



BISHOPS
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OLD DIOCESANS UNION



The six Cranswick brothers taken in England during the First World War. Seated (left to right) Noel and Gerald and standing (left to right) Harold (in civvies after having lost a leg), Wilfred, Cecil (Flea) and Rupert. See more on page 166 "Bishops Connection"

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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



***Guy Pearson (Principal), Bruce Jack (1987G), Brian Robertson (1979W),
Mike Bosman (1978O), Raymond Ackerman (1948S)***

On a blustery summer's day I was reminded by an old Rondebosch boy that Bishops gets more than its fair share of our South Easterly wind, while his old school, being nestled in a picturesque little dale, was more sheltered. "A much better positioned school," he stated. I couldn't disagree.

This is an interesting allegory for Bishops on a few levels. It is easy to focus on a specific aspect of Bishops and quite correctly conclude that other schools do better. Just like Rondebosch is more sheltered, so Paarl Boys currently achieves better rugby results for example. Other schools boast greater financial endowments, many schools have superior facilities, while others write a more challenging matric, etc.

For most of these, we know there is

an inevitable ebb and flow of specific proficiencies. Today our rugby may be struggling a bit, but our hockey shines and we are the top music school in South Africa – perhaps one of the best in the world. Being an old school, we've been able to observe these ebbs and flows over time. We know that change is constant.

There are also more indelible, more consistent things about Bishops. Within the ODU collective memory resides not only variable details, like sports and academic results, but also a resilient, constant sense of what it means to be an OD. This hasn't changed much over time.

The tangible effects seem to be all around us, reflected in ODs leading their fields from the arts to entrepreneurship to medicine

and much in-between. It is also reflected in thought leadership from anthropology to sport. To even the casual observer, the influence ODs have had in the real world, over a large chunk of time, is staggering.

This unusual contribution doesn't appear correlated with a happy or less happy school experience, or the level of notoriety or success enjoyed while a pupil. It doesn't correlate with the ebb and flow of school competencies, or the nature of the individual. The only correlation seems to be a passage through this school, and perhaps, the effect of that journey on character.

I don't believe we will ever understand this. Even writing about it seems a bit foolish and awkward. If we cop more south-easterlies than our respected neighbour, it is also true that these more constant differentiators play a part in who we are.

As has happened before in our country's history, we are embroiled in a period of uncertainty, the intensity of which deepens daily. Our sense of purpose and the profoundness of what it means to be an OD may well be more relevant now than ever to our nation's future.

Over the next six months we will be embarking on initiatives that we hope will build on the enterprises begun by your previous Chairman, Brian Robertson, and your committee. We hope these will offer more opportunities for us all to contribute to the fabric of your union and the future of your school. Please support these where you can. And please pop into your home, The Mitre, and say "hello".

Bruce Jack (1987G)
Chairman

THANK YOU NOTE TO BRIAN ROBERTSON (1979W) WRITTEN BY MOSHE APLENI (1997F)

In everything there are advantages and disadvantages, and the advent of Social Media is a typical example of such a case. However in 2011, Facebook played a critical part in connecting 56 individuals who had 2 things in common: being Black and having been pupils at the unique and magnificent school called Diocesan College – Bishops. It is through this social medium that a common voice emerged, which included the following:

- Black ODs to formally join the OD Union in order to be able to influence from within. The OD Union set up, through its membership, brings with it a magnitude of skills, knowledge and an extensive influential network. This means that Black ODs are there to acquire skills and knowledge that will enable them to be assets in the bigger scheme of things.
- Black ODs, especially those that were at Bishops through the now defunct Hamilton Mvelase Scholarship Fund, owed to South Africa and Bishops to come back and be "Inspired Individuals."
- Through the Hamilton Mvelase Scholarship Fund, Bishops has been ahead of the pack in terms of affording the previously disadvantaged educational opportunities. Somewhere along the way this got lost, and they've been trying to find their way since. The surrounding schools have not only caught up, but have, in many instances, surpassed everything that Bishops has achieved. The 2010 conference was but one of the many plans to properly change the face of the school, but this hasn't been very successful.

After several discussions the Steering Committee of Black ODs, consisting of Kennedy Jimba (1983S), KK Mhlauli (1989W), Thobile Vumazonke (1993W), Wela Mnukwana (1993W) and Bulelani Calana (2000W), tasked Arthur Mngxekeza (1997F) and myself with engaging the OD Union on the above matters. We arrived at the then OD offices and we met Brian Robertson (1979W), the type of leader Nelson Mandela describes in *Long Walk to Freedom* as: “A leader is like a shepherd. He stays behind the flock, letting the most nimble go out ahead, whereupon the others follow, not realizing that all along they are being directed from behind.”

Within a short time, it was agreed that Arthur and myself, be co-opted onto the ODU committee, where we quickly learnt that ODs Black and White were truly interested in the welfare of all ODs, but it was important that Black ODs defined themselves. Under Brian’s leadership the OD Union was transforming. I must highlight these particular achievements:

- For the first time in the History of the OD Union, more and more Black ODs attend OD functions, the OD Dinner seeing more than the odd black guy in a back table.

- Thabang Skwambane (1993F) was the keynote speaker at the OD Dinner in 2014 – a first for the OD Union.

- More importantly, sons of Black ODs also benefit from the OD Bursary Fund, which up until now, they just didn’t know about.

As much as the OD Union exists as a separate entity, we all know that one cannot talk about the OD Union without mentioning Bishops the School. In this same principle, one cannot begin to talk about Brian’s excellent

leadership, and leave out his exemplary relationship with Mike Bosman (1978O), who leads the Bishops Council. Brian and Mike have unequivocally gone about the business of actively leading the transformation agenda at Bishops. You only need to look at the current composition of Council at Bishops which has capable Black men and women at its core. Even some of the Independent girl’s schools have more White males on their governing bodies.

This is the legacy that Brain Robertson leaves the OD Union with, a place where all of us from every place in South Africa feel welcome.

Delivering the 4th Annual Nelson Mandela lecture, the then, President Thabo Mbeki said:

“I believe I know this as a matter of fact, that the great masses of our country everyday pray that the new South Africa that is being born will be a good, a moral, a humane and a caring South Africa which as it matures will progressively guarantee the happiness of all its citizens. I say this as I begin this Lecture to warn you about my intentions, which are about trying to convince you that because of the infancy of our brand new society, we have the possibility to act in ways that would for the foreseeable future, infuse the values of Ubuntu into our very being as a people.”

South Africa and Bishops have a long way to go in addressing issues of social cohesion, but it is comforting to know that Bishops and the OD Union have capable men who are not afraid to do good.

It has been a pleasure serving with my friend, Brian Robertson. Thank you for making Bishops a better place.

UK BRANCH REPORT

I was lucky enough to spend the Easter break in Cape Town and used the opportunity to visit The Mitre, the new ODU offices on the Bishops' campus. A very grand and busy place is The Mitre, serving not only as a meeting place for a range of OD functions and events, but also, if the cracked windows are anything to go by, an irresistible target for the young hockey players practising on the surrounding fields. (If you don't have shares in a local Cape glazier, now might be the time to rebalance your portfolio).

An important element of the ODU's new strategy is a greater emphasis on ODs supporting ODs. The mentoring programme is an example of this idea in practice and is working very well in the UK, thanks to the commitment of the growing number of OD mentors who have so enthusiastically embraced this initiative. In the same vein, I know that our new ODU Chairman, Bruce Jack (1987G), is looking to create an Entrepreneurs' Programme linked to the School emulating the one which is in place at Eton. Watch this space.

I recently attended the AROPS (Association of Representatives of Old Pupils' Societies) annual conference. The ODU is the only non-UK member (out of 275 associations/societies). AROPS provides a useful opportunity to hear what others are doing and build our network. There is a good deal of interest in what we are doing and I was asked to speak about our mentoring programme which, judging from

the comments I received, is something of a benchmark for other societies - thanks again, of course, to our able and willing mentors.

Nicky Bicket (1973F)

Branch Secretary UK

ARTICLE BY HUGH CORDER (1971S)

Hugh Corder, a Bishops Rhodes Scholar and Professor of Public Law at UCT has written an interesting piece on the recent South African Constitutional Court Ruling against President Zuma. To read the article, see <https://theconversation.com/zuma-court-ruling-south-africans-witness-a-massive-day-for-democracy-57070>

ENGINEERS ARE THE NEW ROCK STARS

Chris Molteno (2010G) is going to be a bit embarrassed by this reference to a recent South African *Sunday Times* article which suggested that nowadays engineers should be accorded celebrity status. Well, something like that. Still, embarrassed or not, the article is in the public domain and we should be proud of the many fine OD engineers working all over the world. Your time obviously has come. Well done all of you. Chris and Michael Crosland (2011K) are now interning with Africa New Energies here in London whose CEO is Stephen Larkin (1990F). I was very pleased to have lunch with them earlier this month. We were joined by Gordon Robinson (1990F).



"The team" Mike Taylor (1959G), Rob White-Cooper (1961W), Richard Duck (1964G), John Wyatt (1961W), Bobby Trew (1952F) and inset Peter Arthur (1965W)

Steve Hofmeyr (1973O) closed a loop on John Parker-Wood's (1960G) memories of the Hermanus Scout Camp. Steve wrote to say, "The Scout Camp to which John Parker-Wood refers took place annually in Hermanus – in part at De Mond and in part on undeveloped land on the south shore of the Hermanus lagoon, now called Wortelgat. Wortelgat boasts the oldest and longest grove of Milkwoods in the Cape. Wortelgat still have links through the Bridgman family with the Scout Camp. I am a Trustee of the Wortelgat Outreach Trust, a charity which has developed the camping and conference facilities on the land. Since 1999, we have built 3 venues – the Stables Camp, the Bush Camp and the Family Camp – raising over R6 million for the buildings. These cater for groups of up to 76, 54 and 68, respectively. We also have an outdoor camp. Trained staff provide water sports and team building activities and we cater for most visitors – about 8,000 campers per year.

THE SENIOR ODS VERSUS OLD CRANLEIGHANS GOLF MATCH

Richard Duck (1964G) reports "On the day before we were due to play our match, the heavens opened and a huge volume of water cascaded down on the courses almost all day, so much so that I warned my team the night before the match of the possibility that there could be a ban on trolleys for our game. However I should have had more faith in the British weather as the day of our match dawned bright and also warm and the sun came out to greet us. The OD and OC teams gathered in the clubhouse soon after 8:00am and coffees and bacon rolls were enjoyed by all whilst we got to know our opposition team. We were also joined by Nicky Bicket (1973F) who nobly agreed to come along despite not being a golfer, to act as photographer and general cheerleader! At 9:15am we headed for the tee and set off for an exciting day's golf. The first two pairs of OCs however

revealed their trump cards in the shape of two young(ish) players with a four and a five handicap. This soon started to eat into the scoring and in the end proved to be just too much for the first two OD teams who both succumbed to the continuous onslaught from these powerful players. Our third pair however fought bravely right to the end and managed to secure a half so the final result was a win for the OCs by two and a half to a half! However the result of the match was soon forgotten and was followed by a few drinks and a most enjoyable lunch with (of course) some South African wines. After some very short speeches and toasts a general view was expressed that we should try and make this an annual event. Mike Taylor (1959G) remarked that pulling on

the OD golf shirt gave him an unexpected thrill bringing back as it did some happy memories of Bishops. Although we did not sing Psalm 150 before we teed off.

CATCH UP WITH OD OXFORD STUDENTS

It was a huge pleasure for me to meet up at the end of last month for a pub lunch with five ODs currently studying at Oxford. For this, they reluctantly interrupted, so they said, their preparations for their impending exams. The pub, The Bear is famous for its extensive collection of club and alumni ties which adorns its walls and ceilings. There is an OD tie there - somewhere - but not easy to find, especially after a pint or two of the local juice.



From left to right looking suitably remorseful are: Cosimo Paulucci de Calboli (2010K), Matthew Golesworthy (2011K), Chris Sharwood (2011S), Rowan Nicholls (2010O), Mike Day (2009F)

FOR THE DIARY:**Wednesday 29th June, Henley Royal Regatta**

The Henley Royal Regatta takes place on the 29th June and includes drinks in The Leander Club (before and after the rowing), lunch and tea (optional).

Note that places are restricted by the Leander, so the limited amount of tickets are allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

Friday 1st July, UK OD Dinner

The UK OD Dinner takes place in London on Friday 1st July with Guy Pearson, Bishops' Principal, our guest speaker. Also present will be our ODU President Raymond Ackerman (1948S) and Mike Bosman (1978O), Chairman of the College Council.

Sunday 10th July, OD Golf Match

The next OD golf match is against the Old Tonbridgians at the RAC Club in Surrey on Sunday 10th July at 2pm. There is a bit of an edge to this game (as there will be in the return OC match next year) since the OTs lead the series 1-0.



SOCIAL REGISTER

BIRTHS



Aidan Baigrie (1996O) and wife Meredith welcome Quinn Rose Baigrie to the outside world. May it be filled with the never ending richness of adventure that brought her parents lives from New York and Cape Town together. Mum and Dad are brimming with love and beaming with joy at their little girl.



Kyle Wilson's (2002G) wife, Maja gave birth to their first child, a beautiful baby girl, Isabel Vesper Wilson, on the 28th March.



Jason Elrick (1994O) and wife Terri are proud to announce the birth of their twin daughters, Trisha and Sarah, on the 12th April 2016.

William Kerr Mitchell was welcomed into the world on 17th March 2016 by proud dad Anthony Mitchell (1996G) and mom Andrea.

ENGAGEMENTS



Christian Raubenheimer (1997O)

On the 1st February 2016 Christian Raubenheimer got engaged to Corinna Kaltenbacher while visiting family in Cape Town. They now live in Frankfurt, Germany and will be getting married in January 2017.



Kevin Smuts (2005O)

Kevin Smuts (2005O) and Cara Marais were engaged on Saturday 13th February 2016 after taking a horse carriage through town and having a picnic on the Kirstenbosch greenbelt.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



David Green (1980O)

David Green (1980O) and Bridgit Green celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at the Victoria Falls hotel in Zimbabwe on 23rd February 2016.

David and Bridgit were married in the Bishops Memorial Chapel.



Dr Tim Rideout (1978W)

Dr Tim Rideout (1978W) and Dr Anja Gunderloch celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on the 25th May.

DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Congratulations to John Bettison (1944F) and his wife Shirley, who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 4th April 2016. John and Shirley were married in St Saviours Church, Claremont, Cape Town, by Rev John Aubrey in 1956.

OCTOGENARIANS



Christopher Manning (1954F)



Angus Bean (1954F)



Basil Bey (Staff)

Basil Bey (Staff) 6th April 1936

Christopher Manning (1954F) 20th May 1936

Peter Steyn (1954O) 20th May 1936

Angus Bean (1954F) 21st May 1936

Richard Grobler (1953F) 27th May 1936

John Robb (1955O) 15th June 1936

NONAGENARIANS

Bob Watson (1943S) 11th April 2016

Edward Mair (1943S) 15th May 1926

Bruce Calder (1941G) 27th June 1926

VISITORS



Mike Haupt (1969S), wife Sue, sister Tessa and brother-in-law Brian



Ken McArthur (1968S)



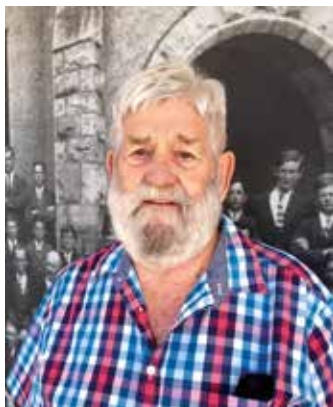
John Wyatt (1963W) and wife Jan



Jocelyn Forsyth (1947C) and wife Anni



Craig Stacey (1954O) and sister Judith Smuts



Charles Brownlee (1950S)

OBITUARIES

John Edward Day (1984S)



John was born and raised in Rondebosch, Cape Town. He was an adventurous boy. At the age of four, he was found climbing from a six foot gate onto the yard wall. He had a younger brother, Roger, and they had a lot of fun together. As a young teenager, John used to run down to the station after school and catch a train to Muizenberg to surf the sundown. Then there developed an easy grouping of local boys who would spend weekends hitching lifts, with surfboards, around Cape Town Peninsula, looking for the best breaks..... after a studious discussion of the wind, weather and finances. Once they were old enough to drive, these regulars acquired the home comforts of a kombi. They became lifelong friends.

