. Francois was the Head Prefect at Bishops in 1980 and head of White House. On the sports front he represented the First XI Hockey (as goalkeeper) and was particularly active in Societies, Music and Drama. He is still lucky enough to pursue most of these in his role as Headmaster of York High School. Francois promotes the best of Bishops at York and has enjoyed the mutual respect that has built up between the two schools. York staff connections with Bishops have been strong with Robert Moolman being a past Head boy of York and with Guy Pearson being a former Deputy. Francois is married to Judy who runs a successful practice as a psychologist in George, and has two daughters, Alexandra and Tyla and three unruly dogs.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Malcolm Pollard (1955G) for all the effort he has put into managing the Garden Route branch and for hosting numerous successful functions over the years. Thank you Malcolm, we appreciate it.

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After a long time **Anton Fourie (1988S)** and **Dirk van Doorn (1988W)** caught up 11th of May. They had not seen each other since 1998. Anton was flying with his family from New Zealand where he lives now on his way to the UK and Canada. Dirk writes, “it was great seeing Anton after so many years. Our respective wives and Anton’s sons were somewhat amused as Anton was retelling some of the boarding house stories and the mischief one can get up to in a boarding house and at school.

Dirk van Doorn also managed to catch up with Jonathan Louw (1987W). Jonathan recently moved to Dubai where he has taken up a senior position with a Private Equity company. “I had not seen Jonathan for over 20 years and recently caught up with in Johannesburg just prior to him moving to Dubai.”

Robert McGiven (1995) has co-founded Robert Silke & Partners Architecture & Interiors. The practice is located in the Waalburg Building on Wale Street in Cape Town. Current projects are located throughout South Africa and across



Africa. Robert spent his first decade of practice at Noero Wolff Architects after graduating from UCT in 2001. During this period Robert assisted design principal Professor Jo Noero as senior project architect on a number of projects most notably Red Location Cultural Precinct in New Brighton Port Elizabeth. In 2006 Red Location Museum was awarded the Royal Institute of British Architects’ Inaugural Berthold Lubetkin award for the most exceptional building produced by a member of the Royal Institute of British Architects outside of Britain and the European Union. Red Location Museum also received awards from the Dedalo Minosse awards program in Italy and from the World Leadership awards program in London. In 2012 Red Location Gallery was named Building of the Year at an awards ceremony hosted by Icon Magazine in London. Red Location Precinct has been exhibited at MoMA in New York, the Venice Biennale, the Sao Paulo Biennale, the Singapore Biennale and the National Gallery of Art in Cape Town.



Duncan de Groot (1989G) was elected President of Western Province Squash at their AGM. The role has the responsibility for all aspects of squash in the Western Cape (including schools). Coupled with being Vice-Chairman of the Western Province Cricket Club (WPCC) for the last four years, he wonders where he will get the time to do some work that earns him an income!

Rory Millson (1967F) discusses issues (since 1931) on the Little Forum in New York. His most current talk was about The Legality of US Drone Strikes.

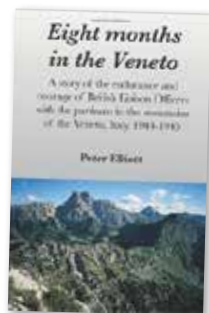
Rory, father of three children who attended the Bronxville school, is a long-time village resident. He is a partner in Cravath Swaine & Moore's Litigation Department and has broad experience in both trial and appellate courts. He received his BA from Yale University, a BA in jurisprudence as a Rhodes Scholar from Oxford University and he received a J.D. from Yale Law School. He joined Cravath in 1977. He joined the International Law Committee of the New York City Bar from which flowed a report entitled the Legality

Under International Law of Target Killings by Drones Launched by the United States.

Like the ancient mariner, he now talks on this topic, whether at the City Bar, Oxford University, Tufts or now his own home. In his upcoming golden years, he plans to be involved in an Oxford project on why constitutions fail.

Peter Elliott's (1967W) book, *Eight Months in the Veneto*, is a story of the endurance and courage of British Liaison Officers with the partisans in the mountains of the Veneto, Italy, in 1944-45.

The book captures the atmosphere of the time by drawing on the first-hand accounts of the leading men who campaigned alongside the Italian resistance in Northern Italy throughout this hard winter.



Kyran Wright (2005G) has replaced Nick Fordyce as the Liesbeek River maintenance project manager after Mr Fordyce moved on to explore South America. He will oversee a six man team that cleans the river and removes

invasive plant species. Mr Wright is a UCT zoology graduate and is currently doing his Masters Degree in environmental law.

Chris McInroy (1971G) and his son John set up the Unogwaja Challenge.

The Unogwaja Challenge was first done four years ago in memory of Phil Masterton Smith (the youngest ever Comrades winner to this date) who in 1933 could not afford the train fare from Cape Town so he cycled there. He was nicknamed “Unogwaja” which is the Zulu word for “a hare”.

This year to enable more people to be involved the Unogwaja “on foot” was launched and **John McInroy (1999G)** and

his friend Robert Le Brun left on 1 May to walk / run to Pietermaritzburg. On 21 May 11 cyclists will leave on the 10 day challenge and will meet up with the runners to all enter Pietermaritzburg together. The following short video is about the journey.

Last year the Challenge raised over R1.2million for charity and this year we have launched our own charity, The Unogwaja Light Fund. The following video tells a little more about the charity.

The Unogwaja Light Fund lies at the heart of the purpose of Unogwaja.

The Light Fund generates financial support for community based organisations in South Africa which focus specifically on education,



skills development and most critically on ensuring that the responsibility and action lies with the people being supported and at no point does the support take this responsibility and accountability away.

Empowerment and self reliance is at the core of each of the organisations that are supported by the Light Fund and become known as Unogwaja Lights. The Light Fund aims to identify and support more Lights across our country firmly rooted in these principles.

NEWS FROM ABU DHABI

Graeme Low (1975W) wrote in with news from Abu Dhabi.

I am based in Abu Dhabi working for Shell, seconded to ADCO and then ADNOC HQ heading up their resourcing & career development function with a strong emiratisation agenda. Prior to moving to Abu Dhabi I spent 4 years in The Hague with Shell Global Solutions advising international skill pools on their resourcing strategies mainly for key LNG projects in Nigeria and Oman. Our three kids have accompanied my wife & I growing up mostly in the expat world attending international British schools adding Dutch in Holland and then Arabic in Abu Dhabi to their curriculums.

Abu Dhabi has grown enormously since we arrived with the development of Saadiyat Island (which has a Gary Player designed championship golf course) and Yas Island (where the final FI event took place last year together with another amazing golf course and a huge concert venue). Add to that the new residential towers on Reem and Al Maryah Island central business district and you have the makings of a major city.

Hard to believe that the city is no longer playing “second fiddle” to Dubai. It’s a destination in its own right: hosting major conferences, about to become a major art and cultural centre with the building of another Louvre as well as a Guggenheim, becoming an education centre with good international schools and lately NYU, Insead and Paris Sorbonne setting up shop here. Its created its own tourist agenda with the rapid expansion of Etihad airline, luxurious hotels, sporting facilities and malls to rival its next door neighbour. Not everyones cup of tea with the glitzy buildings, fast cars and imported Western culture, but cut beneath the surface and you will find a rich Emirati family oriented heritage. Thats Abu Dhabi - take it or leave it. Dubai has its own vibey feel, different to Abu Dhabi which is more conservative but the real difference between the two is that Abu Dhabi is better laid out for residence purposes, has a fantastic corniche with beaches, and if you are into boating which I am (having grown up with a boat on Langebaan lagoon) then there is plenty of opportunity to explore the islands and mangroves. We regularly spot indo pacific dolphins around the islands but have yet to come across the elusive dugongs.

Despite the wider region in turmoil the country itself remains largely very safe , and attracts a steady stream of expat families particularly those with young kids. We couldn’t believe how the number of families at the annual “carols in the desert” camping weekend has grown. We still can’t get used to the annual bureaucracy, occasional dust storms, and summer heat which will keep you indoors from May but in general we find the lifestyle and local culture very agreeable.

SPORT



Thomas Gerhardt, Ben Brimble, James Day (all 2003G)

Gray House was well represented at the 2015 Boston marathon.

Ben Brimble, Thomas Gerhardt, and James Day (all 2003G) all very close friends from college days ran the marathon with Ben finishing in 2.46, position 619, and Tom and James together in positions 1462 and 1463 and time of 2.54. Conditions were freezing, windy, and hampered attaining better times. All three said it was one of the most exhilarating experience they have had, with amazing crowd support and impeccable organisation for the over 30 000 participants. Before the race they stayed in Harvard with Stuart Mac William (2004O) who is finishing his MBA at the university.

In 2013 the same three friends ran the Berlin marathon



James Day, Ben Brimble, Tom Gerhardt (all 2003G)



Wynand van Zyl (1997K) and James Henkes (1997G)

WALKER CUP 2015

The 33rd annual golf competition for the Walker Cup between ODS and Old Boys of Rondebosch took place in fine weather at Mowbray Golf Club on Sunday 15th February 2015. Each side consisted of 64 players and, although ODs scored 1076 Stableford points and Rondebosch only 1057, the trophy was won by Rondebosch, with 17½ fourball matches to 14½ by ODs.

The best OD pair were Wynand van Zyl (1997K) and James Henkes (1997G), with 45 points, and they were followed by Mark Reid (1987F) and William Bolus (1982F), on 44. A point behind were Andrew Kilpin (1983F) and David Wilson (1983G), Koos Jonker (1959G)



Mark Reid (1987F) and William Bolus (1982F)

and Gil Joyce (1959G) and Rob Cheetham (1966W) and Hamish Longmore (1975O), all on 43. William Bolus won the prize for Nearest the Pin on one of the short holes, while Andrew Kilpin, in the 35 to 50 years age-group, and David Leslie, in the over 50 group, won the prizes for the longest drives.

The grateful thanks of both schools go once again to our generous sponsors, Auric Auto BMW, and to Gary Jordan, OD, of Jordan Wine Estate, and to Diemersfontein Wines, for the donation of wines as prizes. In addition, we thank, as usual, Brian Barends for his help with the programme sheet and Mowbray Golf Club, for their hospitality and loan of their course.

Brian de Kock

FOUNDERS DAY

ODs Tennis: The boys beat the ODs for the first time this year in many years. Thank you to John Smuts (1969S) for organising the team even though he could not play on the day.



