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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) Lieut 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 1916*
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

PERSONAL

OBITUARIES



The Daily Telegraph of Thursday 27 March published the following obituary,

The full text can be accessed at www.telegraph.co.uk under their Obituaries.

Colonel Tresham Gregg, who has died aged 94, had an adventurous Army career as a leader of war-time Italian partisans, having already acquired a reputation as a serial escaper from PoW camps.

Born in Dublin on April 7 1919, Tresham Dames Gregg was educated at Bishops Diocesan College Prep, Cape Town, South Africa, and at Bedford School. During a cosmopolitan childhood he made friends in Cologne, whom he continued to visit until the outbreak of the Second World War. He became fluent in German, attended several Nazi rallies and heard Hitler and Goebbels speak from only a few yards away. In May 1940, in the defence of Calais, he commanded a troop of light tanks of 3 Royal Tank Regiment in support of 60th Rifles. Badly wounded by mortar-fire, he was

evacuated by Motor Torpedo Boat and subsequently mentioned in despatches.

During the fighting withdrawal from Greece the following year, Gregg was standing on the rear deck of his tank at Thermopylae when a German bomb landed immediately beside it. The vehicle, weighing 14 tons, was thrown wholesale into the air. Gregg landed on a drystone wall. In great pain, he was ferried south to the Peloponnese. At the Corinth Canal, he saw German parachutists being dropped and capturing the bridge which he had just crossed. Evacuated from Nauplion by destroyer to Crete, he was put aboard an ageing tramp steamer bound for Alexandria. Despite being unable to walk, he took charge of 21 German prisoners for the voyage. He soon recovered (though it was not until 50 years later that he learned that he had fractured his pelvis). In November 1941, having rejoined his regiment, he took part in Operation Crusader, a series of attritional battles in the desert around Tobruk and the airfield at Sidi Rezegh. The following month Gregg was surprised by a German patrol near Derna, Libya, and taken prisoner. In an attempt to escape, he tried to sabotage the Germans' reserve petrol supply with sugar but he was handed over to the Italians too quickly for the ploy to be effective. As he was marched to the port in Benghazi, Gregg dived out of the column of PoWs and hid in a shop. After two hours he was spotted by two Italian soldiers who were looting the place. They refused to believe his story that he was a German soldier "taking a leak".

In Italy, he was sent to Camp PG66 at Capua. After trying to walk out of the camp with a working party, he was detected. His persistent efforts to escape had earned him the label *pericoloso*, and the irate commandant sentenced him to a month's "solitary" in an unheated tin shack. But for the arrival of a representative of the Red Cross, he might have perished of cold and hunger.

In March 1942 Gregg was transferred to Camp PG35 at Padula. A failed attempt to tunnel his way out earned him another month in solitary confinement. As an additional punishment, he was then sent to Camp PG29 at Veano, a converted seminary near Piacenza - its commandant claimed that it was escape-proof. Calculating that the last place that the Italians would expect a tunnel to start would be in the middle of an open exercise yard, Gregg and a group composed mostly of RTR officers sank a 16ft shaft into the vegetable plots at the centre of this open space, concealing their excavations with lines of washing. There ensued six months of work in claustrophobic conditions. Hair oil provided fuel for a single lamp. Gregg dug with an iron rod wrapped in rope to give a firm grip. One night in July 1943, they reached a slit-trench outside the perimeter fence.

Four of the six tunnellers broke out, and three were quickly captured. Gregg emerged three yards from a sentry and was shot in the head — but still succeeded in getting away. Disguised as a member of the Dutch Hitler Youth (his cover story being that he was on his way to a conference in Rome), he took a bus to Parma railway station, and seated himself in a carriage full of German soldiers. He even borrowed copies of their magazines to add to his camouflage. He hoped to reach the Vatican and use his Irish passport to get him a free passage home, but the Carabinieri were searching for him and picked him up while the train was still in the suburbs of Rome.

Back in PG29 he was serving a third month in solitary confinement when, in September 1943, the Armistice was announced and he was released. He had relations in Switzerland and could have headed north; but he chose to stay with his closest friend, Captain "Donny" Mackenzie of the Cameron Highlanders, who was suffering from malaria. The two men sheltered with a local family but, as winter set in, moved south-west into the mountains and settled in the Val Nure with

a group of charcoal burners. They lived off an almost unrelieved diet of chestnuts. In spring 1944 they were contacted by the partisans. Gregg and Mackenzie led a successful raid on a police station at Ferriere, then ambushed two truckloads of troops sent to flush them out. As they moved down the Val Nure towards Piacenza, their force picked up recruits. They liberated Bettola and cleared the valley almost as far as Veano. Gregg (known as “Capitano Ganna” to the Italians) and Mackenzie commanded the fighting elements of what became known as the Stella Rossa artisan brigade. Contacts were established with MI9 (the intelligence agency which assisted resistance fighters in enemy-occupied territory) and with an SOE mission code-named “Blundell Violet”. The Prefect of Piacenza put a price on their heads; but they were in a natural stronghold, and when a Fascist Alpini battalion attacked over the mountains, Gregg not only forced its commander to give them all his heavy weapons as the price for freeing him, but also recruited many of his men. During September 1944 more than 100 downed Allied airmen passed through their hands towards safety in the south. They built an airstrip for supplies and raided German supply lines. In October they liberated Ponte dell’Olio, the northernmost town in the Val Nure. When Gregg’s partisans took the airfield, they were delighted to find 4,000 bottles of rum and brandy bricked up in a storeroom.

Mackenzie was killed a few days later while on a patrol, and Gregg had to retrieve his body for burial at Bettola, several thousand people turning out for the funeral. Gregg was recalled to discuss future plans and ran a gauntlet of “friendly fire” on reaching the American lines near Serravalle on December 5. He was again mentioned in despatches for his attempts to escape. After the war he was posted to India and then Singapore as a staff officer. A posting to HQ Southern Command Poona, India, coincided with the turbulent period before the partition of India and Pakistan, and the British withdrawal.

In 1949 he returned to England to attend Staff College, and was then posted to HQ British Element Trieste Forces. He subsequently served as a squadron leader in 6 RTR in Germany and as a company commander at Sandhurst before commanding 1RTR in Hong Kong and Germany.

He was on the Directorate Royal Armoured Corps and Commandant of the Driving and Maintenance School at Bovington, Dorset, before a final posting as Colonel Recruiting Northern Command in York. On retirement, he remained there for a further 10 years as the Army Schools’ Liaison Officer.

Tresham Gregg married first, in 1946, in Poona, Elsie “Dusty” Miller, who, as a QA nurse, had landed in Normandy soon after D-Day with a field ambulance unit. She died in 1991, and their son and two daughters survive him. He married secondly, in 2000, Joan Wood, who survives him with a stepson.

Col Tresham Gregg, born April 7 1919, left Bishops in 1929, died March 17 2014.

LANFRANCHI. Beloved husband, father, brother and son, Michel Lanfranchi passed away suddenly and tragically on Sunday, 18 August, 2013 at the age of 38.

Michel was born in Windhoek, Namibia on 7 March 1975, the third son of Ugo and Francesca and little brother to Giancarlo and Angelo. He went on to become a proud pupil of Bishops in 1989 where he was a boarder in Founders House. He matriculated in 1993.

As a schoolboy, Michel was a very active sportsman, excelling in the swimming and waterpolo pool and going on to play Western Province schools waterpolo. He then went on to study a building science diploma at Cape Technikon, but soon realised studying was not exciting enough and the allure of the entrepreneurial world was too strong.



At age 23, Michel started *Grid Internal Systems*, which quickly grew to become one of the largest internal fit-out companies in the Western Cape. Simultaneously, he was involved in the asset management of his family property portfolio and in 2006, and due to the larger construction companies having full work books and dictating construction rates, he decided to form *GridCo Construction*, a construction company which found great success through the award of numerous major projects in the greater Cape Town area. As a revered and highly successful businessman, Michel was admitted as a member of the Young Professionals Organisation (YPO) shortly before his passing.

The memorial service held at Diocesan College Memorial Chapel on August 23, 2013 was attended by hundreds of family, friends and associates, with eulogies from brothers, friends and relatives. Included was a poem from his wife's father, in tribute.

*Up to the wall,
A new fought fight begins,
Unbelievable and impregnable
Until a new turn can be made –
A key, a lock and a prayer
An answer that may lie somewhere there
A haze of disbelief,
That wraps us all in grief.
This loss is difficult to understand
When the memories of the man are still at hand.*

Michel leaves behind his wife Romy and two small sons of six and three, Nicolas and Maxim. He will be sorely missed and his deep love for and dedication to family well remembered.

Romy Lanfranchi



ELLACOMBE. John Ellacombe died on May 11, 2014, in England, aged 94. With his brother Gilbert, he attended Bishops in the 1930s. He was born on 28 Feb 1920 and attended Bishops from 1930-1938. In 1939, aged 19, he came to England, where he joined the Royal Air Force. He was a (fighter) pilot throughout World War 2, and was a "Battle of Britain" Pilot in 1940, flying Hurricane fighters with 151 squadron. John remained in the RAF until 1973, when he retired with the rank of Air Commodore. He was decorated with the CB, and DFC and Bar. He then worked at St Thomas' Hospital, in London, from 1973 - 1985, when he retired. In his retirement he played golf three times a week until he was 88, and was a frequent visitor to Lords Cricket Ground. His wife, Mary, died in

2007. He leaves behind three children: me (Gilbert Ellacombe) and my two sisters Yvonne and Anne, and six grandchildren. He always spoke with great fondness about his time at Bishops, and continued to read the school magazine with interest. I thought I should let you know about his sad death a few days ago.

Gilbert Ellacombe



BEYERS. André Beyers died at his home in Cape Town on 31 December 2013 after a short illness a mere 16 days after his 81st birthday. He was a real gentleman who often described his occupation as “a permanent student.” After leaving Bishops (1946-1950) he followed in his father’s footsteps by studying dentistry at Wits University. He graduated in 1956 and spent a short while working in London where he married Ann Joslin.

They returned to his home town of Bloemfontein so he could join his father’s practice. He and Ann had three children and they lived in Bloemfontein until her death in 1979. He then moved to Johannesburg to be closer to his children who were at school there and at university.

He went back to Wits, this time as a junior lecturer. In 1981 the “permanent student” became a Registrar in the Department of Orthodontics, where he graduated with a masters degree that enabled him to practice as a specialist.

As a Senior Consultant he continued to work at the University part-time until 1997 while building up a thriving private practice in Johannesburg.

In 1981 he married Theresa Handfield and so gained an extra daughter. When he retired they moved to Cape Town in 2001.

It was when he first went to Wits that he discovered a passion for water sports. He was a successful member of various rowing crews and on his return to Bloemfontein he moved up to an International Finn, an Olympic class dingy which he sailed on the Rustfontein Dam just outside the town.

Not content with that he personally built a 36 foot Atlantis yacht which he launched on the Vaal Dam in 1990. He was forced to sell it six years later after being diagnosed with a melanoma.

Carpentry was another one of his hobbies, which he maintained almost until the day he died. In his garage he made furniture for his home and those of his children, turning the legs himself.

André’s son David followed the family tradition as a dentist. He now lives in Houston, Texas. His other son John died tragically in 1983 and his daughter Finela is an artist in New Zealand. His step daughter Nicky is a Life Coach in Cape Town. He has five grandchildren.

God speed André, we’ll all miss you.

Jon Abbott



COULTER. Christopher John Hippisley Coulter died suddenly after a long illness on 14 April. He was the youngest of **TH Coulter**, OBE, GCSJ (1928-30) and brother of **GFH Coulter (1958-61)**. After leaving school he did his national service in the SA Navy serving at the SA Naval College, SAS *Simonsberg* and in the Ton class minesweeper SAS *Mosselbaai*.

The navy was to remain his greatest interest for the rest of his life and he never tired of reading books and periodicals on naval matters. He was particularly interested in the South African Navy and British Royal Navy.

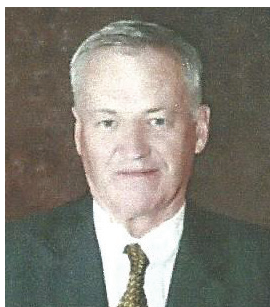
After his naval service Christopher became a student at UCT and later moved to Rhodes University and Bonn University in West Germany. He taught at Potchefstroom Boys' High School, Marist Brothers St Charles in Pietermaritzburg and Norman Henshilwood High School. He then embarked on a new career with the SABC.

In 1995 Christopher was diagnosed with suspected MS and eventually became bedridden. He accepted the terrible challenge of his affliction by filling much of his time reading and derived a great deal of pleasure from books on his great heroes, Sir Winston Churchill, General Smuts and a number of famous admirals. His other interest included politics, British, South African and European history especially the two world wars.

My own enduring memory of Christopher will be the most courageous manner in which he bore his great affliction for so long.

He is survived by his brother Graham, sister-in-law Martine and Sally, nephews and nieces to whom the OD Union extends its deepest sympathy.

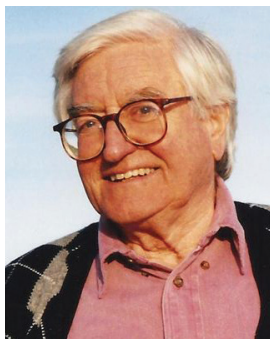
Mac Bisset



KITSON. Quentin (Quiff) Carmichael Kitson (1959-67) died tragically on 28 December 2013 at Changmai, Thailand. Quiff was born at Maseru, Lesotho, the youngest son of Paul and Elspeth. He spent his early school years at Bishops Prep and later at the Senior School where he boarded at White House. After graduating with a BA from UCT he took up teaching. He moved to England where he taught in the East End of London. The lack of discipline in the school caused him to change his profession to oil exploration. He was involved in the technical aspects of oil exploration working on American ships that took him all over the world. In more recent times he settled in Thailand where he became an Educator at American Schools.

He was a great family man who loved sport and kept up to date with South African rugby and cricket. Quiff is survived by his wife, Jen, and twins David and Marina.

Jeremy Kitson



HOFFE. Douglas Bam Hoffe died in Johannesburg on 19 October 2013 at the age of 85.

Doug was at Bishops from 1941 to 1944 and was an enthusiastic Old Diocesan throughout his life. His recollections of his time at Bishops would often come up in conversation and he was a keen attendee and organiser of old boy reunions.

He was born in Fish Hoek on 21 December 1927, the son of Charles Hoffe CBE, Knight of St John, Bailiff Grand Cross of the Order of Oranje Nassau and General Manager of South African Railways, Harbours and Airways. After matriculating from Bishops in 1944 at the age of 16 with a first class matric, he gained a BA LLB at Wits University, af-

ter which he worked for solicitors firms in Johannesburg and London. In 1953 he joined Anglo American Corporation, which marked the beginning of a long and successful career there.

A dedicated Anglo man, he held various positions in the Corporation over the years, including Executive Chairman of Anglo American Properties, Deputy Chairman of the Anglo American Gold and Uranium Division, Chairman of Free State Geduld, Western Holdings and Welkom and a Director of Vaal Reefs, President Brand, President Steyn and other gold mines in the Group. During his time in the property division he became Managing Director of the Carlton Centre and Carlton Hotel, a period of his life he thoroughly enjoyed as he always had a fascination and passion for property development. At the time the Carlton Centre was quite a feat – at 50 storeys high it was the tallest office block in Africa and the largest pre-stressed concrete building in the world, it had a 35-acre underground shopping and parking area and a year-round skating rink. The 1200-bed hotel was the best in Africa and certainly the first of its calibre in South Africa.

From 1980 to 1985 he was Resident Director in Windhoek for Consolidated Diamond Mines, the Anglo American and De Beers representative in Namibia and President of the Chamber of Mines, and Chairman of Barclays Bank in Namibia. After his return to South Africa, he served as Chairman of Bowring Barclays Insurance Brokers and Chairman of Edworks Ltd, while serving on the boards of several companies.

Doug believed passionately in the importance of education and had a philanthropic zeal which spurred him on to found St Barnabas College, South Africa's first multiracial private church school, for which he served 20 years as Chairman. His commitment to the school was borne out of a deep conviction that the government policy of Bantu education was thoroughly wrong, and he countered many a government attempt to close down the school. In the education world he also became a member of the Council and Senate of Wits University and the Witwatersrand Council of Education's Syndic, a Trustee of the University of South Africa and Governor of Namibia's Private Sector Foundation.

Doug's enduring interest in politics and disagreement with Nationalist government policy led him to stand for Parliament for the Progressive Federal Party in the constituency of Von Brandis in the 1977 national elections. He lost to the Nationalist Party candidate, Badenhorst Durand. He enjoyed lively political debate and was an ardent and vocal supporter of the Opposition, particularly under Helen Suzman. His interest in politics never waned, although in recent years he turned his attention more towards the antics of British Parliament. While wheelchair-bound during the final years of his life, he spent many hours entertained by Prime Minister's Question Time on television.

For his entire life Doug campaigned for social causes, and had a strong sense of justice and a need to give back. In this way, he epitomised the Bishops ethos of 'noblesse oblige' – to whom much is given, much will be expected in return. Amongst his many social commitments was a stint of over 20 years spent as Chairman of the RB Hagart Trust, a philanthropic Trust ministering to the needs of the poor, and was proud of the achievements of the Trust in bettering the lives of its beneficiaries.

Doug was always extremely gregarious, and together with his wife, Jackie, he enjoyed a wide circle of friends. He made an effort with his friendships, and the hundreds of letters received by Jackie upon his passing were testimony to the fact that his energetic and enthusiastic style and love of life impacted many people. His children and grandchildren will always remember him for his wonderful sense of humour and fun, his flair for writing and communication, the enormous effort he made in bringing people to-

gether to enjoy themselves, and his great sense of occasion. He thrived on arranging fun-filled events. For this reason he had a close-knit and loving family, for whom his passing has left a huge gap.

He leaves his wife, Jacqueline, to whom he was married for 58 years, his children Robyn, **Charles (OD Class of 1976)** and Catherine, and eleven grandchildren on three continents.

Catherine Murray



NEWTON. Vaughan Newton was born on 1 March 1993. He was one of the first pupils to be enrolled at the newly-formed Bridge House School. From an early age, he displayed an interest in complicated construction toys, and, especially, the Lego Mindstorms series of kits that contained software and hardware to create customizable, programmable robots. As he entered senior school, his interests in mathematics and computer programming flourished and he excelled in the Olympiads of both.

Much of Vaughan's spare time was spent teaching himself computer programming languages online and, in Grade 9, he was invited to join the Algorithm Circle, a post-graduate initiative at UCT that taught advanced algorithms and the data structures required for the IOI (International Olympiad in Informatics) to promising students.

Vaughan moved to Bishops at the beginning of the 2010 school year. In August, Vaughan won a silver medal at the South African Computer Olympiad. In July 2011, Vaughan represented the South African team at the IOI, held in Thailand, and was awarded a Bronze medal. Later that year, he won the Gold Medal at the South African Computer Olympiad.

Vaughan then enrolled at UCT, but stayed there only long enough to help the UCT team win the prestigious Standard Bank IT Challenge. He then dropped out and started his working career in software development at Snapbill. In September 2012, he was once again in the South African team at the IOI, held in Italy, and again Vaughan received a bronze medal. In early 2013, Vaughan joined Amazon as a software development engineer.

Tragically, Vaughan lost his life (took his own life) on 16 December 2013. He leaves a heart-broken family, who will remember him always with love and pride, and a large circle of devastated friends and colleagues.

Nora Newton

SIM. Donald Lowne Sim died on 19 February 2013. He was at Bishops from 1942 – 1946. He then spent a year at De La Salle College in East London where he passed Matric in 1947. He was a keen sportsman and captained the school shooting and fencing teams. Donald worked for many years in Uitenhage as manager of the South African Motor Assemblies and Distributors. He continued with his fencing and won a number of championships in the Transvaal. He later moved back to Johannesburg where he worked for the Institute of Advanced Motoring. He was an active Freemason and was in the chair of the Transvaal Lodge for two years. He worked for ISCOR in the cost Accounts Section and later with Gordon Bennett Construction. He was a keen yachtsman sailing Hunter class on the Vaal Dam and won Transvaal Provincial Colours in yachting administration.



*Anthony St John, Dick Cheeseman,
John Proudfoot, Mark Butcher, Geoff
Hacking, Chris Hanley, Doug Jeffrey*

MARRIAGES

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

Simon Arenhold, (1987-1991) son of **John (1941-50)** and Marian Arenhold and Christina (Nina) daughter of Hildegard Graf-Welte and Roland Welte on 1 March at Rockhaven, Elgin officiated by Father Terry Wilke.

Nicholas Bell (1989), son of Dr Alan and Lindsay Bell and Nicoll, daughter of Chris and Bev Kenny in the Brooke Chapel on 22 March;

Mark Butcher (1972-75) and Alison Edgeley at Constantia Uitsig on 8 March. ODs who attended the wedding were: Anthony St John, Dick Cheeseman, John Proudfoot, Mark Butcher, Geoff Hacking, Chris Hanley and Doug Jeffrey;

James Davies (exchange student 2001) son of Chris and Felicity Davies and Carlyn, daughter of Retha and Nico van Rensburg at Beverston Church, Tetbury, Glos, UK on 3 May;

Mark Fox (1988-92), son of Jack and Vicky Fox and Tarryn, daughter of the late Clarence Ernest Leek and D'nene Page Leek on 1 March;

Andy Gilder (1997-01), son of Peter and Caja Gilder and Sally, daughter of Chris and Rosemarie Saunders on 1 February in Greyton;

Craig Hall (1997-01) son of John and Colleen Hall and Alexis daughter of Tom and Penelope Taylor on 12 April in Harare, Zimbabwe.

James Henkes (1984-97) son of Ronald and Sharon Henkes and Jill, daughter of Peter and the late Melanie Marais in Plettenberg Bay on 2 May;

James Kilpin (1988-00), son of **David (1951-60)** and Suzanne **Kilpin**, and Kerry, daughter of Mark and Sheena Warren of Bathurst, Port Alfred at Kilcairn, Riebeck Kasteel on the 29 March.

Dale Owen (1992-03), son of Garry and Janet Owen and Kate, daughter of Nick and Jane Mallett on 1 March in Franschhoek;

John Twiggs (1971-83), son of Edward and Estelle Twiggs and Ineke, daughter of Jacques and Annelies Peeters on 13 December 2013 in Cape Town

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

Prof Mohammed (1994-97) and Najia **Ali**, twin boys Faiz and Abrar on 31 March 2014 in Atlanta, USA

Jonathan Gersh (1984-88) and Melissa Wallace, a daughter, Annabelle Kirsten Wallace on 25 November 2013;

Gareth Allden Lloyd (1984-96) and Bade Naseam Mir, a son, Cameron Mir Allden on 3 March 2011;

Adam (1988-92) and Lisa **Pike**, a daughter, Katherine Lily on 24 January;

Walt (1996-98) and Andrea **Voigt**, a daughter, Caitlin Charlotte, on 11 February, in Sydney Australia.



DIAMOND WEDDINGS

Our sincere congratulations and best wishes go to the following:
Ulick (1933-40) and Wendy **Brown** celebrated their Diamond Wedding anniversary on 3 February. They were married at St Thomas Church, Rondebosch on 3 February 1954 and live at Chipstead, 3 Park Road, Rondebosch. *Many congratulations to you both on this fine achievement!*

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

Our hearty congratulations go to the following:

Major Anthony (1937-45) and Patricia **Gordon** were married at the Presbyterian Church, Straton, Ayreshire on 15 February 1964 and now live at 5 Chess Close, Newlands;

Brian (1947-57) and Janet **Kilpin** were married in Van der Byl Park on 4 April 1964 and now live at Somerset Vale, P O Box 818, Swellendam 6740;

Dr Anthony and Rosemary **Keen** were married at St Thomas' Church, Rondebosch on 8 April 1964 and now live at 15 Berram Road, Rondebosch;

Russell (1947-56) and Jane **Peters** were married in the Bishops Chapel on 24 April 1964 and now live at 12 Hadeda Avenue, Steenberg Golf Estate, Tokai 7945.

SENIOR ODs

We warmly welcome the following who have become OD Octogenarians during the second quarter of 2014.

Donald Ayres (1942-51), P O Box 595, Plettenberg Bay 6600, on 9 May;

David Bridgman (1943-52), Flight Farm, P O Box 27, Elgin 7180, on 22 June;

James Duncan (1943-52), 6 Holly Street, Newlands 7700, on 29 June;

David Fernley (1948-53), P O Box 20234, Ashburton 3200, on 29 May;

Reed Howes (1948-51), 66 Milliken Road, Pietermaritzburg 3201, on 23 April;

Vassilis Sgoutas (1949-51), 31 Itrotou Street, 106 73 Athens, Greece on 15 May;

Dr Peter Zoutendyk (1943-52), P O Box 92, Durbanville 7551 on 23 April.

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

98th Laurie Wale (1931-34), Cherry Hill, 23 Upper Primrose Avenue, Wynberg 7800, on 14 June.