John was interested in all sports and he was proud of the many trophies he won at the annual Hermanus Scout camps. A few years ago he completed the Bell Buoy swimming

marathon in Port Elizabeth. Disappointingly, his attempt at the Robben Island swim was cancelled at the last minute due to bad weather. Later in life, he took up cycling. He shared his love of sport with his late son, Tomas, whom he taught to surf at a young age.

John had a couple of careers; dog handling in the army, training to be a plumber, in Dutch, in Amsterdam, and set dressing for movie making.

He never stopped surfing and it was no surprise that he ended up in Jeffreys Bay. He got a job working for a developer in the construction industry and had found his niche. In 2011, he became a registered builder. He was passionate about building houses, from beginning to end; studying the erf, planning the house, dealing with the paperwork and enjoying the many facets of its construction.

John was diagnosed with prostate cancer in July 2014 and sadly passed away on 31st January 2016.

He had a great sense of humour and was well loved. He is missed by his parents, Elma and John and by his family and many friends.
Elma Day

Dr Anthony Jones (1956G)

Anthony was born in Kasauli, India on 20th July 1938 and passed away in Wales on 6th May 2016.

"Tony" as everyone knew him, adored Bishops and was very proud to have been there. He attended 50th matric year reunion in 2006 and joined in, in all the festivities.

He went to the University of Cape Town where he graduated with a BSc in Geology and Geochemistry. Moving to the United



Kingdom in 1963, he went to the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, where, in 1968, he completed a thesis for a PhD in Marine Geology. He moved to the University College of North Wales, Bangor joining the staff of the Marine Science Labs. Apart from teaching he was Senior Warden of Halls of Residence responsible for the welfare of some 1300 students. He then fully retired from university work.

Anthony first became involved in mountain rescue in 1954 whilst still a school boy. He joined the Ogwen Valley Mountain Rescue Organisation in 1964. He served as Chairman for 22 years and was an active Team Leader for 31 years. He has been involved in over 890 SAR operations. Since 1980 he was actively involved in Search Planning and Management, both in practise and teaching in a number of countries. Nowadays, the active field work is a thing of the past but activities in

representation and liaison continue unabated. He was also Chairman of the North Wales Mountain Rescue Association and Vice-Chairman of Mountain Rescue England and Wales. He represented MR-EW on the UKSAR Operators Group and contributed to a number of the Working Parties.

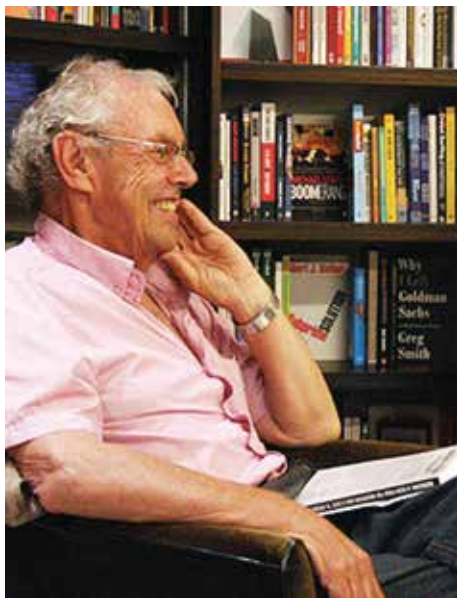
In 1983 Anthony was made an Honorary Pararescueman at the 67th ARRS, United States Air Force at RAF Woodbridge. In 1993 he was the subject of Thames television programme - "This is Your Life". In the 1995 Queen's Birthday Honours list he was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE). In 2002 he was awarded the Certificate of Distinguished Service by Mountain Rescue - England and Wales. In 2008 he was awarded a Certificate of Recognition by the Irish Mountain Rescue Association.

*May the road rise up to meet you;
May the wind be always at your back;
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields,
And, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.
Hamba kahle, my darling brother. We will meet again.
All my love, Marianne (sister)*

Professor Martin Legassick (1958W)

When Martin passed away after a protracted and brave fight against cancer, tributes from across the world came from friends, activists, former students, workers and academics about how he touched their lives. Many acknowledged Martin's influence as a revolutionary socialist, brilliant scholar, teacher and mentor. He was a pioneer of radical revisionist history in South Africa.

Martin was born in Edinburgh and moved



to South Africa in 1947 when he was six. He started at Bishops in 1954 at the age of 13 in Standard Seven and was a founder member of the new White House. He did well at school, establishing a House library, joining many societies and becoming secretary of some, as well as representing the school in squash, was in the tennis team and 3rd XV at rugby. He was a prefect and graduated from matric with six distinctions. The headmaster H.J. Kidd commented that, “Martin’s ability, character and example has given much to Bishops during his time here that I value very much. He has the talent and character for real success in life: my sincere wishes to him, he will always have my continuing interest for the future.”

The Sharpeville massacre was a turning point for Martin leading to a life of political activism. From the 1960s when he was a university student at the University of Cape Town (UCT); as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford

University Balliol College; at the Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana; and the University of California, Los Angeles, Martin immersed himself in the struggle against apartheid, including mobilizing some of the first international student demonstrations in the United States. In the late-1970s early 1980s he became a founding member of the Marxist Workers’ Tendency (MWT) of the ANC and left his academic post at the University of Warwick to work as full-time political activist. He served on the editorial committee of the journal, *Inqaba yaBasebenzi*, and newspaper, *Congress Militant*. For this, he was expelled by the ANC in 1985.

On his return from exile, Martin continued to play a leading role in the MWT of the ANC and simultaneously became active in working class struggles in the Western Cape. He was also appointed professor of history at the University of the Western Cape (UWC), where he continued his exceptional scholarship and tireless mentoring of students. When anti-eviction housing struggles exploded on the Cape Flats, he spent most of his time working with activists, contributing to build these new movements of the working class. Evenings and weekends were dedicated to meetings and political education classes.

After the Marikana massacre, he immediately travelled to the platinum mines to show solidarity and to be part of the movement emerging there. Similarly, he stood by the farm workers under the leadership of CSAAWU. He lived for the struggles of the working class. From 2008 he also dedicated some time to efforts to rebuild the socialist left, especially in the form of the Democratic Left Front and was hopeful that the United Front and a new trade union movement would

galvanise the working class in co-ordinated struggles against poverty, inequality and racism.

He had a passion for life grasping it with both hands. In addition to his activism and political commitments, Martin was an enthusiastic chef enjoying experimenting with new recipes, followed rugby keenly supporting the Stormers, enjoyed music, and was a great reader (often detective novels). He enjoyed exploring the countryside and finding new places to share with family and friends. He was very fond of animals and our two cats were close companions as his health deteriorated. Despite the illness and increasing pain, he completed his final book *Hidden Histories of Gordonia: land dispossession and resistance in the Northern Cape, 1800-1990*, at the beginning of this year.

The World Association for Political Economy (WAPE) in 2015 awarded Martin for his book, *Towards Socialist Democracy*, with the Distinguished Achievement Award in Political Economy for the Twenty-First Century.

He is remembered with great love by his partner Margie Struthers, his son Sean, daughter Rosa, and his two grand-daughters Fleur and Robin.

Margie Struthers

Miles Malleson (1944F)

Note from Editor – we apologise for the “gremlin” which appeared in last term’s issue, and for any upset this might have caused Janice and her children and grandchildren.

Miles was born in Somerset West to Charles and Sheila. Miles always loved South Africa, the plants, the animals, the sense of space, the warmth. He enjoyed visiting his family, friends



and Bishops, where he was known as ‘Smiley.’

Miles read Agriculture at Oxford. He did some studying, made some great friends, rowed, climbed out of windows at Hertford College to go to parties and enjoyed the jazz clubs in London.

Miles made his home in London where he ran a series of thriving agricultural advertising agencies. His job meant that he could be both a member of the Farmers’ Club and work in some great spots such as Fleet Street and Soho. Miles enjoyed his work and his colleagues.

He worked in South Africa too, for the Progressive Party, JWT, and the Rand Daily Mail, for which he reviewed films and gave advice on how to enjoy an evening out in Johannesburg.

Miles was mostly brought up by his father and grandmother Beatrice. His father remarried, and he and Rhoda had two sons, Harry and Ivan, who live in South Africa.

They each have three children and a growing number of grandchildren.

Miles and his first wife Pauline, had Nick and Simon. Simon died in 1984.

Miles and Janice married in South Africa in 1959. They returned to London where they had Bea, Ruthie and David. David died in 1986.

In the last 25 years Miles welcomed Susan and Bryan and their families into his family. Miles loved his grandchildren Emma, Udē, Oriē, Immy and Allegra.

Raymond Mathews (1947F)



My father was born in South West Africa, where he remained until he completed his schooling. He attended Bishops Diocesan College from 1944-1947, and was resident in Founders House. We, as children, were always very aware of the school he attended as he was always talking about it. His years at the school must have had a remarkable effect on him. He wore the Bishops jerseys and

caps until he passed on!

In 1948 he moved to Southern Rhodesia and started his career in Native Affairs as a magistrate. Here he met his bride, Elizabeth Annie Burnett, a Scot, whose father, a missionary, had moved out to Nyasaland (Malawi) pre WWII. They had three children, Bruce, Lesley and Charles who grew up and schooled in Rhodesia.

In 1981 he and his wife returned to his country of birth, where he took employment with the qualifications authority until his retirement. He and my mother lived to the good age of 86 and 85 respectively, both passing away in 2016.

Charles Mathews (son)

Michael Richard Sainsbury “Chet” (1959G)



Chet served the Community through his involvement in Rugby and Road Running,

since 1967 until his passing. He served Villager Rugby Club from Treasurer to Chairman for 42 years, the WPRFU for 18 years, South African Road Running for 8 years, was Chairman of WP Road Running for 17 years but served the sport from 1983 until 2003, served on the governing bodies of Rondebosch Boys' Preparatory and High Schools for many years, organised National and International Road Running events and was awarded the Paul Harris Award for Service to the Community in 2015. He is best known for his Directorship of the Old Mutual Two Oceans Marathon from 1981 until 2008.

Chet leaves his wife of 49 years, Annemarie, three sons and their wives and 7 grandchildren: Neil and Geraldine, Emma and Lucie, Paul and Annalize, Jemma and Mia, Mark and Flick, Harry, Finn and Willow.

A tribute to Chet by Syd Cullis (1961F)

Chet and I were in different standards so were not particularly close friends - but everyone became aware that Chet was someone out of the ordinary. My most vivid recollection of Chet at that time was one evening during our compulsory homework session after supper when he was sitting at his desk in front of me. He had obviously finished his work but there was still a considerable amount of time before we would be allowed to go to our dormitory by our house-master, a Mr Graham, who was supposed to be in charge but was already nodding off himself. The next thing I see is Chet and his desk slowly and quietly making their way out of the door and down the passage to the Library. After a minute or so he returned with a copy of one of his favourite Hardy Boys detective novels

in his hand. Unfortunately, just as he was almost safely home, Mr Graham's fox terrier woke his master up by barking at Chet – and soon thereafter the noise of a cane striking a padded backside filtered through to the rest of us – Chet had managed to slip an exercise book into his pants.

For those of you who may not know why we are celebrating the life of “Chet” and not “Michael Richard” Sainsbury, I should explain that one of the characters in the Hardy Boys Series was a Chet Morton and at the time the Chet we know also had the surname of Morton. Throughout his school career Chet took part in just about everything that was going but excelled in rugby, as what we would now know as a “Number 6 fetcher.” He was always found at the bottom of a loose scrum and at the end of the game his jersey was always the dirtiest. Of interest is the fact that in his last year at school he came 7th in the Bishops and 30th in the Western Province Schools cross country races. When Chet arrived at College he became a dayboy in Gray House. We used to spend the whole of Sunday afternoon playing tennis on our court and although he was not blessed with great ball skills, I could never get the upper hand because Chet would chase down everything and, with his dogged determination, get it back. He became part of our family. One of my most cherished memories of Chet was of the two of us lying on the sand of Central Beach watching to sun rise over the old Beacon Island Hotel and listening on the radio as Eddie Barlow and a 19 year-old Graeme Pollock put on 341 runs for the 2nd wicket against Australia at the Adelaide Oval. As our children were at different schools we somewhat lost touch until I started running

in the mid 1980's and since then we have had many memorable times together. So while Chet unfortunately is no longer with us, we have these fantastic memories of him that we will treasure for all of our lives, together with the memories of him as a wonderful example of a "human being" in the true sense of the word, someone generous to a fault, someone without a shred of malice in his being, someone who made full use of every opportunity in life, someone who I am privileged to have known for a long time and someone who during his life was so strong and accepted his illness without any self-pity or blame. It was this last attribute that prompted me to go to my Dragon Book of Verse which was our poetry bible at school. Chet had a skill of memorising poetry be it English or Latin and would almost certainly have memorised Lord Tennyson's Ulysses which ends: We are not now that strength which in old days, moved earth and heaven; that which we are, we are; one equal temper of heroic hearts, made weak by time and fate, but strong in will, to strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield. Or as Chet himself would have said, "Man or Mouse."

Kenneth Stuart-Findlay (1946O)

Kenneth entered College in 1943, having completed his Junior School education at Western Province Prep School, where he had been a popular and talented pupil. He soon displayed leadership qualities and an all-rounder's sporting ability.

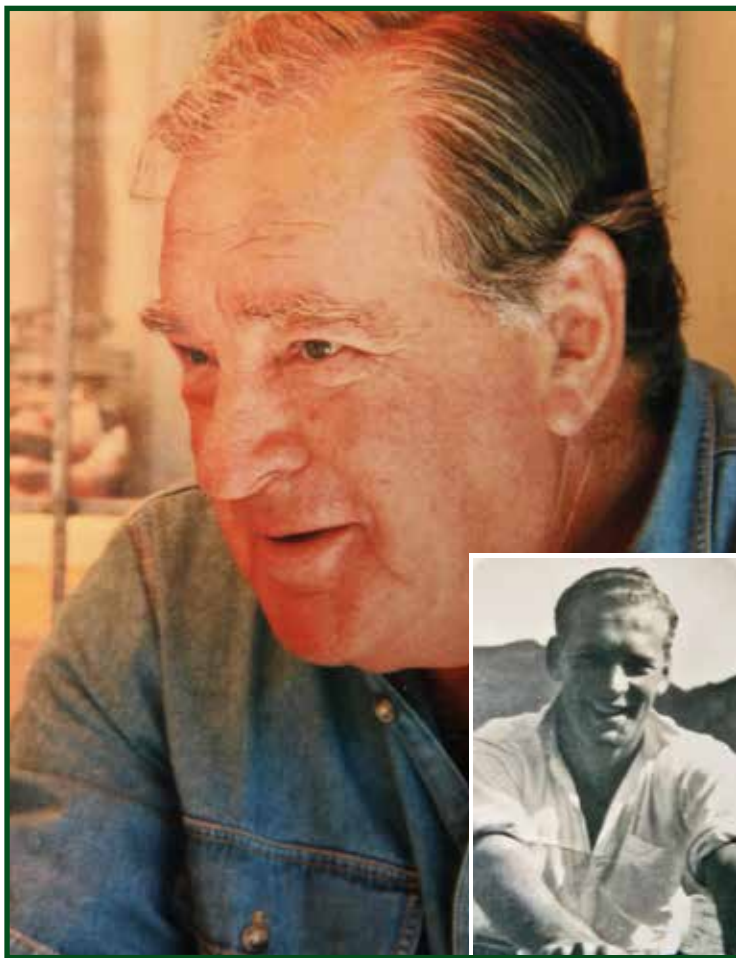
Strongly built, he excelled at swimming, not only at competitive level, but particularly in the open sea, which he loved and respected. He captained Bishops 1st XV Rugby side, playing hooker.