*Back Row: Niall Brown (1973G); Mark Neil (1983W); John Passmore (1973G); Bruce Ackerman (1961G); Pat Foster (1958O); Rupert Gull (1972G); Andrew Day (1985S)
Front Row: Craig Hall (2001O); Andrew Kilpin (1983F); Phil Kilpin (1966F)*

Shooting Results The ODs won the Chippy Robinson Trophy in the Founders Day Shooting, beating College 1 447 - 1 386.



*Standing left to right: Rupert MacNaught-Davis (1972W), John Waller 1966W), Mike Madlener (1967O), Girvan Larmuth (1971S), John Duckitt (1971S), Phil Calothi (1968W)
Kneeling left to right: Dave Riches (1996K), Richard Calothi (2003S), James Rule (2011M), Andrew Warren (2013K)*



Pic caption: Victorious OD 5th XI: Chad Fichardt (1994O), Simon Voigt (1995G), Brad McNamara (1995S), Jeff Middlemann (1995G), Sebastian De Romijn (1995S), Proudfoot Bathi (Bishops boys), Ian Pletzer (1993G), Tim Richman (1995B), Anthony Mitchell (1995W), Andrew Pletzer (1995G).

ODs Cricket: The OD 5th team has in recent years become a mix of 1992-1995 matrices, and some familiar patterns have emerged. We'll be several players short to start, Voigt will open the batting and hit at least one towering six, we'll score at 12 to the over but lose regular wickets (with the captain fretting about remaining batsmen "stuck in traffic"), and we'll somehow put together a decent score. This year Voigt once again hit the biggest six of the day, his opening partner Middlemann set a rollocking run-rate, top scoring with 42, and the inevitable collapse was countered by a spell of consolidation from Fichardt (34) and Mitchell. The entire batting lineup contributed – most notably De Romijn,

who scored his first run in OD games in three attempts - and the ODs put together a respectable 173/7. Our bowling was a mixed bag - there was, for example, wonderful bowling from McNamara and Fichardt, and terrible bowling from McNamara and Fichardt, who took 5 wickets between them. The standout bowler was Mitchell who bowled a devastating line and length and picked up 3/6 in 3 overs. In the end, the ODs were victorious by 6 runs, with contributions in the field from Bishops boys Bathi and Proudfoot quite likely proving the difference... A couple of beers were enjoyed after the game, over which ODs were heard to comment on the remarkable frequency with which 5th



*Back row L-R: Simon Voight (1995G), Anthony Mitchell (1995W), Alistair Wilson (1995S),
Kristian Gerstner (2007K), Ricci Gerstner (2004K)
Front L-R: Chat Fichardt (1994O), Greg Boyes (1995F), Justin Rhodes-Harrison (2003G),
Brad McNamara (1995S), Richard Neville (1995S)
Simon Richman (1992W) was doing his hair*

XI boys can hit sixes into the top of the Avenue pine trees these days, something that did not happen regularly in our day, and that we were rather looking forward to retiring to the new OD pavilion after the game next year.

ODS VS OAS - CRICKET

After being asked to field, the OD's had the game under control after 10 overs with the OA's on 43 but enter a few of

their "professional imports" and the next 10 were brutal and 11 runs an over saw them post 149 for the win. We started the chase off quite well but a combination of batting under the lights and a damp ball meant boundaries were hard to come by. We eventually fell 20 runs short having lost only 3 wickets. Everyone enjoyed the spitbraai at the break and thanks to all who came to support.

Greg Boyes (1995F)



*Back left to right: Andrew Kirkby (2003O), William Rosenberg (2010G), Richard Tissiman (2011G), Chris Vadus (2001F), James Strang (2010B), James Crowson (2010F), Zac Elkin (2009S)
Front left to right: Chris Cooke (2004M), Adrian Kritzing (2006F), Andrew Gilder (2001B), Craig Kieswetter (2005G)*

THE TULLYALLEN TROPHY

The 2nd annual Tullyallen trophy was contested on Tuesday the 10th of February, on a beautiful summer evening in front of a good crowd. The OD team had a point to prove after narrowly losing the inaugural event in 2014, and came in with intent, as well as a team loaded with stars.

The match started well, with the ODs winning the toss and opting to bat first. England international Craig Kieswetter (2005G) raced into the 70s, whilst county cricketer Chris Cooke (2004M) got a quick-fire 30. As the clouds turned pink and the sun set beneath the mountain, the ODs finished with a formidable total. The 'Bosch boys from across Tullyallen Road struggled to make sense of it all in their innings, floundering and falling short of the OD total by over 60 runs. William Rosenberg (2010G) was largely

responsible for the desolation of the Bosch old boys, taking three wickets and making a thorough nuisance of himself.

This event was created in order to develop stronger bonds between two of Cape Town's oldest rivals. Thus after the trophy was handed back to the ODs, the spectators and players of both schools mingled and chatted over wine and beers whilst looking out onto the Frank Reid. An overwhelming success.





JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015 – OD FENCERS IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN TEAM

Alex Collings (2014O) and **Robert McGregor (2014K)** participated in the Junior World Championships in Tashkent, Uzbekistan in April 2015. Alex was also chosen to attend the FIE training camp that ran the week prior to the event. As the elected South African Fencing's representative fencer at the FIE training camp, he trained twice a day and received private lessons from a former world champion.

While not particularly successful on an individual and team basis, Alex writes that his fencing increased immeasurably since returning to South Africa. He writes that he will treasure the new perspective of and appreciation for the technical and tactical side of the sport that he gained during the camp.

However, everything he learnt at the camp did

not translate into results on the piste, as he gave away 2 substantial leads due to naïve tactical decisions and rushing, which ultimately saw Alex falling out of the competition at the conclusion of the group phase.

In the team event, SA matched up against a formidable Danish side, but despite the loss of the match, SA can be proud of the team performance. Next year - 2016 Junior World Championships in Paris!

JUNIOR NATIONALS IN BLOEMFONTEIN MAY 2015

At the recent Jr Nationals in Bloemfontein, our two OD fencers, Robert McGregor and Alex Collings met each other in the U20 men's foil final. The final score was 15-11 to Robert McGregor, winning Gold and Alex picked up the silver. Both these fencers are currently assistant coaches at Bishops.

Dave Immelman (1987B) and his team on the Black Cat won the Governor's Cup 2015.

Team Black Cat who thought they needed to beat Avanti on the water to be in with a chance of an overall win, crossed the finish line at 09.14.01 to a massive surprise when they discovered they were the overall winners.

As he stepped ashore after completing the 1,750-nautical mile race this morning, Dave Immelman and his four crew, were still digesting the good news: "We are absolutely delighted. It was such a surprise and we are over the moon. The owner Adrian Pearson is ecstatic because it is his first win ever in this boat. He spent a lot of money bringing the boat up to scratch last year and he has now realized spending the money has really paid off. Also we started the race in 2012 but had to retire with gear failure, so to actually finish and win overall is a dream come true."

After a windy start to the race from

Simonstown, South Africa on 27 December 2014 the fleet rounded Cape Point and settled in to a downwind blast off the African coast. This lasted several days before the St Helena High started to take effect and flit around unpredictably.

Chatting about the conditions, Immelman said: “The general consensus from those we spoke to before we set off, was to stay on the rhumb line because that was the winning course but this particular year it wasn’t. It was obscure. Because the St Helena High was jumping around all over the place it was difficult to read. Naturally everyone suffered in a similar way – sailing around the high pressure zone only to sail into another one, which wasn’t on the grib files – so it was all about predicting the unpredictable. At one stage we gybed and went north about 30-40 miles because there was generally more wind there but had to come back in to keep cover over our competitors. As it happened we gybed straight back into another high.”

Like most who reflect on the highlights of the race, Immelmann says for sure it was during



Team Black Cat and Dave Immelman (1978B) (second from right)

the first night when winds gusted up to 40kts. “Without doubt it was doing 21.6 knots in a 20 year old boat. Just as we’d completed the job of putting in a reef in for the night a big gust funnelled through and we just took off. We had a rooster coming out the stern and it was quite unbelievable. The most interesting thing was that it wasn’t scary at all. She held stable and proved just how well built she is.”



Matthew Moxon (2002S), Pawel Kanigowski, Luke Meiring, Anthony Baines (1989B)

3 ODs and the father of a future OD represented Cape Town Polo Club in the Val De Vie Polo tournament in November 2014.

They completed a clean sweep to win the tournament.



Matthew Moxon (2002S), Tim Loughton (1993G), Luke Meiring, Pawel Kanigowski, Anthony Baines (1989B)

RUGBY



Richard Stewart (2008K), Paul Cohen (2009F), Jesse Wilensky (2014G) (all UCT), Herman Share (2013S) (UWC) and Mike Muller (2009O) (Maties) on participating in the Varsity Sport 7s tournament.



Gareth Hayden (2000K) on captaining the South African mixed touch rugby team in the 2015 Touch Rugby World Cup in Australia.



Morgan Newman (2003W) on representing third-placed Hamilton Rugby Club in the 2015 SARU Community Cup.



Tim Swiel (2011F) on getting a full time contract with Harlequins in the English Premiership from the 2015/16 season onwards.



Martin Muller (2006O) on representing the Lions in the 2015 Super Rugby season.



Oli Kebble (2010S), Nizaam Carr (2009M), Johnny Kotze (2011S) and Dillyn Leyds (2010S) on representing the Stormers in the 2015 Super Rugby season. Mathew Turner (2006W) represented WP in the Vodacom Cup.

HOCKEY:

James Drummond (2012W), **Alex Stewart (2013O)** and **Ryan Julius (2013K)** on representing Western Province u21 at the 2015

Inter Provincial Tournament. Ryan Julius was also named the Midfielder of the Tournament. Alex Stewart and Ryan Julius were also named in the SA u21 squad.

OTHER



Oliver Munnik (2003B) on finishing 24th overall in the 2015 ABSA Cape Epic multi-day team event.



Dasch Barber (2006M) on making his International Waterpolo refereeing debut at the recently completed EU 8 Nations tournament. His international debut was the fixture between Malta "B" and a Denmark Invitational side. Dasch was also named the most promising referee at the recent Inter Provincial tournament hosted in Durban.

REUNIONS



CLASS OF 1970 REUNION

Judging by the good turnout for the 45th matric reunion both sides of Founder's Day in March the class of '70 must be getting nostalgic. Nic Winearls and Pete McLaren winged it south from a thawing UK and Europe into a balmy Cape Town autumn. Carl Middleman escaped the US East Coast to catch a few waves at Elands Bay up the West Coast and Graeme Swanson deserted Down Under for a safari back home. From Joburg, Bloem, Colesburg, Uniondale, Tulbagh and Tesselaarsdal the class of '70 converged on Bishops for another memorable occasion.