90th Dr Vincent Fox (1938-41), 6 Dunster Avenue, Fish Hoek 7975, on 7 June;

89th Richard Boehmke (1934-42), 52 Alphenvale, Private Bag X17, Constantia 7808 on 8 April;

Gysbert Watermeyer (1941-32), (address unknown) on 7 April;

88th Alex Mair (1940-43), of 19 Bay View Avenue, Tamboerskloof 8001, on 15 May;
P G T (Bob) Watson (1941-43), Good Hope, 93 Osborne Road, Burradoo, NSW 2576 Australia, on 11 April.

87th Michael Emmett (1939-45), 13 Callington Avenue, City Beach, Perth WA6015, Australia, on 10 June;
Antony Jennings (1936-44), Aptdo 83, Correos, Pollensa 7460, Spain, on 12 May;
Bruce McKenzie (1940-44), Courtlands, 32 The Breach, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 5BJ, on 9 June;
Dr Gerald Rhodes (1940-44), 10 Melrose Walk, Claremont, W Cape 7708, on 18 April;

86th Geoffrey Adams (1937-45), P O Box 218, Bombala, NSW 2362, Australia, on 3 June;
Dr Ian Banks (1939-45), P O Box 27, McGregor, 6708, on 20 April;
John Doff (1940-44), 18 Richmond House, Church Square, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 7BG, UK, on 26 May;
Miles Malleon (1942-44), Fuchsia Cottage, 2a Putney Park Avenue, London SW15 5QN, on 24 April;
Peter Newell (1942-45), 30 Kloof Road, Gordon's Bay 7150, on 19 June;
Gregory Plant (1941-45), 3225 Wynford Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22031, USA, on 16 May;
Michael Watermeyer (1940-45) 104 Woodside Village, Norton Way, Rondebosch 7700, on 11 May.

85th Garth Calder (1939-47), P O Box 248, Agulhas 7287, on 23 May
Geoffrey Canning (1938-46), 83 Pinewood Village, University Drive, Pinelands 7405, on 7 June;
Jim Hudson (1944-46), 116a Harewood Road, Christchurch, New Zealand, on 26 May;
Michael Nolan (1938-46), 2326 Magnolia Lane #2, Naples, Florida 34112, USA, on 15 April;
Michael Pargiter (1940-47), 23 Cle du Cap, Polsmore Road, Kirstenhof 7945, on 6 June;
Michael Rydon (1945-46), Apt 12A The Penthouses, 20 Old Burleigh Road, Surfers Paradise, Queensland 4217, Australia, on 8 May;
John Sampson (1938-47), 87 Cambridge Road, P O Box 68983, Bryanston 2021, on 19 April.

84th John Fairweather (1941-48), Bructullo, 18 Pirton Road, Hitchin, Herts SG5 2BD, UK, on 23 April;
John Ferrandi (1940-48) 44 Woodside Village, Norton Way, Rondebosch 7700, on 3 April;
John Hueton (1939-48), Suite 307, 205 Lakeshore Road W, Oakville, Ontario L6K 0H8, Canada, on 27 June;

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

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

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

- 83rd John Arenhold (1941-50)**, Bloemhof, 29 Upper Towers Road, Muizenberg 7945, on 9 May;
Richard Chappel (1941-49), P O Box BW2, Borrowdale, Harare, Zimbabwe, on 1 April;
John Eaton (1942-49), 10 Sandown Manor Stella Street, Sandown 2196, on 20 May;
Stephen Jones (1940-48), address unknown, on 22 May;
Bruce Leask (1945-49), 103 Helderberg Village, Private Bag X19, Somerset West 7129, on 12 May;
Richard Owen (1946-49), P O Box 10433, Vorna Valley 1686 on 17 April;
Kit Robertson (1941-49), 78 Parkland Villas, 52-54 Liege Street, Woodlands, WA 6018, Western Australia on 6 May;
George Whitelaw (1940-49), 802 Helderberg Village, Private Bag X19, Somerset West 7129, on 8 June.

- 82nd Charles Brownlee (1945-50)**, Pte Bag 2125 Unit 246, Port Alfred 6170, on 18 April;
Tony Cooper (1946-50), Crossing Cottage, Little Faringdon, Lechlade GL7 3QN, UK, on 20 May;
Graham Cox (1942-50), 2 Woodlands Avenue, Westville 3629 on 21 May;
Dr John Coxon (1946-49), 120 Short Road, Walmer 6070, on 22 June;
Bill Fairhead (1945-49), 16 Shiraz Crescent, Cumberland Avenue, Constantia 7806, on 17 May;
Ian Fletcher (1941-50), P O Box 53129, Kenilworth 7745, on 27 April;
George Heye (1946-50), 33 Upper Mountain Road, Somerset West 7130, on 18 April;
Dr Peter Morris (1944-49), P O Box 143, Melkbosstrand 7437, on 28 April;
Keith Nicolls (1946-49), 16 Calderwood Drive, Aston Manor 1619, on 2 April;
Peter Trew (1940-49), 1 Painshill House, Portsmouth Road, Cobham, Surrey KT11 1DL, UK, on 30 April;
John Whiting (1941-50), 42 Sandpiper Cove, Busselton, WA 6230, Australia, on 14 June;

- 81st David Dallas (1942-51)**, Villa 486 The Village Glen, 335 Eastbourne Road, Rosebud West, Victoria 3940, Australia, on 21 May;
Rollo Dickson (1941-49), 30 Morkel Street, Somerset West 7130, on 26 April;
Peter Gain (1947-50), P O Box 411832, Craighall 2024, on 9 June;
Rev Alastair Macgregor (1941-51), 16 Ash Street, Milkwood Park, Noordhoek 7975, on 21 April;
Bob Murray (1944-51), 33 Amberglen, Private Bag X004, Howick, on 15 May;
Okkie Oosthuizen (1945-51), Cottage 56, Private Bag X7, Bryanston 2021, on 20 June;
Prof Lionel Opie (1943-49), 14E Ripelby Road, Claremont 7708, on 6 May;

JOHN ARENHOLD



John Arenhold retired as President of the ODU at the AGM. John was involved in the ODU during the 1980s. In 1992 he was elected Chairman, a position which he held until 2001. In 2002 he was elected as a Vice President. In 2004 he was elected President, a position which he held until March 2014.

During this time John established a number of processes and procedures along with the “Rules of the ODU” which were the preamble to our constitution. He served with three OD Secretaries, four Council Chairmen and four Principals. His meticulous timekeeping

and efficient chairing of the AGM [sixty minutes maximum] was a source of great pleasure to **John Charlton.**

The committee and I in particular have been fortunate to be able to call on John for advice. His knowledge of Bishops, his training as a lawyer at Oxford whilst a Rhodes scholar, his corporate experience in leadership and marketing have meant that his advice is always reasoned, well thought out and always in the best interests of Bishops and the ODU. Thank you John, we take comfort in fact that you remain with us as a Vice President and I look forward to many more of our treasured lunches where we solve the inevitable crisis facing the Proteas middle-order.

Brian Robertson

We are delighted to announce that **John Hueton (1948)**, **David Carter (1958)** and **Tim Noakes (1967)** have accepted the invitation of the ODU Committee to become Vice Presidents of the Union. They were duly elected as at the AGM *‘in recognition of outstanding service to the OD Union or Bishops.’*



David Carter was chairman of the Southern Transvaal Branch of the OD Union for a number of years before returning to Cape Town.

He was asked to serve on the St Cyprians Council which he did until asked to chair Bishops Council in 1996 having joined Council in 1993. His five years as chairman ended in 2000. During those years there was involvement as Trustee of the Bishops Trust and membership, ex officio, of the Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committee, which David always described as the most pleasurable of the activities surrounding Council Chairmanship. His legacy to Bishops included his chairmanship of two senior staff selection committees. The one committee recommended Midge Hilton-Green to be headmaster of the Prep and the second several years later recommended Grant Nupen to be Principal of the Diocesan College.

David’s connection with Bishops is not only extremely strong, but also continues as he has a direct line 4th generation at Pre-Prep continuing the association that started with his father in 1917. David’s father Eddie also served as Vice President of the ODU after many years on the College Council. Another

snippet – David's father's elder brother, Lionel, who was the first of the Carter family at Bishops, was Hon Treasurer of the OD Union for many years



John Hueton. John is our longest serving current Branch Secretary. He was the Canadian Secretary for 20 years before managing the newly formed Eastern Canadian Branch. While he was Secretary, the branch remained extremely active.

Under John's guidance the Canadian ODs overwhelmingly chose to fund a bursary in response to the Bishops 1999 appeal for funds for Buildings, Pensions and Bursaries. Canada Revenue Agency issued a donation receipt number to Diocesan College Trust of Canada (DCTC) and pledges were made for five years. This resulted in Bishops enrolling a boarding student who had been chosen by his schoolmates in Guguletu to have the bursary for tuition, clothing and books. He went on to take Law at the University of the Western Cape and in February was hired by a Law Firm in Sandton where he will complete his articles. 42 of 70 Canadian ODs donated. The second funding drive was for a day boy at Prep who unfortunately was withdrawn after three years by his Father who could not afford a second boy to Prep and did not wish to choose between them. 26 Canadian ODs donated. DCTC's third bursary student boarded at Prep and is now in College. A third fundraising drive is underway for his tuition. The British Columbia Directors obtain pledges in B.C, and John Hueton fundraises from ODs east of the Rockies, of whom 50% have pledged.



Timothy David Noakes is a South African professor of exercise and sports science at UCT. Tim has supported Bishops and the ODU with advice on matters relating to sport. He has always made himself available to speak at various functions and has been an inspiration to scores of Bishops boys. He works closely with the school in the continued development of sport.

After leaving Bishops he earned an MBChB (1974), MD (1981), and DSc (Med) (2002). In 1980 Tim was tasked to start a sports science course at the University of Cape Town. He went on to head the Medical Research Council-funded Bioenergetics of Exercise Research Unit, which was later changed to the MRC/UCT Research Unit for Exercise Science and Sports Medicine. In the early 1990s Tim co-founded the Sports Science Institute of South Africa, with former South African rugby player Morné du Plessis. His unit's physiological research has produced over 370 scientific articles since 1996.

In 2005 he undertook a series of pioneering experiments in the Arctic and Antarctic on South African (British-born) swimmer Lewis Gordon Pugh to understand the full range of human capability in extreme cold. He discovered that Pugh had the ability to raise his core body temperature before entering the water in anticipation of the cold and coined the phrase 'anticipatory thermo-genesis' to describe it. In 2007 he was the expedition doctor for Pugh's one kilometer swim at the Geographic North Pole.

Tim has written several books on exercise and diet and is also well known for challenging common and old paradigms in the discipline of exercise physiology humans can exercise. In 2002 he was awarded a Doctorate in Science (DSc), the highest degree the University of Cape Town can award.

CLASS REUNIONS

IN THE PLANNING STAGES

29-31 August

Organizers

CLASS OF 2004

Matt Douglas

Jordan Biderman-Pam, Ricci Gerstner, Paul Madden & Richard Thompson can be contacted via Facebook

10 YEAR

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CLASS OF 1954 – 60 YEAR

Class of 1954, Peter Steyn reports:

After a protracted period of planning by a committee chaired by **Ian Brown**, our 60th reunion came to fruition over three days from 7-9 March 2014. Our opening event was a cocktail party in the OD offices, and Tim and Carolyn Hamilton-Smith as our guests were thanked for their help with our plans for the reunion. The lettering on our name tags was writ large to enable recognition, especially of a few such as **George Barry** whom we had not seen for a great many years. **Peter Steyn** (hereinafter PS) acted as Master of Ceremonies and welcomed those present, especially **Conrad Guelke** (Vancouver), **Adrian (Percy) Martin** (USA), **Francis de Beer** (UK), **John Barry** (Zimbabwe) and **Quill Hermans** (Botswana). **John Charlton**, who had been instru-



*Above: John and June
Charlton*

Left: Tour by Paul Murray

mental in organising all our previous reunions, was accorded Honorary Life Presidency of our year as a tribute. Margie Brown also received a special vote of thanks for all her hard work in acting a secretary to the organising committee, and for most of the behind the scenes arrangements. Apologies for absence and good wishes had been received from **Mike Dommissie, Richard Topham** and **James Wood** (Australia), **Mike Lamb** (USA), **Bob Dallas, Jeffrey Frost, Peter Macan, Tim Maskell, Chis Wade** and **Malcolm Willings** (UK), **Francois Hugo, Lennart Ploughmann, John Taylor, Lionel Fowles, Pieter van der Byl, Charles Molteno, Peter Gird** and **Charles Melck** (South Africa). Sadly contact details for **Michael Balchin, Dennis Bird** and **Nick Winskill** eluded us.

In a brief speech of welcome PS reminded the gathering of *As You Like It* which we had studied in Matric 60 years ago. Little could we conceive then of reaching the Sixth Age in which the player had shifted into –

*‘The lean and slipper’d pantaloon,
With spectacles on nose and pouch on side,
His youthful hose well sav’d, a world to wide
For his shrunk shank.’*

Peter refrained from moving on to the last stage, but suggested that future meetings might take on a more informal nature such as small lunch groups, preferably with paramedics as waiters! In conclusion to our nostalgic and convivial party PS asked those who had not yet contributed to a book of memories being planned by **Brian du Toit** to do so as soon as possible. Brian distributed an interim publication of those accounts already received and these made for fascinating reading.

On Saturday morning we gathered for a tour of the school led by Paul Murray and what a revelation it proved to be. While many of the iconic buildings we had known and loved remained immutable, the new houses and day boy facilities had changed some aspects of the school beyond all recognition. Half way through our walk we stopped at the Frank Reid Oval for refreshments provided by the indefatigable Margie Brown. Then we proceeded to the school museum which

proved to be a cornucopia of interesting items and records. After this we assembled in the spacious Founders quad before ending our tour in the peace of the beautiful Brooke Chapel where sixteen of us had studied during our Post-Matric year when it was still a library. Paul Murray, steeped in Bishops history, was thanked for making our morning so fascinating and enjoyable.

On Saturday afternoon **Ivor Jardine** and **Peter Steyn** led a group of ten enthusiasts on a two and a half hour walk round Kirstenbosch. Ivor, the recent recipient of a botanical conservation award, was a mine of information on the flora of the garden, including the Golden Mimetes first discovered in 1987 and since propagated at Kirstenbosch. PS provided the final treat, a Spotted Eagle-Owl perched in full view, the same species that nested on the Founders clock tower when we were at school.



Dinner in Founders

That evening, after sociable pre-prandial drinks, we enjoyed the graceful ambience of Founders dining hall for an excellent three-course dinner. Before **Francis de Beer** said grace, we stood in memory of the twenty-eight of our year who had flown to higher perches, and remembered especially **David Crean, Pat de Bruyn, Robert Fraser, John le Seuer, Neil MacGregor** and **John Philip** who had left us since our 55th reunion.

As is our tradition, we invited several widows of our former classmates to join us during our reunion events. After the starter course **Adrian Martin** regaled us with an extremely amusing speech and then proposed the toast to Bishops. Adrian was accompanied by his son Nick who was making a video to capture a record of our era.

On completion of the main course and desert PS welcomed The Principal, Guy Pearson, and his wife Mareé. In a few introductory comments he made the observation that although the technology related to teaching had developed far beyond anything we could have conceived way back in 1954, the basic values we had known then remained the same. In his response Guy Pearson confirmed this sentiment before outlining some of the phenomenal expansion at Bishops, both in academic achievements and in the field of sports. He stressed the importance of individual excellence and competition. The House system as we had known it with its emphasis on fagging had given way to mentoring and tutoring as a constructive alternative. It was somewhat mind-boggling for us to hear that there were currently twenty-two different sports, that 154 boys had written Matric in 2013, and that the number of boys enrolled at all levels of the school was 1,360! **Conrad Guelke** thanked the Principal for his enlightening speech and added a few reminiscences of his time at Bishops. He then presented The Principal with a ceremonial Canadian Indian 'Talking Stick' which conferred on the holder the power and honour to speak uninterrupted at a gathering until it was passed on to the next person. The evening ended on a high note when **Len Ward** and our guest Lainey Boonzaier treated us to a miscellany of songs from our era such as *Lullaby of Broadway*, *Goodness Gracious Me*, *Blue Suede Shoes* and 'Outeniqua' Choo choo. PS thanked Lainey for her delightful renditions of these nostalgic numbers. The evening had been a great success and many seemed reluctant to leave at its conclusion.

On Sunday morning at the Piley Rees field we boarded our comfortable coach for our trip out to High Rising at Grabouw as guests of Brian and Anna du Toit. We had drinks and a delicious



Lunch at High Rising in Grabouw

for the return journey to Cape Town in the late afternoon at end of our three days of successful events during which thirty-two of the class of '54 and twenty-five wives or partners had participated. Those who attended one or more of our reunion activities were: **Warwick Barnes, John Barry, George Barry, Angus Bean, Ian Brown, John Charlton, Francis de Beer, John de Villiers, Rosemary Donnelly, Brian du Toit, Greg Eva, Conrad Guelke, Quill Hermans, Lawson Howes, Ivor Jardine, Brian Lefson, Charlie Lewis, Neva MacGregor, Robin MacKellar, Adrian Martin, Rupert Maskell, Bruce Milne, Nigel Murphy, Peter Newton, John Peters, Anne Philip, Lorna Phillips, John Phillips, Liz Porter, Sue Taylor, Geoff Richardson, Peter Sauerman, Andy Shearing, Peter Steyn, Len Ward, Ernie Williams, James Willis and Ian Wilson.**

■ Additional photos can be viewed on the website www.odu.co.za.



*Stefan van Doorn, Duncan de Groot,
Richard Lehnerdt and Grant McCoy*

CLASS OF 1989 – 25 YEAR

The Class of 1989 held their 25-year reunion over the Founders Weekend. Roughly 50 ODs gathered on the evening of Friday the 14 March in the Long Room at Newlands Cricket Ground. This was the third reunion of the Class of 1989, having previously celebrated our 10th and 20th year reunions.

There was an increased demand from a number of ODs to provide name tags, as the hair greyed and thinned, and the body shape changed somewhat! Perhaps it has something to do with the memory fading too! That being said, once people worked out who they were talking too, it was a fantastic evening.

There was a strong turnout from local ODs, but special mention should be made of a few ODs who made a special effort to attend the reunion. **David von Hirschberg** joined us from New Zealand, whilst **Richard Immelman** made the trip over from the United Kingdom, **Stefan van Doorn** made the trip down from Namibia. **Andrew Swift** and **Antony Cohen** came from up country, whilst **Steven Versfeld, Philip Dicey** and **Hugh Davison** came from the surrounding farming



Philip Dicey, Peter Milne and Hugh Davison



Andrew Stegmann, Bryan Mitchell, James Swift and Peter Koch

Smith for all their help in organising the specifics of the Saturday braai, as well as the small band of helpers who chased up their respective houses to try and get responses out of them – never an easy task. Specific thanks to **Peter Koch, Derek Moss, Andrew Stegmann** and **Robert Kaye** for all their help.

Looking forward to the 30th reunion, in 2019!

Duncan de Groot

communities. It was also fantastic to see **Simon Berrisford**, who had recently returned from an extended stay in the United Kingdom.

A late phone call from **Nic Boraine** to advise that his filming session had ended early meant that he was able to join us too, and it was also great to catch up with some classmates whom we had not seen for many a year, including **Steven Jones** and **Rod Howie**.

What is always interesting at these events is how easily former classmates fall in to conversation, often with people whom they had not necessarily interacted with closely at school, and this reunion was no exception. There was animated conversation, and lots of enquiring as to personal and professional developments over the last 25 years. The function concluded around midnight, with some ODs (mostly the old School House contingent!) moving on to their own after party. By all accounts, this was quite an after party.

Little surprise therefore that those who attended the Saturday function, a family braai at the Heatlie Pavillion, arrived fairly late, and looking a little tender. The family function, as intended, was a very relaxed affair. It was particularly pleasant to catch up with some of the ODs who could not make the Friday drinks evening. In particular, it was great to catch up with **Gavin Robinson**, who has recently returned from the United Kingdom, as well as **William James, Thomas Turck** and **Michael-John Fuchs**. It was fantastic to see all the kids running around the school grounds, and to be able to catch up with the families of the ODs that were in attendance.

I'd like to thank Tim and Carolyn Hamilton-

CLASS OF 1974 – 40 YEAR

By certainly not the only Matric group to celebrate 40 years since the closure of one the most formative chapters in our lives but the 55 who gathered for the celebratory weekend certainly shared a special bond that suggested we are something of a unique group.

Coinciding with Founders Day weekend, our first opportunity of reconnecting was at the OD dinner on Thursday night. About 26 of the class made it to hear **Thabang Skwambane** deliver an inspirational account of how he is transforming the lives of so many in South Africa – an enjoyable and thought provoking evening.

Many took the opportunity to spend the Friday at Bishops enjoying the celebrations of the 165th year since our founding. After an exceptionally informative tour of the school led by Paul Murray, we gathered at the ODU's offices for drinks and our first opportunity of recognising the unrecognisable and catching up on times past.

It was over a few drinks and delicious snacks that memories were relived; laughs reproduced and friendships reaffirmed. Proceedings included a moment of silence for the classmates no longer with us and, of course, a toast to Bishops.

We were joined by some of our teachers and mentors including Vivienne Mallett, Tom Fair, Paul Dobson, Brian de Kock, Tim Hamilton Smith and, in some cases their partners. We were sorry that not everyone was able to be there.

Our thanks go to Tim and Carolyn for allowing us to make use of an ideal venue for our first night and also to **Bruce Jack (1987)** and Flagstone for their support with some of the wine enjoyed.

On Saturday a few of the group made their way out to Stellenbosch taking in a visit to the *Stellenbosch-Slowmarket* at Oude Libertas and of course a wine farm or two.

Saturday evening was the Main Event comprising a dinner at the Cape Town Club. Over 80 gathered there – the majority with partners – and enjoyed a superb meal accompanied by excellent wine. A perfect venue (and highly recommended) for such an event.

Although no formal speeches were planned, a number of self-taught raconteurs were called upon to entertain us with anecdotes of their years at Bishops. Who can forget Tommy Stephens' limerick and Bob Baigrie's amusing account of aspects of school life. Anthony St John and Howard



Laurie Gardener and Richard King



Eric Droomer, James Gardener and Rob Ferrandi

Gant added their contributions and, not to be outdone, Mark Hampshire kept us amused with his usual blend of humour and wit.

Saturday evening was, for most, the event of choice. However, for the 50+ who decided to come to the spit-braai at the Frank Reid on Sunday, was the crowning point. A very leisurely family day with superb braai weather made for a fitting closure to a memorable weekend. Those that attended certainly agreed that this was perhaps the most enjoyable of the events held.

As the sun disappeared behind Devils Peak a small, but dedicated group made their way to the Pool Bar at Kelvin where the final curtain of an outstanding weekend fell.

It was, without doubt, a successful weekend and even those of us who had mixed feelings about our lives at Bishops were able to reaffirm their affection for a great school and its contribution towards a unique group.

Many travelled extensively to be with us and our thanks go to those who made the special effort from abroad. Included here are: John Fuller and Tony Leng from the US and Canada; Anton Hanley, Howard Gant, Michael Wood from Australasia; James Gardener, Tom Passmore, Chris Goodwin, Richard Olivier, Peter Mitchell, Anthony St John from the UK as well as Clive Pearce from Malta.

For those who were not able to be there March 2024 will provide a further opportunity so please be certain to factor the second weekend in March into your diaries.

Those who attended any or all of the weekend included:

Nigel Allsop, Mark Anderson, Bob Baigrie, Rob Baillie, Chris Beneke, John Bergh, Anton Bieber, Brian Biebuyck, Bob Bolus, Chris Boyes, Andre Broodryk, Giles Butlin, John Campbell, Derek Corder, Nic De Kock, Gavin Douglas-Hamilton, John Dreyer, Eric Droomer, Mike Duffett, Rob

*Thomas Stephens, Richie Ryall
and Howart Gant*



Ferrandi , John Fuller, Brett Gage, Steve Galloway, Howard Gant, Laurie Gardener, James Gardener, Chris Goodwin, Mark Hampshire, Anton Hanley, Anthony Harding, Steve Hewitson, Mark Huxter, Rob Impey, Vic Kent, Richard King, Nigel Lees, Tony Leng, Richard Llewellyn, Mike Maughan-Brown, Peter Mitchell, Jon Mort, John Murray, Rich Olivier, Tom Passmore, Clive Pearce, Sean Rosenberg, Gerald Sharp, Chris Sivertsen, Anthony St John, Tommy Stephens, Nigel Tebbutt, Henry Van Der Byl, Mark Van Ryneveld, Sven Wesemann, Michael Wood.

Richard King

Reunion anthem by James Gardener

*And still they came, and still they came,
The grey, the bald, the spry, the lame,
Chirping each other over and over again,
The same old lines, the nicknames remain.*

*Who is that? Which one is he?
Where were you? Was it you or your bru?
Where do you live? What the hell do you do?
Remember whatshisname? And the final game?*

*What chapel bells ring for those who come to remember?
Faith, hope and charity, anger, loss and shame.
Only the dark organ's soaring light and shadow
Can rise to the mountain's timeless claim.*

*No mockeries now for those we knew and never knew.
Twit and Dick and Sloppy Joe, Bob and Knob and Study Row.
Across Sahara, Oaks and Cemetery, dreamfields of long ago,
The shadow of the boy trails behind the man we've come to know.*

AND FINALLY

As the glow of our wonderful reunion begins to fade I thought I would try to keep the memory alive a little longer with this video – only 20 years late. I'm no Mike Duffett and this was filmed in the pre-digital age...