Being a boy at Bishops in 1943 was a very different story to the luxuries enjoyed today. The war was at a critical stage. Many of the young staff members were serving in the Forces. It was to the credit of the senior boys who stood in to help run the school and fill in the gaps. This was not only on the sports fields as coaches, but even on the academic side at Prep and College. Team games keeping boys busy and improving fitness, advanced cadet training, teaching leadership and discipline, all contributed to the Bishops spirit.

Kenneth played his part. Very strong physically, but like all "gentle giants" he never abused this attribute. In fact he was a "soft touch" - always smiling and helping others. He was generous with his time and ready to contribute his talents to a worthy cause. A characteristic that was appreciated by many during his lifetime.

After matriculating in 1946 Kenneth was Articled to Syfrets. On completion of the accountancy examinations, he joined his father in the family business established before Union, as wholesalers in building materials and hardware. Most top quality materials were imported at that time, and inevitably the large agents opened super stores, and family businesses were taken over. Kenneth anticipated such development and had commenced managing a Cape Town based branch of a specialist fireplace and accessories supplier.

Kenneth married in 1955. The family lived in Kenilworth and their three children grew up there. Clive (1974O) qualified as an Architect at UCT and immigrated to America. Semi-retired, he is now Chairman of a large group of real estate companies and is based in Palm Beach, Florida.



50 years. He was also a keen supporter of Nomad's Golf in their Charitable Movement at National level.

Sadly his mobility and eyesight deteriorated in the later years. He died at home on 23rd January 2016. A well-attended gathering of family and friends paid tribute to Kenneth's friendship and his life.

He is survived by his wife Val and his three children from his first marriage. We remember him with affection.

Kenneth had a remarkable memory for friends and family birthdays, car registration numbers, telephone numbers and other dates which he never failed to remember, and he never failed to keep in touch.

He played bridge with OD friends every week, until he outlived most of them. Golf was his main sporting interest and he was a member of Royal Cape Golf Club for over

Bob (Robert) Wooddisse (19460)

Bob passed away in Surrey, England on 20th February this year after a long battle with cancer. Bob was born in 1947 in Cape Town, he attended Western Province Preparatory School and then Bishops. In 1967 he met his then to be wife Helen when he started to work for Nedbank. She was senior to him at the time, but it would appear that proposing to her in 1968 did not hurt his



age of 26, and never really looked back after that, with stints in the UK and then back to SA to progress up to a senior executive level within Nedbank. To complete his illustrious career, he spent a few very enjoyable years helping to establish and run a private bank in the UK.

Bob retired in 2004, and was shortly afterwards diagnosed with cancer for the first time. He went through surgery and treatment to thankfully recover and over the next 12 years saw both of his children get married, in 2005 Wendy married Owen Meredith (1992W) and he met all 5 of his grandchildren who loved him to bits. In July 2015, the cancer returned and after a long tough battle, Bob passed away.

Bob had an incredibly dry sense of humour. He had the knack of being able to deliver an analysis of an event in

progression in the bank. They were married as 24 year olds on 29th February 1972, a first of many financial master strokes by Bob as this would mean only having to negotiate an actual wedding anniversary every 4 years. Over the next 24 years they raised 2 children, Michael and Wendy and lived in Pinelands Cape Town, Epsom Surrey, East London SA, Johannesburg and then over the last 10 years or so, they split their time between Cobham (Surrey) and Gordons Bay. Bob was made a Nedbank branch manager at the early

such a straight forward way that it shouldn't possibly be funny but it always was. He was a keen sea fisherman, he loved good conversation, gardening, the markets, keeping abreast of current affairs, Sudoku and his Castle larger especially around a braai.

Bob is sorely missed by his wife Helen, son and daughter, Michael and Wendy and their families, his sister Trish and family as well as his many close friends.

Owen Meredith (1992W)

NEWS OF ODs

OD UNION ANNUAL DINNER 2016

Our Annual Dinner took place on Wednesday 9th March 2016. In attendance celebrating reunions were the classes of 1996, 1986, 1976, 1966, 1956 and 1946. It went down extremely well. From the feedback we received I think all ODs and guests enjoyed themselves. Our guest speaker Guy Pearson (Principal) spoke on the wonderful Bishops history and tradition that we are all fortunate to be part of. When Bishops initially opened there were six pupils at the property called Protea which is now Bishops Court and then moved to its current site Woodlands with 22 pupils. Over the ensuing 167 years Bishops has established deep roots on the beautiful estate below the shadow of Table Mountain, and has grown and flourished to become three schools with 1 368 boys.

Guy stated "It is fascinating to delve into the history of the Diocesan College reflected in two seminal books; 'A Century of Bishops' by Donald McIntyre and the second 'Bishops 150 – A History of the Diocesan College Rondebosch' by John Gardener. The first 70 years of the school's existence was a struggle for survival. The school then entered an amazing 65 years of stability in which it was served by three Principals, Harold Birt from 1919 to 1943, Hubert Kidd from 1943 to 1963 and Anthony Mallett from 1964 to 1982. The OD Union was formed and held its first meeting in the Diocesan College hall (today Founders Dining Hall) on 14th April 1896. Present were 20 old boys, Canon Richard Brooke, the 5th Principal and Malcolm Searle who was elected as the first President. The annual subs were 5 shillings. So the OD Union was formed; its objectives were to form a bursary and building

fund, have a register of ODs and to hold a common annual day. Its mission remains today as it was then; "*In total support and concern for the school but with no interference in its administration*". I want to assure the ODs sitting here tonight that Bishops is in a very good place. It is not appropriate for me to try to list the myriad of achievements and successes of the school over the past 12 months. These are recorded on the website and in the school magazines. It is more important for us to ask the question; what kind of boys are we producing at Bishops. The reality is that we can never prepare boys for a particular career in the future, what we do need to teach them is to have a good work ethic, to be resilient, creative, reflective, analytical, flexible and adaptable, to prepare for multiple careers and to have a good value system. They will need to have exceptional technological skills and be critical readers and consumers of digital information and on top of that be global citizens and understand the issues of the world. Most importantly we need to strive to grow our young boys into fine men, men who will become good fathers, good husbands and good citizens of this country and the world. A tall ask! I suggest that we should also be giving them time to just be boys and to have time for relaxation and fun, something sorely missing in our hectic world. Pro fide et Patria."

A big thank you to Guy Pearson (Principal), Mr Raymond Ackerman (President), Mr Michael Watermeyer (Patron) who gave a toast, our Chairman Brian Robertson (1979W), Anton Taylor (2005B), our MC, for being on top form and keeping us entertained and of course all the ODs who gathered for what was a significant evening.



Back L to R Colin Boyes (1965G), Louis Messaris (1965G), Les Masterson (1963O), John Smuts (1969S), Front L to R Geoff de Wet (1964G), Richard Von Hoesslin, David Razwbone (1964S), David Clegg (1964O)



Class of 1987 Standing L to R is Alastair Muir, Bruce Jack, John Tedder, Sitting L to R is Robert Wilkinson, Michael Kirsten, Cameron Bruce, Gastao Fernande



Class of 1976



Murray Robertson-Keeping (2011F), Dugald Robertson (2010F), Brian Robertson (1979W), Graham Welham (2014F)



Brass Band L to R Michael Magner, Leonard Worthington-Smith (1985G), Nicholas Green (1985O), Stuart Scott, Brendan Kierman



Brian Robertson (1979W), Maree Pearson, Guy Pearson (Principal), Simon Grose (1977F)



David Riches (1996K), Robert Lightbody (1996K), Mark Hibbert (1996G), Crispian Abbott (1996S)



OD Dinner - ODs enjoying drinks on the lawn at Kelvin Grove

NEW SECRETARY – NORTHERN PROVINCES BRANCH



Simon Grose (1977F)

We are pleased to announce that Simon Grose (1977F) has been appointed as secretary of the Northern Provinces branch. Simon was educated at Pridwin and Bishops. He attended WITS in 1982 and did a post graduate in Hospitality Management at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York in 1984. Simon is currently the Managing Director and major shareholder in Graphica Holdings and is also a Director of Thurlestone Estates Hotel Group in the UK, owned and managed by his family since 1896. He is married to Lauren and has two children, both studying in the Cape, son at UCT and daughter at Stellenbosch. Simon got thrown into the deep end arranging the OD stand at the St

Stithians Rugby Festival held recently which was a great success. We look forward to working with him. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Richard King (1974S) for the sterling job he has done at managing this branch. We appreciate you giving so freely of your time and effort. Thank you.

Simon Grose can be contacted at simon@graphica.co.za or 083 234 5859. ODs in the Northern Provinces please update your details on our website www.odu.co.za or e-mail dorourke@bishops.org.za

“GREEN” BISHOP RECEIVES LANGTON AWARD FROM THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY AT LAMBETH PALACE

The Archbishop of Canterbury has given an award to Bishop Geoff Davies (1959W) for encouraging the Church to embrace ecological issues. For more than forty years Bishop Geoff, known to many as “The Green Bishop”, has been urging the Anglican Church, and now all religions, to recognise their calling to care for God’s creation.

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, has introduced six new awards to recognise distinctive service to the Church and society. Bishop Geoff has been given the Langton Award, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to community service. It has been named after Archbishop Stephen Langton, who was crucially involved in the signing of the Magna Carta 800 years ago and is a symbol of the Church’s involvement in civil liberties.

“The Magna Carta was a great step in establishing human rights and civil liberties. I am deeply grateful for this honour. We now need to recognise the rights of all of life, not



Green Bishop receives award from the Archbishop of Canterbury



Bishop Geoff (1959W), Kate Davies, Ven Ani Tsondru and the Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu

just human life,” Bishop Geoff said. “We are part of the web of life and our well-being of the planet. We are becoming aware of this as we face consequences of climate change, diminishing natural resources and the pollution and destruction of our natural environment. It is crucial that we recognise our responsibility to care for all of life.”

“Bishop Geoff has been largely responsible for our Church’s awareness of environment issues. We owe him a huge debt of gratitude since he did this when it was not fashionable or popular,” said Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu in congratulating him for this award at a service in St George’s Cathedral, Cape Town. Congratulations were also received from the Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, Thabo Makgoba, who chairs the Anglican Communion Environment Network.

Extract: Pictures and article - The Official Newsletter of the Diocese of Cape Town, written by Louisa Feiter.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE – APPOINTMENT

Alberta Health Services, Calgary Zone and the University of Calgary’s Cumming School of Medicine are very pleased to announce the appointment of Dr Richard Leigh (1981F), MBChB, MSc, PhD, FCP (SA), FRCPC, as Zone Clinical Department



Dr Richard Leigh (1981F)

Head and Academic Department Head, Department of Medicine. Dr Leigh is currently a Professor in the Department of Medicine and the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology; Division Head, Division of Respiratory Medicine; and GlaxoSmithKline-CIHR Professor of Inflammatory Lung Disease. He has also served as Deputy Academic Department Head for the Department of Medicine since 2014. After completing his medical education and specialist training in internal medicine and respirology in South Africa, Dr Leigh pursued a master's degree in Health Research Methodology and a PhD in Medical Sciences from McMaster University. He also completed additional research training in the areas of airway inflammation, asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). Dr Leigh joined the Cumming School of Medicine as an assistant professor in 2004. His clinical and research interest

areas include understanding the basic mechanisms underlying airway remodelling in asthma, the assessment of airway inflammation, and clinical trials in asthma and COPD. He holds peer-review funding from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and Alberta Innovates-Health Solutions, and he is a principal investigator in the AllerGen NCE Clinical Investigator Collaborative.

Dr Leigh is faculty mentor, research supervisor and a clinical skills instructor. He has a special interest in teaching the mechanisms and consequences of immune-mediated airway inflammation in respiratory disease to both medical students and residents, along with all aspects of obstructive lung diseases to family physicians, pharmacists and community specialists.

OWLS AT BISHOPS



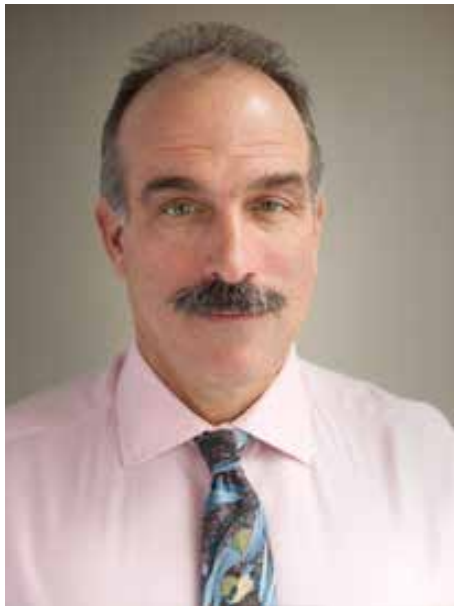
Peter Steyn (1955O)

Peter Steyn (1955O), author of "Birds of Prey" attended Bishops from 1950 to 1955.

Peter writes: “During this time there were Spotted Eagle-Owls that had been in residence for as long as anyone could remember. They roosted in a huge Stone Pine (long since cut down) in the parking area in front of Founders. The daily traffic of pedagogue and pupil below drew as little attention from the owls as the wind sighing through the pine’s ancient branches. They nested in a hollow filled with pine needles at the junction of the slate roof and the stonework of Founders clock tower. As so often happens with owls, the chicks are precocious, and fall from the nest before they can fly. In my second year at school one chick fell to the ground below. Fortunately it was uninjured and wandered about at night. The parents were fierce in protecting it if anyone came too close, so it was my task to place it in a secluded spot each morning. On one occasion, I innocently put it in small cypress tree growing in pot at the entrance to Piley Rees’ study. Big mistake! One of the owls nearly scalped him that night. I was told in no uncertain terms to remove ‘that bloody bird’ to another spot. In passing, I should recommend caution with owls. The famous bird photographer Eric Hosking lost an eye to a Tawny Owl while photographing at a nest at night in Wales. On a positive note, it gave him the perfect title for his autobiography – *An Eye for a Bird*.”

LIFESearch

1825 announced that it has entered into an agreement to acquire Baigrie Davies with assets under advice of around £400m. Baigrie Davies is a highly respected business with both a Financial Planning business serving private individuals and their families and a Corporate Services business serving employers and their



Thomas Baigrie (1978F)

workforces. On completion, founder Arthur Davies will remain with the business, his co-founder Tom Baigrie (1978F) will leave to concentrate on his other business LifeSearch, one of the UK’s leading protection brokers.

LifeSearch was formed in 1998 by CEO Tom Baigrie and one Protection Adviser and are now several hundred strong across three locations; London, Leeds and Milton Keynes. High quality advice is the cornerstone of their philosophy and they will only ever do what is right for the customer and nothing else. No hard sales, no lies, no deception, no pushiness, no corners cut, just straight up, honest, ethical advice as to what they need and why. They are an entirely “whole of market” broker so that means that unlike the High Street banks and other brokers, LifeSearch are not tied to any particular insurance company and offer the

right advice from the right provider for each client's needs.

AFRICAN CITIES PROJECT

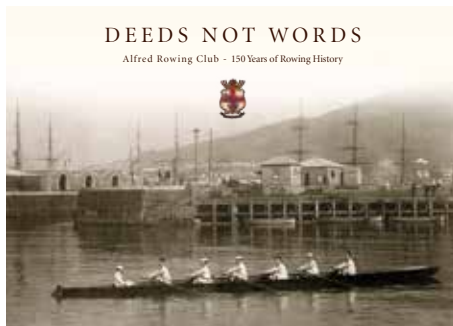


Justin Welby, Bishop Precious Okumu, General Dickie, Davis Greg Mills (1979O)

Greg Mills (1979O) just spent two months in Lusaka working on a project for the government. He spent time with the Archbishop Precious Okumu discussing his recommendations on the economy, as well as wider regional and African issues, including the church's participation in his forthcoming African cities project.