The OD Dinner at Kelvin was memorable with the Class of '70 producing a record-breaking tuxedo-clad contingent on what is seldom a stuffy affair. Friday was Founder's Day with the Class of '70 being rather shy to

show off their erstwhile sporting talents against fired-up youngsters less than a third of their age.

Friday's 45th Reunion dinner attended by 27 classmates with partners was a relaxed affair at the Claremont CC "Clubhouse" in Constantia. Duncan Okes made a welcome surprise appearance after 45 years in the Highveld wilderness. Tim and Carolyn Hamilton-Smith were gracious guests of honour and Dave Mitchell recalled the finer points of playing 'tighthead' under the guidance of the Tank.

Our thanks to Leif Eriksen and Mike Olds for pulling it all together for yet another memorable occasion. Overall this first mid-decade reunion was a fun affair. Bring on the big Five-O in 2020!

Jeremy Wiley (1970F)



CLASS OF 1955 REUNION

Don Rowand and his committee planned all sorts of engagements and invitations were sent worldwide to all the class of 1955. The initial response was very encouraging but ill health and distance took its toll. The class of 1955 met for a reunion for the first time after 40 years, thanks to the efforts of Peter Praetorius and Harry Blackman, now both sadly deceased. Since then we have upped our game and post our fiftieth year reunion meet bi-annually. As a result name tags for the boys are not really necessary but for the ladies they are important.

We ended up with the usual bunch who meet bi-annually and were delighted to see Bobby Gibbs all the way from the Nappe Valley in California, John Chippington from the South of England, Mike Wooden from Port Elizabeth and Andrew Conroy from near

Kimberley, a great effort much appreciated by all.

Our first engagement on the evening of March 11th was a drinks and snacks party in the Heatlie Pavilion. This did, however, clash with the AGM of the OD Union and a few invited guests were unable to attend. Sandy Bean welcomed the guests who were all decked out with their name tags with a short and cheerful speech. The party was planned to be from 18:00 – 20:00 but none of us knew where the light switches were so we ended up with only two single bulb lights shining, not great light for a bunch of our age. We did, however, enjoy ourselves but the party did breakup as the darkness descended. One of our invited guests was our esteemed secretary Delre O'Rourke who apparently did arrive at around 19:30 only to find that bad light had stopped play.

We had planned to meet in the new OD offices for a boys lunch on Thursday March 12th, but this had to be changed to a lunch at the old OD offices. This was never going to be a problem as we as a class met in the offices bi-annually for the past 6 or 7 years. The School caterers gave us a very fine lunch suitably accompanied by wine, beer and softs.

Anthony and Prue Hare were very gracious hosts at the Hare property in the Cape Point Reserve for a lamb braai. Unfortunately we were unable to braai as the area had been devastated by a huge fire but still had roast lamb and salads with plenty to wash it down. Most of the guests arrived by bus and this was an experience not to be forgotten. Our driver appeared not to know the geography of the peninsula very well. On leaving for Cape Point from the Bishops main gate the bus turned right and headed for Cape Town, after a U turn in Campground Road we started heading in the right direction. Our first stop was Constantia Village to pick up the rest of the party. We took some rather strange routes but finally got there. The bus then instead of getting onto the highway headed off to Constantia Neck. Lynn Rowand then took charge and after a scenic route through Constantia we found our way to Ou Kaapse Weg, after a brief discussion as to whether we went via Simons Town or Scarborough we chose the Simons Town route and we also decided that we would return the other way. We finally got to the Hare's about half an hour late but it wasn't a train smash. A wonderful lunch was had, we had almost a 100% attendance with only Bob Gibbs unable to attend.

Saturday was a rest day and our final lunch on Sunday 15th was at Simons Restaurant at Groot Constantia not

everyone attended this last lunch but the company was fun, the food good and we hope we can make it to our 65th reunion.

The ODs and their wives who attended were: Sandy Bean, John Cartwright, John Chippington, Andrew and Linda Conroy, Michael and Billie Fielding, Patrick and Patricia Fraser, Bob Gibbs, Anthony and Prue Hare, John and Trish James, Anthony and Rosemary Keen, Peter and Dawn Lamming, Anthony and Kitty Plummer, Frank and Diana Purcell, Robin and Deirdre Richards, Don and Lynn Rowand, Eddie and Estelle Twiggs, Mike Wooden.

Many thanks to Don for doing most of the organizing and not be forgotten Don's wonderful secretary Melissa who did all the paper work and lots of the running around. Thanks also to Gabriels Kloof for supplying lovely wine at a very reasonable price.

Peter Lamming

CLASS OF 1965 – 50TH RE-UNION BY BRUCE RISIEN

March 11th 2015 saw the opening Cocktail Function to kick off the beginning of our 50th Reunion. There were many more grey hairs, memory loss, hearing loss and many wrinkles, since our 40th, and certainly quite a few "who is that" questions being asked, at the start of the evening. Name tags were essential, even to recognise one's class mates, but more so for us to communicate with spouses and partners. A very pleasant evening, and we were delighted that Tim and Carolyn Hamilton-Smith, former OD Secretaries, were able to join us as guests. Unfortunately John and Sue Gardiner were unable to attend due to car problems, after the OD AGM. Max Hahn, Elgin Vintners and Louis Messaris, Messaris Brothers



Front Row : Nigel Dicey, Alistair Millar, Colin Boyes, Alan Douglas (Staff Retired), Guy Pearson (Principal), Brian De Kock (Staff Retired), Louis Messaris, Vincent Magnus, Rob De Beer, Chris Dunn

2nd Row : Mike De Klerk, Rob Little, Andrew Floyd, Stephen Price, Chris Breen, Max Hahn, Peter Arthur, Frans – Karel Te Water, Bruce Risien, Ian Dicey, Dave Gant, Martin Fletcher

Back Row : John Hare, Jimmy Muller, Colin Kenny, Martin Hutton - Squire, Alan Gibson, Ian Hare, Roy Parkhurst, Martin Farber, John Brimble

Manufacturing, very kindly sponsored the wines and dry snacks for this function. The school caterers Origin Catering provided ample, and delicious snacks. A very welcome attendee, after the OD AGM, was Delré O'Rourke, our new OD Administrator. She was able to meet many of our group, after having had email contact with many of them, over the last year.

March 12th, 10 of our group attended the OD Dinner at Kelvin. An excellent

evening, thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Congratulations to the OD Union and committee, for their organisation of the event. It certainly gave us the chance to catch up with a number of old mates, who were before and after our time.

March 13th Founders Day – A group of 20 including spouses, gathered mid-morning, to be taken on a very interesting guided tour of the school, by Dr Paul Murray, Head of the History Department. Paul is

passionate about Bishops, and we very much appreciated him giving up his time to be with us. We all learned a lot about our history, which none of us ever knew. The tour ended with the rededication of the clock and bell, which have been out of action for many years, in the tower above Founders House. Paul and the House Director, Dave Mallet, conducted the rededication event, generously sponsored by a Founders parent. After the tour, we were privileged to be able to tag on to a Founders Parents braai lunch, and all had a very pleasant afternoon.

March 14th, was the Reunion Formal dinner in the Founders House Dining Room, and the closing event for the 50th Reunion. We all assembled in the Quad for sunset drinks, and then had the Official 1965 group photo taken, together with the Principal Guy Pearson, Brian de Kock, and Alan Douglas.

The Origin caterers did an outstanding job decorating the dining room, and presenting a superb 3 course dinner. We are sure that not one of the Founders OD's, had ever seen the dining room looking so splendid. We were very privileged to have the Principal Guy Pearson, and his lovely wife Marie join us as honoured guests, for the evening. Our other guests were Brian and Gill de Kock, and Alan Douglas, and we were delighted that they could also join us. They are the last survivors of our generation of teachers. Brian, who turns 80 in June, must have been very resilient to have negotiated all these years, and Alan only had 6 months of 1965, so surviving for him was considerably easier!

We thoroughly enjoyed listening to Guy's update, of what is currently happening at Bishops. We are all reassured that the school is in his very capable hands, and that he is confidently leading us into the future. It is

always a pleasure hearing how well the school is doing academically, and equally important are the achievements on the sporting fields. Peter Arthur spoke with much humour, and also of the current challenges facing youngsters about to leave school. Frans Karel te Water needed no encouragement, to get up and recount some hilarious experiences, of his days in Founders, and on the sports fields. Max Hahn also had much to say of his days being mentored by people such as Dave Gant. Max also very kindly sponsored the superb Elgin Vintners wines, for the dinner, and for this we thank him very much. Alistair Millar responded to Guy's speech, and also complimented Guy, on the state of the school, both currently and for the way forward.

Our MC for the evening was the inimitable Louis Messaris, who did a very good job in keeping the evening on track, and kept everyone amused with his stories of the past, especially about Piley Rees. Our thanks again to Louis, who also sponsored the pre-dinner dry snacks.

A memorable evening eventually closed with no one particularly concerned about time.

Over the last 50 years we have lost some 8 members, from 77, who have Passed to Higher Service, and they are Dave "Baby" Rawbone, Neil Harris, Adrian Porter, Hammie Van Breda, Robbie Webber, Anthony "Sooty" Snowden, Billy Scales, Johnny Jephson and Philip Selfe.

To those who came from overseas, a special thank you for making the effort to attend, and they are Chris and Cynthia Dunn, Martin Farber, Martin and Jenny Fletcher, Andrew and Jane Floyd, all from the UK, Jimmy Muller from Denmark, and

Colin and Denny Kenny from Australia.

To all those who came from areas outside of Cape Town, special thanks too, for being able to attend, and to the locals who we do see from time to time, thanks for being with us.

We would also like to thank Delré O'Rourke, for her support from the OD office, and would like to request that you keep her up to date, with all your current relevant information. This would be of much value to the OD Union.

The final thank you for the Reunion must go to Mairi Brimble, who very kindly picked up the "Reunion Ball", and ran with it. We would never have had a reunion, had it not been for her constant attention to detail, chasing up email replies, coordinating bookings, confirming payments etc.. Her efforts have not gone unnoticed, and we were able to finally assemble some 29 OD's, for what was a very special gathering. Positive feedback has been received, that the all events were thoroughly enjoyed, by those who attended.

Your committee has enjoyed the being involved in the organising, over the past year, and we look forward to our 55th, as it seems that a 60th may be a bit too far away at present! We do hope that one day, we will be able to catch up with those, who were unable to attend. We have sent out the group photos, and the others will be on a website that Chris Dunn has setup. Many photos were taken, and please share yours, so that we can make these available on the web site.