Here's the link – I hope it works: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9vdmuwnSZNE>



CLASS OF 1984 – 30 YEAR



***Back row (left to right):** Tom Eastwick, Paul Burton, Jon Ackerman, Garth Solomon, Graham Thomas, Robin Thomson, Nic Border, Peter Kilpin and Derek Lloyd.*

***Front row (left to right):** James Rattle, Charles Standing, Paul Steven.*

cricket team and greatly enjoyed the facilities at Lut A and the wonderful Skeeles Pavilion. The agility of some of our team was called into question as just about all twelve who turned out bowled and batted (and tried to field and catch) in the T20 match. Almost 400 runs were scored in the match



***Back row (left to right):** Martin Duys, Paul Burton, Robin Thomson, Jake Archer, James Rattle, Garth Solomon, Graham Thomas, Kevin Lennett, Peter Levett.*

***Front row (left to right):** Mike Butler, Paul Steven, Peter Kilpin, Paul Goddard, Greg Donnelly, Iain Bryant, Derek Lloyd, Tom Eastwick, Andrew Scott, Jeremy de Kock, Rupert Price.*

On Wednesday March 12, the festivities commenced at Forries where those that could make it gathered to renew old friendships. A most convivial evening was enjoyed by some 30 of us.

The Class of '84 took 3 tables at the ODU Annual Dinner on Thursday 13th. We met at the Pool Bar at Kelvin at 6pm before moving across to the dinner in the Ballroom at 7:30. The dinner was wonderfully organised and the group enjoyed meeting up with many of the 'legends' who were there as guests of the ODU. The fun continued late into the evening and some migrated into Claremont to extend the evening even further.

On Founders Day, we entered a reunion but in the end, we came up short by a handful of runs against the ODU 7th XI.

On Sunday 16th March, we held a Family Braai at the OD offices and on the lawns above the school tennis courts. It was a lovely day and the event was well attended by many of our group, wives and children.

All in all a thoroughly enjoyable few days. Our grateful thanks go to the ODU office for its assistance and to Bishops for hosting us.

Paul Burton

CLASS OF 1959 – 55 YEAR REPORT

Our Matric class, with their wives / partners, celebrated their 55th reunion with an array of activities from 13 to 16 March 2014.

The festivities commenced with the OD Dinner at Kelvin Grove. The next day a cocktail party was held in the Heatlie Pavilion overlooking the Piley Rees rugby field – what a magnificent setting. On the Saturday morning Paul Murray conducted a most informative tour of the School. His in depth knowledge of the School is huge and he is so clearly passionate about the subject. This was certainly a highlight of the weekend. We were blown away by what Bishops has to offer its learners.

On the Saturday evening a lamb Spitbraai was held at the OD offices. There were many shared stories about school life, teachers, boarders vs day boys, amongst much catching up with old friends. Our final function was the popular Sunday lunch at the Westlake Golf Club.

The following attended:

Robin Borden, Michael Brooke, Mick Cherry, John Cook, Anthony Coombe, Geoff Davies, Dave Evans, Martin Finch, Peter Fiske, Peter Gaylard, Ridgley Hall, Paul Heinemann, Koos Jonker, Gil Joyce, Chris Metelerkamp, Chris Molyneux, Andrew Ovenstone, Graham Parkhurst, John Penny, Angus Quail, Gerald Robertson, Chet Sainsbury, Garth Sampson, Jerome Sedgwick, Mike Shand, Jan Steenkamp, Allan Stuart, Erskine Tanner from Ireland, Mike Taylor from the UK, Hugh Wakeling from the UK, and Graeme Wares.





Back row (left to right): Peter Gaylard, Anthony Coombe, Chris Metelerkamp, Andrew Ovenstone.
Front row (left to right): Gerald Robertson, Jan Steenkamp, Chet Sainsbury and John Cook.

We had apologies from 21 members of our matric class, eight did not reply, and sadly 22 of our class have died.

It was a wonderful few days of reminiscing, laughing and catching up with old school mates. While some good things come to an end it is comforting to know that schoolboy friendships never do.

The organising committee comprised Anthony Coombe, Gil Joyce, Graham Parkhurst and Chet Sainsbury. Our thanks go to Carolyn and Tim Hamilton-Smith who made all our arrangements a lot easier.

Roll on 2019 when it will all be happening again as we celebrate our 60th reunion.

Chet Sainsbury

A NEW VENUE FOR REUNIONS

The Founders Terraces were formally laid out in 1956, the year after the Bishops 1st XI Cricket Field (erected in 1887) was named the Frank Reid Field. But the area where the terraces are now, especially where the new 2014 upper terrace structure has been erected due to the kindness of Founders Parents and Seniors, was formed in three stages. The first stage is further up closer to the San, along the building where the gym is. This is from 1852 when the lecture rooms were built, designed by the foremost English architect at the time, William White the brother of Bishops's 1st Principal H M White. Today this is the FH Gym and I recall it being the Gr 11 dorm. When the 'Holiday Inn' was built (current Gr 11 wing) obviously the space was freed up and Grant Norton fitted out the building with a Founders-own gym. So that whole length of terrace was there then, from 1852. The next part of the terraces came 10 years after when where the TV/rec room is now, was built in 1862 at the same time as the dining hall on the other side of the quad what was known as the Upper School Classroom (completed in 1863). Once completed, Bishop Gray came across to inspect the new buildings and said "They look tolerably well" and as he was pleased with Bishops, gave a dance for the young men and partners in what today is the Dining Hall. So the upper terraces extended to against the 1863 building which is now the back of the rec room all the way up to the Gr 11 glass rec room. But there was an opening between the two buildings and this was filled in 1931 by the building to cover the Lobby which is between the gym and TV room. It's called the Mount or the Mount Nelson probably satirically after the famous Cape Town Grande Dame of Hotels. So this is the organic development of the upper terraces. A picture from the 1930s shows a number of trees between the Founders buildings and the Frank Reid Field and these seem to be stone pines although there were some poplars closer to the field that commemorated some of Bishops's greats such as the Owen-Smith brothers. The two huge trees at the entrance to the upper terrace before entering Founders are ficus nitidia (Indian fig or the Indian Laurel Fig, or the

Chinese Banyan), massive tropical trees, providing a huge amount of shade but can be destructive from its invasive roots. In a photograph of Bishops in 1939 the ficus's are starting to grow out, so one imagines they might have been planted around the 1920s or thereabouts.

A famous fight occurred close to where the reservoir is now. A tree had fallen down in the grove of poplars and it became a seat for the seniors. They ruled the school with an iron fist and senior-junior relationships were tense. From there they summoned newboys and used to send them on errands as well as hold court there and if they were found guilty, they were beaten. It was known as the 'Joppa' probably after the Joptannery because of the hidings the newboys received from the seniors, obviously serious tannings. One day in 1879 two senior boys by the name of Samuelson and Steele, respectively, engaged in an act of fighting as the former had reported the latter for his bullying practices. One can just imagine the boys walking down to watch the 'music' coming onto these terraces from the lobby and making their way across the lower terraces, to spectate at the fight. The ending is on a good note as the two boys decided to make it up and the youngsters were emancipated from their arduous tasks of near servitude.

Tim Hamilton-Smith the Housemaster of Founders (1981-1992) initiated a great deal of restoration of the House, to include interior changes, and particularly on the windows and terrace door, bringing it to its original position as you can see. Mr Hamilton-Smith however confesses that whilst a great deal of restoration work has been done on the inside of the quad, the windows overlooking the terrace still painted white need to be stripped down to their original teak, a project that awaits us. Last year we restored every door that leads onto the quad, some scraping away as a form of punishment and others varnishing and oiling in an act of 'restorative justice'. In the words of C.J Rhodes that great friend of Bishops, it's a case of 'so little done, so much to do', but we do what we can. In the meantime we must enjoy the great efforts of those who toiled to make this spot the Founders terrace accessible to the boys of the House, to be a place where they can breathe in nature's freshness under the shadow and shade of these majestic ficus's especially when the heat is unbearable, and look across the lower terraces where once prize-giving was held, across the cricket pitch, as far as the far groves where once there was the Joppa and the bathing pool from the cove of the Black River now canalized and no longer visible. And as they sit and enjoy the camaraderie they can think of themselves as fortunate to be able to have such a magnificent facility.

Paul Murray

NEW SECRETARY FOR THE BOLAND BRANCH

We are pleased to announce that **Martin Versveld (1977)** has been appointed Secretary of the Boland Branch. Martin who lives in Stellenbosch has served on the ODU committee and has been a driving force behind the Bishops Rugby Supporters Committee. His son **Martin (2010)** matriculated recently and is currently studying at the University of Stellenbosch. He plans to work closely with **Michael Foxcroft (2011)** to serve the interests of young ODs studying at Stellenbosch. Both Martins have a great understanding of Bishops and the ODU. We look forward to working with them.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank **Bruce Robinson (1986)** for all the effort he has

put into managing the Boland Branch and for hosting numerous successful dinners in recent years. Thank you Bruce, very much appreciated. You brought life and spirit to the Boland.

Martin can be contacted at martin@prescient.co.za or 083 270 7285. As we are constantly updating our lists, ODs should contact either Martin or the ODU with their details, especially the Stellenbosch University students. This is very easy to do on the OD website: www.odu.co.za or via the OD Union odu@bishops.org.za

THE NEW ODU CENTRE

This picture will keep you in touch with developments. We are 'on schedule' so we are told.



OD OFFICE

STARLIGHT CLASSICS

We have had a busy start to the year at the OD Union. On 1 March we took 50 ODs to Starlight Classics at *Vergelegen* and about 32 came with us on the school bus. This is one of the highlights of the year as **Richard Cock (1967)** kindly organizes a cordoned off space for our group behind the Rand Merchant Bank guests. We take along our picnics and chairs and have a wonderful evening of music and entertainment.

Richard wrote: Dear Carolyn, I am glad you all enjoyed it and I am sorry I couldn't spend a bit more time coming to talk to you guys.

It was a very special Starlight and there was certainly a very good feeling on the stage and a wonderful feeling of 'Ubuntu'.

I look forward to seeing you as we move through the year.



Top: Richard Cock

Above: Humphry Worthington-Smith

We look forward to Carols with Richard later in the year in the Memorial Chapel on 16 December. We welcome any visitors to Cape Town to join us. Wine and mince pies are served in the interval and it's a wonderful evening of song and music – thank you Richard for all your support.

Starlight Classics really is one of the highlights of the OD calendar and enjoyed by many ODs and their families:

Guy Pearson wrote: Dear Carolyn, Many thanks for a truly memorable evening on Saturday. It was a real privilege to attend Starlight Classics and the entertainment was superb. It was also good to meet and chat to some of our “Senior” ODs and their wives! Thank you so much for all you did to organise a really special evening.

From **Keith Richardson (1968)**: Carolyn, it was a wonderful evening. Thank you for including me again. I found myself humming Porgy and Bess all day. I really appreciate all the trouble you go to every year. As an aside, I do enjoy seeing so many familiar and friendly faces. What a pleasure seeing June Clark.

Betty Soloman wrote: Carolyn – what a lovely evening that was – thank you so much for organizing it – sorry I didn't say goodbye but by the time I had brought my car up to load my chairs you had left. Really thought it was a memorable evening!

Shirley Watermeyer wrote: What a spectacular evening we enjoyed with Richard Cock and the excellent talent that he harnesses for a magical musical evening. You are wonderful in the way you care for us and all the OD's who are privileged to enjoy travelling in a bus, and making sure that we are all safely delivered back to Bishops. Thank you so much for your gentle organising and personal touch. Thank you Carolyn, Michael and I appreciate all that you do.

WALKER CUP

On 2 March the ODs played Rondebosch in the annual Walker Cup at Royal Cape Golf Course. Despite the wet weather it went off very well and Royal Cape made a nice change of venue from Mowbray.

WALKER CUP report from **Brian de Kock**.

The 32nd competition for the Walker Cup, between ODs and Old Rondebosch golfers, took place on Sunday 2 March at the Royal Cape Golf



Barry Donnelly and Dick Cheeseman



*Athol Kent, Peter Terblanche (Bosh),
Murray Thompson, Hamish Longmore,
Alistair Mackie and Philip Austin ODs*

Club, which had hosted the inaugural playing of this annual event. We enjoyed excellent hospitality and general help from Royal Cape, and the usual generous help from our major sponsor, *Auric Auto BMW*, as well as from *Hamilton Russell Vineyards*, *Rick Haw*, OD, of *Hillcrest Vineyards*, *Ramsay Media* and *Greeff Properties*, to all of whom go our grateful thanks.

We are pleased to report that, after losing to Rondebosch for the past few years, **ODs won this time by 18 ½ matches to 7 ½**.

Before handing out the prizes, **Mike Walker (1957)**, who had been partly responsible for the initial staging of the event and who had subsequently donated the trophy, described the history of the Walker Cup since its inception in 1982.

OD prize-winners were: **Philip Austin** and **Alistair Mackie** (2nd best couple); **Hamish Longmore** and **Murray Thompson** (3rd best couple); **Alistair Mackie** (Greeff Properties prize for 'nearest the pin for two shots on the 12 th); **Simon Caro**, **Mark Reid** and **Murray Carlyle** (nearest the pin on three of the four par fours); **Philip Austin** (35 – 50 years) and **Chad Cruickshank** (under 35s) – for the longest drives in their age groups.

FOR YOUR DIARY:

The annual Old Quad Challenge Shield competition, between ODs and Old Boys of Rondebosch, SACS and Wynberg, takes place at the Royal Cape Golf Club on Friday 26 September 2014.

AGM, OD DINNER AND FOUNDERS DAY MATCHES



Thabang Skwambane



Raymond Ackerman

The AGM, the OD dinner and Founders day matches vs the school followed from 11-14 March. The dinner was at *Kelvin Grove* once again and was attended by 286 ODs of all ages. **Thabang Skwambane (1993)**, our guest speaker, gave a mesmerizing talk about the *Lonely Road Foundation*. The *Lonely Road Foundation* is a South African development programme that aims to improve the lives of Orphaned and Vulnerable Children (OVC's) in underprivileged communities. www.thelonelyroad.org/ The OD Union has made a R10 000 donation to this worthy cause. **Anton Taylor (2005)** was, once again, a most successful

MC and much enjoyed by ODs of all ages. Other guests included representatives from kindred schools, past teachers, current College and Prep teachers, the Principal, heads of the Pre-Prep, Prep and College, as well as our newly elected President, **Raymond Ackerman (1948)**. Grateful thanks go to **Tim Rands (1969)** who so generously donated his superb wines for the table. Prizes for the raffle were kindly donated by **Gareth Penny, Richard von Hoesslin, Gus Allen, Gerry Frater, Nick Stodel** and **Paul Robbins**. We very much look forward to next year's dinner on Thursday 12 March 2015.



Back row: Adam Griffin, Shaun Cowell, Mike Ledwidge, Andrew Nel. Front row: Black Gowar, Ian Armstrong, Peter Haw, Josh Nortjie, Anton Taylor



*Back row: Chris Howard, Michael Morris, Nicholas Huxter, Nicholas Van Breda, Matthew Handley, Michael Pearce
Front row: Craig McKenzie, Brin Berold, Wesley Tam*



*Back row: David Burton, John Koster, Brian, Dugald & Murray Robertson, Thabang Skwambane, Guy Pearson, Blyth Thompson.
Front row: Geoff Everingham, Raymond Ackerman, Mike Bosman*



*Back row: Richard von Hoesslin, David Rawbone, Louis Messaris, John Smuts, Colin Boyes.
Front row: Peter Georgeu, Les Masterson, Johnny Waller, Bruce Risien*



Back row: Hamilton van Breda, Rupert van Breda, Jonathan van Breda, William van Breda, Michael John van Breda, John Henkes, Michael van Breda, Steven Estcourt, Phillip Tyers. Front row: Dave Macgregor and Nicholas van Breda



Paul Steven, Roger Codrai, Graham Thomas, Paul Burton, Peter Kilpin and Garth Solomon

The school kindly hosted the traditional lunch for the teams on Founders Day 14 March and the ODs held a drinks and snacks party at the Frank Reid pavilion after all the matches had been played. The ODs fielded seven cricket teams, and tennis, shooting, debating, waterpolo and sailing also took place on the day. It was good to welcome many ODs back to school once more.

OD cricket lovers might be interested in the following reports.

The OD 1st XI on Founders Day was: **James Crowson (2010), Zac Elkin (2009), Dan Russell (2013), Nico Loizedes (2008), Andy Gilder (2001), Siya Simetu (2009), William Rosenberg (2010), James Strang (2010), Anthony Fenton-Wells (2001), Digby Harding (2012), Guy Muller (2009).**

For the first time in three years, poor weather left the OD Cricket Day alone and we were allowed a full day of fantastic cricket in near perfect conditions. In keeping with tradition, this year's OD 1st XI scoffed at the suggestion of 20 over pyjama cricket and stuck to the tried and tested declaration game – knowing full well that exciting cricket is not entirely dependent on the percentage of shots played over cow corner.

As is the custom, the ODs batted first and, perhaps in a less customary fashion, were immediately on the back foot following some excellent use of the new ball from the school boy pair of Robert Valbom and Luke Burton. Regular early wickets meant that despite a decent run rate, the ODs reached the first drinks break teetering at 51/3, with **Dan Russell** taking advantage of a few missed chances from the schoolboys to score the bulk of the runs. The ODs then fought back well on either side of lunch, with Russell joined by the OD Captain **Andy Gilder** as they both worked to set a platform for the hit out later in the innings. When the hit out did come, it was decisive and the ODs upped the rate from around 3.5 to well over 6 for a period after lunch. When Russell eventually



fell for a well-played 91, the school's spinners had seen many a ball flying over the rope in a partnership of 148 between the OD pair and were no doubt glad to see an end to a fine effort. In the pursuit of quick runs at the back end of the innings, what followed would closely

mirror the efforts of the 20/20 games that had begun on the ground's other fields, with every OD batter looking to up the rate in quick time. Eventually, the ODs would declare on 251/7, with Gilder reaching his run a ball hundred undefeated and calling an end to an innings that saw 19 fours and 12 sixes from the ODs in 49 overs.

Needing around five an over was never going to prove easy for the school on a deteriorating wicket, but at 79/0 and going at precisely the required rate, they were well on course for a great win on the day. Credit must go to the schoolboy opening pair of Nic Pithey and Justin Rowe-Roberts for some very clean hitting under pressure. The slower bowling would prove too difficult to get away however, and after fine prolonged spells of spin bowling from **Siya Simetu** (4/23 in 17 overs), Digby Harding (1/24 in 9 overs) and **James Crowson** (3/10 in 11 overs), the school wilted heavily, losing a host of wickets as the score went virtually nowhere. Ultimately, the school would hang on to reach 121/9 after their 53 overs – losing eight wickets for 42 runs in 40 supremely tight overs of spin.

The slow scoring rate did little to detract from an incredibly exciting finish with men around the bat for close on 15 overs in fading light. The match ended in a draw, but the action on the field (including a 'handled ball' at the death) proved once again that a draw is not always the most boring result in cricket and that the declaration game often yields the most compelling spectator entertainment.

The OD 2nd XI had another victory over the school lads (3rd or 4th in a row – if the memory serves). The ODs got stuck in first, as usual, and we had the honour of having our oldest ODs (vintage of '89) **Rowan Belchers** and **Pete Milne** taking on the new cherry. After setting the foundation we had a mix between losing a few sticks and having some of the chaps 'retire' to let others have a go. And after a few decent contributions by **Philip Jacobs**, **Matthew Riches** and **Rowan Belchers**, to name but a few, we scrambled to a respectable 156. In true OD fashion, all got a bat and all got a bowl. The school chaps started their innings off very well and it took us a while to get the initial breakthrough. But after a few tight bowling spells the boys had 22 to get off the last two overs – it was looking pretty tight. However, we had two death bowlers 'extraordinaire' **Pete Milne** and **Eric Allen** up our sleeve, who managed to hold the school boys 14 runs short.

Another great afternoon was had by all – despite a few sore 'post OD dinner' heads.
Craig McKenzie

A great match, a little too tight for me. Unfortunately we were only 10 men and with **Philip Dicey** being hit for over 24 in his only over the game was definitely there for the taking, by the boys. However some exemplary captaincy resulted in us harrowingly holding off the boys. In the last over 13 runs were needed the first ball was cleanly hit by what I gather was a under 15 boy, however we managed the win. An OD was given out LBW which will need to be addressed next year as I am not sure what the umpire was thinking. Below is what I sent post-game.

Steve Estcourt you win the prize for the most cricket and biggest falls. You must be hurting. **Martin Bey** you win the prize of being the most annoyingly fit and agile person alive and top batsmen. **David Dalling** you win the prize of the biggest BMT. Full toss, wicket, realllllyyyyyyy. Also for not getting injured.



Anton Holtrop, Deryck Rowe-Roberts, Gordon Robinson, Graeme Newcomb, Richard Swain, Steve Estcourt, David Dalling

first innings and then not being able to achieve anything in your second innings. You also get the *bergie* award for leaving bits of your shoes all over the field. **Anton Holtrop** you win the prize for the total disregard you held for the poor boys and the reluctance to run between wickets by smashing sixes and fours. **Richard Swain** you win the prize for being given out LBW when it was almost balls before wicket it was so high. **Deryck Rowe-Roberts** you win the prize for never stopping talking during bowlers run ups, batting, umpiring, fielding and bowling. As well as having voodoo capabilities by putting the hex on me. **Philip Dicey** you win the prize for being an imposter, terrorist and traitor. 24 off six balls!

I win the prize for getting a duck and being a most victorious captain or should I say team selector.
Alister Smuts



*Back Row: Paul Boehmke Niall Brown Pat Foster Garry Southern (1961); Andrew Kilpin (1983)
Front Row: David Boyes Bruce Hill Bruce Ackerman Andrew Day John Smuts*

Graeme Newcomb you win the prize for looking like you still have it and for traveling so far to play. **Gordon Robinson** you win the prize for most spectacular attempt at a catch and for not being in any shape to play three matches in three days as well as playing after having been to Tiger Tiger until 5.00am that morning. **Thomas Turck** you win a prize for smashing everything in your

Reports on the Basketball, Waterpolo, Debating, and Tennis and will be published either on the website or in the autumn newsletter.

During this period many reunions took place. The Class of '54 60 year reunion was held from 7-9 March and the 55yr, 40yr, 30yr and 25yr groups all held theirs over the Founders weekend. Many functions were held in the OD Union offices and these ranged from cocktail parties to spit braais. We encourage those who are planning their reunions to be in touch with the ODU odu@bishops.org.za to book their venues for next year. Some of the venues have already been booked for the Founders week 11-15 March 2015. We look forward to holding many functions in the new building next year.



One other event which takes place during this period, the OD vs OA cricket match has become an annual event. **Greg Boyes (1995)** reports: The weather was good, we had home ground advantage and the **Rhodes-Harrison** brothers were playing! All this would normally guarantee a win but alas this time it wasn't meant to be.

The OA's set an achievable target of 190 runs in 30 overs thanks to some good bowling by **Jeff Middleman (1995)**, **Anthony Mitchell (1997)**, **Simon Richman (1992)** and **Simon Voigt (1995)**. The first innings was followed by a spit braai which got quite festive. The ODs put up a good fight under the lights but couldn't quite get there in the end. Notable performances were from the **Craig (2008)** and **Justin Rhodes-Harrison (2003)** brothers and **Brad McNamara (1995)**. The game was as usual played in great spirit and my thanks go to the OD Union, Carolyn Hamilton-Smith and the OA's for making it an unforgettable event.



Graham Meyer, Mike Bayly, Charles Koster, Angus Dixie and Andrew Kilpin

On a different note, we are pleased to report that the rugby season has started on a good note. On 12 April the 1st XV beat Boland Agricultural College 29-25 on the Piley Rees field. The temperature was 38°, probably the hottest day of the year, a fine achievement, well done!

We played St Andrews on 5 May. Bishops won 39-15. What a superb performance and ODs will no doubt once again be flocking back to the Piley Rees!!

Last, but not least:

Phil Calothi's (1968) carefully selected shooting team composed of both veterans and juniors convincingly retained the Chippy Robinson trophy in perfect conditions on Founders Day.

In order to avoid any error, this year, we publish the full scores of ALL members of the team.

OLD DIOCESANS	Card 1	Card 2	TOTAL
Peter Henkel (2003)	94	91	185
Richard Henkel (1969)	85	98	183
James Rule (2011)	92	89	181
James Ricketts (1985)	86	91	177
Richard Calothi (2003)	89	87	176
Paul Henkel (2006)	82	92	174
Mike Madlener (1967)	88	83	171
Phil Calothi (1968)	85	84	169
Neil Herman (1975)	85	84	169
Larry Thomas (1988)	87	81	168
John Waller (1966)	83	85	168
John Duckitt (1971)	87	80	167
Girvan Larmuth (1971)	81	83	164
Jem Ricketts (1957)	84	72	156



Phil Calothi

We will not publish the boy's scores but are proud to announce that the
OLD DIOCESANS WON BY 40 POINTS!