DEEDS NOT WORDS

150 Years of Rowing History is a book that is co-authored by Barrie Gasson (1961O) and Judy Moolenschot. Alfred Rowing Club is the oldest such club in the country and the only survivor of the many that sprang to life on the shores of Table Bay during the late 19th century. Rowing ceased on the Bay in 1939 with the Duncan Dock Scheme and the demolition of Adderley Street Pier where



Alfred, UCT, Rondebosch and Bishops clubs stored their boats. The post-war rowing revival took place at Zeekoevlei which has remained the centre of Cape rowing. The book chronicles the experience of the Club in over 150 pages and more than 220 photographs. It includes a number of biographical rowing sketches including those of ODs Major Piet van der Bijl (1911 Cambridge Blue) and the Gearing brothers Ernest and Greg. It is book-ended by a Foreword by Professor Tim Noakes (1966W) and an Endpiece on the Olympic Dream by Matthew Britain, member of SA's gold-medalling Fine Four at the 2012 London Olympics. Copies are available from Barrie at gasson@sybaweb.co.za

BLOOD LIONS WINS AWARD

The film Blood Lions produced by Ian Michler (1977W) and edited by Dave Cohen (1996K) has been recognised by the Humane Society of the United States of America (HSUS) and selected to receive a Genesis Award for their International Feature Documentary Film Category. The HSUS honours individuals in the news and entertainment media for creating outstanding works that raise awareness of animal protection issues. 2015 may well have been the year of the lion, with the story of



Cecil's illegal killing capturing worldwide media attention, but just one look at the 30th Genesis Awards winners will remind us of the many other urgent animal protection stories that inspired reporters, TV journalists and producers, documentary filmmakers and a stand-up comedian to spread the word about issues ranging from factory farming to the ivory and wildlife trades.

AWARD-WINNING DIRECTOR DONOVAN MARSH (1987W)

Donovan Marsh (1987W) is an award-winning South African Director, writer and editor and has worked in the local film industry since 1992. He wrote and directed the feature films Dollars, White Pipes, Spud, Spud 2 and the notorious iNumber Number, which was selected for the 2013 Toronto International Film Festival. In terms of television he has directed dramas (Hard Copy, Tsha Tsha and



Donovan Marsh (1987W)

The Good Fight), live multicam productions (Who Wants to be a Millionaire, Gladiators) and was the creator of the reality show, Class Act, as well as the mobile series, Seduction

101. Marsh also directs commercials. He is now directing a major new film, *Hunter Killer*, in London, starring Gerard Butler and Gary Oldman which will be out in July this year.

PAEDIATRIC WARD – GEORGE HOSPITAL



Blyth Thompson (1946S) and Professor Robert Frater (1946O)

World-famous heart surgeon, Professor Robert Frater (1946O) has made a hefty donation of R1 million to the George Hospital Trust Fund, which was established to raise money to build a new paediatric ward. Blyth Thompson (1946S), the official fundraiser whose efforts have secured the donation, is elated at the boost that the fund has received. Adding to his delight is the fact that the support comes from an old school mate.

Professor Frater states that “there are a lot of people trying to do a lot of good things at the George Hospital. It is my notion that everybody should have the same level of healthcare and the only place one can try and achieve this is at the state-run hospitals.”

Blyth Thompson writes “I was utterly surprised to discover four years ago that my old school friend had a holiday home in Glentana. I was making enquiries at Bishops

at the time to trace Robert after doctors had given me days to live because of a diseased aortic valve. Knowing about Robert’s achievements and research with heart valves, I got hold of his number and set up a meeting at his home to share my predicament. I knew that Robert had done some research on using pigs’ valves in human hearts and I wanted to know if he had a pig my size. We both had a good chuckle. I had an aortic valve fitted made from ox heart skin, which Prof Frater manufactures at his factory in Irene, and now I tell people I am as strong as an ox!

BORN AGAIN MEDIA

Adriaan Hellenberg (1999B) has been an audio producer for ten years. He has worked at ETV, recording and mixing all the movie trailers for TV and radio and also mixed with Nicky Greenwalls on *The Showbiz Report*. His team won an International Promax award in New York in 2007. He then worked at the premier post production facility Videolab as an audio engineer. His most memorable job was doing the initial scratch mix for Leon Schusters *Mr Bones 2*. Adriaan also gave lectures on digital music production at City Varsity film and media school and was promoted to Assistant Head of Sound. He ran his own audio company, Coloured Black Productions and worked on various productions including *Top Billing*, *Life is a Journey*, *Top Dogs* and a kids favourite TV show *Hectic Nine*. He was part of a team from Sound and Motion studios that won a SAFTA for sound design for a local movie production, *Retribution*. Other projects and achievements include: working on creating a piece of music with Trenton Birch and Nasi Sebeelo for the local feature film



Adriaan Hellenberg (1999B)

Copposites, being nominated for an Emmy on the multiple SAFTA winning tv show Puppet Nation as their Audio Producer which stars Nik Rabinowitz. Adriaan and his wife have now started their own Christian media company called Born Again Media www.soundcloud.com/christianelectronicmusic which focuses on electronic gospel music producers.

They also run Sound 4 You, where they teach digital music production, djing and audio engineering skills to previously disadvantaged school kids. Adriaan can be contacted at adriaanhellenbergcpt@gmail.com

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH

Martin Versfeld (2010S) has spent the 2015 and 2016 academic year at the University of Edinburgh, taking his studies further with a MSc in African Studies, which has been an incredibly enlightening and broadening experience. He has engaged with the vast range of resources and opportunities the University and City has on offer, as well as



***Martin Versfeld Senior (1977S) and
Martin Versfeld Junior (2010S)***

various Society's and sports. He was appointed the Fresher's Representative on the Edinburgh University Cricket Club (EUCC) Committee at the end of 2015 and has engaged with further tasks and organising events for the Club. After a successful indoor cricket season (reaching the BUCS quarterfinals in Birmingham), EUCC began the BUCS outdoor season, on an excruciating note, losing to Leeds University by 3 runs, where he managed a wicket and 82 runs (off 43 balls) to narrowly miss out on chasing down their total. A loss to Coventry followed, but thereafter an important win versus the University of Birmingham provided a beacon of hope. With matches vs Durham, Leeds-Carnegie and Loughborough remaining, another win should hopefully be enough to see Edinburgh avoid relegation from the challenging North England Premier B League. Furthermore, he is playing for Watsonians Cricket Club, competing in the Scottish Premier League, as he completes his Master's dissertation over the summer.

THE SEA-CHANGE PROJECT PRESENTED BY CRAIG FOSTER (1985F)

On Thursday the 7th April we hosted another spectacular event at The Mitre with over 100 ODs in attendance. Craig Foster (1985F) presented The Sea-Change project. Craig has spent the last 5 years diving every day in the Atlantic Ocean kelp forest without a wetsuit. He spoke about and showed visuals of his experiences adapting body and mind to this underwater environment, and the very unusual encounters with the aquatic creatures of this place - from large rays and sharks to creatures not yet known to science. The talk focussed on the prehistory of our human relationship with the sea and featured full life recreations of an African family living 100 000 years ago on the South African coast. The essence of this multimedia presentation linked human origins with marine biology and communicated the power of transformation through deep nature immersion. A special thank you to Bruce Jack (1987G) for supplying the wine and Robert Wilkinson (1987K) for supplying the pizzas from Butlers. Please see more at <http://www.seachangeproject.com/>

Brothers Damon (1988K) and Craig Foster have travelled extensively, living and working in remote villages and wilderness areas in ten African countries. For over twenty years their primary focus has been to tell stories with the voice of Africa herself, creating media experiences that enable a global audience to gain an intense and deep insight into the natural and cultural dynamics of this ancient continent. Their work celebrates Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS) and the universal themes of the relationship between man and nature. Their work has attracted over sixty

international awards, including the “Oscar of natural history filmmaking”: The Golden Panda from Wildscreen in the UK. The brothers’ film “The Great Dance” has been watched by over 500 million people in more than 100 countries worldwide. In their latest book on African indigenous knowledge called “Africa - Speaking with Earth and Sky”, President Thabo Mbeki wrote the forward; “Africa, Speaking with Earth and Sky’ is a testament to the wealth of



Craig Foster (1985F)



knowledge and spiritual connectedness that people across this great continent hold with their environment. I am proud to be associated with this beautiful reflection of Africa". Damon and Craig have also been guest lecturers at the University of Cape Town and Oklahoma State University, USA. In 2011 they were nominated for an Emmy award by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. In 2013 they were voted by City Press onto the '100 World Class South Africans'. In 2014 they were jointly recognized as "Best Director" at the South African Film and Television Awards (SAFTAS) and their film "The Animal Communicator" has attracted over 2 million hits on YouTube.

RAYMOND ACKERMAN HAILED "GLOBAL LEADER"



Raymond Ackerman (1948S) receiving his Honorary Doctorate of Letters from Rutgers University, Camden Philadelphia, USA

Pick n Pay founder and President of the OD Union, Mr Raymond Ackerman (1948S), has been hailed as a "global leader" by Rutgers University-Camden which yesterday

conferred on him an Honorary Doctorate in Business. This is the entrepreneur and philanthropist's seventh honorary degree and one of numerous international awards. Pick n Pay Transformation Director, Suzanne Ackerman-Berman, was also present at the Rutgers School of Business to deliver the commencement address to an audience of more than 2 000 people, including 351 students receiving their undergraduate and graduate degrees.

THE HISTORY OF WILDERNESS REVISITED

Renowned local historian Hugo Leggatt (1956F) brought history to life during his entertaining talk about the history of Wilderness at the Wilderness Hotel on the 16th March. Hugo is busy researching and writing a book about the history of Wilderness.

During his talk, Hugo's impish sense of humour was on display as he effectively made clear his view that the pristine beaches and dunes of not so long ago are under constant threat by beachfront homes from Leentjiesklip eastward.

He presented images from the mid-1880s to modern times – old artwork and maps, old black and white photos and newer colour photos.

He outlined the changes brought about by several individuals and their families, including George Bennett, Owen Grant and Montague White, and the growth facilitated first by dirt tracks and difficult river crossings and later enhanced by gravel roads and the railway.

In 1877 the farm The Wilderness was laid out. After the end of the South African War in



The original farmhouse from 1905 in the background under the tree, together with its outhouse in the foreground. In the middle, right, is the guest accommodation built by Montague White.



Wilderness Hotel in its former glory.

1902, White's road was built at a reasonable gradient up the hills above the lagoon and, together with the arrival of the motor car, Wilderness's reputation was secured.

By the end of the 1920's, the old farm buildings were transformed into a proper hotel, roads were laid out, plots were sold and houses were built.

In 1928, the railway from George to Knysna was opened with Wilderness as the only station on the line between George and Knysna.

Finally in 1952, a coastal road crossing the Touw River was built, linking George and Knysna for motor vehicles.

FIKELELA CHILDREN'S CENTRE



Bishop Christopher Gregorowski (1956G)

Retired Bishop Christopher Gregorowski ran the Two Oceans half marathon on Easter Saturday 26th March 2016 in aid of much needed funds for the Fikelela Children's Centre which is home to forty children. Bishop Christopher is Chairman of the centre's steering committee. The "running" Bishop as he is affectionately known has been running for more than forty years, participating in the 10 Peninsula Marathon, 10 full Two Ocean ultra-marathons and 14 Two Oceans half-marathons. He has had many interesting and

funny comments from spectators along-side the road, one example, “Jislaaik, you ouens, straight out of the Ark.”

BETTY LE MESURIER TURNS 100



Tim Le Mesurier (1964G), Betty Le Mesurier, Chris Le Mesurier (1966G), Nick le Mesurier (1968G)

Congratulations to Betty Le Mesurier, who celebrated her 100th birthday on the 2nd May, at the Princess Christian Home in Tokai.

Betty, wife of Peter Le Mesurier (1935O), will be remembered by many ODs, especially those who were in Birt House between 1961 and 1967. Betty was born on 2 May 1916 to Frederick and Goldie Masey in Bloemfontein. She had an elder sister, Sally and a younger brother, George, father of James Masey (1983F). Betty married Peter in 1943, in Bloemfontein, while he was an officer in the South African Air Force. After the War they moved to Cape Town, where Peter joined the teaching staff at Bishops Prep school and Betty was absorbed into the Bishops community.

They had three sons, Timothy (1964G), Christopher (1966G) and Nicholas (1968G), all of whom live in Cape Town and were able to celebrate with her. She has 9 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren, some of whom

are in Cape Town and some overseas.

During their 7 years as House Master and Mother of Birt House at Bishops, Betty looked after many crises, from cuts and bruises on young boys to broken arms and collar bones, as well as labour issues among the kitchen staff. On one occasion, she had to be particularly diplomatic when complaints arrived from elderly residents living in the upper floor flats of Grosvenor Square, which overlooked the staff accommodation, that they could see naked men and women running around in the staff quarters above the kitchen. Fortunately, the complaints ceased, so Betty's diplomacy must have prevailed.

Throughout difficult times, politically and economically, during the 1950's and 1960's, Betty was the rock around which the family grew and developed.

This was especially evident during 1956, when Peter accepted the post of Headmaster of Medbury School, Christchurch, New Zealand. The new job did not work out as envisaged and the year was a particularly unhappy one for Betty. To her eternal credit, her children were never aware of the stress and unhappiness she went through during that year. The return to Bishops was a great relief.

Betty is much loved by all at the Princess Christian Home, residents and staff alike and is respected for her kindness, consideration, gratitude and good manners. Through her graciousness, she has endeared herself to all. She is, indeed, a true lady.

Betty's life has been one of unwavering devotion to her family and support of her husband Peter, who sadly died in 2007. The years when he was on the Nuffield Cricket Organising Committee saw her at his side

supporting him all the time.

Nick Le Mesurier (1968G)

NEWS FROM DUBAI



Ivone van Doorn, Jane Everard (Old Haileyburian), Iain McKellar (1988F), Dirk van Doorn (1988W), Kurt Reinholz (1984S)

On the 19th of March members of the OD Union located in Dubai were invited to attend the Old Haileyburian Cocktail

Party. This is an annual get together where ODs meet with OHs in spirit of developing stronger relationships between the two schools and general networking. The event was organised by the OHs under the leadership of Jane Everard and held at the Raffles Hotel in Dubai. From the ODs we had three representatives attending the event.

EASTERN CANADA GATHERING

ODs from Eastern Canada met at Richard (1958G) and Fenella Townsend's home in Oakville on 7th May 2016. A wonderful time was had by all. John Hueton (1948G) also wrote to say "The fire at Fort McMurray is fearsome and may yet affect some of the actual oil-sands installations. It will be a huge cost to Alberta and will cause a drop in Canada's GDP of 0.5%. Our hearts go out to those hardworking people who have lost all their possessions and likely their jobs too."



John Hueton (1948G), Justin de Beer (1973G), Richard Townsend (1958G), Sholto Cole (1949G), David Hurst (1961S)

FOUNDERS DAY

DEBATING



*Anton Taylor (2005B), Mike Ledwidge (2005M),
Andrew Attieh (2011K)*



*College team - Alexander Peile, Taahir Bhorat,
Ziyaad Bawa*

This Founder's Day, the Matrics and ODs debated the topic: "THBT ODs should be held to the same grooming standards as Bishops boys". The Matric team, made up of Alexander Peile, Taahir Bhorat and Ziyaad Bawa, proposed while the OD team, made up of Mike Ledwidge (2005M), Anton Taylor (2005B) and Andrew Attieh (2011K) opposed. After a humourous and slightly heated debate, the ODs emerged with a narrow victory.