Much has taken place since we left school, with heart transplants, Moon landings, mobile phones, the internet, terrorism, changes in South Africa, etc., and we can even remember that one could read a

complete article, on the front page of the Cape Times.!

Yours The Class of '65 Reunion Committee

Good luck Bishops and the OD Union
Pro Fide et Patria

1960 REUNION: OLD FRIENDS, NEW EXPERIENCES

Alan Ramsay (1960F)

The "mid-term" reunion of the 1960 ODs over the 2015 Founders Day weekend was typically "Bishops", full of unusual events, much camaraderie, good food and wine and a heart-warming experience, despite a small turn-out.

Events started Thursday evening with hearing OD Greg Mills talk at the OD dinner about his fascinating experiences in international affairs, Africa in particular, and all supported by on-screen photography that made for an absorbing evening.

Friday morning took off with the annual Founders Day chapel service, followed by a tour of the Prep, led by headmaster Greg Brown. This brought back many memories, but most of all the visit revealed how the boys' education opportunities have grown since "our" time: notable facilities included the catering and robotics classrooms, appropriately balanced by the Founder's Day tug-of-war events on Rossall field, along with much informed comment from Greg on the challenges of education today and the potential for further development. This was evidenced also by the changes to the much-modernised Jagger Hall, which will soon also have a small museum section.

Friday evening's cocktail party in the "old" OD offices attracted all the participants, notable among them Wade Richardson and his wife Siegi, Wade making his first visit to South Africa since leaving school; and Peter Jeffery



Syd Cullis, followed by Catherine, leads the suitably-equipped 1960's OD's with hard hats and steel-toed boots to the tour:



Richard Eastwick, one of the site architects and organiser of the tour, explains the story to (left to right) friend William Barker; Mary Gaylard who came from Plettenberg Bay with Peter and John Parker-Wood who was down from Benoni for the weekend.



Franette Ventura of Mace, the project managers, was our chief guide, seen here with Pam and Chris Saunders in front and others.



View of the adjacent silo, to the right of which an apartment block will be built – with sound-insulated windows, overlooking the I&J fish processing factory.



Richard explains the internal cladding of the silos with Peter Gaylard and Franette Ventura listening intently. Richard was be thanked sincerely for organising a tour that is not available to the public.



The main grain silo tower, the lower section being converted into five floors of art gallery, stocked with the African art collection of the owner of Puma, the extended upper section comprising the boutique hotel under development for fellow OD Phil Biden. The top floor will have two exotic penthouse suites, the suggestion being made that the 1960 OD's should be allowed to test out on a complimentary basis.

and Muffy, Peter recovering from major heart surgery and some challenging after-effects.

On Saturday, a small group were at Newlands for the Stormers versus Chiefs Super 15 match, the disappointment of the loss by the Stormers being easily ameliorated

by the excellent evening braai on the Founders Terraces, now suitably equipped for such events: superb weather, an excellent braai prepared by Syd Cullis, who had organized the full weekend-programme, wine and whisky courtesy of Lionel Goetz and Alan Ramsay, and venue courtesy of Dave Mallett, Founder's housemaster. Appropriately, a long Latin grace was prayed by Wade Richardson.

The programme concluded with a tour, organized by Richard Eastwick, one of the project architects, of the silo development in the Clock Tower precinct of the V&A Waterfront. Led by excellent guides, this was an opportunity that is not open to the general public and a real eye-opener in respect of the magnitude of the project: five floors of art gallery, above which will be a boutique hotel owned by OD Phil Biden, all crafted carefully into what has been since the 1920's a cluster of grain silos. Scheduled to open in 2017, the construction timing is not being allowed to slip by even one day, thus keeping Richard and his colleagues hard at work.

Those who participated in the re-union programme were locals Chris and Pam Saunders, Gerald and Heather Rosenthal, Mac Bissett, Alan and Thea Ramsay, Dave and Suzanne Kilpin, Syd and Catherine Cullis, Mark and Sharon Campbell. From out of town, Peter and Mary Gaylard came from Plettenberg Bay, Wade and Siegi Richardson came from Vancouver, Canada, Peter and Muffy Jeffery and John Winshaw came from Stellenbosch, John Parker-Wood came from Benoni, and Lionel and Cathy Goetz were on their annual sabbatical from New York City. While Syd made it all happen, Delré O'Rourke in the OD office contributed much communication and administrative support.

Even more important, Rob Phillips in Sandton played the role of chief communications officer,



sending numerous emails to the “Class of 1960”, encouraging attendance, managing responses and keeping everyone informed, as he does so often at other times as well. Similarly, Gerald Rosenthal has constantly been keeping the website up to date and now has even more to add.

Those who could not participate, several of them still tied down by business responsibilities, others traveling the world and some injured (Pete Swift having had a high-speed bicycle accident but now on the way to full recovery), will no doubt envy what they missed. Messages were received from around the world and displayed at the cocktail party, clear evidence of the camaraderie that has existed now for 55 years and more. Roll on 2020 when we hope to have a big turnout.

With only three golfers signing up for the “Class of ‘60” golf event, the services of Brian Burnett, Rondebosch Old Boy, were required to make up the four-ball at Royal Cape. Here are (left to right) Alan Ramsay (1960F), Brian Burnett, Lionel

Goetz (1960S) and Richard Eastwick (1960F). Who won? The game of golf was the winner!



Back: Shelto Cole (1949G), Robin Barr (1944O), Erik Juraans (1973G), David Hurst (1961F)

Front: John Hueton (1947G), Richard Townsend (1958G)

EASTERN CANADA

Eastern Canada ODs met at Di and David Hurst's (1961F) home in Oakville on the

25th April. Three of our regulars were unable to attend.

Present were the Hurst's, Robin Barr (1944O), Elizabeth and Sholto Cole (1949G), Elinor and John Hueton (1947), Erik Juriaans (1973G), Fen and Richard Townsend (1958G).

A good time was had by all, with the most amazing dishes provided by the ladies.

John Hueton (1947)

CLASS OF 1966 (50 YEAR) – 9TH TO 11TH MARCH 2016

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Please diarise the dates. A full programme will be emailed to class of 66.

CLASS OF 1986

ODs from 1986 wishing to join an Organizing Committee for the 30th Re-Union in March 2016, please get in touch with Julien Rumbelow at *julien@castlerock.co.za* / 082 806 5222.

Consensus is on relaxed Summer Festivities to coincide with Founders Day on 11 March 2016, following the ODU AGM on Wednesday 9th and the OD Black-Tie Dinner on Thursday 10th March 2016. Family festivities will be over the weekend of 11 March with some additional extra outings the following week for the intrepid sport, culture and out-door enthusiasts. Trust you are well despite the bruises that come with 3 decades ex DC. Looking forward to a catch up. Book your flights early, you will be called!

CLASS OF '56 60TH REUNION 2016

The reunion will be held from Friday, 4 March to Sunday 6 March 2016.

Details can be obtained from Russell Peters – email: *coolbay@iafrica.com*

EUROPEAN OD FUNCTION

Simon Burrow (1968F) is busy trying to organise a 'European OD function' for November or December 2015. The probable venue is Aix-en-Provence as it is on the TGV railway line and close to Marseille airport for travellers. He is liaising with Nicky Bicket to invite UK ODs.

The format will be with partners; a Friday evening check-in and welcome function; a Saturday activity option (markets, golf, art galleries/museums; touring) and a Saturday evening dinner at a local restaurant. All return home on the Sunday. Dates and venues will be published in the September magazine and on our website and Facebook page.

Otherwise spring is in full swing in Provence – along with an upsurge in social activity. Simon saw Richard Pyott (1955S) and David van Renen (1962F) at a recent function.

CLASS OF 1995 – 10 YEAR REUNION

The festivities will take place on the weekend of the final Bosch game, starting on Friday 28th August ending on the evening of Saturday 29th August 2015. It will be a full packed weekend.

Itinerary to be finalised. It will be a "package deal" at a set cost.

Organisers: Chris Ryall, Mike Ledwidge, Anton Taylor.

Track on Facebook or contact

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MUSEUM & ARCHIVES



WOODLANDS, A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE.

Woodlands once was a farm that lay amidst 'firs', purchased by Bishop Robert Gray in 1849, on which to build a school, which today is Bishops Diocesan College. Building operations started 165 years ago in 1850. Today, the name Woodlands refers to the buildings that are the hockey astro, club and pavilion, OD Union offices and Museum. Before, it was the cemetery of St Thomas's Anglican Church. In 1977 Bishops leased the land after it had been deconsecrated and the land was prepared for junior cricket and rugby games for the Prep School boys. Through the efforts of the Reverend Stephen Oliver, at the time, the Rector of St Thomas's Church and (1987 – 1995) Mr Ulick Brown O.D. (1933 – 1940), the land was purchased in 1996, to serve as a rugby/cricket field for the school. When in 1990 the Prep School terminated the teaching of Standard 6 (Grade 8 today), the College began using the field to accommodate extra numbers, and cricket and rugby was played there by College boys. When it

was decided that the College should get its own astro – many 1st XI hockey matches had been played since 1989 on the astro turf at Hartleyvale – the switch to the area used for hockey, began. Since 1998 when it was laid down, the astro turf has served Bishops's hockey well, but from the moment the first matches were played on the newly laid astro, with magnificent buildings and surroundings adorning the landscape, a new day dawned for Bishops sport.

P L Murray



OD AGM

OD UNION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the OD Union held in the Hyslop Hall on Wednesday 11 March 2015 at 5:30pm

Present: The Patron of the OD Union: Michael Watermeyer, the President: Raymond Ackerman, Vice Presidents: John Arenhold, Alan Ramsay, Tony van Ryneveld, Les Masterson, Brian de Kock, David Carter, Chairman of the College Council: Mike Bosman, Principal: Guy Pearson, Headmaster of the Prep School: Greg Brown, Chairman of the OD Union: Brian Robertson, Patrick Henderson, Bovain Macnab, Phil Calothi, John Koster, Mark Campbell, John Macey, Stuart Maxwell, Brian Lefson, John Weaver, Nicholas Durrant, Jonathan Steytler, Julien Rumbelow, Bruce Jack, Simon Peile, John Bettison, Ulick Brown, Angus Firth, Anthony Davies, John Gardener, Paul Burton, Jan Newman, Anthony Gregorowski, Jeremy Wiley, Kevin Lennett, Gareth Ackerman, Arthur Mngxekeza, Martin Crawford, Guy Lloyd-Roberts, Christopher Austin, Connor Whiting, John Falconer, Philip Wheeler, Graham Welham, Jeremy Lawrence, Dugald Robertson, Anton Taylor, Nicky Bicket, Delre O'Rourke.