THE FOUNDERS WEEKEND & COLLEGE EVENSONG.

College Chaplain, the Rev Terry Wilke writes: Many thanks for the kind invitation to the OD dinner. It was a grand affair – good food, good company and a really thought provoking speech. *Sadly the OD support for the Evensong has never been great at the end of a busy weekend and this was pointed out by the House Masters when the discussion regarding the change from Sunday to Wednesday was raised. Wednesday also is a far easier day to manage in the lives of the Houses and the boys. Sad however, to see traditions change and fade.*

OD RUGBY INTER HOUSE 7-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT

Date: Tuesday 23 September

Venue: Piley Rees field

Time: 3.00 pm – 5.30 pm

Reception & Young OD Braai 6.00 pm in the Heatlie Pavilion

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

OD HOCKEY MATCHES VS SCHOOL

Date: Tuesday 23 September

Venue: Woodlands Astro

Time: 4.00 pm

Reception & Young OD Braai 6.00 pm in the Heatlie Pavilion

Team organizer: Nic Olds oldseen@hotmail.com

BISHOPS FAMILY TIES

We were delighted to hear from **Rogan Earp-Jones (1969)**, who noticed in the March magazine that we were doing a series on families with long Bishops connections. He added that there cannot be many families that stretch back more than a century!

Rogan has kindly sent a summary of the 'Earp-Jones' connections.

■ **Canon Harold Earp-Jones** 1881 – 1975. Years at Bishops 1899 -1902

Harold was born in Port Nolloth, the eldest of four brothers and a sister, where his father was the parish priest in the days before marine diamonds were discovered, as a young boy he shot these “shiny” stones found on the beach from his catapult! On his death, a tattered old cloth bag was discovered in his safe full of uncut (mostly industrial) diamonds! He also helped haul ashore the first undersea cable to SA when the grand ship *The Great Eastern* brought it into harbour.

He was in charge of Ports from Port Nolloth to Mossel Bay during the Boer War and received a personally addressed telegram from the Queen advising him of the cessation of hostilities. (The original is in the Castle, Cape Town).

During World War 1 he established the *Missions to Seamen* in Cape Town and set up similar places in Durban and East London.

Prior to being Canonised, he was Archdeacon in Caledon where his flock stretched from Agulhas to Springbok and to visit those in Agulhas he would take an ox-wagon from Caledon, fishing and camping all the way there and back again, taking about two weeks to do the trip! He built the Anglican church in Springbok which in those days was an ordeal to get to from Caledon – only gravel roads, few bridges and rivers which had to be forded in vehicles that were often unreliable and suspect. He was a keen rugby and cricket player, playing rugby with Japie Krige (then a Springbok) for Caledon.

He ended up as Rector of St James in Sea Point prior to his retirement.

His brothers were:

■ **Rev Arthur Earp-Jones** 1882 -1951. Years at Bishops 1899 – July 1900.

He played 1st XI cricket, represented Eastern province against the MCC. On the Boer war service list in the Sept 1900 School mag – please note he only left school in July 1900 – he was

recommended for the VC when as a scout he rescued wounded in the Imperial Yeomenry and later was a bodyguard to the C in C.

■ **REV Alan Earp-Jones** 1886-1956. At Bishops from 1903-1908.

Harold's son's:

■ **Ernest Alan Earp-Jones** 1916-1986. At Bishops from 1931-1933

He matriculated from Bishops at the end of the depression and was fortunate to get a job in the Standard Bank and landed up in Graaff Reinet at the onset of the 2nd World War. He joined up with the DMR and saw action in North Africa prior to being captured at Tobruk after which he was taken through Italy to Stalag Luft IV in Eastern Germany where he saw out the war until they released themselves from the Russians when the German positions were overrun, and headed for the American lines through fair means or foul. However, the POW experience compromised his health as he was in a severe state of malnutrition on release and he never really recovered. He remained with the bank until his retirement.

■ **Leslie Earp-Jones.** 1919-1994. At Bishops from 1934 -1937

After matriculating, he joined Union Castle Line, and saw war on board ship as a naval officer mainly in the Pacific but was also involved in the Anzio landings in Italy.

(Pictures of both in uniform and their service medals are in the Bishop's archives).

Arthur's son

■ **Charles.** Died in action 26.02.1943. At Bishops from 1928 – 1929

Rev Alan's sons:

■ **Alan Centlivers** 1924-1997. At Bishops from 1938 – 1941. He left before writing matric to join up.

■ **Reginald (Rex)** 1929- (resident of Noordhoek Manor)

(He was in the Korean War as a fighter pilot and later became the private pilot to Harry Oppenheimer)

Rev Reginald's sons:

■ **Richard** 1918-1993. No OD record

■ **Denys** 1919-1942 (Killed in action). Was at Bishops in 1934

■ **Clinton** 1921-2013 (Wellington, New Zealand. Also left Bishops in 1934

Both left Bishops to go to St Andrew's, Grahamstown.

Also **Canon Harold Earp-Jones'** wife Ida's (née Dymond) brothers:

■ **Arthur Norman Dymond** 1887-1916. At Bishops 1902 – 1905

■ **Ernest Charles Dymond** 1885-1915. At Bishops 1900 -1902 (Died of blackwater fever farming in Kenya)

(There are least another three brothers here that the OD office doesn't have records of. Their fairly wealthy father married twice and the Dryden part came from the second marriage and they all used to come to Bishops boarding school by ship from Mossel Bay!)

■ **George Cecil Dymond** (1908-1911)

(Nicknamed “Dreamy”, Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, played 1st XI Cricket and as a chemist worked for *Hulett's Sugar Estates*)

■ **Richard Paul Dryden-Dymond** (1926-1927)

(Was a Lieut. in the Seaward defence Force during the 1939-45 war, was the Naval attaché to Portugal as Commodore 1961-1965)

Ernest's son:

■ **Rogan Austin Earp-Jones** (1959-1969)

Rogan's son:

■ **Brendon Austin Earp-Jones** (1987-2000). Since 2006 the videographer for all the Bishops 1st XV games and the CCO of *Sybauweh*.

Currently at the school, **Benjamin Nel**, whose maternal Grandmother was an Earp-Jones – my father's sister. Also awaiting the birth end of this month of **Connor Austin Earp-Jones**, Brendon's son, who will be due to enter Bishops in 2019.

Connor will be the 5th direct family generation of Bishops boys!

Thank you Rogan – that is quite a line – ed.

SCHOOL PRIDE

In the last edition of these OD notes (*March 2014*) the editor wrote:

‘ODs can be very proud indeed of their old school’.

The story continues:

There is no doubt how effectively Bishops has kept pace with change.

40 years ago in 1974, Bishops was a very different school. For instance full colours were only awarded for Rugby, Cricket and Athletics. Today colours are awarded for a multitude of activities covering sport, academics, culture and leadership. There is certainly today a place in the sun for a far greater variety of boys.

■ DIVERSITY OF SPORTS

No doubt the majority of ODs will be pleased to hear every boy still has to take part in sport both throughout the winter and summer. Whilst maintaining the school's traditional spirit of contribution, enjoyment and participation a team of dedicated coaches make all this possible.

Sports now include Athletics, Waterpolo, Cricket (we still field 15 teams), Rowing, Basketball, Canoeing, Tennis, Cycling Climbing, Surfing, Sailing, Rugby, Hockey, Squash, Mountain biking, Shooting, Golf, Fencing, Road and Trail, Cheerleading, First Aid.

■ **SQUASH COURTS.** This excellent complex consisting of five courts is as good as anything in the Western Cape. It was generously paid for by ODs **John Whiting** and **Brian Lefson** in 1976.

■ **THE INDOOR CRICKET NETS,** as reported in recent magazines is a World Class facility made possible by the generosity of the **Coutts-Trotter** family.

■ **SWIMMING POOLS.** There are now two pools. The main water polo pool is heated and has shaded spectator stands. Waterpolo is a really popular summer sport.

■ **ROWING.** This is an expensive sport both to run and to maintain – as many ODs have found out to their cost! The ‘fleet’ of boats has continually been upgraded and this has led to greater success on the water.

■ **THE ATHLETICS TRACK** at Lutgensvale is as good a grass track as you would find anywhere in the Cape. The underground sprinkling system has totally reformed the field and there has not been a mole in sight for years.

■ **OFF ROAD CYCLING** has benefitted from the building of a track which curves its way around the fields.

■ **FENCING** has now started to produce junior internationals and provincial fencers.

■ **CLIMBING.** A number of our climbers participated in the Western Cape Junior climbing and bouldering competitions.

Apart from colour awards boys are encouraged to enter for the President’s Award. Last year six Matrics were awarded the Gold Medal:

PRESIDENT’S AWARD

The Award aims to provide an enjoyable, challenging and rewarding programme of personal development. The programme is recognised both nationally and internationally, and is highly regarded by employers because it demonstrates a young person’s willingness to take up a challenge, to persevere and achieve across a broad range of activities.

To gain the Award a pupil must participate in the four sections set out below.

■ **SERVICE:** The aim of this section is to encourage active citizenship and community involvement. Pupils can choose to become involved in a wide variety of services such as Animal welfare, Sport Coaching, helping with Scout and Beavers, fundraising... At Bishops, they can make use of their Civics sessions on Thursday afternoons (Grade 10 and above).

■ **SKILLS:** The aim of this section is to encourage the discovery and development of practical and social skills and personal interests. The Skills Section offers pupils a wide choice depending upon their personal preferences, abilities and the opportunities available. The skill may be an existing interest or something entirely new. It can be anything such as debating, instrument lessons, Accelerated Art Programme, cooking, ICDL.

■ **PHYSICAL RECREATION:** The aim of this section is to encourage participation and improvement in physical activity. Pupils can make use of their participation in a summer and/or winter sport at Bishops.

■ **EXPEDITIONS:** The aim of this section is to encourage a spirit of adventure and discovery by preparing for and carrying out an adventurous journey as part of a Team. Ventures must be

completed by the Participants' own physical efforts with minimal external intervention. Camp at the end of Grade 9, Epic for Grade 10, and maybe Kilimanjaro for older ones.

There should be a regular commitment averaging at least an hour a week.

Find out more about the President's Award and the range of activities in each section on their web site: www.presidentsaward.co.za

A few words regarding the much discussed topic – the introduction of Soccer!

Soccer is not an official school sport.

*‘The main reason being that we are a smaller school than our main competitors and we need all boys to help us match the “big” Paarl and Boland schools. If we split our winter group any further, we will not be able to fulfil these fixtures and that would mean we drop into a **lower rugby league** and you can imagine what consternation that would cause amongst our present pupils and old boys’.*

André Jacobs

LEADERSHIP AT BISHOPS

2008 was the last year in which Bishops had prefects. In the 4th term of that year when the grade 11s took over the pupil leadership of the school they did so as a group operating within a variety of portfolios in their Houses under a Head of House who was the “captain” of the team. Since then every boy in his final year at school has had an opportunity to learn something about the challenges of leading and about themselves within the role. As with most things at school some have made more effort than others and some have more natural talent than others. Some have excelled, many have done well and others have allowed their efforts to tail off after initial enthusiasm. However, overall the new system has worked well with many boys showing impressive leadership with a variety of flavours according to their characters. In addition the matrices acting as a group have made the school a happier and safer place as all of them are responsible for the success of their final year.

The values of the system are based upon “servant leadership” and the matrices are encouraged to make sure that their leadership results in the boys in their Houses being safe, enthused, productive, disciplined and respectful of others and the values and traditions of the House and College.

Apart from what the boys learn from watching staff, senior boys and other significant adults in their lives, boys are also taught through a number of talks, experiences on the Epic and elsewhere on and off campus – and all boys go on a two day “Leadership for life” conference towards the end of the third term.

Houses operate within the system with some autonomy but generally a matric will have one or two portfolios (there are 18), be a mentor to a grade 8 and have some general duties to do within the House. Some of the portfolios also have College Committees so that the matrices can meet across Houses with staff input. After two terms each matric has an appraisal interview with a group of House staff where his performance is looked at and encouragement and advice is given. At the

start of the 3rd term a second appraisal occurs and then the House staff propose an award against various criteria for each deserving matric (Distinction, Merit, Pass).

The change to the pupil leadership has enabled significant positive changes in the relationships within the school at all levels. In particular the relationship between matrics and grade 8s has modernised to one which is largely characterised by mutual and appropriate respect.

(More details about the leadership system can be found on the College website under “Pastoral”.)

Peter Westwood



THE BISHOPS SUPPORT UNIT

One of the significant developments at Bishops since 2000 has been the establishment of the Bishops Support Unit (BSU), staffed by professional psychologists, which arose out of a strategic planning conference in 2001.

This conference addressed major aspects of the school for the following ten years including teaching and learning, pastoral care, spirituality,

sport, culture, community outreach, the OD Union, finances and fundraising, and public relations. One of the key proposals from the Pastoral care group was the formation of the BSU to address the social, psychological and emotional development and well-being of all boys at Bishops.

Jason Bantjes, with the backing of Grant Nupen, Mike King and Stuart West, was a major driving force behind this initiative and set in place the ideas for the BSU. While Bishops had an academic counsellor before 2000, there was a growing realisation that the boys needed access to counselling on issues not directly academic, but which might be hindering their progress. Also, with the shift in emphasis at the Conference from the group to the individual, it was essential to bring in professional expertise. The BSU was set up, provided with a venue and an administrator, and a number of psychologists were brought into the circle of referrals.

Jason ran the BSU for 10 years from 2001 to 2011. When he completed his training as a Counselling Psychologist at Rhodes University during 2006 and 2007, Sid Cooper, a Clinical Psychologist, supervised the BSU until Jason's return.

In 2008 the BSU applied to become an internship site for trainee Educational Psychologists, and since 2009, there have been two interns operating under supervision of the resident psychologists each year. Marileen Harrod, who was appointed as the Academic Co-ordinator at the Prep, but falling under the umbrella of the BSU, is the Educational Psychology supervisor.

Jason resigned in 2011 and he was replaced as Director of the BSU by **Peter Farlam (1983-88)**, also a Clinical Psychologist. Currently the BSU is staffed by a full time Clinical Psychologist, a part time Educational Psychologist, an Administrator and two Intern Educational psychologists at the college and two Educational Psychologists at the Prep and Pre Prep. In addition to providing counselling and assessments to boys, the BSU staff advise teachers on how best to support boys who

are experiencing difficulties, they coordinate exam concessions and facilitate courses for parents and staff. The boys also have the services of an academic support teacher who works in the BSU in a private capacity.

In the next edition we will provide information on the cultural side of the school and the new developments taking place at the Library. — ed

OD BUSINESS DIRECTORY LAUNCHING IN A FEW WEEKS' TIME – *submit your business!*

This pilot OD business directory has been developed by the school and we are finalising the initial list of businesses provided by ODs over the last few months. You still have time to send us your details if you would like us to populate, otherwise you will be able to undertake this yourself once it is live. The success of this pilot website is based on ODs providing us with their products and services to list which we hope the greater Bishops family, parents, ODs and even external users will access.

If you would like to be listed on the new Business Directory, please could you complete the form with your details: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NXV76PW> – please note only OD members, staff members or Bishops parents will be granted a listing at no cost.

If you require further information, please email the office on info@odu.co.za



OD BLAZERS



The OD Union has placed an order for the material to make new OD blazers. ODs wanting to purchase the approximate 2m required for a jacket should place an order: odu@bishops.org.za. Alternatively the tailor where the fabric will be housed is Grant van den Berg of www.frankbespoke.co.za. He can give the OD a personal fitting.

The idea is, once we have the material, to get one or two made up prior to having a launch where guests could attend a wine or single malt tasting at the same time. A few committee members have expressed an interest and the ODU is excited about the prospect of reinforcing its brand with elegant and classy memorabilia.



‘LA CHATAIGNE’

Richard and Julie **Parkfelt (1977)** run a superb wine estate just outside Franschhoek. Their farm, *La Chataigne*, is the first farm to feature in a series of articles, which we intend to publish, featuring OD wine estates. Many visitors regard *La Chataigne* as a slice of heaven, the guest cottages surrounded by vine, river and mountain an ideal backdrop for wine appreciation. The chestnut, entwined in Parkfelt family history, lends its translated name to some of the wines.

Guests have a choice of three quaint cottages, set within metres of the Franschhoek River, which runs along the border of the farm. Walk along the river and meander through the vineyards, and absorb the beauty of your surroundings. Later relax on the stoep and sip the wine from the very vineyards spread out before you.



The cottages have all been renovated and very comfortably fitted for self-catering. They have well-fitted kitchens and bathrooms, and there are fireplaces for those cold winter nights. Of course, there are braai amenities and each cottage has north and south facing verandahs. For hot summer days, there's a swimming pool close by. Drinking water comes from deep boreholes and is clean, fresh and cool. ■ www.lachat.co.za



Did you know? The La Chataigne bottles are unique - the front label is written by hand directly onto each and every bottle.



VISITORS FROM AFAR

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

Tony Notcut (1975), Lymington, UK

Garth Williams (1989), Ballyroney, Northern Ireland

Alan Mallett (1953), Norfolk, UK

Adrian Martin (1955), Berrien Springs USA

Anton Handley (1974), Sydney

Conrad Guelke (1954), Vancouver

Unathi Diniso (1999), Johannesburg

Richard Olivier (1974), London

Peter Duck (1961), Johannesburg

Peter Owen-Smith (1963), East London

Sholto Cole (1949), Ottawa

Stuart Rodney (1984), Brisbane

Anthony Malan (1961), Still Bay

Greg Bisset (1977), Sydney

Richard Arkell (1962), Harare

John Twiggs (1983), Mocambique

David Impey (1971), Calgary

Tommy Eastwick (1985), UK



Anton Handley



Conrad Guelke



Sholto Cole



Stuart Rodney



Ant Malan



Richard and Sue Arkell



John and Eddy Twiggs



David Impey



Tommy Eastwick

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■ **The Willmott Trust**

■ **David Kirkness**

■ **Craig Howie**

■ **The Class of 1955**

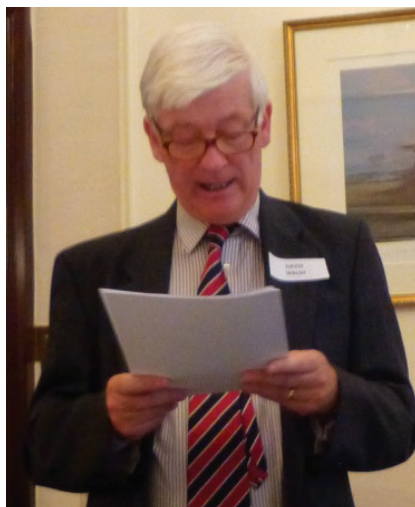
‘Arising from the lunch held on 18 March, I am pleased to confirm that I have today deposited R800 to the Bursary Fund – proof of payment attached. This is from the Class of 1955’. – Don Rowand

CHAPEL ALTERATIONS

Rumour has it that the problems with acoustics have at last been solved. An expert acoustician has added more speakers in the exactly correct positions and we are told that audibility is perfect throughout the Memorial chapel. This is most welcome news.

NEWS OF ODs

UNITED KINGDOM



David Walsh

LONDON LETTER – UK ODU NEWS

March-May 2014

The highlight of the past two months was the splendid lunch 18 ODs attended on the 23rd April at the RAF Club in London. Our speaker was David Walsh, former Second Master of Tonbridge School who has co-authored the book *Public Schools and the Great War*. The book reflects on the sacrifices and contributions made by public schoolboys in the Great War and the impact the conflict had on the schools themselves. Bishops is included amongst the schools which are included in the book and David had spent time at the School researching in the archives. His talk went beyond a précis of the book and was very Bishops focused. Much of what he had to say about the School was new to those who were there and his

speech was insightful and moving. The smaller lunch format seemed to work well and will be repeated. Those who attended were:

Peter Arthur (1965), Greg Baldwin (1975), Choppy Bands (1990), Nicky Bicket (1973), Niall Carroll (1981), James Deane (1990), John Fairweather (1948), James Gardener (1974), Chris Goodwin (1974), Edward Heesom (1961), Bernhard Kelley-Patterson (1974), Miles Maskell (1953), John Ness (1971), Joyce Ness (Guest), Anthony Record (1956), Graham Thomas (1984), James Thompson (1981), David Walsh (Guest), Rob White-Cooper (1961), John Wyatt (1963).

I happened to spend a weekend in Rotterdam at the start of May and was delighted to catch a train to Amsterdam where I spent a day with **Cormac Petit (1973)**. He's in such good shape, and believing me to be so too, had hired two bikes for us to cycle around the city to the consternation and amusement of the local burghers.

I attended the annual AROPS (Association of Representatives of Past Pupils' Societies) conference on 10th May. It was attended by representatives of around 120 societies. The ODU is a member and Bishops is widely known amongst this group. The conference was informative and challenging and I was pleased to understand that the ODU with all its challenges, can be proud of what it has achieved and the level at which it operates. The conference dealt specifically with the challenge of relevancy and how best to stay connected, the ODU with ODs, with the School and ODs with each other.

Our next big event is a black-tie dinner in London on 27th June which will be reported on in the next magazine. The Principal, Guy Pearson will be talking to us about the school and updating the UK ODs on his vision and plans for the future. **Raymond Ackerman** will also speak to us and **Mike Bosman** and **Brian Robertson** will also be with us.

As always, any OD from any part of the globe is welcome to join in any of our events – including the dinner – and in any event, if passing through London, I would be delighted to meet up with them.

Dominic Ward (1977) sends greetings from London. He writes after just completing the survey sent out about OD memorabilia.

'With the greatest respect, I find the current selection available a bit limited and I have a few suggestions, which I think might enhance sales of school merchandise/memorabilia:-

■ **1.** *Expand sales beyond OD memorabilia – there are many items in the school shop which ODs might be interested in buying for own use, such as branded school scarves, bags, ties, training tops, rugby items, colours jerseys, etc.*

■ **2.** *Put the school shop online and enable ODs to purchase from wherever they live, whether SA or abroad. Enable UK ODs to pay for merchandise/memorabilia by paying in the UK.*

■ **3.** *How about selling DVDs of past years' 1st XV rugby matches? In the 1970s Brian de Kock and his team took Super 8 footage of many if not most 1st XV matches. If that footage is still available, highlights DVDs could be compiled.*

■ **4.** *Similarly, DVD of photos taken of 1st XV rugby matches in past years.*

'What I would treasure having most would be videos and photos of all the wonderful times we had (many of which were on the rugby field and on tour). It would be tremendous fun to be able to share those with family, friends and of course old school chums. I realise such a project would take a bit of organising and time, but it is something I and possibly others would be prepared to pay for. For example, one match which springs to mind is St Andrews on the Piley Rees in 1976 (Adrian Kuiper's return from injury and big points haul) and a fine team win for us (under stand-in coach THS!). If Brian still has that film, I would love to have a copy and would obviously pay for it.

‘Similarly, if there were photos available (archive, magazine or c/o BGdeK) of life in Founders in 1976/77, a compilation DVD would be wonderful and of great value. A Founders cook book was published a few years ago, but I was sadly unable to obtain a copy here in the UK due to the practicalities of payment, hence my suggestions above about introducing a system where payment can be made online or into a UK account’.

Peter McMorland (1964) In the process of playing around with the website I came across YouTube recordings of Bishops First XV playing in various matches. Very impressive standard of play. The physical development of these young men is of a different order from most European young men. This point was well made by James Morris in his trilogy of books on the British Empire when he observed that within a generation or two the children of emigrants to the colonies became a distinctive physical type compared to the youth back in Britain. This is quite evidently so looking at these video recordings. No wonder the southern hemisphere dominates on the rugby field.

The dissemination of the English Public School sporting ethos to all corners of the British Empire has been one of the most profound spin-offs of the Empire, not to mention the whole ethos of the education which can so clearly be seen at Wepups and Bishops. I was lucky enough to teach at and experience this ethos even in Pakistan where the school I taught at was modelled on the English Public School. All over India parents strive to send their children to schools modelled on this system.

It offers, in my opinion, the best education in the world, an assertion which is reinforced by the extraordinary number of sons and daughters of Russian oligarchs, Chinese entrepreneurs and others who are now attending English Public Schools. There has been some consternation expressed that these schools are getting overrun by the new Chinese intake. If one looks at the statistics this is an exaggeration but the point is well made. These schools are found all over the world and the interesting thing is that those being educated in these schools are not only imbibing the values of this type of education but will become the future leaders of enterprises all over the world. It is this which gives me optimism about the future. The Public School ethos is in my opinion the best export that Britain has. The Empire of plumed hats and pompous governors general may be over but it is still alive and well in the context of ideas and education. The demise of the British Empire has been declared by so many historians for so long that this, in my opinion, elementary fact has been completely overlooked. The force of ideas is the future and in that sense Britain is far from down and out. This whole argument can also be extended to British universities with Oxbridge playing a disproportionate role.