SQUASH

The ODs triumphed in the squash match on Founders Day winning 6 – 1. Much fun was had by all and the boys gained useful experience against their more wily opponents. ODs who took part were Ryan Bluck (1991W), Andrew Day (1985S), Gareth Watkins (2001K), Duncan de Groot (1989G), Mark Reid (1987F), Charles Cunningham (1999K) and Chris Boyes (1974S).

CRICKET



Back row left to right: Bruce Ackerman (1961G), Pat Foster (1958O), Alex Pirow (2010B), Jason Collie (1984G), Dustin Watson (2001G), Sam Stelzner (2010M), Andrew Day (1985S), Phil Kilpin (1966F), Front row left to right: Patrick Harpur (1975F), John Smuts (1969S), Charles Cunningham (1999K), Carl Kiessig (2010M), Note: John Passmore (1973G) joined the team later in the afternoon, so was absent from the photo

The OD 5th cricket team posted a massive 253 runs in their T20 encounter against College. They never stood a chance!

TENNIS

Many thanks Wessel Theron and John Smuts (1969S) for coordinating the schoolboy tennis team and the OD tennis team for Founders Day 2016. John Smuts writes, “Well done to the boys on winning again this year. Their

overall standard definitely seems to have improved, as there is more depth in strength. There were no easy matches for the ODs this year. Well done too on the improvements done to the facilities at the courts – a great step-up from what was there for so many years.”



Back row left to right: Bruce Ackerman (1961G), Pat Foster (1958O), Alex Pirow (2010B), Jason Collie (1984G); Dustin Watson (2001G), Sam Stelzner (2010M), Andrew Day (1985S), Phil Kilpin (1966F) Front row left to right: Patrick Harpur (1975F), John Smuts (1969S), Charles Cunningham (1999K), Carl Kiessig (2010M) Note: John Passmore (1973G) joined the team later in the afternoon, so was absent from the photo

SHOOTING

College won the Chippy Robinson Trophy

in the Founders Day Shooting competition beating the ODs 697 – 694.



Back row left to right: John Duckitt (1971S), Girvan Marmuth (1971S), Richard Calothi (2003S), Peter Henkel (2003G), Dave Riches (1996K) and three supporters Front row left to right: Mike Madlener (1967O), Rupert MacNaught-Davis (1972W), James Rule (2011M), Phil Calothi (1968W), Neil Herman (1975F)

SPORT

WALKER CUP 2016

The 34th staging of the Walker Cup golf match between ODs and Old RBHS took place at the Rondebosch Golf Club on Friday 4th March 2016. We were blessed with fine weather, a course in excellent condition and very good catering. There was the usual 'shotgun' start and both teams fielded the maximum of 64 players. Although the two teams scored exactly the same number of Stableford points overall (1180 each), ODs won the trophy by winning 16½ matches to 15½. Our grateful thanks go to our various sponsors, Auric Auto, for the refreshments and Bruce Jack, of Flagstone and Accolade Wines, and Gary Jordan, of Jordan Wine Estate, for their

generous donations of their superb wines as prizes.

The leading scores by OD couples were by Brian Lefson (1954F) and Eric Lefson (1988B), who came 3rd with 49 points, Laurie Gardener (1974O) and Nick Border (1984K), 6th with 47, and Douglas McFadyen (1986O) and Nick Price (1982), 7th also with 47.

John Smuts (1969S) and Douglas McFadyen (1986O) won two of the four 'Nearest the Pin' prizes, while Willie Bolus (1982F) won the prize for the longest drive in the 35 – 50 year old group. David Rawbone (1964S), partnered by an OD Vice-President who matriculated in 1960, won the prize for 'The Most Golf.'

Brian de Kock (1953O)



Rondebosch manager Pen Brower hands the Walker Trophy to Brian de Kock (1953O)



Brian Lefson (1954F) receives the prize for 3rd place partnered by his son Eric Lefson (1988B)



Jeremy de Kock (1984W), Nick Border (1984K), Andrew Scott (1984G), Shaun Vos (1994S) Front Tank Lanning (1989S), enjoyed the after-match party



Laurie Gardener (1974O) and Nick Border (1984K) who finished 6th of the 32 couples



Colin Chaplin (1992O) second from left

‘OLD QUAD SHIELD’

The annual competition for the ‘Old Quad Shield’ between Bishops, Rondebosch, SACS and Wynberg Old Boys, will take place at the Westlake Golf course on Friday 16th September 2016

ADDO ELEPHANT TRAIL RUN

Colin Chaplin (1992O) recently completed the Addo Elephant Trail Run. The Addo Elephant Trail Run is a set of ultra distance trail runs that go through the Addo Elephant National Park in the Eastern Cape. As a new comer to trail running he struggled his way through the 44km event taking longer to finish than he would have liked. His legs did hurt somewhat afterwards and he walked with what he jokingly now refers to as the “Addo Shuffle” for a day or two afterwards. Colin says “It really was quite something to watch the more serious runners competing in the 76km and 100 mile events. The scenery is breathtaking to say the very least and it really

was a privilege to be able to run through a game park. OD’s who enjoy trail running should consider competing in this event.”

AFRICAN X-TRAIL RACE



Ben Brimble (2003)

March was a good month for Ben Brimble (2003G) who, with a partner, won the highly rated African X – Trail race. Held around the Elgin mountains and farms, it is a technical,

and demanding, 95km race run over 3 days. Their winning time was 07hr 12m, twenty minutes ahead of the second placed team from Gauteng. Also taking part was his cousin Kenrick Brown (2001F) and his team mate Matt Biden (2001W) who finished in a time of 10hr 44m. Ben then went on to run a time of 3hr 37m in the 47th Two Oceans Marathon (56km). In a field that included runners from all of Southern Africa he was the 4th WP athlete home and 38th overall.

IRONMAN



Mike Bayly (1983S)

Mike Bayly (1983S) completed the Ironman in PE on Sunday 10th April in 13hours, 13minutes and 23seconds. The triathlon consisted of a 3.8km swim, a 180km cycle and 42.2km run.

SA MASTERS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016

In 1958 Dr Hugh Brathwaite (1958F) won the Victor Laudorum in the College swimming champs. His main rival was Peter Murray (1958F) and he only just beat Peter in the 1,



Dr Hugh Brathwaite at the SA Masters National Championships in Durban 2016 winning 2 bronze medals

2 and 3 lengths freestyle and diving. The old pool was 33.3 yards! Inter schools swimming was restricted that year because of the serious Polio Epidemic. Hugh entered into the South African Swimming Champs in Durban this year to see if he could still swim. His coach and wife Biddy helped him win bronze medals in 100m freestyle and 50m relay. Biddy's twin brother was John Nicholson (1957S). Their father was Reg Nicholson (1926S) of Schoongezicht & Rustenberg wines. Hugh is meeting Reg's brother David Nicholson (1965S) from Australia in Ireland in June this year for a family reunion. This month Biddy and Hugh won the Allan Wilson Classic golf croquet Championship in Port Alfred, beating Peter Johnson and Richard Prosser of Kelvin Grove, Cape Town, who are SA Champions.

TEAM AFRICA LE MANS

Sarel van der Merwe will again team up with Le Mans 24-hour winner Jan Lammers and Dr Greg Mills (1979O) to contest the Creventic 24-hour race at Paul Ricard. They will use the Ginetta G55 GT4 that the trio finished first on Index of Performance and class and second overall in the South African nine-hour at Killarney in the Cape in December 2015. For



Team Africa Le Mans

Paul Ricard they will be joined by multiple SA endurance champion Nick Adcock and the successful, seasoned GT campaigner Terry Wilford.

Team Africa Le Mans patron and former Tyrrell and Lotus Grand Prix driver Eddie Keizan says *'This is a fantastic effort – the first South African team to contest such an important and challenging race.'*

Former F1 driver Bruce Johnstone, the only South African to have raced for the BRM factory and a nine-hour winner for Ferrari, says of the upcoming race: *'With the development the team have been able to do to the car it should be quicker than in Cape Town where it was outstanding, and driver comfort should be improved. One cannot overlook the amazing organisational capability of this team and the speed we saw in the Cape.'*

Ginetta chairman and Le Mans winner Lawrence Tomlinson has added: *'Ginetta is seen as the manufacturer to beat on the sports-car scene. The G55 GT4 car has taken a number of victories and strong results across several 24-hour races in the past few years. I am sure with their strong driver line-up and dedicated crew, Team Africa Le Mans is a real challenger for honours at Paul Ricard.'*

Lammers, who won Le Mans for Jaguar when Sarel was in the works Porsche, twice won the Daytona 24-hour, drove sports-cars also for Toyota, Dome and Nissan, and Formula One for ATS, Ensign, Shadow and March, is raring to get back into the car: *'Driving with Greg and Sarel during the Killarney nine-hour was a true pleasure. Teaming up finally with Sarel turned out to be a much easier task than driving against him, and we had the result to prove it! I don't know where Greg has been hiding all these years because he surprised me with his speed, stamina and consistency, despite being someone with a real (busy) job. I can't wait to get going again with this super no-nonsense competent team. They are all highly motivated and committed which really brings out the best in all of us.'*

Support for the effort has come in from notable sporting figures. Emanuele Pirro, Benetton F1 driver and five-time winner of the Le Mans 24-hour, writes: *'What a great team led by the wily Sarel, the super-competitive Jan and the understated Greg. I would love, next time, to be a part of this!'*

With support from TerraWealth, FastOil, G&A Promotions, Tierhoek, Holland, Richard Harper Logistics, Auvergne Design, AidCall247, Ocean Optics, Bcc Signs, and Canvas and Tent among others, Team Manager Anton Roux is confident that *'with the likes of Nic Jooste (1979W), Derek Hulse and Piet Westdraadt engineering the car, we should have the reliability to match our proven pace. We are aiming for a podium finish.'*

The Paul Ricard race is part of the international endurance series run over seven rounds. The CEO of Motorsport SA (MSA), Adrian Scholtz, adds: *'I am sure that Team Africa Le Mans will do South Africa proud at Paul Ricard.'* The Team Africa Le Mans Ginetta will carry logos in the race in support of MSA's role in the international campaign against wildlife poaching and illegal trades.



Mathew Turner (2006W) during a Sri Lankan sevens practice

RUGBY

■ Nicholas Fenton-Wells (2004F) was named the player of the season at the Bedford Blues Rugby awards.

■ The following participated in the Varsity Sports Seven's tournament at Villager FC in May: Greg Alexander (2012S), Campbell Frost (2011S), Gerard Pieterse (2014S), Jesse Wilensky (2014G) and Mike Muller (Coach) (2009O) - All UCT.

■ James Murphy (represented Champions Maties and Mervano da Silva (2014F) turned out for Tuks.

■ Gerard Pieterse (2014S) and Sean Paterson (2009F) were part of the UCT Varsity Cup team that successfully avoided relegation after their play-off win vs UWC.

■ Saud Abrahams (2014B) was part of the Maties side for the Varsity Cup, which finished runners up in the tournament.

■ Mathew Turner (2006W) coached the Sri Lankan 7's team at the June Olympic Qualification Tournament.

HOCKEY

■ Alex Stewart (2013O) and Ryan Julius (2013K) were part of the SA under 21 side that qualified for the under 21 Hockey World Cup. The SA u21 side also ended second in

the April senior Inter Provincial Tournament.

■ Callum Buchanan (2008G), Jean-Pierre de Voux (2004O), James Drummond (2012W) represented the WP men's side and Sebastian Golding (2011F) the WP Pens team at the recently completed IPT tournament.

CRICKET

■ Zanzima Pongolo (2007S) represented the Highveld Lions Cricket team in the 2015 / 16 season. He was a member of the squad that won the Domestic One Day Trophy.

■ James Crowson (2010F) represented the Western Province Cricket Association Premier League Champions WPCC in the 2015/16 season.

OTHER

■ Rowing - three ODs, Cole Barnard (2014B), Matthew Boynton (2014W) and Piers Johnston (2015G), were members of the UCT Crew who recently won the Varsity Cup at Roodeplaat.

■ Oliver Munnik (2003B) ended 23rd overall in the 2016 ABSA Cape Epic multiday cycle race.

■ Benjamin Brimble (2003G) won the 2016 Africa Xtrail run race. He also ended 38th overall in the Two Oceans Marathon.



Zanzima Pongolo (2007S) celebrates a wicket during the Semi Final of the Momentum One Day Cup.



UCT representatives at the 2016 Varsity Sports 7's (Left to Right) Greg Alexander (2012S), Campbell Frost (2011S), Gerard Pieterse (2014S), Mike Muller (2009O) (Coach) and Jesse Wilensky (2014G)



Callum Buchanan (2008G) in Western Province IPT hockey action.



Right - Oliver Munnik (2003B) relieved to be at the finish line of the 2016 Cape Epic Multi Day stage race.



Ryan Julius (2013K) kit ahead of the Under 21 World Cup African Qualifiers.



Saoud Abrahams (2014B) in Varsity Cup action for Stellenbosch University.



Nicholas Fenton-Wells (2004F) in action for Bedford during the English Championship season.

REUNIONS



Class of 1946 From L to R Michael Pargiter, Rob Frater, Brian Robinson, Blyth Thompson, Derrick Mills

CLASS OF 1946 – 70TH REUNION

Only five of us eventually made it to our reunion lunch on 8th March but we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. An interesting feature is that three of the five of us at the luncheon were from the six college prefects of 1946. Another interesting feature is that Rob and Derrick were in the same class all the way up through the prep and the college. Even before that, they were at a pre-prep in Rondebosch run by a Mrs Wilson. Blyth Thompson (1946S)

CLASS OF 1966 - 50TH REUNION

Donald Fraser Bett (1966F) reports:

The organising committee of Phil Biden, John Waller, Mike Reid and myself started making plans for the 50th reunion of the class of 1966 in April last year. Once the dates and various venues had been decided, close communications with Delré O'Rourke at the OD Union followed. Delré needs to be singled out for special praise for being so helpful throughout the build up to our reunion and for assisting at our first function at The Mitre.

The first function was held on Tuesday 8th March at the impressive new Mitre. It proved to be an ideal venue at our Alma Mater, where we could meet up with our classmates, in some cases after 50 years. We were honoured to have



Class of 1966 - ODs and wives on the stairs outside The Mitre



Reunion - 50th - Class of 1966 - Kelvin Grove



School Tour Photo: - standing left to right: Jeremy Payne, Rob Cheetham, Grace Le Mesurier, Mike and Andrea Reid, Pam and Barrie Gibson, Phil Kilpin, Donald Fraser Bett, kneeling left to right: Gwyn Phillips, Chris Le Mesurier, Nigel Swanson

the headmaster Guy Pearson join us, as well as masters from our era, Brian de Kock, Paul Dobson and Alan Douglas. We owe them and our other teachers a great debt of gratitude for the way they shaped our education and prepared us for life's path ahead. Many of our 1966 contemporaries have gone on to excel in their chosen careers. John Gardener, Basil Bey and Tim and Carolyn Hamilton-Smith were unable to attend, but sent their best wishes. Dr Paul Murray was fortunately also able to join our festivities, despite his busy schedule.