Apologies: John Langford, Brian Barends, Gavin Watson, Nick Taylor, Peter Jeffery, Christopher Gregorowski, Douglas Green, Cameron Boustead, John Hueton, John Dobson, Reg Hands, Richard Coke,

Johannes Hofmeyr, Adam Pike, Michael Hyde, John Blackman, Louw Toerien, Alan Bamford, Anthony Lister, Moshe Apleni, Guy Lanfear.

Notice convening the Meeting: In terms of Section 10.3 of the Constitution, the Chairman read the notice convening the meeting and confirmed that it had been published in the December edition of the magazine. In terms of Section 10.6 he confirmed that there were more than fifteen members and four committee members present, the meeting was thus quorate. He declared the meeting duly and properly constituted.

The Chairman asked Reverend Terry Wilke to open the proceedings with a prayer.

The Chairman welcomed all present. He requested that Reverend Terry Wilke read out the names of ODs who had died since the previous AGM. The names were read out and the ODs present stood in their memory.

Minutes of the AGM of 12 March

2014: The Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting, having been approved by the Committee and published in the June 2014 magazine and on the OD Union website, were taken as read.

Matters Arising: The Chairman asked whether there were any matters arising. There were none.

THE CHAIRMANS REPORT

Chairman Brian Robertson delivered the Chairman's Report:

It gives me great pleasure on behalf of the OD Union Committee to present the 119th OD Union Annual Report.

This report catalogues the significant events that occurred during the course of 2014. There are many others recorded in our quarterly magazine, our weekly newsletter, our Facebook page and on our website under 'News'.

The activities recorded in this report were undertaken in pursuit of achieving the Union's mission.

To give context to this report, it is important to remind ourselves of what our mission is; *"The mission of the Union is to bring together members of the Union, to keep them in touch with Bishops and the present students, to promote the interest and welfare of Bishops and to establish and administer a fund to provide financial assistance for the descendants of present and past members of the Union (hereinafter referred to as "ODs") to be educated at Bishops."*

As was the format of previous reports, this report is presented under the headings of the four objectives contained in the Mission.

Before I move onto the detailed report I think it important to place on record the matter involving the former OD Union Secretariat. The matter was dealt with at a Special General Meeting (SGM) called by the committee on the 31st July 2014 where ODs mandated the committee to follow a process of reconciliation between the Union and the former secretariat. This was achieved on the 1st of October 2014

where a joint agreement was signed by the parties. The minutes of the SGM and the agreement, along with Justice O'Regan's note on the matter, are all available at our offices and on our website. Following the successful resolution of this conflict we have been delighted to welcome the former secretariat back to a number of Bishops and OD Union functions. Accordingly, we regard the matter as having been successfully resolved and do not intend to revisit it.

1. TO BRING TOGETHER MEMBERS OF THE UNION

■ REUNIONS

The following classes held reunions during 2014:

- Class of 1954 (60 year), 7-9 March: Peter Steyn & Ian Brown
- Class of 1989 (25 years), 7-9 March: Duncan de Groot
- Class of 1974 (40 year), 7-9 March: James Gardener
- Class of 1984 (30 year), 7-9 March: Paul Burton
- Class of 1959 (55 year), 13-16 March: Chet Sainsbury
- Class of 2004 (10 year), 29th August: Matt Douglas
- Class of 1954 (60 year), 29th August: Rohan Voss
- Class of 1994 (20 year), 12th December: James Durrant
- Class of 2009 (5 year), Friday 29th August: Matt Hawinkels
- During the course of the year a number of classes met regularly for lunch at the OD Union Offices. These groups

included Colin Boyes' 1965 group, Alan Ramsay and Syd Cullis' 1960 group, and Don Rowand's 1955 group. The class of 1979 meet annually for lunch on the Friday before the final Rondebosch rugby match. These informal gatherings are proving to be popular and we encourage ODs to do more of them. Now that we have our own premises, we plan to organise more of these functions including regular business breakfasts.

■ **LONDON COCKTAIL PARTY:** held on the 23rd January 2014 at the RAF Club in Piccadilly. Newly appointed President Raymond Ackerman (1948S) addressed the gathering.

■ **OD DINNER:** held on Thursday 13th March 2014 at Kelvin Grove. This is a highlight of the OD Union calendar. Young OD representative on the OD Union committee, Anton Taylor (2005B), was once again a most entertaining Master of Ceremonies. Guest speaker, Thabang Skwambane's (1993F), address on identity and the challenge of change was informative, thought-provoking and relevant to us as an organisation. When we ask the question, "Who am I?" we go to the source of our identity. When someone says "I am an Old Diocesan", it will have different meanings to different ODs. Thabang explored this and asked that we have an inclusive identity based on values of excellence (not elitism), of mutual respect and humility as well as a sense of responsibility to impact positively on our communities and society. This is an issue your committee is currently exploring in our strategy session.

■ **FOUNDERS DAY:** held on Friday 14th March. At the Founders Day Chapel Service, the OD Union Chairman addressed the school on the topic "Man is above all a spiritual being." A copy of this address can be found on the OD Union website under 'News'.

- Shooting: Phil Calothi's (1968W) team of ODs won the Sir Wilfred Robinson Trophy by 40 points.
- Cricket: 1st X1 captained by Andy Gilder (2001B) drew (251/7 – school 121/9)
- 2nd X1 captained by Craig McKenzie (2006O) won, as did the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th X1s. Such is the interest in cricket that we will be looking to field eight teams in future years.
- Other activities in which ODs participated included the Avenue Mile, water polo, debating, tennis and basketball.

■ **STARLIGHT CLASSICS &**

CHRISTMAS CAROLS: The Starlight Classics concert was held once again on the 1st of March at Vergelegen in Somerset West. Richard Cock (1967O) kindly provided the OD Union with an enclosure for fifty guests. The OD Union purchased the tickets and resold them to ODs who have previously attended. Later in the year, Christmas Carols with Richard Cock was held on the 16th of December in the Memorial Chapel. It was a wonderful evening, with an excellent atmosphere and a full Chapel. Wines at interval were donated by Brian Robertson of Avondale Estate and the mince-pies by Jonathan Ackerman (1984S) of Pick n Pay. The collection is donated to the OD Union

Bursary fund and was generously “topped-up” by Richard to an amount of R10 000.

■ **TULLYALLEN TROPHY:** The inaugural event took place on Thursday 6th February in 2014. The purpose of the event is to create an event particularly for young ODs. The event is held early in the year during orientation week to attract ODs who have recently left Bishops. The second objective is to build on our positive relationship with our traditional rivals RBHSOB. The ODs lost the inaugural event and won the second convincingly.

■ **OD v OA SUNDAY:** held on Sunday 15th March. Cricket fanatic Greg Boyes (1995) organised a competitive team that went down narrowly to the Old Andreans. A spit-braai was held at the Oaks Pavilion for the ODs and their guests.

■ **GEOFF BRYANT CRICKET**

MATCH: held on the 5TH April at the Johannesburg Country Club. Organised by Andrew Eaton (1992F).

■ **OD LONDON LUNCH:** held on the 23rd April at the RAF Club in Piccadilly. The guest speaker David Walsh spoke about the role played by private schools (including Bishops) in the First World War.

■ **OD “INTERHOUSE” 7s:** held on Thursday 23rd September at Lutgensvale. The event is based on the traditional Interhouse 7s with a league phase. The two teams topping the league then play one another in the final. Founders House successfully defended their title and are now unbeaten since the inception of the

tournament. Anton Taylor and Dugald Robertson organised the event with assistance from Angus Firth (1984W) and Nick Durrant (1991G). Shaun Cowell (2005W) kindly provided the music whilst Anton Taylor (2005B) and Dugald Robertson (2010F) were the Masters of Ceremony.

■ **OD VS SCHOOL HOCKEY:** held on Thursday 23rd September. In a high scoring match the ODs lost 5-4 to the 1st X1. Laurie Gardener (1974O) and Nick Olds (2009O) have been instrumental in organising a number of hockey fixtures for ODs against our traditional Southern Suburb rivals. These matches take place after the main hockey fixtures on a Friday evening and are well attended. Currently the standard of hockey at Bishops is excellent and the quality of these matches are of a very high standard.

■ **OD BOLAND FUNCTION:** organised by Michael Foxcroft (2011W) and Martin Versveld Jnr (2010S). This event was very popular with the ODs currently studying at Stellenbosch University. Held at the Brampton Wine Bar in Stellenbosch, over fifty ODs attended. Anton Taylor explained the importance and benefits of students being involved in the OD Union.

■ **OD LONDON DINNER:** held on the 27th June at the RAF Club in Piccadilly. Branch Secretary Nicky Bicket (1973F) welcomed some 100 ODs and their partners. After watching a video of their old school, the youngest OD present, Joe Kahn (2013), said Grace followed by Steve Hofmeyr QC (1973O) who read the lament commemorating the 112 ODs

who had given their lives in World war One. President Raymond Ackerman spoke on behalf of the OD Union before Guest Speaker and Principal Guy Pearson addressed ODs on the current state of Bishops – which ODs agreed is very impressive indeed.

■ LONDON OD CHRISTMAS

DRINKS: held at the House of Lords on the 12th December. ODs gathered were given a guided tour of the House of Lords followed by an address by Lord Anthony St John (1974F).

■ **WALKER CUP:** the 32nd Walker Cup was held at Royal Cape on the 2nd March. For the first time in many years the ODs won by 18.5 - 7.5. Thanks go to Brian de Kock (1952) - Vice-President) and Brian Barends (1945S) for organising this event.

■ **OLD QUAD GOLF DAY:** held on Friday 26th September at Royal Cape Gold Club. The ODs were joint winners with WBHSOB. We now hold both golf trophies.

■ **OD STAFF FUNCTION:** held on Thursday 16th October at the OD Union Offices. Section 7.6 of our constitution makes provision for members of Bishops staff with ten years' service to become honorary members of the OD Union. This function provides an opportunity for us to welcome them to the OD Union as well as to provide them with updates regarding the activities of the Union.

■ **OD PATRON, PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT FUNCTION:** held on Thursday 4th December this event is

held after our final committee meeting for the year and is the final event of the year for the OD Union Committee. The Chairman thanked the office bearers for their advice and support during the year.