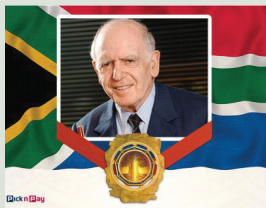
The corollary of all this is that I foresee the eventual demise of state-controlled education in all parts of the world. The disillusionment with state education in this country is an issue which is now entering the mainstream of debate. There are so many astonishingly badly educated and inarticulate children coming out of the state system that it is depressing. Awhile back when I was booking a holiday in Rome the girl on the phone had to be told what country Rome was in!

Anyway some food for thought – looking at the videos and photos of Wepups and Bishops it seems to me that what is on offer there is up with the best. One only has to interpret the body language of these young people. Body language is so revealing.



WESTERN CAPE

Raymond Ackerman is awarded the order of the baobab



The ODU congratulates **Raymond Ackerman** on being awarded the very prestigious *Order of the Baobab* by the President of South Africa on Freedom Day Sunday, 27 April.

National Orders like the Order of the Baobab are the highest awards that South Africa bestows, for individuals who have contributed towards the advancement of democracy and who have made a significant impact on improving the lives of South Africans.

They celebrate service above and beyond the call of duty.

Raymond's award specifically recognises his commitment to uplifting the lives of South Africans, both through his dedication to socially responsible business and his work in providing scholarships for young people.



François Kuttel (1985) is a man of his word and has recently paid out his employees R289 million. This is true empowerment for his 2 650 black employees who are members of the *Oceana* Empowerment Trust.

'We are certainly proud of what we have achieved. When the trust was originally created back in 2006, the capital value of the trust at that time, the equity bought into the trust, was R219m. So with this distribution we are paying out more than the original acquisition price back in 2006.

And I must emphasise that all we are doing is paying out 25% of the accrued equity of the trust. The balance, 75%, remains in the trust

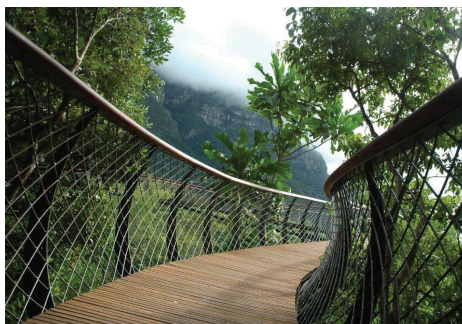
Now, the average employee of these 2 650 employees will receive around R100 000 after tax. It's a large amount of money in many of these employees' lives. François was asked whether he had given much thought and effort to education, personal finance, ahead of this distribution? Yes, we have. We've been working certainly for the last three months quite intensively on all of our sites in training every beneficiary and giving them the necessary financial planning and training. We've also put in place – which we have had – a counselling service for all of our employees; we've expanded that to include financial counselling. They can call in any time in the future and ask for financial advice and they will be put onto specifically trained people. We are certainly encouraging our employees to use this distribution to pay down existing and expensive debt. We know how expensive some of the microlending activities can be, and it's important for us to encourage the employees to use these funds wisely and we've certainly given them the training to do so.

The typical recipients in this payout – these are by and large fishermen? They include every black employee across the spectrum of the group. So it goes from two other executive directors, all the way down to every single fisherman and every black employee across the group.

THE BOOMSLANG AT KIRSTENBOSCH



Mark Thomas with David and John Slingsby



The Boomslang

Architect **Mark Thomas (1979)** is again working with **David (1963)** and **John Slingsby (1989)** (*Slingsby and Gaidien*) who are the Main Contractors for construction of the new tree canopy walkway which has been built at Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens.

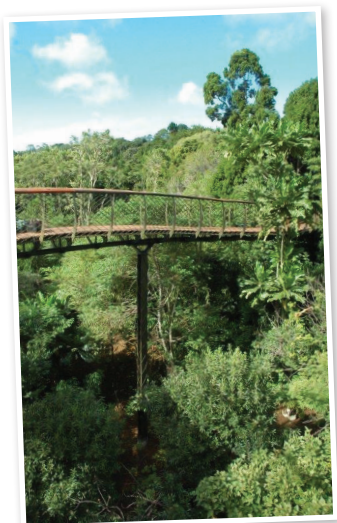
This unique project is the result of collaboration between Mark and Structural Engineer, Henry Fagan.

Over 130metres long, this sophisticated, three-dimensional bridge snakes up, through and over the canopy of the trees in the Arboretum, (situated above and to the side of the concert lawns). The walk is known as the 'Boomslang' and is made of a structural steel spine, with laser-cut steel ribs, all pre-fabricated, welded, galvanized and carefully inserted into the forest by mobile crane (the 6.0m long parts all bolt together). Slatted timber decking and a roll-over timber lean rail complete the construction.

Slingsby and Gaidien have been remarkable in terms of taking on the challenges of the site and the fabrication, all with a fine sense of detail and commitment and typical Slingsby humour.

The project has been completed and is now open to the public (it has been recognized as part of the World Design Capital Cape Town 2014).

■ www.markthomasarchitects.co.za



Ivor Jardine (1954). "By way of news, I have been retired from practice as an ophthalmic surgeon for seven years, and still enjoy my mountaineering, and volunteer work for the Botanical Society of S A. In their centenary year (2013) the Botanical Society awarded me their medal for botanical conservation on account of my botanical research work on the Swartruggens, adjacent to the Cold Bokkeveld, where we have a share in a private nature reserve. It has been a fulfilling retirement hobby."

Do you know that **Tim Noakes (1966)** and **Lionel Opie (1949)** were “In Conversation” about Diets and Health at the Franschhoek Book Festival on May 17? The two books were Tim’s *Real Meal Revolution* and Lionel’s *Living Longer, Living Better*. Apparently all seats were fully booked on the first day.



Paul Burton (1984) sent this great picture of a gathering to meet **Andrew Burns (1983)** visiting Cape Town recently. Andrew qualified at UCT Med School and has specialised in Infectious Diseases, now working in NZ. He is married to Robyn and has three daughters.

Graham Meyer, Martin Koch, Brian Salmon, Andrew Burns, Paul Burton.

Christopher Gregorowski (1956) writes: ‘As the world bids farewell to Nelson Mandela and pays tribute to his remarkable contribution to South Africa and the world, I thought I would share with you my memory of a meeting with him.

‘On 5 March 1998 President Nelson Mandela invited the Archbishop of Cape Town to bring a small delegation to breakfast at his Cape Town residence *Genadendal*. He was meeting with faith leaders across the country to address the relationship between the state and the various faith communities. As we sipped our coffee he opened a school exercise book which contained his notes written in long hand. ... His message to us was that he expected and hoped for constructive engagement, and we agreed that this might at times involve constructive criticism, but never antagonism. I noted in my diary his words to us, “Once you question my integrity, you destroy the only basis on which we can relate.”

Hamba kakuhle, Madiba, mhlobo wethu. Go well, Madiba, our friend.

THE NATURAL HISTORY UNIT OF AFRICA HAS RECENTLY RELEASED A FILM ON ANIMAL COMMUNICATION UNDER THIS BANNER ANNOUNCEMENT

‘Award-winning wildlife Production Company takes wildlife storytelling to a spiritual level’.

If *The Animal Communicator* moves you to tears, you are among the many viewers who have been left awe-struck; their perspectives forever changed by this unique film.

The Animal Communicator is the first full-length documentary film on the art of animal communication; provoking honest consideration from both supporters and sceptics alike. Stepping out of the conventional wildlife film model, NHU (Natural History Unit) Africa’s latest documentary indicates that audiences have an appetite for intuition-orientated stories (as opposed to traditional information-based films), with a nine minute clip from the film receiving well over a million views in a few months online.



Damon Foster



Craig Foster

The film, commissioned by NHU Africa and produced by **The Foster Brothers**, features South African Anna Breytenbach, who has dedicated her life to ‘interspecies communication’; working with people who want to explore the natural connection between humans and animals.

According to Breytenbach, interspecies communication entails sending messages to animals through pictures and thoughts and she is able to receive messages of remarkable clarity back from the animals – messages that she can decode to establish what they are saying to her about their thoughts and emotions.

India’s top environmental journalist, Swati Thiyagarajan, is the Presenter and Co-Director of the film. She sets out to investigate Anna’s claims. Initially the journalist is sceptical, but time after time Breytenbach diagnoses an animal’s problem and communicates information that is corroborated by the animal’s caregivers and the scientists who study them.

“We all have the spirit to communicate on this level but due to modern society’s distractions we have lost this ability,” says Breytenbach.

Co-Director and cinematographer of the documentary **Craig Foster (1985)** is no stranger to films that challenge the status quo, and along with his brother **Damon Foster (1988)** has made cult classics such as *The Great Dance: A Hunters Story* and commercial successes *Into the Dragon’s Lair* and *Touching The Dragon* – which recently was broadcast as part of National Geographic’s 125th anniversary. The Foster Brothers have a long standing working relationship with NHU Africa, an award-winning commissioning body and production house that backed the unconventional, if not downright risky endeavour of making a film about the obscure and unproven art of animal communication.

“What attracted us to this film is Anna’s incredible story, and how she engages with wildlife in a never-been-seen-before way” Says Donfrey Meyer, head of NHU Africa “We hope to help open people’s minds to alternative ways of dealing with the management of the human-wildlife conflict” he adds.

Some people believe the unquestionable appetite for the film indicates a mass spiritual awakening and a move towards more conscious interactions with nature. Whether you are a sceptic or believer, the film needs to be seen to be judged.

The film premiered at the Labia theatre in Cape Town filling four cinemas to capacity. It went

on to break all box office records at the Labia for a nature based documentary film of this length. Scores of people were seen leaving the theatre in tears, deeply moved by the power of human/animal communication.

■ **Foster Brothers website:** www.senseafrica.com

NHU Africa Wins Two Golden Horns Awards at 8th Annual SAFTAs

NHU Africa claimed two SAFTAs (South African Film and Television Awards) at a glitzy awards ceremony in Johannesburg on Friday 4 April.

Touching the Dragon, an incredible film chronicling a unique and bizarre relationship between a man and a crocodile, won both the “Best Wildlife Programme” and “The Best Director of a Wildlife Programme” awards.

“Winning the Golden Horn at the SAFTAs is an enormous honour and privilege,” said Donfrey Meyer, head of NHU Africa, when he received the award. “We would like to thank Foster Brothers Productions; and Vyv Simson, along with previous Head of NHU Africa, Sophie Vartan, who took the risk as executive producers and commissioned **Craig and Damon Foster** to produce and direct *Touching the Dragon*.”

Craig Foster of Foster Brothers Films commented on the significance of such a film being recognized by the SAFTAs. “It really moves me that *Touching the Dragon* has been acknowledged because the film’s message is about the deepest love that humans have for nature; a message imbedded in our original design, with the potential to transform our current relationship with the natural world.”

Since the films release, *Touching the Dragon* was acquired by National Geographic Channels International as part of its 125-year anniversary and shown in millions of homes across the globe. The success of this locally produced films not only a triumph for NHU Africa and the Foster Brothers, but also for the continent and its growing importance in the international broadcast sector.

Ulick Brown (1940) comments on the article in the March magazine:

‘I was so pleased to read what you wrote in the School Grounds section of the last magazine, about the two trees that now provide shade for people watching sport on the Sahara. Those trees have quite a history which may amuse your readers.

‘First of all, they are not oaks but Javanese Figs (*Ficus Nitida* or *Ficus Macrocarpa*). I originally planted them in my own garden in Park Road, Rondebosch, but later decided to offer them to Bishops. Being planted so near to the Principal’s house (then the Malletts) we all thought it appropriate to name them Anthony and Vivienne – they were pleased.

‘But how to transplant them, albeit much smaller then, but already with fearsome roots! First we tied a thick rope to one and fastened the rope to a lorry which moved slowly up my drive. The rope broke! Then Bishops sent a gang of strong workmen who eventually managed to dig them out for the very successful planting on the Sahara, where many welcome their shade. Floreat Anthony and Vivienne!’



AUTHORSHIP



“**Dr. Stefan Fourie (1986)** launched his new book under the title: “*Learning organisations in a South African context*”. The book is published by *Knowres Publishing* and sets out to facilitate a better understanding of the western concept “a Learning Organisation”, as well as making it practical in a South African business context.

Two other OD’s, namely **Nico Basson (1985)** and Professor **Tim Noakes (1966)** are also referred to in this book.”

Robert Whiting (1976) writes:

The moment one definitely commits oneself then providence moves too. All sorts of things occur to help one that would otherwise never have occurred. Whatever you can do or dream of doing begin it. Boldness has genius, power and magic. Begin it now! – Goethe

I have been wanting to write a novel for quite a few years, but had kept stalling after the first chapter. Then providence moved to in the form of the Bishops OD magazine. I spotted it lying open on my sofa showing a colour photograph and article on **John Gordon Davis (1948)**. He is an OD and an author of over seventeen books including a number of best sellers such as, “*Hold my hand I am dying*”. He was offering a novel writing course at his home in Malagas, Spain. Needless to say I took the hint and immediately signed up.

What a fantastic, insightful and inspirational week. John is a wonderful and enthusiastic guide into the world of novel writing, with a fairly simple yet quite brilliant system for successfully constructing a novel. I have already written over 15 000 words with no stall in sight! Thank you John and thanks to the OD magazine!

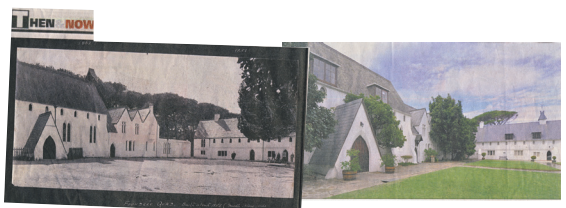
I am quite sure that many ODs will be most interested to hear that Robert is, at this very moment, teaching History at Bishops, as part of his practical, on his way to qualifying as a schoolmaster.- ed

Anthony Keen (1955) is back in the news and hopefully more and more people will be taking note. His house has been chosen for an ongoing trial to see how bi-directional metering could be implected and tested. He is delighted and the envy of his neighbours because he pays nothing for electricity and is lit up during blackouts! The City of Cape Town hopes to formalize a system where energy produced in households is fed back into the City’s power grid.

Philip Taffy Lloyd (1954) writes:

‘My friend Gerry Damp, of Swavelberg, Malmesbury, recently sent me a copy of a cutting from the Cape Times of 1941. It seems his Oupa Hans **JGI Steyn**, Bishops 1886?) bought four gates sold by Bishops towards the war effort. Until recently, Gerry used them as calf hatches, but he has since given two to his cousin Peter Steyn who uses them as farm gates and the other two are due to go to another cousin Steve.’

We were delighted to see the following pictures in the Weekend Argus on 15 March in their series “*Then and Now*”.



"If you haven't been to Riverton, you haven't been to South Africa." Irish Vet. James Sheeran. It was great to see a wonderful article on Barry House and the Riverton Stud and Guest House in the Travel section of the Argus. **Duncan Barry (1978)** together with his wife Natasha have developed a beautiful 'getaway' 4, 5 km outside Robertson on the R317 to Stormsvlei.

■ Visit rivertonstud.co.za – you will not be disappointed.

CANADA



*Back: Neil Philcox, Sean Hulscher, Tim Newton, Lawrence Benjamin, Tony Townsend.
Front: Conrad and Len Guelke, Ted Allen*

The annual OD Union (Western Canada) potluck dinner was held on May 10th at **Conrad (1954)** and Anthea **Guelke's** house in Vancouver, British Columbia. In addition to the hosts, the following ODs and spouses were in attendance: **Ted (1947)** and Ursula **Allen**, Wendy Peterson, **Len (1956)** and Jeanne **Guelke**, **Anthony (1956)** and Denise **Townsend**, **Tim Newton (1960)**, **Lawrence (1968)** and Janet **Benjamin**, **Sean (1974)** and Gesa **Hulscher**, **Neil Philcox (1987)** and Judith Law.

Conrad Guelke provided the group with a wonderful snapshot of his 60th matric class reunion, which was held over the weekend 7-9 March. The highlight of the weekend was the gala dinner, held at Founders House. Conrad was honoured to propose a vote of thanks on behalf of the assembled ODs to the guest speaker, Principal Guy Pearson, and to present him with a "Talking Stick" carved on the far shores of western Canada.

Ian Simpson's 12 years of service as branch secretary to the OD Union (western Canada) was acknowledged by all in attendance. Thank you, Ian for all your hard work and dedication! Neil Philcox will take over his responsibilities. Neil can be reached at nphilcox@gmail.com

From our new Vice-President **John Hueton**.

'On 3 May the Eastern Canada group of ODs squeezed into **John** and Elinor's **Hueton's** new condo in Oakville. Those present were **Richard Townsend**, **Nic Searle**, **David Hurst**, **John Hueton**,

Herb Hauffe, **Sholto Cole** and **Robin Barr** who brought along his House photos for all to look at. Unfortunately their collective memories were not up to putting names to all the faces. The Coles came from Ottawa after having had a lovely holiday in the Cape, the Hauffes from Parry Sound (just returned from a holiday in Madeira) and the Townsends had recently returned from



Ian Simpson

Neil Philcox



***Back:** Richard Townsend, Nic Searle, David Hurst. **Front:** John Hueton, Herb Hauffe, Robin Barr, Sholto Cole*



Robin Barr, Richard Townsend and John Hueton

two cruises in the Far East – so there was plenty to talk about.

David is busy promoting his 4th book at conferences and

Nic has become a realtor in booming Toronto. Robin and John wore their striped blazers which they are delighted to hear maybe becoming fashionable again.

‘The Eastern Canada branch is concerned about the gradual reduction in the number of ODs who can get to meetings. John says they need more SA OD immigrants in this part of Canada. It’s nigh 60 years since the first gathering in Montreal and ODs

east of the Rockies are much more spread out than they once were. He looks forward to more ODs joining the group’.

We were delighted to spend some time with **David Impey (1971)** in May as we had missed him during his last visit in December last year. Before leaving Cape Town he wrote:

‘I am still living in Calgary, Alberta in Canada with my wife, Sue, and have been working for a local major contractor, *Graham Construction*, as Director Engineering for the last nine years, working on major construction in the Western Canada. My oldest son, Graham (34), is living in Dallas, Texas, next son, Neil (31), is normally in Vancouver, Canada, and my two daughters Cailtin (27) and Katherine (26) are living close by in Calgary. At this stage there are no grand children! We have enjoyed Calgary and are very active with cycling and walking in the summers and skiing in winter. Calgary has been good for us.

I had a mild stroke on March 21, 2013 that left me with aphasia and it affected my ability to speak, read and write. Fortunately I have had no physical or cognitive issues and can do anything I want, as long as it does not rely on communication – I will not be able to work for some time. I have been part of the Calgary Stroke Program’s Early Supported Discharge Team where I had Speech Therapy sessions each day for the first eight weeks at home. Following that I moved to the Community Accessible Rehabilitation Program where therapy has continued at their local centre on a hour session each day. I am not working and am now on a long term disability program. I am progressing well with my speech, reading and writing and the specialists advise that it may take a year or two before I can get back to work. As you can imagine, this event came out of the blue as I am fit, active and have been doing everything that I can to be healthy.

I had planned to visit my Mom, in Cape Town for her 86th on May 1, 2013 but had to cancel this. I was giving the go ahead to do the trip in November. Mom and I have visited many of the sites of the Cape Peninsula around the Western Cape and managed to get through to the drives and passes before the Cape Town floods in November. Having been in Calgary in June this year, where we had huge floods, we were reminded that these changing climatic conditions are real! I did not remember that the weather in November was so variable but then I have not been in Cape Town since 1976!



Rob and David Impey

One of the highlights of the trip was my brother, **Rob (1974)** and son, Neil, coming to Cape Town unexpectedly. Rob is living in Johannesburg and Neil, is working temporarily in Johannesburg on the next Neill Blomkamp movie with a special effects company from Vancouver. We also spent time with my sister, Lesley, husband Charles and their two daughters, Bronwen and Hayley, who are also in Cape Town.

We are planning a family trip to Mexico over Christmas and I hope to visit Mom and Cape Town in April-May 2014 for her 87th birthday.



AUSTRALIA

We were delighted to catch up with **Stuart Rodney (1984)**. Although he missed his 30 year reunion he arrived in Cape Town a week later. Since leaving Bishops and Rhodes University he has worked in New York, London, Singapore and Hong Kong. He has developed a successful career in the transportation and logistics industry, specialising in shipping. Stuart, who has kindly taken over the OD Branch in Brisbane is currently the Chief Operating Officer at *Health Services Support Agency* in Queensland. He is also Director of *Integra Business Solutions*.

It is always good to hear from **Joc Forsyth (1948)**:

Philip Faure (1978) has probably reported already that a successful get together was held yesterday evening at a small restaurant serving excellent food.

Present were Philip, **Gavin Watson (1972)**, **Stephen Cooper (1979)**, **Derek Wilson (1970)**, **Roger Thomas (1985)**, **Peter Pawson (1987)** and ourselves. A very welcome visitor was **Alan Smith (1950)** from Hermanus. Alan visits his son and family fairly frequently and it was excellent to have him with us. My memory cells were given a good stir and came up trumps as I slowly reconstructed the face of 1948.

We had a good chat and he promised to take some greetings back to contemporaries. Of course, Alan and I are in a different generation group to the others. Gavin had yarns about teachers of whom I had no memories at all! Still, conversation raged for hours until people realised that they had to get to work and other things early the following day.

David and Bergliot **Dallas (1951)** were missed but, of course, they really live a lot of kilometres from inner suburban Melbourne.

Melbourne has had an odd couple of seasons. A long stretch of 30 plus degree days ended suddenly with grey gloom and it was three degrees when I left the house this morning. This is odd even for Melbourne. Anyhow, I didn't manage to pose with the OD golf shirt. Speaking of posing, Philip's camera failed to spark a flash but Peter may have had more success with his smart phone. Maybe you will hear about it all with pictures.

Robin Cox (1972):

‘It seems ages ago that I was visiting you, Carolyn, at the ODU! I just wanted to share the following information with you in the hope that you can distribute it to any of the relevant OD networks, teachers etc. Target audience is teenagers, teachers, parents, volunteer adult mentors.

‘After many years of procrastination, writing, rewriting, writing, rewriting I finally took the plunge and the 60,000 word, quick-read Novel, *‘Making a Difference – The Teacher-Mentor, the Kids and the M.A.D. Project’* has been published as an ebook. 20% of all proceeds will go towards education outreach programs for disadvantaged young people on the Island of Santo, Vanuatu, where my school is involved in actively making a difference to life in those communities in collaboration with the local church and community leaders. The ebook sells for Aus\$3.99 or US\$3.70 on Amazon, where you will also find a brief synopsis. It will be distributed to over 100 other distributors during the next few weeks.

Here’s the Link:

■ www.amazon.com.au/Making-A-Difference-Robin-Cox-ebook/dp/B00K08STYLE/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1399079813&sr=8-1&keywords=Making+a+Difference

**THE NETHERLANDS**

It was good to hear from **Ian Landless (1982)** who was writing about the Founders House gathering.

‘It sounds like it’s going to be quite a special occasion. Has there been an extension of a terrace on the south-side overlooking tennis and cricket-fields (under the pines)?

‘Unfortunately, however much I would love to be back in Africa now, work holds me in the Netherlands, where I am now lecturing “Finance & Control” to first-year and exchange students at HAN University of Applied Sciences in Arnhem. Enjoy the warmth and sunshine of February and March, because who knows what winter will bring. For your Geography-minded Tim, the Netherlands has just experienced an amazingly warm winter with no cold weather experienced so far. This appears to be totally strange to receive no snow or ice on the roads during the whole season (only in the very North and South some light snow fell). Of course the news has been full of rainfall and flooding in the UK.’

**MAJORCA**

Hans de Leeuw (1969) who now lives somewhere in the Balearic Island Archipelago, has sent us news of his son:

‘**Hans** junior (2002) is working for *Delta Airlines*. I am a proud Dad, as Hans basically did it on his own with no financial help. He worked in a London bar, saved and struggled and then moved to New York to train as a pilot with the money he saved. Another few hundred hours and he should be flying Jumbos’.



NAMIBIA

From Branch Secretary **Steve Galloway (1974)**. Steve has been in consultation with **Tim Noakes (1966)** regarding the development of off-road cycling. Steve explains how this is coming along.

A Namibian entity called PAY (Physically Active Youth), with support from the Ministry of Youth and Sport, and private sector sponsors (ironically Nedbank) have got a wonderful programme going where they take in township kids and give them a foot-up through engaging them in running, cycling, swimming, bi/triathlon, etc., along with life skills and support to get better academic access and results. It has been building for ten years and has had some amazing results, but on a small, Windhoek- based scale.

‘Our family got involved last year in offering initially the cyclists, and now the broader group, access to our farm an hour out of Windhoek, as a base for training (one to six week camps) and general life-skill camps to get the kids out of the townships and allow them to focus as a group. This will also support spreading the programme to other parts of the country by providing a venue for especially northern kids to participate too.