The evening was attended by 50 1966ers and their wives/partners and took the form of a lamb spit braai and assorted salads, prepared with great culinary skills by OD Paul Faber. Thanks to him and his efficient staff. Luckily name tags had been prepared and handed out, as there were a few quizzical glances when some of our classmates arrived. It didn't take long to become reacquainted and there were lots of earnest conversations, interspersed with laughter as the evening wore on. A big thank you to Freddie de Wet from Excelsior Wine Estate, who so generously donated wine for the evening and to our committee member Mike Reid for his magnanimous provision of all the other drinks for the function. It was perfect early autumn evening and we were able to

stand outside on the balcony, chatting drinks in hand, while looking nostalgically across the Top Field to the school where we had spent our formative years! There was a short speech by Mike Reid, during which we remembered those who had passed on. This was followed by a plentiful and delicious meal and a 'few' more drinks. A great inaugural function to start the reunion and by all accounts thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Those who attended were: Donald Fraser Bett, Phil and Liz Biden, Adie Buckland, Roger and Wendy Carter, David Charles, Robert and Janet Cheetham, Mike Currie, Barrie and Pam Gibson, Derek Gillespie, Michael Godfrey, Ian and Rosemary Hare, Rick Haw, Peter Ingles, Phil and Jenny Kilpin, Chris and Grace Le Mesurier, Jeremy Moore, Ian Ovenstone, Grant and Linoia Ovenstone, Jeremy Payne, Gwyn and Ursula Phillips, Mike and Andrea Reid, Bernard Sharp, Stephen and Olwyn Smuts, Nigel Swanson, Rod and Mary Turner-Smith, Rolie and Miriam von Hoesslin, Johnny and Annelise Waller, Robin and Jeanne-Marie Watling, Rory and Clare Wilson.

John Waller and Mike Reid organised a golf

match at Royal Cape Golf Club, which took place on the Wednesday morning. The field consisted of three-balls, with Johnny Waller, Mike Reid, Barrie Gibson, Rob Cheetham, Alvin Daniel, Adie Buckland, Gwyn Phillips, Peter Inglis, Rick Haw, Roger Carter and Jeremy Payne.

Two tables were booked by the Class of 1966 for the OD dinner held at Kelvin Grove on the Wednesday evening. Those of our classmates who attended and enjoyed the gathering, included: Richard Cock, Mike du Toit, Nigel Swanson, Jeremy Payne, Robert Estcourt, Davy Mills, Barrie Gibson, Peter Inglis, Rod Turner-Smith, Mike Madden, Colin Taylor and Gwyn Phillips. Thanks again to Delré for organising such a successful OD Dinner.

On the Thursday, Rick Haw kindly offered to host a lunch at the restaurant on the popular Hillcrest Wine Farm, which he co-owns with Peter Inglis. The function attracted 28 of our classmates and their wives/partners, who enjoyed a specially prepared delicious 3 course lunch, accompanied by fine Hillcrest Wine and craft beer, generously donated by Rick and Peter. It was a welcome outing into the Durbanville countryside, especially for those who had travelled from afar.

Friday 11th March was Founders Day and a number of our classmates participated in sports vs the school. Others took the opportunity of joining the school tour, conducted by Dr Paul Murray in the mid-morning. This proved to be a real education, as so much has changed over the past 50 years! The tour started in the Memorial Chapel and followed a route via the new library, history classroom, past the old squash courts to the Top Field, new dayboy houses and then back past the impressive new swimming bath, to

the Frank Reid Field and finally ended in the Founders House quad. We all felt a great deal of nostalgia, but acknowledged how much the facilities had changed for the better.

Our final function was a gala dinner held at the Pavilion at Kelvin Grove on the Friday evening. More than an hour was happily spent before the dinner renewing friendships in an informal atmosphere. Name tags came in most useful again in identifying the 50 attendees, including members of the Class of 1966 and wives/partners. Kelvin produced an excellent buffet dinner which was accompanied by superb Excelsior Wines, once again donated by Freddie de Wet. His generous gesture added much to the success of the evening as it seemed that there was an endless supply of his excellent vintages. Kelvin staff are to be congratulated on their fine food and top class service. Doffie Hawkins & Davy Mills rolled back the years, complete with guitar, playing a few classics from the 1960s including the evergreen 'House of the Rising Sun,' much to the enjoyment of everyone. Evocative 60s music was kindly provided by Pam & Barrie Gibson. Mike and Donald amused the gathering with a spirited rendition of the Beatles' 'When I'm 64.' Donald made a short speech, thanking everyone for being there, especially those who had travelled from overseas and outside Cape Town. Our classmates who had passed on were also remembered. Fuelled by lots of reminiscing, socializing and musical enjoyment, the function went on well into the wee hours of the morning!

For the record the following OD's from our year sent their apologies and warm greetings to their classmates for the reunion: Beijing, China: Peter Robinson. Vancouver, Canada: Alex Moll. UK: John Battersby, Robert McDonald, Geoff Maughan-Brown.

Australia: Robert Day, Mike Jackson. KZN: Ian MacDonald. Eastern Cape: Peter Brown, Barry Greenwood, Humphrey Power, Richard Walton. W.Cape: Pieter Bairnsfather-Cloete, Freddie de Wet, Ronnie Duffett, Hewat Dale-Kuys, Tyrrel Fairhead, Bruce McInroy, Tim Noakes, Louw Toerien.

The timing and perfect execution of the programme, the attendance at and convivial and informal atmosphere in the venues, the excellent food, along with ideal weather, all played a role in the success of the reunion. The next reunion may well be in 2021, as waiting for another 10 years could see our numbers drop!

Floreat Bishops!

CLASS OF 1986 – 30TH RE- UNION – 11TH AND 12TH MARCH 2016

Julien Rumbelow (1986S) writes: -

The reunion started off with a spit braai at the Heatlie Pavilion on Friday 11th March. Appy Cohen (1986F) was guest speaker where 40 ODs and 4 staff attended, namely, Paul “Dobbo” Dobson, Brian (BdK) de Kock, Alan “Odd-job” Douglas and Gary Coombe.

A formal dinner took place at the Woodlands Pavilion on Saturday 12th March with pre-dinner drinks at The Mitre. Nigel Gwynne-Evans (1986O) was MC and indicated from early on in the evening, that impromptu, on-the-spot speeches would be the order of things to come. A very brief grace was said by Wayne Mudge (1986S) before Nick Pentz (1986S) of Groote Post was thanked by Nigel for the great sponsored wines on both evenings, and this naturally placed Nick in the spotlight. Nick responded magnificently and entertained us for a good while with tales



Reunion - Class of 1986

of his early days in Constantia and memories of milking cows with house-to-house milk deliveries in electric carts. This was before Nick's Dad moved the family to Groote Post in the Darling area. There were many hilarious moments on the trail of transition from milk to wine, not the least of which was Peter Pentz's call to Nick while Nick was on a trip to Europe to grow Groote Post sales. Basically, milk volumes were suffering in his absence and his dad was not impressed! It had to be wine or milk! I guess you know the outcome. Thank you and well done Nick! We are grateful.

Nigel followed on by telling us about his life on the Africa portfolio for the SA Government.

Nigel then called on Paul Blaikie (1986G) for a rendition of his "worst and best memories as a professional golfer." Paul was visiting the school for the first time since matric. He spoke superbly and said he warmly appreciated the opportunity to back. He then spoke on his subject of expertise: The worst day was the day he finally hung up his clubs as this meant the end of a professional career in a job he loved. The best was simply the life of a professional golfer generally, with its travels, ups and downs, and being alongside some of the sport's greatest players.

Jasper Horrell (1986K) then thanked all and toasted the ladies! Great move Jasper! After some prompting, he told us about his work on the SKA (square kilometre array), an incredible project that brings information on the radio-spectrum in outer-space to scientists on earth so that they might know a bit more about stuff that happens outside the 5% of the observable universe that we know a bit about. Phew! Go Jasper!

Julien Rumbelow (1986S) spoke briefly about how organising the reunion had put so

many ODs in touch again. He mentioned that there were lots of ODs who were not present who would have wanted to attend if the timing been better. He asked all to consider a more inclusive way forward and spoke a bit about his work for the Western Cape Government in Environment and Development Planning.

Peter Todd (1986F) then amused us with a few tales on how hard it is getting your sons into Bishops these days..... he is still trying but I'm pretty sure the Todd's will get there!

Paul Neil (1986W) followed and told a very fine and animated story of how Faber's dad's 4x4 Range Rover got caught in the waves at Muizenburg with Steve, Charl, Trish and Liz! This was after a party at Andrew Forster's (1986W) place. The story made me think I should start recording the hilarity. Hope someone else may have got Paul's one-man-show on 'tape'. The description of Paul changing gears from "forward" to "back" and "forward" to "back," as the vehicle sank lower in the middle of the river with Charl asleep in the back, and the tide coming in, puts this talk up there as one of the best.

Overall, the class of 1986 had a fantastic time reuniting.

REUNION DINNER MELBOURNE

Thanks to Philip Faure's (1978S) activity and organisation, the Melbourne ODs had a very special dinner on 9th March 2016 - a few hours before the larger affair in Cape Town. Gavin Watson suggested the venue "The Little Thai Princess" which was, surprise, surprise, not far from his home. It was a great evening. David Dallas (1951O) had to convey his apologies. The food was good; the conversation excellent; the anecdotes restrained; the speeches absent. Philip has

now changed his profession to the growing of Shiraz grapes. We are looking forward, in due course, to samples of the right product. He

continues to referee rugby games, but in the country region.

Joc Forsyth (1948G)



Roger Thomas (1985G), Dee



Greg McKeon, Mary, Stephen Cooper (1979G)



Richard Tomlinson (1969G), Roger Thomas (1985G)



Rob Day (1966S), Anni



Joc Forsyth (1948G), Philip Faure (1978S), Richard Tomlinson (1969G)

UPCOMING REUNION CLASS OF 1977 – 40TH REUNION

The 40th reunion for the class of 1977 will take place over 17th, 18th and 19th of February 2017. The

organisers are Mark Westcott mwestcott@wol.co.za and David Steward dsteward@bricook.it E-mails and letters will be going out shortly. If any ODs from this year have not been contacted please get in touch with Mark or David.

BISHOPS CONNECTION

The following boys in Grade 12 and soon to matriculate, are descended from ODs:

Baard , Keagan	is the son of Douglas Baard	1971
Baldwin , Thomas	is the son of Peter Baldwin	1981
Bhorat , Taahir	is the son of Haroon Bhorat	1986
Cranswick , Byron	is the nephew of John Cecil Cranswick	1986
	the grandson of Cecil Arthur Cranswick	1941
	the great-grandson of Arthur Noel Cranswick	1907
	the great-great-nephew of Harold Cranswick	1910
	the great-great-nephew of Rupert Cranswick	1912
	the great-great-nephew of Gerald Cranswick	1905
Gowar , Andrew	the great-great-nephew of Wilfred Cranswick	1896
	the great-great-nephew of Cecil Cranswick	1905
	is the nephew of Roelof Andrew "Darty" Louw	1986
	the great-nephew of Brian Mackenzie	1957
Hyslop , Christopher	the great-nephew of Roelof Louw	1948
	is the son of Michael Hyslop	1983
	the nephew of Keith Hyslop	1980
Kilpin , Simon	is the son of Andrew Kilpin	1983
	the grandson of Cecil Brian Kilpin	1957
	the great-grandson of John Kilpin	1929
	the great-great-grandson of Cecil Fuller Kilpin	1901
Langerman , Tim	is the grandson of Rupert Langerman	1948
	the nephew of Michael Mills	1974
	the nephew of James Mills	1979
Mitchell , Christopher	are the sons of Bryan Mitchell	1989
Mitchell , James	the grandsons of Peter Mitchell	1960
	the great-nephews of Jack Mitchell	1967
Nel , Jordan	is the son of Jeremy Nel	1986
Pandiani , Evan	is the nephew of Oliver Morris	1977
	the grandson of Oliver Morris	1943
	the great-nephew of Keith Morris	1932

	the great-great-nephew of Clarence Stapleton	1910
	the great-great-nephew of Percy Stapleton	1907
	the great-great-nephew of Frederick Glanville Stapleton	1895
	the great-great-great nephew of Edward Stapleton	1873
Peile, Alexander	is the son of Simon Peile	1979
	the nephew of John Chorlton	1987
Perrott, Matthew	is the grandson of Peter Penny	1952
	the nephew of Gareth Penny	1980
	the nephew of Nicholas Penny	1978
	the great-nephew of Laurimer Penny	1940
	the great-nephew of John Penny	1959
	the great-great-nephew of Peter Bocock	1938
	the great-great-nephew of Hans Neugebauer	1928
	the great-great-great nephew of JCO Forssman	1872
	the great-great-great nephew of CWG Forssman	1872
Proudfoot, Nicholas	is the son of Neil Proudfoot	1979
	the nephew of John Proudfoot	1975
	the nephew of Ian Proudfoot	1976
	the nephew of Andrew Proudfoot	1982
	the nephew of Duncan Proudfoot	1984
Stehlik, Christian	is the son of Guy Stehlik	1987
	the nephew of Robin Stehlik	1989
Thomas, Preston	is the great-great-grandson of Edward Jenkinson	1907
van Breda, Joshua	is the son of Hamilton van Breda	1986
	the grandson of Michael van Breda	1959
	the nephew of William van Breda	1988
	the nephew of Michael van Breda	1991
	the great-nephew of Malcolm Barry van Breda	1962
	the great-nephew of Michael Rupert van Breda	1959
	the great-nephew of Hamilton John van Breda	1965
	the great-grandson of Henry Hamilton van Breda	1931
van Breda, Justin	is the great-great-nephew of Malcolm van Breda	1941
	the great-great-nephew of Dick van Breda	1938
	the great-great-grandson of Michael van Breda	1909
	the great-great-great-grandson of Servaas van Breda	1867
Wray, Matthew	is the nephew of Peter Smith	1972

MUSEUM & ARCHIVES



THE BROOKE CHAPEL, A BISHOPS GEM. by Dr Paul Murray

The Brooke Chapel named after the Reverend Canon Brooke, Bishops's fifth Principal, is one of Bishops's gems. It was constructed to the proportions of Edward Baldwin John Knox (1845 – 1903), who was trained in England as a mechanical and civil engineer under John Penn & Sons, Greenwich. It was only after he arrived in South Africa that Knox began practising as an architect. But before that, whilst living in England, he got a great deal of experience working on projects such as the Hartlepool and Tyne Docks extension. He became an Associate of the Institute of Civil Engineers in 1875, the year before coming to Cape Town. The year after arriving in Cape Town he applied to become an Associate member of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) to which he was elected in 1877. This was a remarkable accomplishment as it made Knox the earliest Associate member of the RIBA to practise in Cape Town. By the time he left for Johannesburg in 1889 to become the Acting Town Engineer, he had executed a number of works in Cape Town, one being the mission church of St Paul in Bree Street. It was built between 1878 and 1880 although some sources indicate that the upper portion of the church was completed in 1900 by architects

Baker and Masey. The church of St Paul in fact has been described as 'a very rare Cape example of Victorian polychromy' and one of the very few examples of High Victorian architecture in the city. Before working on St Paul's, however, Knox designed the Brooke Chapel at Bishops for which the foundation stone was laid in November 1879. There was no ceremony for this because at the time the French teacher M de la Cornillière had just died. The first formal service was on 26 January 1881. The West Porch of the Chapel designed by Herbert Baker, was added in 1896, as a memorial to Bishops's Archdeacons Henry Master White and John Hopkins Badnall. When the War Memorial Chapel was built in 1927 the Brooke Chapel became a library after which in 1985 it was re-dedicated as a chapel, for which it is still used today. Recently it was reported by the College Chaplain the Reverend Terry Wilke that water was pouring into the vestry of the Brooke Chapel. Preliminary excavations down to the building's original foundations revealed that the containing wall erected around the church, from the south side, was damming up the water. For this reason, it was decided to remove the wall only for the most beautiful stone work to be exposed, which can be viewed from the Founders House side, to see how it blends with the Founders stone façade and the Old Gym.

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ODU AGM

OD UNION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE OD UNION HELD IN THE WOODLANDS PAVILION ON THURSDAY 10TH MARCH 2016 AT 6:00PM

Present: The Patron of the OD Union:

Michael Watermeyer, the President: Raymond Ackerman, Vice Presidents: Tony van Ryneveld, Brian de Kock, John Langford, Principal: Guy Pearson, Headmaster of the Prep School: Greg Brown, Chairman of the OD Union: Brian Robertson, Moshe Apleni, Phil Calothi, Anthony Davies, John Macey, Richard Morris, Delre O'Rourke, Michael Owen-Smith, Simon Peile, Adam Pike, Dugald Robertson, Anton Taylor, WP Van Zyl, Terry Wilke.