2. TO KEEP MEMBERS IN TOUCH WITH BISHOPS AND THE PRESENT STUDENTS

In 2014 we kept ODs connected with one another and with the school in the following ways:

■ **MAGAZINE:** The Old Diocesan section appears at the back of the quarterly Bishops Magazine. The OD section is compiled by Office Administrator, Delré O'Rourke, with support from the Editor, Rosemary Wilke. The format has been simplified with fewer headings: Roll of Honour, Notes from OD Union Office, Social Register (reunions, visitors, births, engagements, marriages), Obituaries, News of ODs, and Museum & Archives. We have also included more pictures and included a number of music, art and drama articles.

The advent of the internet and digital media have provided us with a number of new opportunities. Notably, we receive information from around the world on a constant basis, information that we are able to relay to our members rapidly. This means that the purpose of the magazine as an historical record and a conduit for keeping ODs in contact with one another and the school can be reviewed and supplemented with electronic versions and weekly newsletters. The art of assembling and disseminating information, keeping our members informed without overloading

them with information, is a delicate one, which we are constantly reviewing.

One of the ironies of the postal strike was that ODs received the December 2014 digital version of the magazine before their September one arrived in the post.

The committee is aware that the rapid growth in digital media can be unnerving and whilst we constantly measure ourselves against our ability to achieve our mission, we try to ensure that any changes are done in a sensitive and responsible manner.

■ **ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THE MAGAZINE:** this version has not yet been perfected and is in the process of being improved upon. The benefit is that one receives it weeks, and in some instances months, before the posted version making the news immediate and relevant. The second benefit is that it saves the OD Union vast sums of money on postage. Money (in excess of R400, 000) which could be redirected to the bursary fund.

■ **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER:** since July 2014 we have been distributing a weekly newsletter. The reason is to use technology to assimilate relevant information timeously. The newsletter contains information forwarded to us from ODs which we then share. This has started a dialogue with ODs worldwide as well as connected a number of ODs who had lost contact. It has also helped improve our database. An example of just how successful the newsletter has been is encapsulated in the correspondence from a senior OD who no longer buys the newspaper. He read about the passing and details regarding the funeral of a former classmate and was able to attend

the funeral and visit the family who are longstanding friends. We are also able to provide information regarding activities at the school – sports events, cultural events and more. The newsletter is our most effective way of achieving much of our mission.

■ **WEBSITE:** we are continually looking at ways to improve the website which is currently not as user-friendly or useful as we would like it to be. We are currently looking at ways we can link the website to LinkedIn and create functional groups for ODs. This, along with a directory, would be most useful.

■ **SOCIAL MEDIA (INCLUDING TWITTER AND FACEBOOK):** it was comforting to hear the comments of an OD currently doing an internship in the Bishops marketing department. He was of the opinion that our Facebook page is one of the most active and useful of all the academic institutions he had researched. ODs are encouraged to “like” these pages in order to receive OD Union news, photographs and graphics swiftly and conveniently.

■ **ODs INTERACTING WITH CURRENT STUDENTS:** During the course of the year many ODs have kindly offered to address the boys. During 2014 President Raymond Ackerman, Professor Haroon Bhorat (2004G), David Grier (1977S), Professor Tim Noakes (1966W), Peter Steyn (1954O), Brindley Uytenbogaardt (1996G), James Selfe (1972F) and Dr Will Bolus (1982F) addressed various societies. Whilst a number of ODs were

involved in assisting with the Bishops Pops and the Christmas Carols.

3. TO PROMOTE THE INTEREST AND WELFARE OF BISHOPS:

This loosely worded objective is sufficiently broad to render it open to interpretation depending on what one perceives to be in the best interests and welfare of Bishops. For who is the arbiter as to what is in the best interests and welfare of Bishops? Many of the issues are subjective and personal: cadets/ no cadets, corporal punishment/no corporal punishment, football/no football, prefects/leaders, newboys/first-years and many more issues. The broad church of ODs consisting of different ages, different races, languages, cultures and experiences will have a wide range of responses to any number of issues affecting Bishops. This is good and healthy, yet we need to ensure that the wide variety of thoughts are channelled in a positive and effective manner to the benefit of the OD Union and Bishops.

I referred earlier to a matter affecting the OD Union. As a result of events that culminated in the Special General Meeting last year, the committee have given a lot of thought to how we can prevent such a situation from happening again. It simply must not, as it is in no-one's interest or welfare. In order to ensure that the situation does not happen again, we have taken the following steps (Van Zyl Slabbert once said that it is one of South Africa's least endearing traits that we believe that once we have apportioned blame, we've solved the matter, whilst the real

challenge of leadership is to address the matter and ensure that it does not happen again). To this end we have established a dispute resolution procedure which enables disputes to be managed in a progressive and structured manner, swiftly and without incurring great costs. Secondly we have worked closely with the school to establish a process to deal with any grievances relating to their time at school, which ODs may raise in the future. To this end, the Bishops Cares programme has been drafted by professionals with experience in such matters. Should a similar incident arise in the future, I am confident that the school is well prepared to handle it. This programme sets in place processes that care for potential past problems and prevent current ones.

If there is one thing this committee is convinced of, it is that Bishops 2015 is a far wiser, stronger, skilled and caring environment.

This matter was a real test of how various arms of Bishops would react under pressure and I am pleased to say that our relationship with the school is stronger than ever. Much of this is due to the leadership of the Principal, Mr Guy Pearson, who has had an extremely positive and inclusive approach to the OD Union. Thank you sir.

Likewise our relationship with the College Council is as strong as I recall it in recent years. In 2009 I was involved with my first strategic planning session. At this stage the committee felt that ODs were under-represented on Council. We had the OD Union Chairman as an observer and one OD as a representative. We have worked at increasing our representation

and currently our presence on Council is the strongest it has been in recent years with 5 ODs serving as councillors. I have always maintained that you cannot have a prosperous OD Union and an impoverished school. Likewise you cannot have a prosperous school without the support of a committed and supportive OD Union. We are fortunate that both are vibrant, active, effective and efficient bodies, which is a credit to this great institution. At the same time we realise that there is what former President John Arenhold termed “an invisible boundary” that is to be respected by both parties. These are determined by the various constitutions. We are acutely aware of them and will continue to act in the best interests of the OD Union and Bishops, in accordance with our constitution. A special mention must be made of Chairman of Council Mike Bosman, he has led Bishops firmly with grace and dignity through this most difficult period.

Another example of just how well these various bodies are able to interact and perform has come in the form of our joint project with the school. Some five years ago the school approached us needing more space for the school shop, the travel agency and most importantly the sanatorium where it wanted to house doctors’ consulting room with a physiotherapist, x-ray facilities and a 24 hour nursing service for the boys. The school also wanted to get rid of the pre-fabs that housed the Development Office. At this stage we had been looking at properties on the periphery of the school to establish a home for ODs as our location in the school made it increasingly difficult

to host events where alcohol is served. The new liquor laws relating to schools made it very difficult for us to hold events where alcohol is served in the centre of the school. With this in mind, and the fact that investment markets had run hard, it seemed sensible to take some of the gains and invest them in new facilities for the Union that were also able to generate a revenue stream in perpetuity by creating world class facilities that can be used by the Union, as well as being hired out. We consulted the constitution and in particular S4.5.7.2 which states that “the union has the specific powers to provide school buildings or equipment on land owned... by a school”. A strategy was developed and is currently being implemented, as all of you present today are able to see. Once we have the facilities fully functioning, our marketing strategy promoting the venue will be implemented.

What we intend (amongst other events) is to have monthly business breakfasts with guest speakers, a wine appreciation society which gives our forty-seven wine producers the opportunity to showcase their wares, sherry evenings and book clubs where ODs can launch books, an investors club and a conference facility which is on a par with the best in Cape Town.

Our new memorabilia range, which has been standardised and the quality improved will be launched shortly. This includes striped blazer material which we have managed to source from a small mill in Scotland. This building has been five years in the planning and I suspect 165 years in the waiting and this committee is extremely excited about all the possibilities that exist for us to offer a better service to ODs.

4. TO ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A FUND TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE DESCENDANTS OF PRESENT AND PAST MEMBERS OF THE UNION (HERITAFER REFERED TO AS ODS) TO BE EDUCATED AT BISHOPS:

The Chairman of the OD Union Committee represents the OD Union on the Scholarship and Bursaries Committee. His function is to ensure that the OD Union Bursary policy is implemented.

The Bursary Fund, which is invested separately and banked separately to the OD Union Endowment Fund currently stands at an amount of over R11 million.

In 2014 we allocated an amount of R500 000 for bursaries, this allowed us to assist thirty-five sons of ODs who would not otherwise have been able to attend Bishops following in their father's footsteps. As the numbers of ODs requiring assistance increases, so too it is becoming necessary for us to actively look for funding on behalf of these ODs.

ODs considering making a request for assistance from the Bursary Fund must please consult the OD Union website for information.

DONATIONS:

During the past year the OD Union received donations from the following donors, for which we are very grateful:

- The Wilmott Trust
- David Kirkness

- Craig Howie
- Class of 1955
- Pallet Supply Company
- Tim Allsop
- The Noel Noble Trust

CONCLUSION

Thank you to all of you have taken the time and made the effort to attend this evening. In a sense it makes it worthwhile for us volunteers to report back on and share the many activities that we are involved in, in an endeavour to serve our members better.

On that note I would like to thank your committee in particular, for the hard work and sacrifices they made during 2014. I am quite sure that at the start of the year none of them expected the year to be quite so difficult and time consuming. In particular the new members, Jonathan Steytler and Simon Peile who responded to our advertisement to fill Dave Burton's Legal portfolio and Jan Newman's Finance portfolio have had to deal with a matter that originated in 2011. I should also mention our President who was inadvertently drawn into a matter which we believed had been resolved well over two years before he took office. His willingness to engage positively and to support the Union has been valuable and greatly appreciated.

The OD Union is extremely fortunate to be able to draw on men of the calibre of this committee who willingly and freely volunteer to serve you.

I don't think ODs can even begin to imagine just how difficult it is to get people to serve on this committee. When a

vacancy arises, we draft a job description and advertise the post. We very rarely, if ever, get a response. We were encouraged with our last two positions where for the legal portfolio we received two responses and for the financial one three. The CVs are then circulated among committee members, we debate the various merits before settling on the most appropriate candidate. I am aware that there has been criticism that a number of the committee members were my own contemporaries at school (for the record there are three members out of twelve who matriculated along with me in 1979). That should actually not be a surprise. One finds that there is a narrow window of opportunity where ODs are at stage of their careers where they have the experience and expertise to be valuable to the committee, whilst also having sons at or about to join the school, which makes them more willing to contribute and make the sacrifices required to serve on the committee. Often, once their children leave, they are lost to us again.

We continuously seek fresh input into the committee and I would beseech each one of you that believes that he has a contribution to make to consider, when a vacancy arises, to join the committee or one of our sub-committees and serve the Union.