‘The cyclist group has done amazingly well and a number of them are already competing at national level in road cycling (top 10) and some now starting to compete in mountain biking. I am sponsoring a development team in the annual December Desert Dash, and the Top Three will do solo. It is the longest single stage (360km) MTB event in the world, which I have done in a team for the past three years but have now retired from it. They have a very dynamic lady Jeane-Marie Ndimbira, managing the whole programme and she is very keen to get the best of them onto a High Performance Programme so that they can go to the next level. What has amazed us is that some of the most malnourished guys, who weigh less than 50kg at age 18-22 and still live in appalling conditions, are some of the best cyclists, who have come Top three in national events!’

Tim Noakes has taken a great interest and has visited Steve in Windhoek to assist in developing this initiative. Since then rumour has it that a number of ODs who met with Tim are in the process of losing a considerable amount of weight!



ZAMBIA

Kotie Pepler (1972) is busy developing a new school in North-West Zambia. He writes:

‘As for the news on the school, it’s exciting being part of a vision initiated by Phillip Pascall (Chairman of *First Quantum Mining* soon to be one of the three biggest copper producers in the world). Mr. Fynn (ex-Gray House Master) and his brother are the consultants having visited Peterhouse, Falcon, Michaelhouse, Hilton and Bishops as part of drawing up the vision for the school. Most of the teachers have been recruited in England. The school is a co-educational school with 95% boarding and will have five hundred pupils when completed. Sports will focus on rowing, cricket, swimming, football, hockey and I think to a lesser extent rugby as the school will only have 250 boys spread over seven standards. Their curriculum is based on the UK Cambridge Education.



‘Attached is a picture of the section under my control built in eight months (June till end January) – the Administration Building flanked by eight classrooms on either side and six Science Laboratories comprising the Science Block as well as building of the Headmaster’s and General Manager’s houses. I am part of a team of a Project Manager, a Quantity Surveyor and two School Site Managers with plumbers and electricians headed by their own supervisors. The other site manager built five teachers houses and the

two boarding houses with a dining room which has been a great achievement.

‘We have an enormous programme for 2014 and 2015 including all the sports amenities, 20 teachers’ houses, Sanitary Bay, Art Centres etc. Then we start building the new Preparatory school next to the College. So, it’s been a challenge especially in Zambia where a builder will build 140 bricks on a good day! (In Cape Town each of my builders laid 700 to 800 bricks each day). However, the Zambian people have lovely natures and one feels totally safe here. My wife, Teresa, and my 11 year old son Jonathan are also with me. Teresa is teaching at the Prep School and Jonathan is the youngest pupil in the College’.



THE FREE STATE

Branch Secretary **Mark Webber (1970)** was unable to be with us at the Founders Day celebrations. He writes:

‘Please accept my apologies for the upcoming AGM and related activities as I shall not be able to make it down to Cape Town during this coming week. I have major work related commitments across at my office in Maseru and have just had a week involving a fair amount of travel, which included a particular commitment to a project in the disability sector, the *Casual Day* fundraising project, this past Friday in Johannesburg, in which I am involved as a volunteer (for the past 18 or so years)

‘A brief aside on this involvement ... Last Friday was the final “thank you” function of the 2013 campaign of the *Casual Day* project of the National Council for Persons with Physical Disabilities in South Africa (NCPDPSA). While the trade mark is owned by and the project driven by the NCPDPSA, there are some 11 national beneficiary organizations in the disability sector and some 300 participating organizations which provide services for persons with disabilities which benefit from the proceeds of each year’s campaign (the services and benefits of which organizations reach some 80 000 + persons throughout South Africa).

‘The services they provide are focused on the promotion of the rights and inclusion of and a fully accessible and integrated environment for persons with disabilities. The services and activities include advocacy, schooling, workshops, job creation and capacity building, housing and accommodation, transport for mobility restricted persons, recreational activity and many other benefits for and assistance to persons with disabilities.

SPORT



Congratulations to **Nizaam Carr (2009)** on his great performances for the Stormers. After coming off the bench a few times, he brought in so much life and dynamism to the sluggish team. He has now been promoted to the starting line-up and he continues to set a great example. In the words of Duane Vermeulen, 'the intensity and energy that he brings onto the field is worth gold to us'. Praise indeed for a 23 year old.

OD Cricket

Saturday 5 April saw the 9th annual **Geoff Bryant Cricket Floating Trophy** take place between Johannesburg ODs and Johannesburg Old Andreans. This year's game took place on The University of Johannesburg's main cricket field after there had been a mix up with the field at Country Club Johannesburg which we have always used. The ODs have never won this game and despite the change of venue I am sad to report our luck did not change either.

The game commenced with the two captains, **Andrew Eaton** and Scott Muzzell, deciding to downgrade the game from 40 overs to 35 overs as both sides only had 10 players. Andrew Eaton won the toss and decided to send the OAs into bat. The ODs went onto the field with nine players as **Craig Lorden** had indicated he would be an hour late (what we did not know at that stage was that he would be THREE hours late!) The ODs started the game fairly well despite only having nine players and had the OA's 10 for 1 after 3 overs. That is about as good as it got for the ODs I am afraid! By the time Craig Lorden arrived in the 30th over the ODs had been chasing that red ball to all corners and the OA's were well on their way to a huge score. This they achieved in the 35th over, ending on 285 all out with four balls to spare. The only two OD bowlers who had any impact were Andrew Eaton with 3 for 24 off 5.2 overs and **Garron Williams** with 3 for 52 off 6 overs. OD senior pro, **Craig Christian** bowled bravely with a strained hammy and **Jonathan Burnett** bowled very nicely upfront. Our spin twins, **Chris Edwards** and **Sa'ad Chotia** also started nicely before unfortunately being on the receiving end of some very aggressive OA batting. The OA's seemed to always find the gap in the field where Craig Lorden should have been standing!

Realising we had a mountain to climb we got off to a fairly brisk start with opener, Jonathan Burnett, batting beautifully upfront, but when he was caught for 42 our batting fell apart and we were all out for 150. Craig Lorden, obviously fresh from not having had to chase leather much, also contributed nicely with the bat scoring 30 odd, but ultimately we were never in it.

Sadly not everyone was able to stay for the after match function back at CCJ, but those that did enjoyed a really good meal and a few drinks. Scott Muzzell, OA captain, graciously accepted the Geoff Bryant Floating Trophy again, and both he and OD Captain, Andrew Eaton, in their speeches, emphasized what a special event this event is in the calendar of both schools as it strengthens the rather special bond between ODs and OA's. Despite the result, all ODs agreed that it was a great day out.

A message from: **Angus Firth (1984).**

Dear Bishops Rugby Supporter,

Background: The Bishops 150 Rugby Club was established to provide supporters of Bishops rugby with the opportunity to show their support in a tangible manner, by attending events, enjoying insights into rugby trends, and participating in fund-raising to support Bishops remain a top class rugby school. We are now changing our identity; emphasis and direction so have decided to call ourselves the *Bishops Rugby Supporters Club*.

Our focus in 2014 is to introduce acknowledged experts and experienced players from outside our Bishops community, to entertain us as rugby enthusiasts, and encourage more of the school coaches to our events. We are on a fundraising drive to assist the school's efforts to strengthen coaching resources across all rugby teams, regardless of age and status.

All Welcome: Our membership drive is to appeal to parents (both), old boys, coaches, and anyone who enjoys the brand of rugby that Bishops aspires to play. Non-members will be charged R150, which can be offset against subscription fees at a later stage if you decide to join.

Supporters may join the club by donating R100 per month per year, by debit order, or with a R1000 once off payment per year. All donors will receive a Section 18(A) tax receipt qualifying them for tax benefits within South Africa. We provided further details of membership at the initial gathering held on the 26th February.

TO ALL OD HOCKEY SUPPORTERS AND PLAYERS

Hockey fixtures for the Old Boys League 2014

30 May 2014	Bishops	Wynberg	Wynberg
20 June 2014	Rondebosch	Bishops	WPHC
20 June 2014	Wynberg	SACS	Wynberg
01 August 2014	Rondebosch	Wynberg	Wynberg
08 August 2014	Bishops	SACS	Bishops
15 August 2014	Rondebosch	SACS	WPHC
15 August 2014	Bishops	Wynberg	Bishops
29/30 August 2014	Wynberg	SACS	SACS
29 August 2014	Rondebosch	Bishops	Bishops



Laurie Gardener (1974) writes.

'I am promoting an initiative to kick off Old Boys hockey amongst the four major schools in the Southern Suburbs that whenever there is a game either at home or away between the said schools, that an Old Boys team plays either as a curtain raiser to the main first XI game or as a follow on to it. This was test run as a game as the last derby game of the season 2013 where Old Bishops boys played against their old rivals of Rondebosch at WPHC. The feed-back and success of this was apparent hence us taking it

forward this year to include Wynberg and SACS.

I have talked this through with the WP Hockey Union, who have given their go ahead for promotion of the idea to give the younger good players a chance of keeping connected to their old schools. It also assists to promote hockey and keeping the game alive as many players are lost to the sport after they leave school.

I have chatted with Sean Henchie at Bishops, Rob Bowley at R'Bosch and also to **Keith Richardson (1968)** at Wynberg. They are all keen to push forward with this initiative. Obviously the hosting school would determine at their home fixtures whether or not the game would be a curtain raiser or the game following the main game as we understand the pressure on the Astros demands by the schools sides on the day. These details I believe can be ironed out as we move forward. My main contacts are Rob Lebrun of SACS, who is very excited about following this through. **Nic Olds (2003)** from Bishops ODs and Sean Kelly of Wynberg will be representing their Old Boys Unions

Given that SACS are happy to participate then there will be essentially six games through the season that the Old boys teams can play.

We look forward to your comments and hopefully SACS's participation.

From Rugby 365:

Western Province star **Tim Swiel (2011)** says the prospect of being coached by World Cup-winning Springbok coach Jake White was key in his decision to join the Sharks. He matriculated in 2011 and attended Western Province Academy the following year and played for two years for the Western Province Under-21 side straight out of school. They lost to the Bulls in the 2012 Final but then managed to pull it off against the same team this year, winning at Newlands in the Under-21 Final. Tim made his Currie Cup debut in Western Province's 31-all draw with the Golden Lions this year and linked up with the Currie Cup champions after the 2013 campaign. "There are a lot of new things happening here and in terms of coaching, Jake White is the coach and he has a distinguished record, which made the decision to come to the Sharks an easy one," Tim explains of his move to Durban. "To be under his mentorship will be great for my career. The culture here is great, I've been welcomed with open arms by all the players." But the 20-year-old's focus now is on the training programme. "We started our pre-season training on November 18 and we've been at it for almost five weeks now. "It's been tough, long hours, but it's well-structured and I've learned a lot. On the field, on the track or in the gym, it's been all-round very good for me." Commenting on his new environment, he explains that, "It is very organised here, we have a programme we

stick to and everything is punctual. I'm looking to benefit from the likes of Jake White as coach and even John Smit as the CEO, both come with the reputation of a successful Rugby World Cup which is great for the union. I've also enjoyed working with Sean Everitt, we do a lot of 'skills' and speed work which I enjoy."



SAILING – OD TEAM RACING

SailPro is a company that Bishops Sailing uses to run its weekly training programme. The main format that is used is that of team racing and for the past few years this has opened up the way for us to compete against the ODs on

Founders Day. This year saw **Brevan Thompson (2011)**, **Michael Crosland (2011)**, **Adam van der Ploeg (2013)** and **Michael Susman (2009)** sailing against the school boys. As so few ODs turned up, we had school boys crewing for the ODs and despite this, the ODs beat the school boys 3 – 2. There was some terrifically close sailing and it was a real treat for our boys to be sailing with and against the old boys, particularly those who were our international sailors, namely Brevan Thompson and Michael Crosland.

GOLF

Congratulations to **Jonathan Hobday (1957)** on being selected to represent Western Province in the SA Senior Inter-Provincial golf tournament played at De Zalze in April – his 19th appearance in the last 20 years – and to helping his team of Super Seniors (over-60s) win the national title for the fourth year in a row.

OD SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE THE LAST MAGAZINE

Congratulations to:-

RUGBY

- **1. Nizaam Carr, Oli Kebble** (both Stormers), **Tim Swiel** (Sharks) and **Martin Muller** (Lions) on representing their respective franchises in the 2014 Super Rugby Competition.
- **2. Richard Stewart, James Kilroe** and **Nathan Nel** on representing the UCT 1st XV in the 2014 Varsity Cup. UCT were crowned champions.
- **3. Johnny Kotze** on representing Western Province during the Vodacom Cup.
- **4. Ashley Clarke** on being named Villager 1st XV captain for the 2014 rugby season.
- **5. Morgan Newman** on representing Hamiltons in the 2014 Community Cup, **Jason Morris** also got game time for the Green Point side. Hamiltons ended the tournament in third place.
- **6. Mathew Turner** on representing England in the 2014 Marriott London Sevens.
- **7. Roddy Grant** on being named as the Edinburgh rugby fans player of the season.
- **8. Dustin Jinka** on representing the tournament winning Griquas team in the 2014 Vodacom Cup.

ATHLETICS

- 1. **Kaine Reilly**, on finishing 4th and **Ben Brimble** 8th in the *Two Oceans* Trail run.
- 2. **Steve Farrell** on ending 33rd in the *Two Oceans* Half Marathon

CRICKET

- 1. **Herschelle Gibbs** on being a part of the SABC Commentary team during the 2014 Australian tour of South Africa in March.
- 2. **Craig Kieswetter** on being selected for the England T20 World Cup squad.
- 3. **James Crowson** on representing WPCC in the Club one day final at Newlands.

HOCKEY

- 1. The following who participated in the 2014 Varsity Sport Hockey tournament – **Robert Edwards**, **Charles Plimsoll** and **James Drummond** (all Matics), **Sholto Morgan**, **Seb Golding**, **Luke Barker** (all UCT), **Lorenzo Felton** (NMMU), **Charles Plimsoll**.
- 2. **Pierre de Voux** on making the 2014 Proteas World Cup squad.

MEMORIES

David Stegmann (1957) has kindly contributed to the ‘Memories’ section.

‘I found this page in one of my father’s albums and I think it is interesting and fairly appropriate for what’s happening in the world today. Mrs Newton Thompson obviously was aware of the “greater things”. I think we need more people like that in government, especially after what I’ve seen and heard in the “media” today’.

Extracts from the mayor of Cape Town, Mrs Newton Thompson’s speech, at Prize giving – December 1959

‘Her speech was accorded more prolonged and more spontaneous applause than we can remember upon such an occasion.’ – Editor

Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery said that there are three things he would teach a boy – to tell the truth, and that he reckons to be fundamental. A person can be unsatisfactory in other ways, but if he tells the truth there is something to build on. He must have moral courage, which Monty places higher than physical courage. That means he must decide what is right for him to do and do it despite ridicule (which is always the hardest to bear) and opposition of all kinds. Finally he must have enthusiasm – there is nothing in this world you can’t achieve if you try hard enough. It is given to very few of us actively to work for the material progress of humanity. Only a few great thinkers or scientists discover drugs to defeat disease or machines to defeat space – but each one of us can help in the gradual spiritual development of man from the monkey to the angel. Every

time we take a stand for what is right against what we know to be wrong we are fighting a battle for the spiritual development of mankind. There is a lot of talk these days about whether this generation knows where it is going, as if any generation has ever known where it's going. All we can do is to give our own lives according to our highest conceptions, and to spare some time for the chap who is falling by the wayside. I would like to tell you to take with you three bones into life – wishbone to make you enthusiastic to get the best out of life; jawbone to find out what is needful for you to know in achieving your aims; and backbone to keep you firm in attaining them. In my speech at the civic lunch held to honour Viscount Montgomery, I referred to a South African school that had the highest percentage of casualties in the last war of any school in the British Commonwealth. I do not need to say which school that is.

A 'memory' from **Michael Fielding (1946-56)** Post Matric 1956.

I have very fond memories of the Prep School in the 1940's. My best friend, David Olive, and I decided to take carpentry as an "Extra". We had our classes in Carpy's (Mr Nortier) workshop at the back of Rossall. He taught us how to sharpen a plane blade. The test was our ability to shave hair off our arms! We also learnt to sharpen chisels and how to hold a saw and plane correctly. All these activities were magical to us. Our first project was to cut out the shape of a boat from a plank and finish it off properly. I remember taking my boat home on the train to Kalk Bay and bringing it home triumphantly.

Carpy's excellent and cheerful teaching set me off on a lifetime of furniture making. My wife and I had our first house built in Fish Hoek for R5000. I was then able to make all the built-in cupboards, as well as most of the other fittings and furniture. I was also able to take on some woodwork contracts to increase our income. I owe a huge debt of gratitude to Carpy.

My textbook "Effective Communication in Organisations" has been selling for the past twenty years. It has just gone into its fourth edition with the title "Effective Business Communication in Organisations". It has become a standard textbook in its niche market, and I estimate that I have sold about 60 000 copies over the years.



This is possibly the oldest gathering of ODs (1940s), who have a regular lunch date:
Tom Bromley, Roger Jeffery and Ulick Brown

Ulick Brown remembers:

In a recent magazine you mentioned that the late **Dick Hennessy** was, in 1936, an early member of the "recently formed Gray House". Actually what took place was only a change of name from Kalk Bay House to Gray House; False Bay House was simultaneously renamed Ogilvie.

After my four years at Prep (1933-36) I entered Gray at College in 1937. Prior to that year, the Gray House rugby jersey featured broad stripes of crimson and gold, the original Bishops colours derived from a Bishops mitre. I am sorry that no one thought to recreate this when new dayboy houses were introduced.

It was a very fine jersey – only changed for the sake of uniformity in blue.

Hubert Kidd was Vice-Principal while I was at College – he taught me (in the 'F' form) English, Latin and Ancient Greek. He told us that, while much of the English language is derived from Latin, even more is derived from Greek!

It is a great honour for me, as my final act as the OD editor, to publish the following two stunning articles. Having spent 47 years working continuously for Bishops I felt the very real impact of both these essays and very much at peace when I had completed reading them. They made me proud and the message that they contain will remain with me long into my retirement. — ed

AN OD's LONG WALK TO FREEDOM

I was born in 1936 in Cape Town, in a nursing home very close to St. George's Cathedral, where I was baptised. My parents were a rather unusual couple. They were both of British origin. Each had emigrated to South Africa to take advantage of the opportunities to build a new life for themselves in this part of the British Empire, and also to get away from the United Kingdom. My father was born in the district of St. Anne's, Liverpool in 1869 of Irish parents who immediately after their marriage in County Armagh, Ireland had come across the Irish Sea seeking a better life together. They clearly struggled financially, and Dad was very young when he left home. Records show that he joined the army. Between spells in the army he earned his keep as a bare-knuckle prize fighter in Birmingham. He must have done quite well for he got himself apprenticed to a dental surgeon in London in the 1890's. Records show that he served sometime in the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, the Imperial Yeomanry, and later in the First Royal Dragoons, where he obtained an injury that left him with crushed toes sustained when his horse stood on his foot on the parade ground. I remember vividly his stories told to me as a young boy about the terrible things he had experienced and witnessed as a cavalryman in battle. Needless to say he had a love of horses all his life and made sure that I was taught to ride at a very young age.

My father went to South Africa with the British forces as a medical orderly in 1899 during the South African War (or the Boer War) depending from whose standpoint you viewed the war. When hostilities ceased Dad elected to stay on after his discharge. He was able to carry on his dental training by joining another Irish dentist in Johannesburg at the time of the Gold Rush on the Witwatersrand. The dental practice did extremely well as Johannesburg grew in prosperity and importance as the capital of the Transvaal Republic. During this period Dad seemed to have made some very bad decisions. One moment he had riches beyond his wildest dreams. The next he had lost it all in some doomed venture. He seemed rather gullible and trusted some untrustworthy people. He was never down for long, and was soon on his feet again. Later he left Johannesburg and moved to Cape Town where he put his money to good use buying a number of hotels in and around Cape Town.

This is where my mother comes into the story. She was born in Stepney in May 1900 where she grew up. She must have had a reasonably good education, as she got work as a clerk in a Bank in the City. As the 1914-1918 War came to an end she learned to drive and served in the Driving Pool in France. As soon as the war ended she left London and set off for Maseru in Basotuland where her uncle was an official in the British Colonial Administration. She absolutely loved it there and soon found employment in the British South African Police in Durban, Natal where for the next twelve

years she had a ball. The contrast between life in the East End of London with the poverty, the smog, the damp and the TB: compared with the warmth and prosperity of life in the sub-tropics in this part of the British Empire was immense. She soon grew used to the way of life, with her secure job and her Harley Davidson motor-bike, living it up as one of the gang of British ex-pats there at the time. She got used to having servants waiting on her hand and foot and embraced the way of life wholeheartedly.

In 1930 she moved to Cape Town, and after various secretarial jobs ended up working in the office of one of my father's hotels where he took a shine to her and soon they were courting. Still a bachelor at 61 he must have given up hope of finding a wife and having a family.

They took many ocean voyages together to the Orient and were married Port Elizabeth in 1934. I was born in 1936. My early years were spent in a little fishing village called Kalk Bay, on the Cape Peninsula about 10 miles from Cape Town. Both Mum and Dad were fully involved running the chain of hotels, and I was cared for by an African nanny. As a baby she used to carry me around strapped to her back as she would do with her own children. As I grew bigger I remember being taken often to the Hotel Edward, in Cape Town where I was left to be entertained by Victor, the Malay bar-tender. Clearly my father and mother had great respect for him and entrusted him with great responsibility, not only in running the Bar but also with looking after me. Many a time I would be taken to Victor's home in the Malay quarter until Mum and Dad would come to fetch me on their way home.

Kalk Bay was a very mixed community. There was a large number of fisher folk of Portuguese origin, who in South Africa were classed as Non-Europeans. The majority of our neighbours were of British origin. There were some Cape Coloured families in the houses around us, as well as a number of Boer, or Afrikaner families, who spoke only Afrikaans, and a Jewish family who ran the corner shop frequented by all.

As a boy I played with other children from all of these groups. But at about 5 years of age I remember being told by Mum and Dad that I was not allowed to play with Trudie, the Afrikaner girl who lived opposite. Then I was not allowed to play with the coloured children any more. And at 6 years of age was sent to the nearby Kindergarten School, run by a couple of English spinster sisters, the two Miss Kemps, in the Church Hall. It was attended only by white English speaking children. One of those children was Kevin Donnelly, whose father was the proprietor of the local Innisfail Hotel.

At 8 years of age I was admitted as a boarder in Rossall House at the Diocesan College Preparatory School, only about 5 miles from our home. No sooner had I settled in when I discovered that Kevin Donnelly was also a pupil there, but he was a Day-boy. I hated being away from home and resented being a boarder. I became an absolute horror and was always in trouble. No punishment meted out to me had any effect in changing my behaviour; in fact it made me more determined than ever not to be cowed into submission. We had the most wonderful housemaster, Mr. John Keble, whom I grew to respect as he struggled to cope with my constant insubordination.

I was 12 when the family moved to Beaconsfield, Sir Lowry's Pass on the slopes of the Hottentot's Holland Mountains. There I was to develop a great love of the mountains, and also take up the craft of taxidermy and assist my mother in her beekeeping, a hobby that I have kept up until the present day

At the age of 13 I transferred to Founders House in the College, by which time I had called a truce with the masters and was enjoying life much more. In fact I had embraced the culture of the Boarding House and had made it my family, as I spent much more time there than at my own home.

The following year I was prepared for confirmation, by the Revd. Leslie Irving, the school Chaplain, a most saintly man with the wonderful nickname of 'Agape'. He lived up to that name and helped me come to terms with the sense of injustice and resentment that I felt towards my parents and all in authority. I remember that I had some difficulty with the concept of God the loving Father. I could identify with the Old Testament God who is to be feared and obeyed, and who meted out punishment on his disobedient people. Leslie Irving guided my way as I embraced the Christian faith, and a number of other Christian masters also had a deep influence on me more by the kind of men they were than by what they taught in the classroom.

I never quite rose to the heights at school, and my school reports often said things like, 'Must try harder', or 'Could do better.' I often wonder whether the first seed of my calling to the priesthood was not sown when my father, upon reading my school report in which I had poor marks in everything except Divinity, said: 'What have I spawned, someone who is only fit to be a parson.' Clearly the words have come to have great significance for me. I was always rather afraid of my father. I feared him rather than loved him. He was a very big man, with little patience or time for a small boy like me.

While at College we were encouraged to give something of what we were receiving through our education at Bishops to those less privileged through the BSWS (Bishops Social Welfare Society). We ran evening classes for African men teaching them to read and write and do some simple arithmetic. All very much appreciated. Those of us involved felt really proud with a sense of real achievement at the rapid progress made by our pupils. It felt really good to be helping our brothers of a different race in this way, and of seeing it as a practical expression of our Christian belief.

I left School in 1954 and enrolled in the Faculty of Dentistry at the Witwatersrand University in Johannesburg. I clearly had a desire to find approval in my father's eyes and had opted to follow in his footsteps into the Dental profession. For the first year we attended the same lectures as the Medical students, but in the second year we got our first taste of hands-on dentistry attending clinics run by the School of Dentistry. I did not like it at all, and soon realised that I was not cut out to be a dentist.