Apologies:

John Arenhold, Brian Barends, Mike Bosman, Mark Campbell, David Carter, Angus Firth, Douglas Green, Anthony Gregorowski, John Hueton, Bruce Jack, Guy Lanfear, Les Masterson, Arthur Mngxekeza, Tim Noakes, Alan Ramsay, Bruce Risien, Austin Roberts, Paul Robins, John Smuts, Jonathan Steytler, Clive Van Ryneveld, Craig Watson.

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 11 March 2015:

The Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting, having been approved by the Committee and published in the June 2015 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.

OD UNION CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT AGM 2016

Brian Robertson presented the Chairman's report.

It gives me great pleasure on behalf of the OD Union Committee to present the 120th OD Union Annual Report.

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. However I think it important at this stage to highlight a most significant event which occurred in March 2015.

Your committee along with the Patron, President and a number of Vice-Presidents conducted a strategic planning session where objectives supporting our mission were identified.

The session was conducted by Nicky Bicket who is a member of the Association of Representatives of Old Pupils Societies. The association meets regularly and includes the top independent schools in the United Kingdom. The insights Nicky gains are invaluable to us in terms of exposing us to fresh ideas and new ways of thinking. In many ways we had become insular, inward looking and whilst we knew what we do, we were not sure why we did it. This session answered that question and in doing so highlighted the following four strategic objectives for the foreseeable future:

■ To build and promote a mentoring and support framework for ODs worldwide.

■ To segment and broaden functions and events to appeal to the widest possible OD audience.

■ To communicate with ODs worldwide in a way that is meaningful, relevant and timely, using a range of traditional and social media technology.

■ To uphold and strengthen the Bishops reputation worldwide.

You will see the activities supporting these objectives in the report. The strategy can be viewed on our website.

1. TO BRING TOGETHER MEMBERS OF THE UNION

■ REUNIONS

The following classes held reunions during 2015:

- Class of 2010 (5 year), 28 August: Dugald Robertson
- Class of 2005 (10 year), 29 August: Anton Taylor
- Class of 1995 (20 year), 7 November: Tim Richman
- Class of 1990 (25 year), 16-17 October: Luke Scott
- Class of 1985 (30 year), 12-14 March: Bovain Macnab
- Class of 1970 (45 year), 11-14 March: Leif Eriksen
- Class of 1965 (50 year), 11-14 March: Bruce Risien
- Class of 1960 (55 year), 12-14 March: Alan Ramsay/Sydney Cullis
- Class of 1955 (60 year), 11-14 March: Don Rowand
- During the course of the year a number of classes met regularly for lunch at the OD Union Offices. These groups included John Powell's 1953 group, Colin Boyes' 60s group, Bruce Jack's 1987 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, particularly now that we have our own premises, and we encourage ODs to do more of them.

■ **UK SENIOR OD LUNCH:** held on the 23rd January 2015 at the RAF Club in Piccadilly. ODs were addressed by President Raymond Ackerman (1948S).

■ **OD DINNER:** held on Thursday 12th March 2015 at Kelvin Grove. This is a highlight on the OD Union calendar. The Toast was proposed by Patron Michael Watermeyer, OD Union committee member Anton Taylor (2005B), was once again a most entertaining Master of Ceremonies. The Guest Speaker, Dr Gregory Mills (1979O) of the Brenthurst Foundation shared many fascinating insights from his latest book *How South Africa Works*. President Raymond Ackerman replied.

■ **FOUNDERS DAY:** held on Friday 13th March. At the Founders Day Chapel Service, the OD Union President shared his many and varied experiences of his time at Bishops, UCT and Pick n Pay. He urged the boys to show compassion, not to discriminate, and to contribute towards building a resilient economy and a successful country. 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 beating College by 61 points.

■ **CRICKET:** The OD Union fielded seven teams. All seven teams were full within a week of the notice going out. Results are on the

OD Union website.

■ **OTHER ACTIVITIES:** in which ODs participated included the Avenue Mile, water polo, debating, tennis and basketball.

■ **ODs and OHs:** An Old Haileybury Society gathering was held in Dubai on 22nd March. A number of ODs were in attendance.

■ **STARLIGHT CLASSICS & CHRISTMAS CAROLS:** The Starlight Classics concert was held on 28th February 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 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 event took place on Tuesday 10th February. The OD team had a point to prove after narrowly losing the inaugural event in 2014. The ODs batted first and finished with a formidable total, beating Bosch by 60 runs. County player Chris Cook and England international Craig Kieswetter both made useful contributions and in no manner weakened the side.

■ **OD v OA SUNDAY:** held on Saturday 14th March. Greg Boyes' (1995F) team fell short 20 runs to the Old Andreans.

■ **OD BOLAND DINNER:** organised by Martin Versfeld (1977S) on 31st July was a great success with 100 ODs attending. Our President, Mr Raymond Ackerman was the guest speaker and left in the early hours only after he had exhausted the questions of a determined group of students.

■ **NORTHERN PROVINCE DINNER:** organised by Richard King (1974S) took place at the Johannesburg Country Club on 5th June. President Raymond Ackerman spoke on the opportunity that exists in establishing a mentorship programme at the ODU.

■ **OD LONDON DINNER:** held on the 5th June at the RAF Club in Piccadilly. Just under 100 ODs (with seventy years separating the oldest and youngest OD) attended the dinner. Grace was said by Matthew Golesworthy and Chaaba Jangulo who is currently studying at Edinburg University. Nicky Bicket was an amusing and efficient MC, stepping in at literally the last minute. The guest of honour and speaker was Gareth Penny (1980F). Brian Robertson (1979W) the ODU Chairman introduced Gareth. Special mention was made of our lady-OD-in-her-own-right, Katie Hofman (1981G). It was held in the wonderful RAF Club, Piccadilly through the kind auspices of John Fairweather (1948G).

■ **WALKER CUP:** the 33rd Walker Cup was held at the Mowbray Golf Club on Sunday 15th February. The trophy was won by Rondebosch, with 17½ better ball matches

to 14½ by ODs. Thanks go to Brian de Kock (Vice-President 1952O) for organising this event.

■ **THE HENLEY ROYAL REGATTA** drew out a small but enthusiastic band of ODs to watch the start of the rowing competition. Rob Johnstone (2010G) a superior rower himself, introduced ODs to the joys of the Leander Club on the banks of the Thames.

■ **OLD QUAD GOLF DAY:** The annual competition for the Old Quad Golf Challenge Shield, between Old Boys of Bishops, Rondebosch, SACS and Wynberg, took place at The Royal Cape Golf Club on Friday 25th September. Bishops came in third place. Once again Brian De Kock was the organiser.

- In the UK, ODs took on the Old Tonbridgian golf team at the Royal Ashdown and were narrowly beaten in an exciting finish. This is now to be an annual match. The Senior OD Golf circuit is up and running thanks to Richard Duck (G, 1964) and this year take on an age-appropriate Old Cranleigh team

■ **OD PATRON, PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT FUNCTION:** held on 3rd December. This event was held after our final committee meeting of 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. He also gave an overview of recent events and outlined important future events.

■ **OPENING OF THE MITRE:** was held

to on 13th August. Our President Raymond Ackerman was our guest speaker and Bishop Garth Counsell blessed the building.

■ **BOOK LAUNCH:** on the 10th September OD Union Vice-President Professor Tim Noakes (1966W) along with his co-authors Jonno Proudfoot and Bridgett Surtees launched his book *Raising Superheroes*. After a thoroughly thought provoking presentation, publisher and MC Tim Richman (1995B) had to stem the unending tide of questions well into the night. A capacity crowd enjoyed the personal one-on-one interaction and the personalised book signings.

■ **FILM REVIEW:** on Tuesday 29th September the OD Union hosted a viewing of the film *Blood Lions* introduced by Ian Michler (1977W). The event was held in the Memorial Theatre. Dr Ian McCullum, author of the book *Ecological Intelligence*, addressed the audience and answered a number of questions, most notably from a group of Prep boarders. Our thanks go to Ian Michler, Dr Ian McCullum, Dave Cohen (1996K) and Nick Chevallier for sharing their insight and wisdom with us.

■ **OD MENTOR PROGRAMME LAUNCH:** on Thursday 19th November we hosted an OD Union Coaching and Mentoring breakfast at the Woodlands Pavilion. 50 ODs attended. Our guest speakers were Anthony Farr (1989F) and Raymond Ackerman (1948S).

■ **MATRIC FUNCTION:** On the 15th October the class of 2015 were invited to the Mitre after being handed their OD ties

in final assembly and were addressed by our Chairman Brian Robertson and Dugald Robertson.

■ **OD RHODES SCHOLAR DINNER – LONDON** On the 19th November twelve Rhodes Scholars based in London met at the Fly Fisherman's Club for dinner and discussion.

■ **OD RHODES SCHOLAR DINNER – CAPE TOWN:** On the 20th November we hosted a dinner at the Mitre inviting all OD Rhodes Scholars to get together. The ODs were addressed by Dr Paul Murray.

■ **TALK:** On the 26th November Vice-President Tony van Ryneveld (1942G) held 94 ODs enthralled with his epic story of Sir Pierre van Ryneveld's inaugural flight from London to Cape Town.

- Robert Slingsby (F, 1973) launched his London exhibition "I am" at the Royal College of Art, to much critical acclaim and the delight of the ODs who turned out to support him.
- In the build up to the Rugby World Cup quarter finals, ODs were invited to join the old boys of Rondebosch to "get into the spirit" of the competition, something they needed no second invitation to do.
- Simply Blue performed at the Edinburgh Festival and then gave another performance for parents friends and enthusiastic ODs in the iconic Museum of the Order of St John in London
- Gareth Penny launched his Penhill wines towards the end of last year in the historic South Africa House and ODs were conspicuous by their presence.

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

In 2015 we kept ODs connected with one another and with the school in the following ways

■ MAGAZINE & ELECTRONIC

VERSION OF THE MAGAZINE: There are four electronic and print versions of the magazine, one at the end of each term. I urge all ODs to switch from the print version to the electronic. In doing so we would be in a position to redirect some R380 000 to bursaries and endowments.

■ WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: The OD Union Office continues to distribute a weekly newsletter on Fridays during the term. The purpose is to bring news about ODs and the school regularly and expeditiously to ODs. The UK ODU distributes a monthly newsletter to UK-based ODs and for anyone else interested in what's happening with the ODU in the UK.

■ WEBSITE: the website is regularly updated. We are aware that the platform is not ideal and committee member Nick Durrant has completed a review of our website and social media platforms.

■ SOCIAL MEDIA: Facebook has become a useful tool for us to highlight various events to ODs by simply creating an event on our page. LinkedIn is perhaps our biggest growing and most efficient medium for connecting ODs who are professionals, entrepreneurs, corporates and who have registered for the ODs Assist ODs Programme. Please join our LinkedIn page as it the more members, the more effective it becomes.

3. TO PROMOTE THE INTEREST AND WELFARE OF BISHOPS:

Solly Satchel came to South Africa as a trooper in the Anglo-Boer War. He never returned home. After retiring as a school inspector he served on the Bishops Staff from the age of 60 for 21 years. In 1949 he made the following statement which can be seen on the wall as you enter the OD Union,

“It is difficult of thinking of Bishops without thinking of the OD Union. Only those closely acquainted with the administrative side of the College can ever realise what the Present owes to the Past: they may be described respectively as the body and the soul of Bishops.”

This committee is acutely aware that we operate in conjunction with the various constituencies within the school. We do our best to integrate staff – those that choose to become members as per Section 7.1b of our constitution. David Alberts who served over 3 million meals over some thirty years in Bramley House recently became an honorary OD. Likewise we have worked hard at ensuring a smooth “rite of passage” for the boys in matric as they leave school and become ODs. In terms of assistance to the school, in 2015 we provided in excess of R500 000 worth of bursaries to assist sons of ODs. We provided the school with a facility worth in excess of R5 million and paid for the museum to be built and furnished. Many of our ODs are assisting the school financially, by sharing their expertise, their time, advice and commitment.

But the most significant contribution ODs can make in the future is to involve themselves in the mentoring programme. This programme was launched at a breakfast in November and

continues to grow. We are excited about the potential of it, the aims of which are to: mentor young ODs, provide ODs with opportunities to network in a professional manner; provide advice for young entrepreneurs and leaders as we develop our entrepreneur and leadership programmes, and finally to provide venture capital and assistance along the lines of the highly successful Etonpreneurs programme.

To those already registered and involved in assisting young ODs, I wish to thank you for being Solly Satchel's "soul of Bishops."

4. TO ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A FUND TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE DESCENDANTS OF PRESENT AND PAST MEMBERS OF THE UNION (HERINAFTER REFERRED 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, administered and banked separately to the OD Union Endowment Fund currently stands in excess of R11 million.

As mentioned, in 2015 we allocated an amount of R400 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.

DONATIONS:

Whilst the OD Union does not actively raise funds from ODs, during the past year we received generous donations from the following donors, for which we are very grateful:

- Class of 1953, Class of 1955, Class of 1960, Class of 1964, Class of 1990, Class of 1995, Class of 2005, Class of 2010, Justice Craig Howie, Pallet Supply Company, Shumani Mills, David Kirkness, Tim Allsop, Christopher Steytler and Richard Cock

CONCLUSION:

In conclusion, I want to thank you all for attending this evening. I want to thank Delré for organising and preparing this evening and the many other evenings enjoyed by ODs in 2015.

Thank you to Guy Pearson and Mike Bosman for all their support, encouragement and effort they put in to contributing to a valuable relationship between the school and the OD Union.

I would like to thank the Branch Secretaries and in particular Nicky Bicket who has created an active and effective home away from home for ODs in London. He has embraced the new OD strategy which stresses the breadth of the international OD Diaspora.

We have 8 secretaries in South Africa, 1 in Namibia, 1 in Zimbabwe, 5 in Australia, 2 in Canada, 1 in France, 1 in Ireland, 2 in New Zealand, 1 in China (incl. Hong Kong and Taiwan), 1 in Thailand, 1 in the UAE, 1 in the UK, 1 in Scotland, and 2 in the USA. In an era of rapid globalisation, it makes sense to build these branches into meaningful satellites for the OD Union.

I want to thank your committee for the hard work and sacrifices they made during 2015.

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

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.

To the Patron, we could not wish for a more dignified, wise and supportive man with whom to work. Thank you for affording us that privilege.

To the President, thank you sir, for all you have done since assuming the role of President. You have made the role your own, you have attended meetings, spoken regularly at functions, given of your time, shared your knowledge, your expertise and your wisdom. The committee has benefited greatly from your experience and insight – the excellent attendance at meetings is testimony to this.

Finally I wish to make mention of and thank two members of the committee, Moshe Apleni and Arthur Sithembiso Mngxekeza. A few years ago they approached the committee with two objectives – to raise funds for the Hamilton Mvelase Scholarship so they could raise funds and provide young black men the same opportunity as they had been afforded. Secondly they wished to create awareness among Black ODs, to encourage them to provide mentorship for young Black ODs and to make the OD Union a more welcoming place for Black ODs. They have succeeded and exceeded in meeting these objectives. It has been a particular highlight of my tenure to deal with these exceptional men. Their passionate involvement gives me great hope for the future of our union.

None of the men who serve you receive

a stipend. None of them ask for travel, accommodation, free lunches or any other perk to which, in terms of the constitution, they are entitled. They contribute because they have learned the worthy value of “noblese oblige” – to him whom much has been given, much can and will be expected in future.” These are Solly Satchels soul men and you can be proud of them.

Thank you all for attending. Thank you for affording us the privilege of serving you.