This school encourages and prepares men to lead, it also encourages them to serve. The best of them, at the top of their professional careers, serve you on this committee. And I want to acknowledge them for that this evening.

Thank you for affording us the privilege of serving you.

I hereby propose the adoption of the 2015 Chairman's Report.

Proposed: Brian Robertson **Seconded:** Patrick Henderson.

The Chairman's Report was unanimously approved. The Chairman asked for any questions or comments relating to his report.

Anthony Davies commented that despite the agreement mediated by Judge O'Regan and signed by the Hamilton-Smith's and the OD Union Committee representatives in October 2014, he was of the opinion that there were a number of outstanding issues he wished to highlight. He requested that he be allowed to read a statement prepared on behalf of a group calling themselves the "Concerned ODs".

Gareth Ackerman objected to the reading of the statement on the basis that the matter had been resolved. Furthermore he commented that the Chairman had referred to the matter as part of his report stating that as the matter had been dealt with in accordance with the mandate given to the committee at the Special General Meeting, and specifically stated that he was not going to revisit it. The report had been proposed, seconded and unanimously approved. The Chairman was thus not in a position to reopen the matter.

Bovain Macnab suggested that Anthony Davies be allowed to read out his statement.

Julian Rumbelow commented that in the spirit of reconciliation, it would be a good idea to hear what Anthony Davies had to say.

Jonathan Steytler commented that in terms of the constitution, the Chairman is

obliged to hear any matter that is properly raised and defined prior to the meeting. He felt that a matter of this nature should have been placed on the agenda prior to the meeting so that attendees could prepare themselves to make informed decisions. As a signatory to the reconciliation agreement he felt no purpose would be served by an individual who was not party to the agreement speaking on behalf of the parties.

Philip Wheeler commented that the matter was unfortunate but that it had been dealt with and was dirty water under the bridge.

The Chairman commented that as there were a number of ODs present expressing conflicting opinions he was happy to be led by the interests of the majority of ODs present and put the matter to the vote.

The motion before the meeting was as follows:

That Anthony Davies be allowed to read a prepared statement relating to the events culminating in a joint agreement signed by the OD Union Committee representatives and the Hamilton-Smiths.

The Chairman asked all those in support of the motion to raise their right hand.

There were 12 votes in support of the motion.

The Chairman then asked all those opposed to the motion to raise their right hand. **There were 28 votes opposed to the motion.**

There was one abstention.

Anthony Davies left the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATE- MENTS

John Macey presented the Treasurer's Report on behalf of Guy Lanfear.

In the year to 31 December 2013, the OD Union Fund and Bursary Fund investment strategy was aligned to that of the school and administered by the school investment committee, as we reported to members last year. All investments were disposed of and reinvested as determined by the school investment committee, with the reporting responsibility taken over by Sygnia on a pro bono basis.

As a result there is no longer separate reporting between interest, dividends and management fees. Full performance is reported in the realised and unrealised gains at R 4 887 617 (before the donation to the school of R 3.25 million) against R 2 734 953 in 2013, a significant improvement across the two funds combined.

Looking at the income statement, the loss on clothing and colours is in line with budget, resulting from the ties given to school leavers each year as well as the purchase of Sevens Tournament rugby jerseys in 2014. These will be reused but are not reflected in stock. A number of memorabilia items ordered, in particular replica OD Rugby jerseys, had not been popular and would need to be written off.

The loss on functions was similar to 2013, although the committee would prefer not to view this as a loss. Rather in reality it being an expense budgeted for as a core objective of the OD Union is to bring

together its members throughout the world.

With reference to the OD Union expenses excluding the donation to the school, these increased by approximately 90% over 2013, mainly due to the legal fees associated with, and the settlements awarded to, Mr and Mrs Hamilton-Smith.

The OD Union awarded bursaries of some R 347 000 to those applicants who met the requirements of the application criteria, almost exactly the same as in the prior year.

Life membership fees received were also within a few hundred rands of those received in 2013.

Of significance in these financial statements is the donation to the school of R 3.25 m which was made in respect of the new OD Union building “The Mitre”. This is the building that the school is building for The OD Union to occupy and which forms part of the new Woodlands Pavilion complex. In return, the school has agreed to accommodate the OD Union on their premises without charge, in perpetuity - trusting that Bishops will be around that long! We have further budgeted an additional R 2.2 m to decorate and fit out the new premises. The OD Union investment funds have performed extremely well over the past decade and it made sense to realise some of these gains to the benefit of all ODs by creating a home for them at Bishops.

As a result of the foregoing, the OD Union Fund is at a considerably lower level than members have seen in the past few years, and will reduce further during 2015, albeit well spent, we believe, as we move during the 2015 year to our new premises.

Proposed: John Macey **Seconded:** Jeremy Wiley

The Treasurer’s Report was unanimously approved.

Comments:

Nicky Bicket commented that as the building was donated as a gift to school and there is no lease, it should be noted as such.

Jonathan Steytler responded that the OD Union opted not to draft a complicated lease, rather it received written confirmation that the OD Union had donated the building to the school and in return would be entitled to occupy the building indefinitely.

Chairman of Council Mike Bosman thanked the OD Union on behalf of the school and Council for the donation of building. He believed the offices and the museum will be a building the OD Union and ODs can be very proud.

INVESTMENT PORTFOLIOS

The representative for the Finance portfolio on the committee, Simon Peile, presented the Finance Report.

In last year’s report I reported that during 2013 decisions relating to the investment strategy to be followed in respect of the investment portfolios of the OD Union had been delegated to the school’s investment committee, in so far as the investment strategy followed for the Union’s assets would match as closely as possible the strategy followed by the School. The school’s investment strategy is decided

upon by the school's investment committee, which includes amongst others, a number of ODs who hold senior positions in the South African asset management industry. The two bodies' assets are kept separate, with the underlying units registered in the names of each body.

The underlying assets are invested in portfolios managed by various asset management companies selected by the school's investment committee. Sygnia Asset Management provides investment administration services to both the school and the Union at no cost to either body.

The Union's current long term investment strategy is to hold a high allocation to equities and within equities a high allocation to offshore equities. The overall strategy is currently:

South African Equities 23%

Foreign Equities 56%

South African Fixed Interest 16%

South African Money Market 5%

During 2014 the Union's long term investment strategy achieved a return of 12.7% net of all fees, which was a pleasing return.

In addition, where the committee expects to disinvest large amounts in the near future, these assets are transferred to a money market account. At the start of 2014 we held R3.25 million in the Investec Money Market Fund in anticipation of paying this over to the school in respect of the Union's contribution to the Woodlands Pavilion. At the end of 2014 we held R1 million, in anticipation of payments towards the fitting out of the Union's new premises, and a further R 1 million was transferred during February 2015.

One advantage of Sygnia's investment administration is that we now unite the different investment strategies, which allows us to accurately track the Bursary Fund and the general OD Union assets accurately.

At the end of 2014 the values of the investment portfolios held by the Union were:

ODU Bursary Fund

R 11 029 520.77

ODU General Fund (Long Term Strategy)

R 7 010 356.56

ODU General Fund (Money Market)

R 1 080 505.92

R 19 120 383.25

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

The Committee recommends that we maintain the services of current unpaid external auditor, namely Martin Luyt of Luyt, Proudfoot and Associates.

In terms of Section 10.5.2 of the constitution, there are currently no vacancies on the OD Union Committee.

In terms of Section 10.5.4 of the constitution, the committee recommends that the Patron Michael Watermeyer continue in his current position. We are delighted that he has agreed to do so.

In terms of Section 10.5.3 of the constitution, the committee recommends that the President Raymond Ackerman continue in his current position. We are delighted that he has agreed to do so.

In terms of Section 10.5.5 pertaining to the election of Vice Presidents: John

Arenhold proposed that Brian Barends be elected as Vice President for services to the ODU and the school.

Brian has served the OD Union since 1980. He started and continues to organise the Walker Cup.

The proposal was accepted by the committee and unanimously approved by fellow ODs at the meeting and Brian Barends was elected as an honorary Vice President for life.

THE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Guy Pearson, Principal of Bishops, gave the Principal's report:

President, Raymond Ackerman; Patron, Michael Watermeyer; Honorary Vice-Presidents; Chairman of Council, Mike Bosman; Chairman of the OD Union, Brian Robertson and gentlemen; it is my real pleasure to present a report of the school for the past 12 months.

As an introduction it is worth reminding ODs of how the leadership of Bishops is structured. I am the Principal and have direct responsibility for the College and oversight of the Prep and Pre-Prep. This is an oversight function only as Greg Brown does a superb job in running the Prep. He is assisted by Sharlene Groom who looks after the Pre-Prep. I chair a whole-School Executive team consisting of myself; the Business Manager Sean King; Deputy Principal of the College, Vernon Wood; and Head of Prep, Greg Brown. We meet each week to discuss overall strategic matters which affect the whole school. Greg and I then each have our own Executive Committees who are responsible for day to

day matters in the College and the Prep.

It has been a wonderful year for Bishops with our boys achieving exceptional results in a wide range of activities. We started the New Year with the outstanding news of our matric results of 2014. The results were certainly the best achieved over the last 10 years, the highlights are summarised below.

At the Western Cape Education Department awards ceremony Bishops were placed 2nd overall in the Province, runners up to Herschel. Bishops was the top performing boys' school. Daniel Mesham was placed 2nd in the Province, a truly superb achievement. Thaku Mtombeni received a special award for achieving 100% for Mathematics.

It is also pleasing to report that 3 of our Matric Boys of 2014 have been accepted at so-called "ivy league" universities in the US; Thomas Orten (Stanford), Rahul Naidoo (Harvard), Pule Nkowane (Dartmouth).

It was another outstanding year for the school on the Cultural front with our 35 societies extremely active. It is worth noting that 475 out of the 760 boys in the College participate in music while our debating club with a membership of over 100 boys is the largest in the country. Last year saw the extremely successful production of the Great Gatsby followed by our fantastic Eisteddfod at the end of the second term. It was also the year of Classic Pops in the third quarter at the City Hall and the standard of performance was truly exceptional.