All through my first year I was attending worship at Johannesburg Cathedral where Gonville Ffrench-Beytagh was the Dean and I was greatly challenged by his preaching.

I decided to quit Dentistry and found work as a Survey Sampler in a gold mine in Brakpan on the Witwatersrand. In the first month I mastered all that my instructor could teach me about sampling underground and the following month I was put in charge of a group of African men. They knew more about the work than my instructor or myself. They did the physical work underground that I was supposed to instruct them to do. I got on well with the men and we became a happy team, but the injustice of the situation was working on my conscience. I was earning ten times what they were just because I was a white man.

I started attending the local Anglican Church where I became an altar server. It was at this time

that I felt a strong call from God to give my life into his service. I did not know how. The Parish Priest suggested the Ordained Ministry, and booked an appointment for me to see the Bishop of Johannesburg, Bishop Ambrose Reeves. I never did get my interview with Ambrose as I got news in October 1956, shortly after my 20th birthday, that my father had died and I returned home to Cape Town to be with my mother and sister for the funeral.

While there the local Parish Priest informed the Archbishop of Cape Town, Geoffrey Clayton, of my interest in ordination. After an interview with him I was sent on a sort of selection process (to spend some months living with the students at the local Diocesan Clergy Training School in Cape Town). I was still there when the Archbishop died at his desk. He had just signed a letter to the Prime Minister informing him that if the Government went ahead with the proposed legislation enshrining Apartheid in law through the Group Areas Act, the Church was being put into the position of having to choose whether to obey the law of God or the law of the State and that the Church could not accept and comply with the proposed legislation. Needless to say his letter was ignored and the legislation was passed into law.

When the new Archbishop, Dr. Joost de Blank, arrived in Cape Town he recognised that the Church of the Province of South Africa could not speak prophetically to the nation unless it put its own house in order. He found the church riddled with racism to its very core and he challenged us to face the fact that over the years the church had allowed discrimination on grounds of race to be built into the practise and institutions of the church. This caused much consternation and division among the white congregations. Many of the parishioners left to join other segregated churches..

In 1957 he met all the prospective Ordinands and gave us the opportunity to choose which Theological College we wished to attend. He made it plain that he wanted to build the Cape Town Diocesan Clergy Training School into a Provincial (multiracial) Theological College. As I had been staying there for some time I chose that. Another ordinand, from the same parish as me, chose to attend the all-white St. Paul's Theological College, at Grahamstown, a decision that was to lead us down completely different paths.

I started at the renamed Bishop Gray Theological College, Cape Town in January 1958 with a group of students from all of the ethnic groups in South Africa. This was an entirely new experience for all of us. We were fortunate to have a very wise Principal, Canon William Way, and a Chaplain, Fr. Thomas OSB (who was Joost de Blank's Spiritual Director whom he had brought with him when he moved from Stepney).

There was soon tension between us students. This was inevitable as we came from such differing backgrounds. It soon became clear that we each had very different visions of what the church should be, seeing that our experience of the church had been forged in isolation with little or no contact with other groups. This was because churches had been built to serve people in their different areas. That those areas had been set up on racial lines was not questioned, simply accepted. The opportunity to spread the gospel had been grasped and implicitly accepting the social order that left black people to live in shanty towns on the outskirts of towns populated by relatively prosperous white people.

Most of the clergy in the Church of the Province of South Africa in the 1940's and 1950's

were recruited in England from Theological Colleges like Mirfield, Cuddesden, Kelham, and Wells, and the Religious Orders (CR and SSJE) were encouraged to open religious houses.. They served in every part of the country, and set up Mission stations in Zululand, Swaziland, Transkei, Ovamboland, Bechuanaland, Basutoland, and churches in the shanty towns (called 'locations') that sprang up on the outskirts of towns.

Vocations to the priesthood were fostered, but the training was given locally and separate from other ethnic groups. African clergy had been trained at St. Bede's College, Umtata: coloured clergy at the Diocesan Clergy School, Cape Town: white clergy at St. Paul's Theological College, Grahamstown, and occasionally some were sent to train at the aforementioned Theological Colleges in England.

Joost de Blank wanted to change that, and deliberately brought us together from all parts of the country to train together under one roof. We were horrified to find that we brought with us a previously unrecognised racial prejudice that soon surfaced. It was a very steep and painful learning curve as we confronted or were confronted by our prejudice face to face, or sometimes toe to toe.

Attitudes of superiority and subservience, supremacy, hierarchy, manners and culture, acceptable and non-acceptable behaviour were constantly causes of friction. There seemed to be very little in common between us other than our faith in God, and a belief that we were being called to serve Him in the priesthood of His Church. Our task was to work out what that would mean for each of us in the circumstances in which we found ourselves, not just there at College, but later in our public ministry in a segregated society.

At first my mother and sister were delighted that I was training for the ministry, but that soon changed as I came home speaking of the issues that we were confronting, and speaking of the reform that was needed in the life of the Church as well as South African society as a whole. It was not long before she was saying of me that the Church had taken an impressionable young man and filled his head with revolutionary nonsense.

She was appalled when we students would take part in non-violent protest in the City breaking the accepted rules and conventions by sitting in the parts of the bus that was reserved for another race (i.e. a white student sitting in an area reserved for non-whites and vice versa), or going as a mixed group of students to sit in the front rows of a Church where it was accepted that the white people always sat in the front and the coloured folk sat at the back. Needless to say we were arrested many times, but never charged with public order or any other offences. In other words, our protest was seen to be weak and ineffective, and therefore could be tolerated by the authorities.

Things changed on 21st March 1960, the day the Pan African Congress called on people to leave their passes at home, march on police stations and surrender themselves up for arrest. Despite the non-violent nature of the campaign, protestors were met with violent opposition from armed policemen, who were jittery after a recent event in Durban where nine policemen were shot. The police panicked at the sight of thousands of protestors at Sharpeville and shot at the crowd. As a consequence 69 people killed were and 180 were injured in what became known as the Sharpeville Massacre.

When the news of the massacre reached Cape Town an estimated number of between 500 and 1000 protestors gathered at the Langa Flats bus terminus around 17.00h. This was in direct

defiance with the country-wide ban on public meetings and gatherings of more than ten persons imposed by government. The police ordered the crowd to disperse. When protesters reconvened in defiance, the police moved in and scattered them using extreme violence.

On 24 March the Regional Secretary General of the PAC, Philip Kgosana, a student at the University of Cape Town and 101 people from Langa handed themselves over to the police for arrest at Caledon Square, the police headquarters in the centre of the city of Cape Town. Leaders of the march were detained but released on the same day with promises by the commanding officer of Caledon Square, Terry Tereblanche, that people would not be forced to carry passes in Cape Town.

A strike ensued which disrupted economic activity in Cape Town leaving garbage on the streets and cargo still loaded on the ships in the docks. On 30 March 1960 the government declared a State of emergency.

On that same date Kgosana led a march of between 30 000 to 50 000 protestors from Langa and Nyanga to the police headquarters at Caledon Square in Cape Town. The Bishop Gray Theological College was on the route taken by the protestors as they marched into the city. We were right in the thick of things. We could not just stand by as spectators. We wanted to show our support.

Staying with us at the time was Bishop Bob Mize, an American Bishop (Founder of Boys Towns in the USA) who had just been appointed Bishop of Damaraland in Namibia.

He joined us as we all got involved joining the thousands of peaceful protestors and spent the day walking alongside them in conversation as they streamed into town and later as they went home again peacefully having been made a promise by the Police Commander that their leader would have a face to face meeting with the Minister of Justice to discuss their grievance regarding the Pass Laws, a promise which cynically was never kept. When the PAC leaders arrived for the meeting next day they were arrested, and the exits from the townships were sealed off and the residents prevented from leaving while the leaders were hunted down and arrested. This was an act of betrayal that was to have profound consequences on the future conduct of the freedom struggle by the Pan African Congress and the African National Congress (the ANC). It was to shape the course of the ministry that we students were about to begin.

During our years at Bishop Gray Theological College we students grew to respect each other, and saw in our experience at Theological College an example in microcosm of what could be achieved in our country if everybody had the will under God to make it so. We were determined to do our bit to bring it about.

I was ordained in December 1960 to serve my title in St. Nicholas, Matroosfontein, a coloured parish, and living in the Clergy House with the Incumbent, Fr. Douglas Cumming, an Englishman. It was a tough assignment. On the one hand poverty, drunkenness and violence dominated. Life was cheap. Friday was pay day, and before going home to their families men would spend their wages on cheap wine, getting drunk, supposedly to have a good time and to escape the frustration they felt at the lack of opportunity to make a better life for their families. On Friday nights we would wait for the call to attend some domestic violence scene, or attend after someone was stabbed in an argument. People would think nothing of taking a life while gambling over a few

pence of their hard earned wages. On the other hand Parish life was very busy, with church people doing some wonderful things in the service of God and their neighbour.

After about six months in the parish the churchwarden, a school principal, took me to one side and said that there was a side to the South African situation that I needed to see if my ministry was to be more meaningful. He took me at night to a house in a nearby white suburb where I was introduced to his mother and brother, both of whom were classified as White. His brother was the headmaster of a prominent school in Cape Town for whites only. Their relationship was kept a secret, because if people had found out that he had a brother who was classified coloured he would have been hounded out of his job. I could only imagine the tension and fear they lived under, and was amazed at their resilience and fortitude. Many coloured people left South Africa at this time emigrating to Canada, Australia, the USA and the UK where they were able to realize their potential, which was denied them in their own country.

I was soon being watched by the police as I went about my duties in the parish. On a Saturday, when I went to watch the rugby or cricket matches being played in the parish, and wearing my clerical suit and collar, the police would make it plain that my presence was seen as a provocation, especially as I was the only white person present. When I attended Church socials as a young Deacon and joined in dancing with the young women, even though Fr. Cumming was present, the local police would make it plain that they were watching and waiting their opportunity to stop this fraternising. Given these circumstances it was doubly important that our behaviour was such that no reason be given for the authorities to intervene. They would attempt to intimidate by making sure we knew that they were watching. And the sad thing was that many of the policemen were coloured themselves.

Soon after I was ordained to the priesthood, while on holiday in England, my training incumbent, Fr. Cumming, died unexpectedly in hospital while having some minor surgery performed.

His successor was newly married and when he and his wife moved into the Clergy House they wanted it to themselves. I moved out and took board and lodging with some parishioners, but as they were a coloured family there was soon a lot of gossip about my situation.

Concerned that the authorities would not tolerate such a blatant breach of the law indefinitely, and fearing my imminent arrest, I was ordered by the Vicar General, Canon Cecil Wood, under the terms of my oath of obedience to Bishop, to leave Matroosfontein and move to the parish of St. Cyprian, Retreat. Such was the fear of the Church hierarchy of upsetting the applecart.

The appointment proved to be a disaster. The Incumbent was the most racist priest I have ever met, ordering me to work only with the coloured people in the coloured part of the parish, while he would work with the white parishioners. After one year there Archbishop Joost de Blank moved me for my third curacy to the parish of Good Shepherd, Maitland, where I met my wife, Doreen.

Once again we lived in a Clergy House, the Rector and two curates, all single. Our home was constantly being raided (usually between 2am to 3am) by the Special Branch searching for banned literature or any incriminatory evidence of subversive activity. This constant harassment took its toll, but we found ways of confusing the police and running rings around them.

You may wonder how I was able to court Doreen in these circumstances. The one thing that made it easier was that Doreen and her dance partner were South African Non-white Ballroom

Dancing Champions who ran a Dance Academy where I enrolled as a pupil. Normal courtship was not possible. We had to be very discreet, and extremely cautious. The law did not prevent people of different racial groups meeting in a person's home, but it was an offence to spend the night under the same roof. Many of my white church friends would invite us to their home for a meal and an evening together. Getting there and home again undetected was the problem. It did help that some members of the police force would warn us to be especially careful if we were being particularly targeted by the Special Branch. On these occasions we would swap cars and Doreen and I would go out in someone else's car, while mine was being driven about by a parishioner. On one occasion the parishioner pulled up at the side of the road and was immediately surrounded by police thinking that they had caught me in a compromising situation. They simply said in explanation 'Fr. Peter has lent us his car for the evening'. It may seem very childish, but it gave us a sense of control in a very tense situation.

The Mixed Marriages Act prevented the marriage of people from different racial groups. According to apartheid ideology each had to marry their own. This meant that we could not be legally married in South Africa.

When we decided that God was calling Doreen and I to be married I informed the Archbishop of our decision. He tried to persuade us to drop the idea, then suggested I move to Johannesburg Diocese or to Zimbabwe to get away from the situation and come to my senses. When I refused he said that if we were determined to marry we had no alternative but to leave the country. This we already knew, but we were disappointed that he would not give us his blessing or promise his public support if the authorities found out about our plans.

I informed my mother, and sister who were absolutely horrified. They were quite happy for me to minister to and be friendly with coloured people, but to think of marrying one was out of the question. They would not be persuaded that it was the right thing for us to marry, and threatened to cut all ties with me if we were to go ahead. Doreen met my mother only once at the Rectory. She refused to see Doreen ever again. At the time I firmly believed that, given time, my mother's attitude would soften, but sadly it did not.

After much soul searching we made our plans and quietly slipped away from Cape Town in early May 1968 and were married in Lusaka Cathedral by Fr. Pierre Dil, a Dutch priest who had been deported from South Africa two years earlier. None of our family were present, but the congregation of the Cathedral were wonderful and came out in force to be there for us and give us a special day to remember for ever.

After a prolonged three month honeymoon we arrived in England in August penniless, looking for a job. It transpired that a curacy at St. Anne's, South Lambeth had been found for me by the Clergy Appointments Officer.

It was a wonderful bustling inner-city parish on the banks of the River Thames and right in the heart of London. It was a bit of a culture shock for us. The area was thoroughly cosmopolitan with a large immigrant population from all parts of the former British Empire. The parishioners reflected the makeup of the area with a rich mix of peoples. It was a good place in which to establish our marriage.

I soon was immersed in Church life and avidly learning and developing new skills to exercise

ministry effectively in this new environment. I found myself being trained for and running a pre-school playgroup, and was soon back part-time at London University studying psychology and enrolled on a counselling course. I became part of an organisation that set up groups for the supervision and support of the clergy and other professionals exercising the pastoral care of others. It was a very fulfilling role I was to exercise for the next twenty five years.

Doreen and I worked hard to establish our marriage as we had underestimated many of the difficulties we had to face in a new and somewhat alien environment.

Doreen was keen that I should maintain contact with my mother, while herself having no desire to force herself upon her. I wrote regularly to my mother telling her about how we were getting on in Lambeth; of the birth of our son, Stephen, and later of our daughter, Fiona. She would reply but never ever mentioned Doreen, Stephen or Fiona. It was as if she could not acknowledge them at all.

It was during this time that I made contact with the United Kingdom branch of the OD Union, when Alan Watling was secretary. It was a thriving branch, and we were pleased to be able to support the activities of the branch and attend the annual Founders Day dinners.

After three years at South Lambeth I was appointed Vicar of the parish of St. Silas, Nunhead in a part of London that was experiencing a build-up of racial tension and intimidation. The church was well placed to play an important role in helping the community ease tensions and build bridges of understanding between embattled and fearful groups. During nine difficult years there, where often we were the focus of racial hatred and abuse ourselves, we were able to exercise an effective ministry of reconciliation. We were still hoping to return to South Africa and exercise a similar ministry there.

From the time we first arrived in England it was our fervent hope that change would come soon in South Africa and that we would be able to return there as husband and wife. After eight years of marriage, in 1976, we decided it was time to visit our family in Cape Town. Our marriage had been registered at South Africa House, and Doreen's South African passport issued in her married name.

We applied to South Africa House for permission for us to stay together while on our visit to the family in Cape Town. After the matter was referred to Pretoria, we were told that because we were South African citizens permission could not be given for us to break the law in South Africa. Had we had British Passports we would have been given special permission as foreign visitors.

During our stay in Cape Town we spent most of the time together at Doreen's family home, but in the evening I would leave them to spend the night in a white area staying with the parents of a priest who had been at Theological College with me. Our children were old enough to notice that I was not with them overnight and on hearing the reason, even at that young age, thought it was a very silly rule.

When I had told my mother that we were coming to Cape Town she pleaded with me not to come. When in Cape Town I tried to persuade her to let me bring the children to meet her, but she was adamant: 'What possible good could be achieved?' she said. Although I did visit my mother on my own, my sister made it clear that she did not want to see me.

However, with my mother's knowledge I arrived at Beaconsfield on my sister's birthday. She was

furious, but, after her initial outburst, we managed to have a good talk and I really hoped that we had turned a corner. Unfortunately the truce did not last. On that visit it became clear to us that change in South Africa was not coming soon and our hope of returning was fading fast.

After the disappointment of that visit we realised that our future ministry was not to be in South Africa and began to explore other avenues of ministry in the U.K. Having looked at jobs in parishes in Lincolnshire, Yorkshire, and Liverpool I finally accepted the dual post of Chaplain to Trinity Hospice, and Vicar of Holy Spirit, Clapham in 1981, where I was to experience the happiest time of my ministry.

Our next visit to Cape Town was ten years later in August 1986. We noticed that the process of dismantling the apartheid laws was well on its way and that there was a sense of optimism among the coloured people.

By now my mother was 86 years of age, and I managed to persuade her that this would probably be the last chance she would have to meet her grandchildren. To my amazement she agreed that the children and I could visit her at home in Sir Lowry's Pass, but that my sister was never to find out. Stephen was 17 years old and Fiona just 16. We had a wonderful afternoon together. I think my mother was amazed that they bore her no malice for not having seen them on our earlier visit. They were just delighted to spend time with their granny. It was so good to see that Mum had softened in her attitude after all, but it had taken so much longer than I had anticipated. The children have wonderful memories of that day, but are sad that they never met their aunt.

Soon after our return to England we received a phone call to inform us that my mother and sister had been murdered in their home. I returned to Cape Town immediately, without Doreen and the children, unprepared for the most bizarre situation I encountered.

The Executors were shocked when I made an appointment to see them. I was told that they had no prior knowledge of my existence, and that some years before they had been informed by my sister that her brother was dead. Only then did I realize how bitter and twisted my sister had been. Her friends did not know what to think, and were very angry at her deception. All very sad indeed – needless to say I found the situation very difficult to handle and sent an urgent message for Doreen and the children to join me, which they were able to do.

Soon the Cape Town press was on to me having found the earlier publicity about our marriage in their archives. In interview I was asked some extraordinary questions. Even before I arrived in Cape Town the police had arrested a man for the murders. He was a black man who had just been released from prison having served a sentence for violent assault.

The reporter asked: 'In the past you championed the cause of the blacks and even married one of them. How do you feel now about the blacks now that they have done this to you?'

Somehow the Holy Spirit gave me the strength to give an honest response, and from deep within me I was able to point out the folly of the question and say that what one person had done did not mean that a whole racial group were culpable; that what had happened in no way altered my belief that God was calling us to live together in a fair and just society, and that we should all be working together to make it a reality in our beloved country. Evil must never be allowed to drive out love, even though sometimes terrible events make that very difficult to do.

Although very traumatic for us it was also wonderful for us to be able to be open about our

relationship. We were pleasantly surprised by the support given to us by so many of my former white friends who knew of my marriage to Doreen through the publicity at the time, but who had never dared to broach the subject with my mother or sister. They had been content to let sleeping dogs lie.

We spent over two months in Cape Town, staying until early January when the children had to return to school. Never once did I see myself, or our family, as a victim. The whole experience gave us an opportunity to be proud of who we are, and to profess our faith in a way that would not have been possible before. It was a case of being given an opportunity to witness, and I could echo the words of St. Paul that it was a case of 'not I, but the grace of God within me.' I had been given the guidance and the grace of God to witness powerfully in his name.

On our return to London I expected to be able to go straight back to work in the Hospice, but soon found that in my dealings with patients my own agenda was getting in the way and I was not giving them the attention that was required of me. I needed healing myself and asked for time off. My three months away from work, with time for spiritual retreat and refreshment, as well as weekly counselling sessions, saw me return to work with renewed vigour. In all I spent nine fulfilling years in Clapham. My last post before retirement was twelve years at Vicar of St. Clement with St. Peter, Dulwich, working with two congregations that had been brought together in a reorganisation scheme that neither wanted. Needless to say it was a case of building bridges of trust and understanding once again. This seems to have been a constant theme of my ministry.

I retired from the full-time ministry in 2002 and moved to Sanderstead where I am able to exercise ministry at the local churches as and when required (which is almost all the time) in an honorary capacity.

In each of the past three years we been to visit the family in Cape Town to attend the funerals of Doreen's two sisters and brother. We very much regret that we were unable to make the journey to Cape Town for the 60th anniversary gathering of the class of 1954.

I have always looked back with tremendous gratitude to the ten years I spent at Bishops. The influences of so many extraordinary teachers, housemasters and peers laid the foundation upon which I was able to build my life. I soon recognised that the many and varied influences, some of which I have written about here, gave me the tools, confidence, determination and courage to go out and do the things which I felt called to do, and the inspiration under God to dream the dream and turn that dream into reality.

Being fallible myself I have a very soft spot for others who get things wrong too, the great H.J Kidd, Principal of Bishops, for example. I am reliably informed that in his assessment of me sent to the Principal of Bishop Gray Theological College he wrote that 'this man lacks determination and staying power, and will not stick at anything.' I have been married to Doreen for 46 years and a priest for 54 years and counting. How careful one needs to be in writing character references!

I will never regret putting my hand into the hand of God and being prepared to go where he leads.

Long may the Christian ethos of Bishops continue to make it a place where under Christ dreams are dreamed, and many generations of young South Africans are given the knowledge, confidence and inspiration to turn those dreams into reality, and inspire others to do the same.

– **Peter Macan (1954)**

This was published on Monday August 19 1929 in the Cape Times

“BISHOPS”

Eighty years ago a great South African with the love of God in his heart, built a school in the pinewoods at Rondebosch. The town has crept round the southern flank of the mountain since then; and now “Bishops” lies, an oasis of tall trees and green playing-fields, amid the encircling homes of Rondebosch. Much has happened since “Gog” Ogilvie, of splendid memory, first took his seat in the plain and straight-backed chair – with what hopes and fears clamouring in his heart he alone knew. But he laid the foundation of a great tradition which has grown with the years. Now the new boy, on his first approach, is soothed by the quiet friendliness of the great avenue, and is comforted and a little awed by the stately and soaring chapel – built in memory of those Whose Name Liveth . . . And ever after that first approach, the smell of dried pine needles – be it on the shore of some Canadian lake or the slope of an Indian foothill – will fill his soul with a wistful longing, and his thoughts will go reaching out to his School.

That school was modelled by Canon Ogilvie on all that was best in the English public school, but it has grown and expanded with the growth and expansion of South Africa, and now there is nothing more surely South African than the Bishops’ tradition. Bishops to-day is a national asset. Its impress on South African life and thought is plain. Few men have wrought more powerfully for good in the cultural life of South Africa, or have more jealously guarded the decencies of political tradition, than the late Mr. John X. Merriman; and during his lifetime, over and over again, Mr. Merriman paid tribute to Bishops as the greatest of all the factors in his life in the shaping of his ideals; as the touchstone of his conduct, and the pride of his later years. Throughout South Africa there are Old Diocesans to-day, labouring as greatly for our country’s tomorrow as did Mr., Merriman; and it is significant that when Sir Malcolm Searle was killed at Salt River on that dolorous Wednesday, he was, at the time, one of three Judge-Presidents who were sons of Bishops. His successor was a son of Bishops, too.

In the world of sport Bishops has been a power for good in South Africa. It has set a standard of sportsmanship which has more than a parochial fame and is honoured overseas. In the earliest cricket Tests “Charlie” Vintcent and A. E. Ochse were outstanding players in the South African side. To-day, Owen-Smith will, weather permitting, battle yet again for South Africa; and Bell will watch anxiously from the pavilion, cheated of participation by the unkindly rain. Then, in Rugby football the Bishops’ influence is more marked still. Even Punch has paid tribute, and before the Oxford-Cambridge match of 1913 perpetrated a “spoof” advertisement. “Oxford for high-class collars,” this read, “as patronised by the late Cecil Rhodes. All shapes – Half-Back, Three-Quarter-Back, etc. Made in Rondebosch.” There is a double allusion here. Rhodes had chosen Bishops for the first Rhodes Scholars during his lifetime; it was an experiment in anticipation of the drafting of his famous will. The second allusion is this; in 1913 the first four names of the Oxford team were the names of Old Diocesans; surely a record for any school. Two of those Old Boys were killed during the war; the third came through scatheless, with a D.S.O. and an M.C. to his credit; and the fourth was mentioned by Earl Haig in dispatches.

Since the war, Bishops has made great, perhaps its greatest strides. It has captured the imagination of the public, and over a hundred boys will have to be refused entry in 1930 for lack of accommodation. It has raised the salaries and the status of its staff: no less an authority than Professor F. Clarke recently expressed the considered opinion that the staff of Bishops was now second to none in South Africa. It has inaugurated a staff pension scheme. It has built a new boarding-house, new class-rooms, dormitories, a swimming bath, a worthy Memorial Chapel, and has effected a host of minor additions and alterations. All this has been done without State aid, and without a broadcasted appeal for public support. The funds have been raised entirely through the efforts of the College Council and the Old Diocesans' Union. Almost £50,000 has been contributed since the war. Contributions have come from outposts in the Sudan, from the jungles of the Malay Peninsula and Burma, from the Indian frontier, from England and Europe and America as well as from all parts of South Africa.