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

Proposed: Tony van Ryneveld

Seconded: Richard Morris

The Chairman’s Report was unanimously approved.

The Chairman asked for any questions or comments relating to his report. There were none.

TREASURER’S REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

John Macey presented the Treasurer’s Report to 31st December 2015 on behalf of Guy Lanfear.

The OD Union is indeed fortunate that the building of “The Mitre” happened along the time line that it did. When I joined the committee as Treasurer in 2009, the Union had already resolved to allocate an amount of R 3 million to secure its own premises, at which stage the OD Union Funds amounted to approximately R 6.8 million. At the end of December 2015, those funds amounted to approximately R 5.8 million, after completion of not only the building at R 3.25 million (final amount) but also after the fitting of the premises, kitchen and museum at a further R 2.5 million. Credit to the investment committee initially, and in the past two years to the school investment committee, for the maintenance of

value after extensive capital expenditure.

Simon Peile will report separately on the investment strategy and performance of the Union.

Encouragingly the OD Union Bursary Fund has grown to approximately R 13.4 million from R 11 million last year. This is after payment of all bursaries applied for. The OD Union awarded bursaries of some R 440 000 to those applicants who met the requirements of the application criteria, an increase of 12.8% over 2014.

The income statement of the OD Union Fund shows a budgeted loss from functions and events of approximately R 150 000. This is in line with the Union's stated intention to allocate funds to this area in order to carry out its objectives to bring OD's together. This is a cumulative amount including contributions to local and offshore divisions of the OD Union.

The current year surplus should be read together with the 2014 loss, in that we determined to include the blazer material that is held in stock in 2015 inventory. Under strict accounting rules there was good argument to omit this from inventory, but we determined that it then did not reflect representative figures and has now been included. Gentlemen, order your blazers soon!

While expenses appear similar to last year, 2015 includes a larger non cash item in depreciation of the Union's assets of R 220 k, while 2014 includes the fees associated with, and settlements awarded to, Mr and Mrs Hamilton Smith. These aside, the expenditure is generally in line with years prior to 2015 and 2014.

Life membership fees received were very similar to those received in 2014. The committee has resolved to apply an increase to life membership fees for the 2016 year.

Those who attended the AGM last year may remember that the committee initially resolved

to reflect the R 3.25 m payment for premises to the school as a donation. While this is a correct interpretation of the payment, on reflection a decision was made to capitalise the right of accommodation at the same amount as the donation, such that this will appear in the OD Union AFS going forward.

Proposed: Nick Durrant

Seconded: Simon Peile

The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

INVESTMENT PORTFOLIOS

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

The Old Diocesans' Union manages two pools of assets belonging to the Union. One pool belongs to the ODU Bursary Fund and is held to pay for bursaries allocated to sons of ODs attending Bishops. The other pool represents the general funds of the OD Union. The assets all belong to the Union and the committee is responsible for managing these assets in the long term interests of the Union and ODs in general.

In 2013 your committee decided that the Union would be best served if we delegated the responsibility for setting the investment strategy for and the ongoing monitoring of the Union's assets to the School's investment committee, as the two organisations have similar investment objectives and the School has substantial expertise available to it. The School's investment committee 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.

Two different investment strategies are followed, with the majority of assets being invested with the objective of maximising long term returns, whilst any large amounts that have been identified as expected to be paid out in the near future are held in a money market account.

During late 2015, the allocation to offshore equities was further increased in the long term investment strategy. The strategy became:

Offshore Equities 70%

Local Equities 9%

Local Fixed Interest 16%

Money Market 5%

The Union enjoyed strong returns during 2015, with the net of fees returns from the two strategies being:

Long Term Strategy 22.2%

Money Market 6.8%

At the end of 2015 the values of the investment portfolios held by the Union were:

ODU Bursary Fund

R 13 462 099

ODU General Fund (Long Term Strategy)

R 5 845 157

ODU General Fund (Money Market)

R 126 939

R 19 434 195

The strong investment returns over 2015 resulted in the total value of the assets in the portfolios being a little higher at the end of 2015 than a year earlier despite large amounts of expenditure during the year on furnishing the Woodlands pavilion. Markets have not been as kind in the past three months and we need to moderate our expectations in terms of future investment returns.

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 whereby any vacancy is advertised, we have had one proposal and we are pleased that Bruce Jack has been nominated to take the place of Angus Firth who has resigned from the 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.

Brian Robertson steps down from his position as Chairman of the ODU Committee after serving the maximum period of 7 years as Chairman. A new Chairman will be chosen by the committee at the next meeting on 19th April 2016.

THE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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

It is a pleasure for me to present my report for 2015 to the ODU AGM. I am pleased to report that we can reflect back on an exceptional year for Bishops. As Old Boys you would have received details of the fantastic results of the matric class of 2015.

There are many who are cynical of these results and there is no doubt that we are dealing with a degree of inflation of results. In reality though is that no matter what measure you use, Bishops boys are achieving at the very top end of the spectrum. As I have said before, it is important

THE HIGHLIGHTS ARE WORTH REPEATING:

■ 100% pass rate.

■ 143 boys wrote the exam and 141 (98, 6%) achieved Bachelor passes and 2 boys a Diploma pass.

■ There were 522 subject distinctions - 3, 65 per boy.

■ 50% of all subject results were distinctions.

■ 18% of all subject results were above 90%.

■ The average of 10 subjects was above 80%.

■ Of the 143 candidates:

■ 2 achieved 9 distinctions.

■ 7 achieved 8 distinctions.

■ 12 achieved 7 distinctions.

■ 22 achieved 6 distinctions.

■ 15 achieved 5 distinctions.

■ 40% of all boys achieved 5 distinctions or better.

■ The dux was Liam Cook with 95, 7%.

■ The 'proxime accessit' was Michael Thomson with 94, 6%

that we continue to benchmark ourselves in other ways such as through Olympiads, Expos and other external exams such as the SATs which our boys write for entrance to American universities. In the SAT exams Bishops boys consistently score in the 90th percentile in the world cohort of application to American Universities. Some of our exceptional achievements in various Olympiads and Exhibitions last year were as follows:

- A Bishops boy achieved top place in the South African Science Olympiad, there were over 30 000 entrants from schools in the entire Southern Africa.
- 4 Bishops boys were in the top 10 in Southern Africa in the same Olympiad.
- 2 Bishops boys were in the top 30 in the National Science Olympiad, one of whom was in the top 15.
- We were winners of the Western Cape Mintek Science Quiz.
- A Grade 10 boy was the winner of the gold certificate for the Queen's Commonwealth Essay from 13 000 entries in over 600 schools from 49 countries.
- We achieved 6 gold medals in the UCT Science Expo.
- A Bishops boy was a winner of the Western Cape Accounting Olympiad.

This is just a small extract of some of our successes. I must mention that all achievements are reflected in the quarterly magazine and the results are posted on our website.

Our boys had another stellar year on the cultural front. The highlight of our annual cultural calendar is definitely the Eisteddfod which was founded and started during John Peake's time as the Principal. Every single boy in the school is involved in the Eisteddfod and it is truly a remarkable event, unique in South Africa. The

choice of *Cold Stone Jug* – by Herman Charles Bosman was a challenging drama for our boys and they rose to the occasion. The cast of *Cold Stone Jug* and members of the acapella group, Simply Blue, were privileged to travel to the Edinburgh Festival where they performed with aplomb. This week we are producing the musical, "All Shook Up", a collection of Elvis Presley's best songs and set in the '50's.

Our musicians compete in several international music exams. 74 Bishops boys sat the ABRSM (Royal School of Music) practical exams. Incredibly we achieved the top marks of any school in the world in this exam with an average of 81% and with 7 distinctions of over 88% on two different instruments. An amazing statistic which I like to share is that no less than 450 boys in the College play an individual music instrument and all boys at the Prep are involved in music. This is something of which we can be justifiably proud of.

Our clubs and societies programme remains vibrant with 26 different societies at the College. Over the last six months two new societies have been introduced – bee keeping and the "through the lens society" which involved all types of photography, traditional and digital. We have many boys participating in the Duke of Edinburgh President's Award programme; last year 6 Bishops boys achieved the highest level of Gold Award.

On the sports fields it was an excellent year for the school. An amazing 96 boys achieved provincial colours and 18 national colours in sport. There are currently 22 different sports on offer at Bishops. This term our rowers and water-polo teams have excelled; the rowers achieved 3 gold medals at the Buffalo Regatta and 3 silver medals at the SA Champs while Bishops U14, 15 and 19 water polo teams reached the finals of the Mazinter Cup, with the U 15's and U19's emerging victorious.

While we can reflect with great pride on the many achievements of our boys across so many activities, what is more important to me is the type of boy we produce at Bishops. The chapel remains central to the school not only in terms of its physical locality but in terms of the values we try to instil in our boys at Bishops. The Class of 2015 will be remembered for their excellent leadership and for the dignified manner in which they exited the school at the end of the year. This was a special focus of the Executive and the Staff and the response of head boy, Jordan van Tonder and the matrics was most gratifying.

How does one judge the success of a school? Obviously results are a measure but one could also say that demand for admission is another indicator. Demand for admission at Bishops is extremely strong. At the beginning of 2016 we admitted 155 new boys to Bishops in Grade 8. 73 of these boys came from the Prep, 38 from WPPS, 7 from SACS, 4 from Rondebosch Prep and Reddam Constantia, 3 boys from Windhoek and 29 others boys from 23 different schools. There were 36 new boarders, 12 in each house and 190 days boys in five houses. Over the past few weeks we have held two open days at Bishops known as Experience Bishops, one for the Prep boys and families and the second for all other interested parties. We had a record number of boys attending the second open day, an indication that interest in Bishops for 2017 will be greater than ever.

You will be interested to know that in 2017 we will be opening a Grade N (nursery) class at the Pre-Prep. We expect 400 applicants for the 60 places available at this level. In addition to the new Grade N Block at the Pre-Prep we are currently building a new Pre-Prep Hall and will be converting the old hall to a much needed art and library facility.

Over the past few months the Bishops Trust

has been rejuvenated and the school has great plans for a major upgrade of key facilities and buildings over the next few years. We have been so encouraged by the “Extra Term” initiative launched by the trust where a family or friend of Bishops, pay an extra term’s fees for a boy from a less advantaged background for the duration of his College career. This allows a group of four to provide for a boy who would not normally be able to attend Bishops. It also allows for the opportunity for the donors to play a mentorship role on the boy’s life. This year we have 8 boys fully funded, including boarding fees for some of them. We are hoping to extend this initiative in the years to come.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing Chairman Brian Robertson for his tremendous contribution to the OD Union and also to the school. His representation of the OD Community at the Bishops Council has always been positive, constructive and supportive, in the true spirit of the original mission, “in total support and concern for the school but with no interference in its administration”. Thank you Brian, I am also indebted to you for your support of me in my first few years in office.

My thanks to the President, Raymond Ackerman; the Patron, Michael Watermeyer; the Vice-Presidents, the OD Committee and indeed all OD’s for your support of Bishops.

Pro Fide Et Patria

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman asked if there were any matters ODs wished to raise under Any Other Business. There were none.

There being no further business, the 119th Annual General Meeting of the OD Union closed at 7:20pm.

OLD DIOCESANS UNION – ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
INCOME STATEMENT for the year ended 31 December

	2015	2014
	R	R
OD Fund Investment and Activities		
Income from investments	27,267	49,708
Dividends	-	-
Interest from portfolio and related money market accounts	27,267	49,708
Investment management fees	-	-
Sundry income	-	-
(Loss) on Old Diocesans' colours	52,363	-91,571
Sales	22,989	18,925
Cost of sales	29,374	-110,496
(Loss) on sporting and social functions	-146,707	-21,707
Proceeds	141,507	111,094
Costs	-288,214	-132,801
Sundry income	-	-
OD Fund Loss from Investment and Activities	-67,077	-63,571
OD Fund expenses	702,846	733,767
Amortisation - Intangible asset	43,333	-
Bank charges	5,397	3,662
Depreciation - furniture and equipment	218,235	7,258
Donations	-	10,000
Magazine costs and magazine postage	113,921	101,437
Printing and stationery	-	570
Professional fees	-	71,129
Refurbish OD offices and framing exhibits for Heatlie	5,342	638
Staff salaries and settlements	265,351	474,411
Staff welfare	317	4,428
Subscriptions	2,399	9,146
Sundry expenses	40,245	19,816
Telephone e-mail, postage and website costs	8,305	14,039
Travel and accomodation	-	17,231
OD Fund Capital inflows	341,850	346,895
Life membership fees received - current year	341,850	346,895
OD Fund Gains and losses on investments	970,879	899,322
Realised and unrealised gains in investments	970,879	899,322
OD Fund operating surplus for the year	542,806	448,879
OD Union Bursary Fund Income		
Income from investments	26,021	44,147
Dividends	-	-
Interest from portfolio and related money market accounts	26,021	44,147
Investment management fees	-	-
Sundry income	-	-
OD Union Bursary Fund Capital outflows	-191,464	-120,706
Bursaries awarded	-438,420	-386,600
Donations and bequests received	246,956	265,894
OD Union Bursary Fund Gains and losses on investments	2,595,316	1,240,063
Realised and unrealised gains in investments	25,953,161	1,240,063
OD Union Bursary Fund operating surplus for the year	2,429,874	1,163,504
Net surplus for the year	2,972,680	1,612,383

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BALANCE SHEET at 31 December	2015	2014
FUNDS	R	R
OD Union Fund	12,103,451	11,560,644
Retained operating deficit	(2,960, 160)	(2, 190,238)
Accumulated capital inflows	4,713,545	4,3 71 ,695
Accumulated investment gains - realised and unrealised	10,350,066	9,379,187
OD Union Bursary Fund	13,462,099	11,032,226
Retained operating deficit	(20,003)	(46,024)
Accumulated capital inflows	3,876,034	4,067,498
Accumulated investment gains - realised and unrealised	9,606,069	7,010,752
Total funds	25,565,550	22,592,870
Represented by:		
NET ASSETS		
Intangible asset	3,206,667	3,250,000
Fixed assets	2,420,462	87,364
Investments	19,434,195	19,120,383
Sygnia-00 Union Fund	5,845,157	7,010,357
Sygnia-00 Bursary Fund	13,462,099	11 ,029,521
Investec Money Market account-OD Union Fund	126,939	1,080,506
Current assets I (liabilities)	504,226	135,122
Stock	42 1,786	183, 180
Bank balances and cash-OD Union Fund	82,440	10,324
Creditors and accruals	-	(58,382)
	25,565,550	22,592,870

OLD DIOCESANS UNION – ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTES TO THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT 31 December 2015

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:

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.

1.6 The intangible asset, being a right of use of property is amortised over 50 years. The amortisation period of the intangible asset commenced on 1 May 2015.

2. INTANGIBLE ASSET

Right of use of building

Cost	3,250,000
Accumulated amortisation	-
Carrying value at beginning of year	3,250,000
Additions	-
Amortisation	43,333)

Cost	3,250,000
Accumulated amortisation	(43,333)

Carrying value at end of year	3,206,667
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3. FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings	Furniture and equipment	Computer	Total
Cost	106,752	22,167	15,043	143,962
Accumulated depreciation	(19,963)	(21,591)	(15,043)	(56,597)
Book value at beginning of year	86,789	576	-	87,364
Additions	1,346,955	1,204,378	-	
Depreciation	(147,725)	(70,510)	-	(218,235)
Cost	1,453,707	1,226,545	15,043	2,695,295
Accumulated depreciation	(167,688)	(92,101)	(15,043)	(274,832)
Book value at end of year	1,286,019	1,134,444	-	-2,420,462

4. GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS

	OD Fund	OD Union Bursary Fund	Total
Gain on investment	970,879	2,595,316	3,566,195
Performance fees	-	-	-
Net gain on investments	970,879	2,595,316	3,566,195