Sport remains integral to the life of boys at Bishops and there is no doubt that sport in the Western Cape across all disciplines

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- **1.** 149 boys wrote the exam, 148 (99, 3%) achieved a Bachelor's pass and 1 boy a Diploma pass.
 - **2.** There were 522 subject distinctions, an average of 3.5 distinctions per candidate.
 - **3.** 16% of all subject results were over 90%.
 - **4.** 48% of all subject results were above 80%.
 - **5.** There were 59 "A" aggregates, (39.6% of the class).
 - **6.** The top student was Daniel Mesham with 8 distinctions and an aggregate of 95.7%.
 - **7.** Thaku Mtombeni achieved 100% for Mathematics.
 - **8.** The averages for Mathematics, Mathematics Lit, History, Accounting, Economics, Art and Music all exceeded 80%.
 - **9.** 9 distinctions were achieved by both Nicholas Hyslop and Warren Black.
 - **10.** 8 distinctions were achieved by each of Andrew Bodenstein, Ishaan Dawray, Daniel Mesham, Rahul Naidoo, Muhammed Razzak, Tariq Salie, Murray McKechnie, Lood van Niekerk and Matthew van Niekerk.
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is extremely strong and competitive. I am pleased that we are more than holding our own while still keeping the important educational values which sport promotes as the core of our philosophy.

Our beautiful Memorial Chapel plays a central in the life of Bishops boys.

The changes to the pupil leadership structures and senior/junior relationships

are now well bedded down and have certainly added to a far more positive environment with an emphasis on mutual and appropriate respect between boys of all ages.

How does one judge the success and the state of health of a school? One measure is the demand for places and I am pleased to report that applications to Bishops remain

extremely strong. There are two main entry points to the school at Grade R, in other words 5 years old, and at grade 8 when boys turn 14. At Grade R we had in excess of 400 applicants for 70 places available and at grade 8 we had 250 applicants for the 75 places available after accepting the boys from the Prep School. Many of these available places are taken up by boys with strong connections to the school i.e. sons of ODs and/or siblings. This leaves less than 50 places available for the rest of the pool - a very challenging situation for us to manage!

I am pleased that a number of major capital projects have been undertaken and completed over the past few years, these have been reported on before but the significant ones over the past 12 months have been:

The total revamp and upgrade of the Molteno Library, in memory of the late James McGregor. This is now a world-class facility and I urge you to visit it at your convenience. You will see as you enter the gates the magnificent new Woodlands Pavilion, which is due for completion very shortly. The official opening takes place on 8th May. The hockey astro has been upgraded to a water-based facility while we have a magnificent new hockey pavilion. The remainder of the building will house the archives, the museum and the old boy offices and entertainment facilities. This will become an iconic building and a welcome addition to the already magnificent eclectic mix of architecture on our campus.

It is important that the school continues to benchmark itself in numerous different

ways and last year we participated in the Independent Quality Assurance Agency process, a prerequisite of our membership of ISASA. Extensive satisfaction surveys were carried out with parents, boys and staff and the results were overwhelmingly positive and affirming. For example, 98% of the boys said that they were happy at school, 100% said they respected their teachers, 98% agreed with the statement that the school has high standards academically, while 98% said they were proud to be at Bishops. The parents agree; 98% of them saying their child was happy at school, while 100% of parents agreed that the school has high standards culturally. All results were well above the national norms for independent schools.

It is worth noting that in her closing comments, the mentor Dr Elizabeth Fullard, had the following to say:

“Bishops is a school that, at first glance, would seem to have everything - and it probably has, although it was acknowledged that there is always room for improvement! The grounds are magnificent and well maintained, as are the various buildings and other facilities.

The boys themselves were utterly charming and it is a great pleasure to encounter such well-mannered young gentlemen.

It would be difficult not to be impressed by a school with the stature of Bishops and the boys that have the privilege of receiving their schooling at this prestigious institution are fortunate indeed. What makes the school what it is, is the school community of staff, learners and parents and what each contributes to the reputation that Bishops

enjoys in the education world.”

Bishops is far from perfect though and the IQAA process did identify certain aspects which are part of the management team's priorities for this year.

So what are the challenges? There is no doubt, and I say this with great sensitivity, that from my own experience Bishops is way behind comparable schools in the country when it comes to endowment; endowment for scholarships and bursaries and for capital projects. I believe that raising substantial sums of money needs to be a priority for the school if we are to remain competitive, with world-class facilities and most importantly in being able to admit the type of boys to the school that have always made up the core of Bishops. I am pleased that a major focus of the Chairman of Council is to resuscitate the Trust, which should be ultimately the driving force in raising funds for Bishops. There is a false perception in the broader community that Bishops has limitless financial resources.

In closing, Mr President, I would like to thank you most sincerely for your guidance and support in what has at times been a difficult year for Bishops. There is no doubt that the experiences of the past year have left the school stronger and I am confident that we are well-equipped to face the challenges of the dynamic and changing environment in which we find ourselves.

Pro Fide et Patria. Thank you.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman asked if there were any matters ODs wishes to raise under Any

Other Business.

Anthony Davies returned to the meeting.

Anthony Davies requested that he be allowed to present copies of his report to the Chairman and that once the Chairman had read it he would like to meet with him. The Chairman accepted the copy and agreed to meet with him.

John Koster commented that he was fiercely proud of Bishops, the OD Union and the Committee in the way it had handled the difficult conflict during 2014. He felt their actions were in keeping with the great tradition of forgiveness and reconciliation exemplified by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the late Nelson Mandela. He was sure all reasonable ODs supported the reconciliation agreement signed by the Committee and the Hamilton-Smiths.

Paul Burton echoed John Koster's sentiments and commented that for the sake of Bishops, ODs everywhere, the current boys, staff and parents, this matter needed to be regarded as closed. He felt strongly that as ODs we owe Guy Pearson and the school an apology for the embarrassment caused. Furthermore he commented that as an agreement had been reached we should honour this, all of us including a group who purport to speak on behalf of ODs whilst having no clear constituency nor mandate, and move forward. We owe this much to ourselves as ODs and Bishops.

Alan Ramsay thanked Brian Robertson and the committee for all the time and effort that they had put into this past year. It was much appreciated by ODs.

The 119th Annual General Meeting of the OD Union closed at 7:05pm.

OLD DIOCESANS UNION – ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INCOME STATEMENT for the year ended 31 December

	2014	2013
	R	R
OD Fund Income	(63 571)	172,611
Income from investments,	49,708	235,033
Dividends	-	175,796
Interest from portfolio and related money market accounts	49,708	167,943
Investment management fees	-	(-128,148)
Sundry income	-	19,442
(Loss) on Old Diocesans' colours	(91,571)	(-40,658)
Sales	18,925	49,137
Cost of sales	(11 0,496)	(-89,795)
(Loss) on sporting and social functions	(-21,707)	(21,764)
Proceeds	111,094	89,655
Costs	(-132,801)	(-111,419)
Sundry income	-	-
OD Fund expenses	3,983,767	384,369
Bank charges	3,662	3,743
Depreciation - furniture and equipment	7,258	2,750
Donations	3,260,000	10,260
Magazine costs and magazine postage	101,437	104,484
Printing and stationery	570	-
Professional fees	71,129	16,260
Refurbish OD offices and framing exhibits for Heatlie	638	4,529
Staff salaries and settlements	474,411	206,370
Staff welfare	4,428	-
Subscriptions	9,146	8,553
Sundry expenses	19,816	14,263
Telephone e-mail, postage and website costs	14,039	13,158
Travel and accommodation	17,231	-
OD Fund Capital inflows	346,895	347,629
Life membership fees received- current year	346,895	347,629
OD Fund Gains and losses on investments	899,322	1,314,871
Realised and unrealised gains in investments	899,322	1,314,871
OD Fund operating (deficit)/surplus for the year	(2,801,121)	1,450,742
OD Union Bursary Fund Income		
Income from investments	44,147	208,843
Dividends	-	156,208
Interest from portfolio and related money market accounts	44,147	149,230
Investment management fees	-	(-113,870)
Sundry income	-	17,274
OD Union Bursary Fund Capital inflows/(outflows)	(-120,706)	(-92,989)
Bursaries awarded	(-386,600)	(-242,890)
Donations and bequests received	265,894	149,901
OD Union Bursary Fund Gains and losses on investments	1,240,063	1,168,357
Realised and unrealised gains in investments	1,240,063	1,168,357
OD Union Bursary Fund operating surplus for the year	1,163,504	1,284,211
Net (deficit)/surplus for the year	(1,637,617)	2,734,953

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BALANCE SHEET at 31 December

2014

2013

FUNDS

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OD Union Fund

8,310,644

11,111,765

Retained operating deficit

-5,440,238

-1,392,900

Accumulated capital inflows

4,371,695

4,024,800

Accumulated investment gains- realised and unrealised

9,379,187

8,479,865

OD Union Bursary Fund

11,032,226

9,868,722

Retained operating deficit

-46,024

(90,171)

Accumulated capital inflows

4,067,498

4,188,204

Accumulated investment gains - realised and unrealised

7,010,752

5,770,689

Total funds

19,342,870

20,980,487

Represented by:

NET ASSETS

Fixed assets

87,364

13,568

Investments

19,120,383

20,278,129

Sygnia- OD Union Fund

7,010,357

-

Sygnia - OD Bursary Fund

11,029,521

-

Investec Money Market account

1,080,506

3,250,003

Sygnia -Old Diocesan Union Strategy I

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17,028,127

Current assets I (liabilities)

135,122

88,789

Stock

183,180

41,929

Bank balances and cash

10,324

646,860

Creditors and accruals

-58,382

-

19,342,870

20,980,487

OLD DIOCESANS UNION – ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTES TO THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT 31 December

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- 1.1** The financial statements are prepared on the historic cost basis except that investments are stated at market value.
- 1.2** Investment income is recognised on a cash basis.
- 1.3** Life membership fees are recognised on a cash basis.
- 1.4** Fixed assets are depreciated at the following rates:
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|--------------------------------|-------|------------------|
| Fixtures and fittings | 10% | straight line |
| Office furniture and equipment | 20% | reducing balance |
| Computer equipment | 33,3% | straight line |
- 1.5** The stock of OD colours is carried at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Cost is determined on the weighted-average basis.

2. FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings	Furniture and equipment	Computer equipment	Total
Cost	25,698	22,167	15,043	62,908
Accumulated depreciation	(12,849)	(21,447)	(15,043)	(43,340)
Book value at beginning of year	12,849	720	–	13,568
Additions	81,054	–		
Depreciation	(7,114)	(144)	–	(7,258)
Cost	106,752	22,167	15,043	143,962
Accumulated depreciation	(19,963)	(21,591)	(15,043)	(56,597)
Book value at end of year	86,780	576	–	87,364

3. GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS

	OD fund	Bursary fund	Total
Gain on investment	899,322	1,240,063	2,139,385
Performance fee	–	–	–
Net gain/(loss) on investments	899,322	1,240,063	2,139,385