And now the need has come for yet more funds. More accommodation must be found for the many who are clamouring for admission. A Science Block, with equipment, was pronounced a crying necessity by a University Commission which reported on Bishops some years ago. And there are other essentials – all of which will cost money: the Science Block alone is estimated to cost £17,000. But the College Council feels that it cannot issue an appeal to those devoted friends and Old Boys who have made such great and repeated sacrifices in the past. So the parents of present boys have taken matters into their own hands. They have elected an influential committee. They intend approaching the South African public, and asking it to show, in a tangible and generous manner, its appreciation of what Bishops has done and is doing for the country.

The Bishops' motto is "For Faith and Country" – and nobly it has honoured the spirit and the letter of that motto in the past. In times of war and in time of peace Bishops has given ungrudgingly. Will not South Africa honour its obligation and give ungrudgingly in return? We think it will.

OD AGM

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in the Hyslop Hall
on Wednesday 12 March 2014 at 6.00pm**

Present: The Patron of the OD Union Michael Watermeyer, the President John Arenhold, Vice Presidents, Raymond Ackerman, Alan Ramsay, Tony van Ryneveld, Les Masterson, Chairman of the College Council Mike Bosman, Principal Guy Pearson, Headmaster of the Prep School Greg Brown, Chairman of the OD Union Brian Robertson, Paul Burton, Angus Firth, David Carter, Arthur Mngxekeza, Moshe Apleni, Thobile Vumazonke, Mark Campbell, Phil Calothi, Jeremy Wiley, Anthony Davies, Colin Boyes, Bulelani Calana, John Macey, David Burton, Richie Ryall, Dugald Robertson, Anton Taylor, Nicholas Durrant, Kennedy Jimba, Jan Newman, Simon Koch, Richard King, Simon Peile, Jonathan Steytler, Carolyn Hamilton-Smith

Apologies: Paul Robbins, Peter Jeffery, Grant Nupen, Mark Moffitt-Jackson, Stephen Goetz, John Hucton, Mark Webber, John Langford, Austin Roberts, James Gardener, John Dobson, Reg Hands, Len Thomas, Gavin Watson, Tim Hamilton-Smith

Notice convening the Meeting: The President read the notice convening the meeting, and the necessary quorum being present, he declared the meeting duly constituted. He then asked Guy Pearson to open the proceedings with a prayer.

The President welcomed all present and requested the Secretary to read the names of the ODs known to have died since the previous AGM and the meeting stood in their memory.

Minutes of the AGM of 13 March 2013: The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, having been approved by the Committee and published in the June and September magazines of 2013 and on the OD website, were taken as read.

Matters Arising: There were none.

THE CHAIRMANS REPORT

Brian Robertson gave the Chairman's Report:

It gives me great pleasure, on behalf of your committee, to present the 118th Annual Report of the Old Diocesan Union for the year ended 2013.

This report catalogues significant events your committee was involved in during 2013. These events were all in pursuit of the union's objectives; there are many other initiatives recorded in the magazine and on the ODU website.

It is important to remind ourselves of what the union's objectives are: to bring ODs together, to keep them in touch with one another and the school, to maintain a bursary fund for the descendants of ODs, and to promote the interests and welfare of Bishops. This report is presented under the headings of these four objectives.

1. TO BRING TOGETHER PAST STUDENTS

■ REUNIONS

The following classes held reunions during the course of 2013:

Classes of 1953, 1958, 1963, 1973, 1983, 1993 and 2003.

All ODs wishing to organise a reunion can contact the ODU Office for a class-list. The secretary will then advise as to how the ODU website can be used as a social networking feature for planning your reunion. We encourage ODs to plan their reunions to coincide with Founders Day and the OD Dinner.

■ OD DINNER

The annual OD Dinner was held on the 14 March 2013 at Kelvin Grove. The guest speaker was

David Grier who entertained us with his experiences of running across India to raise funds for his Smile Foundation. A feature of the dinner was the number of young ODs who attended. OD committee member **Anton Taylor** performed admirably as Master of Ceremonies. The dinner is a popular event and is over-subscribed.

■ FOUNDERS DAY

John Gardener was the guest speaker at the Founders Day Service. Head Boy Ty Wills conducted a question and answer session. John shared memories of Bishops including his days at Prep, College, on the staff and as Principal.

The cricket lunch in the Frank Reid Pavilion was a highlight of the day where the newly appointed Principal **Guy Pearson** welcomed the cricketers to the school. **Adrian Kritzinger** the 1st XI captain responded.

Cultural activities included Debating which the ODs won, an art exhibition, chess and the school play Oklahoma. The inclement weather resulted in the cricket being cancelled once again. Fortunately **Phil Calothi** and his riflemen were undeterred by the inclement weather and the shooting trophy remains ours.

■ LONDON

Branch Secretary **Lloyd Bowden** retired during the course of the year. **Nicky Bicket** is the new chairman of the UK Branch. Nicky has been very active, initially circulating a survey sent to some 648 ODs residing in the UK. From this he drafted a strategy outlining his many varied and exciting objectives for the UK. On 23 January forty eight ODs attended a cocktail party at the RAC in Piccadilly where **Raymond Ackerman** was the guest speaker. Nicky has made contact with the old boy associations of Haileybury, Wellington and Upingham with the intention of hosting combined events. We thank Nicky for the energy and enthusiasm he has injected into the UK branch.

■ KAROO DINNER

On the 25 May a large number of ODs attended the Karoo Dinner at *Lemoenfontein Game Lodge*, Beaufort West. This was organised by the central Karoo secretary **John Hayward**. The guest speaker was **Guy Pearson**, the newly appointed Principal.

■ GAUTENG

We thank **Richard King** for his excellent efforts in Gauteng during the course of the year. The annual Northern Branch Dinner was held on the 6 March. The Principal **Guy Pearson** was the guest speaker. A number of golf and cricket matches as well as lunches and quiz evenings have been organised by Richard.

■ THE WALKER CUP

This traditional Golf Challenge played against Rondebosch Old Boys was held on 3 March at Mowbray GC. It was once again superbly organised by **Brian de Kock** with the assistance of **Brian** and **Cynthia Barends**, and **Carolyn Hamilton-Smith**. The OD team once again succumbed to a strong Rondebosch team.

■ OLD QUAD GOLF DAY

The annual Old Quad Golf Day against Wynberg Boys High, SACS and Rondebosch Boys High took place on 25 October. The OD team managed to secure third place. Once again **Brian de Kock** is to be thanked for organising the OD side.

■ YOUNG OD FUNCTIONS

2013 saw a change in strategy regarding our young ODs. Two events aimed at ensuring young OD participation were introduced: the Annual OD Interhouse Sevens and the ODU vs RBHSOB [Rondebosch High School Old Boys] day/night T20.

- ODU Inter-house 7s. **Nick Durant**, **Anton Taylor** and **Dugald Robertson** organised the inaugural tournament on 29 August. Founders beat School in the final. As a result of interest shown by a number of older ODs, we are looking to expand the tournament in 2014. What was encouraging was how the young ODs responded and created an event which is more exciting, more competitive and more inclusive than the previous format where 15-a-side matches were played against the school. An OD side of more advanced years [*Tanks Tigers*] played a fiercely contested curtain-raiser to the final against a staff team [*Bey's Baa Baas*]. This is a match no OD can afford to miss this year.
- An "Old Crocks" hockey side and the ODU 1st X1 played the school. Both OD sides won.
- An OD side captained by **Nick Olds** played against RBHSOBs after the annual schools clash at WPCC. The ODs were victorious by 3 goals to one.
- ODU vs RBHSOB T20. **Anton Taylor** and **Dugald Robertson** organised a T20 day/night match on 6 February. The ODs were ably led by **Adrian Kritzing**, narrowly losing by three runs in the final over. There was tremendous support by ODs both young and old. We hope to make this an annual event.

The young ODs are the present and future of our union. It is encouraging to see their willingness to be involved in their union.

■ STARLIGHT CLASSICS & CAROLS

Once again **Richard Cock** arranged an enclosure for 50 guests of the ODU in a prime position. Tickets sold rapidly for this event – a highlight on the Cape's musical calendar. Richard also conducted the annual Carols Service in the Memorial Chapel. He raised R5000 for the OD bursary fund.

■ FUNCTION FOR PATRON, PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS

The annual cocktail party for office-bearers of the ODU took place on 5 December. This is a highlight on the ODU committee calendar as it is privilege to spend time with the vice-presidents and their spouses who have contributed so much to Bishops in so many ways over the years. Amongst those OD VIP's attending were, **Michael Watermeyer**, **John Arenhold**, **Peter Sauerma**n, **John Gardener**, **James McGregor**, **Alan Ramsay**, **Brian de Kock**, **John Charlton** and **Tony van Ryneveld**. The Chairman welcomed guests and reported on the activities of the committee to date. **John Arenhold** was thanked for his services as President.

■ OD & STAFF FUNCTION

The annual cocktail party for staff with ten years' service and who are honorary ODs was held on 13 November. Committee member **Anton Taylor** regaled the staff with anecdotes and incidents from his own stellar school career.

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

In 2013 we connected with ODs via the following channels of communication

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

■ The website [www.odu.co.za/], Facebook, Twitter, and the ning network allows all paid-up life members of the ODU to register through the ODU offices. This allows ODs around the world to connect, update personal details, update content, read latest news, read latest newsletters, check on upcoming events, view and post photographs, organise reunions, begin various interest groups, as well as gain direct access to the Bishops website to view activities at Bishops. We are encouraged by the increasing number of ODs who use the site. The “traffic” the site attracts the more effective it will become.

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

■ The quarterly newsletter developed and managed by **Nic Durrant** and **Carolyn Hamilton-Smith** was circulated to ODs in 2013. So far four newsletters have been circulated. Please share useful and relevant information with us, and in particular register your professional services or business on the “OD Yellow-pages”. We receive a number of requests to promote OD businesses and believe this directory is the only way we can do it in an effective and tasteful manner.

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

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

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

■ In 2013 we were able to allocate an amount of R450 000 to sons of ODs

■ I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following ODs who contribute so willingly to both the bursary fund as well as the general endowment fund: **Mr Ulick Brown**, the late estate **John Philip**, the **Willmott Trust**, **Cormac Petit de la Roche**, **Sandy Jeffery**, **Craig Howie**, **Maj Ian Gordon**, **Maj Merve Lawton**, **Warren Searle Will Trust**, the late **Keith Macfarlane**, the late estate **KM Madden**.

■ Under the initiative of **Arthur Mnyengeze** and **Moshe Apleni**, 56 black ODs have organised themselves as an enthusiastic group, who intend resuscitating the **Hamilton Mvelase Bursary** for the sons of black ODs. We fully support this initiative. Arthur and Moshe are both members of the ODU committee.

■ The Governance Committee under **John Macey** continues to monitor and report on the

activities of the committee. The objective of the governance committee is “to ensure that the committee accomplish and execute objectives of good governance and accountability.” When you manage significant funds – generously donated – you must take the role of stewardship seriously and responsibly. This committee ensures that we do so. In 2013 there were no reported governance incidents.

■ We were granted our Section 18 tax status as a Public Benefit Organisation on condition that we apply to become an NPO. In 2013 we were granted NPO status. The committee is now comfortable that our Section 18 tax status is secure.

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

■ We continue to enjoy excellent working relations with all sectors of Bishops but in particular with the school management. I wish to thank the new Principal Mr **Guy Pearson** for ensuring that this continues.

■ ODU offices: this is the most significant project the committee is currently involved with. The development of our own specially designed offices will give ODs a world class facility. On 4 November the Office bearers of the union attended a ground-breaking ceremony where Chairman of Council Mr **Michael Bosman**, Principal Mr **Guy Pearson** and Chairman of ODU Mr **Brian Robertson** made speeches, before Father **Terry Wilke** blessed the land. Under **Phil Calothi's** guidance, this project continues to progress smoothly. We envisage that the official opening of our new premises will take place on 14 November 2014. We continue to work well with both Council and the school on this project.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Please refer to the attached addendums.

CONCLUSION

Thank you for your attendance this evening. It is always heartening to see just how passionate ODs are about their school and their union. It makes the work of your committee, all of whom are volunteers, worthwhile. I wish to take this opportunity to thank them all for being so willing to share their time and expertise.

To the office-bearers the Vice-Presidents, thank you for your contribution. There are many reasons why you were elected, mainly for your love of Bishops, for being wonderful ambassadors for your school and above all for your support and contribution to the committee.

To the patron **Mr Michael Watermeyer**: Michael thank you for our many hours of discussion. Thank you for your support, advice and encouragement. This committee and Bishops are indeed fortunate to have a man of your calibre and experience as a comrade.

To the President **Mr John Arenhold**, who retires as President this evening after serving Bishops and the ODU for many years' service. John was on the OD committee during the 1980s. He was Chairman from 1992 – 2001. He was made a Vice –President in 2002 and

became President in 2004. In total he has served us ODs for twenty eight years. I have been fortunate to work with John for the past five years. I have valued his reasoned and sound opinion, which is matched by a passion for Bishops and an experience of our school that few if any can match. John thank you and we look forward to your continued support as a Vice-President.

Thank you to you the ODs present this evening who afford us the privilege of serving you.

Proposed: Brian Robertson **Seconded:** John Macey

The Chairman's Report was unanimously approved. John Arenhold thanked Brian for his valued support. There were no questions or statements.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Guy Lanfear presented the Treasurer's Report:

In last and this year the ODU spent quite a lot of money ensuring that our constitution was acceptable to SARS in order to affirm the continuation of the OD tax exempt status, which I am pleased to say, has been confirmed by our advisers to be in place.

As such we were able to carry out the committee's decision to align our investments under the school investment committee without fear of a significant capital gains tax bill. This also means that previously unrealised investment gains were realised in this last year. This was carried out during the year and is evident in the AFS.

I reiterate from my report last year, that the aims of the ODU are principally the connecting of Bishops old boys and not principally the growth of the funds under its control. Nevertheless the committee would be sorely judged by their peers had they failed to at least retain the value of the Funds after allowing for an inflation factor.

Once again we were fortunate to garner excellent returns in the 2013 calendar year. The overall return of some 18/0, or a little over R 3 million is welcome as we plan to spend a similar amount on the new building to house the ODU.

These returns were led in each of the last three years by Bruce MacDonald, an

OD known to many of you, and for much of that time at no fee at all, and we are grateful for his contribution to the ODU. Admittedly he was pipped in the last few months of 2013 by those funds with high offshore exposure; nevertheless he returned overall fantastic returns for the ODU during his tenure as our principal investment adviser.

On the income statement side, income is up and expenses are down, resulting in a lower shortfall from operations of R 211 758 (2013 R 371948). Bearing in mind we do not sit in the position of company directors bent on making a profit, we are pleased with these figures for the year.

The Bursary Fund deficit was considerably less in spite of a similar amount in bursaries being awarded compared to the prior year, due to improved income received.

Once again I am grateful to Carolyn Hamilton-Smith for her accurate record keeping and prompt response to queries from me and staff at our offices. As well as to my fellow committee members, particularly those on the finance subcommittee in John Macey and Simon Peile, a

welcome addition on the investment side with his specialist knowledge in this field, and finally to Brian for his wisdom and fair guidance at the helm.

Proposed: Guy Lanfear **Seconded:** Phil Calothi

The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

Questions: Simon Koch wished to know if there was a budget allocation for other branches in the world. Guy said the ODU would be prepared to assist other branches on request.

INVESTMENT PORTFOLIOS:

Simon Peile explained that the committee had decided to transfer the oversight of the OD Union investment portfolios to the school's investment committee.

The rationale for the decision was that the school had significant resources available with a number of senior investment professionals who were also ODs serving on the committee. The school's investment returns had been excellent of late. The two bodies had similar investment objectives and transferring oversight to the school's investment committee would provide greater continuity. Simon Peile had joined the school's investment committee.

The previous portfolios had been realized and the assets transferred to portfolios that matched the school's strategy. Simon Peile explained that his own company, Sygnia Asset Management had taken over the administration functions for both the school and the OD Union at no fee to either body.

In response to a question from Jan Newman, Simon Peile confirmed that the assets of the school and the OD Union are kept separate from each other and are registered in the names of the two different bodies.

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES:

Jonathan Steytler outlined the motivation for the proposed changes to the OD Union constitution as per the schedule which was presented at the meeting and posted on the OD website prior to the meeting:

■ **Clause 2:** Objects and Mission of the Union to include members other than past students.

■ **Clause 7:** Membership – Offer Honorary Life membership to an individual who has served the school in an exceptional way and is neither a past student of a member of the teaching staff.

■ **Clause 8:** Management – a Member of the committee shall be eligible for an initial uninterrupted period of 5 years.

■ **Clause 10:** General Meetings – The Chairman of the Committee to chair the meeting. The current President, John Arenhold, was in favour of this change.

The President's term of office should be restricted to ten years.

The AGM is not obligated to elect a Patron.

Proposed: Jonathan Steytler **Seconded:** John Wiley

The changes to the OD Constitution were unanimously approved.

Questions: Simon Koch wanted to know what would happen if all committee members were to retire at the same time. Jonathan said they were not all elected at the same time and were eligible for a five year term. This was unlikely to happen.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

John Arenhold explained for reasons of ill health he would not be standing for re-election as President. He had discussed this with Brian Robertson and Michael Watermeyer. He said it had been a privilege and an honour to have been President.

■ **President:** Brian Robertson said the President was elected annually at the AGM. John Arenhold was retiring after ten years and would become an honorary Vice Present for life. He thanked him for all his years on the committee and as President of the ODU.

Brian announced that Raymond Ackerman had accepted the offer take over from John Arenhold and would become the next President of the ODU.

Michael Watermeyer was re-elected as Patron.

■ **Vice Presidents:** It was proposed that the following be elected as Vice Presidents for services to the ODU and the school:

John Hueton (longest standing branch secretary, Canada); David Carter (Chairman and member of the College Council) and Tim Noakes (support of the ODU and services to the school). They were duly elected and Brian welcomed them as honorary Vice Presidents for life.

There were no changes to current committee members and Guy Lanfear was re-elected as Honorary Treasurer. The Chairman would be elected at the first committee meeting.

THE PRINCIPALS REPORT

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

Mr President, John Arenhold; Patron, Michael Watermeyer; Chairman of the OD Union, Brian Robertson; Chairman of Council, Mike Bosman and members of the OD Union.

It is a pleasure for me to present my report to the OD AGM, I must say I feel a lot more comfortable after my first year in office and it is good to see a number of friendly and familiar faces.

How does one measure the success of a school? I suppose different people will have different views on this but I would like to suggest that Bishops is in a very good space at the moment. The school opened its doors with a record enrolment at the start of this year; our numbers in the Pre-Prep are 218, in the Prep 376 and in the College 765 making a total of 1359 boys in the three schools. At the College this year we welcomed 155 new boys into Grade 8 and demand for places continues to be exceptional. This year in Grade 8 we accepted 75 boys from our Prep school approximately 40 boys who were sons of ODs and siblings, which left 35 places for 200 applicants, a great challenge for the Admissions Committee. At the moment the current admissions policy is that the College accepts all boys from the Prep School, sons of ODs and siblings of current boys. The Principal does have the right of veto to any of these categories; this is only applied in exceptional circumstances.

At the end of last year the class of 2013 produced some of the best academic results in the school's history. In total 152 boys sat the National Senior Certificate examination. We enjoyed a 100% pass rate while 98.7% of candidates achieved bachelor degree passes. The following were some of the highlights:

■ **1.** There were 486 subject distinctions (3,2 per boy).

■ **2.** 12% of all subject results were over 90%.

■ **3.** 41% of all subject results were over 80%.

■ **4.** 5 Boys achieved 10 distinctions.

■ **5.** 6 Boys achieved 9 distinctions.

■ **6.** Overall, 1 in 6 boys achieved 7 distinctions or better.

■ **7.** Sam Wolski obtained 100% for mathematics, Oliver Marr 100% for visual arts, Afica Nyati 99% for visual arts, Daniel Chung 99% for Accounting and Nevarr Pillay 99% for Economics.

At the WCED awards ceremony held in January Bishops came third in the province in terms of specified criteria (behind Herschel and St Cyprians). We were the top boys' school in the province and Sam Wolski received the award for the top maths student in the province, while Nevarr Pillay, Joseph Kahn and JP Lanser were placed in the top 20 in the province, in terms of their overall performance.

I am pleased to report that the cultural life of Bishops is alive and well. Last year we staged the excellent musical Oklahoma and this year, in fact this week, the production of The Great Gatsby is taking place in our Memorial Theatre. The Eisteddfod last year was a highlight and our boys continue to excel in music, art and drama. The clubs and societies continue to flourish and extend the boys in areas beyond the curriculum.

What about sport? It would be true to say that currently Bishops is enjoying mixed fortunes on our sport's fields. Our traditional games of rugby and cricket have struggled somewhat but I am optimistic for better things to come. Structures, coaches and facilities are in place and we know that the Bishops boys always play with pride and passion for their school. We cannot ask for more than this. Certain sports have enjoyed great success, most notably Water Polo; this evening for the first time in many years the U14, 15 and 1st team are playing in the finals of the Mazinter Cup. Our rowing club enjoyed a very successful outing at the SA Rowing Champs this past weekend. It is worth mentioning that our boys participate in 22 different sports.

I am pleased to report that Bishops is not only a productive place but at the moment a very happy place for our boys. The new leadership programme is well entrenched and last year the new programme for better relationships between juniors and seniors was implemented. The class of 2013 are to be commended and congratulated for the way in which they accepted and indeed championed the new ethos. There is no doubt that Bishops today is a far better place for the changes which have been made.

This year further changes were made to the new boy orientation programme, recognising that acceptable and formalised “rites of passage” are important for boys. This included a “New Boy Heritage Test” based on facts about the school which new boys had to learn; a talk by Dr Paul Murray about the History of Bishops and a Welcoming Service after 2 weeks at school. At this service parents, staff, matrics and new boys were present. Readings, prayers and words of wisdom were said and then the group committed themselves to a pledge of commitment to the values of Bishops. After this each boy was introduced to the Principal by the House Director and received a certificate of welcome. Feedback on this process has been overwhelmingly positive.

Over the past few years we have seen significant expenditure on various capital projects. Most notably the upgrade of the Jagger Hall at the Prep School last year, the Steffan Coutts-Trotter Indoor Cricket Centre and the major project which is due for completion at the end of this year, the Woodlands Hockey Pavilion, which will also incorporate the OD offices and the archives. This is a tremendously exciting project and will be a huge boon for the school and for the ODs. Another exciting project which begins next term in the College is the refurbishment and conversion of the Molteno Library to a modern Resources Centre which will become the academic hub of the school. This is a 2 million rand project, over half of which has been raised through the mySchool programme.

Over the past year I have enjoyed my interaction with the ODs, both individually and collectively and have attended several OD functions. At all of these I have been warmly welcomed and received and the passion and enthusiasm which ODs have for their school is very clear. Just this last Saturday evening I attended a dinner for 60 year reunion of the Class of 1954. Incredibly, 31 ODs who matriculated from a class of 80 attended this dinner.

I thank the Chairman, Brian Robertson and Carolyn and Tim Hamilton-Smith in the OD offices for their support and encouragement over the past year. I would like to pay particular thanks to our outgoing President, John Arenhold for his support and commitment to Bishops, it is sincerely appreciated. I congratulate incoming President, Raymond Ackerman on his appointment and look forward to a continued positive relationship between the school and the OD Union.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 7.15 pm.

OLD DIOCESANS UNION – ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INCOME STATEMENT for the year ended 31 December

	2013	2012
	R	R
OD Fund Income	172,611	101,542
Income from investments	235,033	130,481
Dividends	175,796	157,481
Interest from portfolio and related money market accounts	167,943	113,283
Investment management fees	(128,148)	(146,605)
Sundry income	19,442	6,322
Surplus (loss) on Old Diocesans' colours	(40,658)	4,466
Sales	49,137	29,776
Cost of sales	(89,795)	(25,310)
Surplus (loss) on sporting and social functions	(21,764)	(33,406)
Proceeds	89,655	97,501
Costs	(111,419)	(130,907)
Sundry income	-	-
OD Fund expenses	384,369	473,490
Bank charges	3,743	3,831
Depreciation – furniture and equipment (<i>note 2</i>)	2,750	2,795
Donations	10,260	42,718
Motor vehicle and travel expenses	-	16,520
Magazine costs and magazine postage	104,484	102,016
Printing and stationery	-	2,361
Professional fees	16,260	20,283
Refurbish OD offices and framing exhibits for Heatlie	4,529	37,296
Secretarial costs	206,370	195,128
Subscriptions	8,553	6,112
Sundry expenses	14,263	31,556
Telephone e-mail, postage and website costs	13,158	12,875
OD Fund operating surplus (deficit) for the year	(211,758)	(371,948)
Bursary Fund operating surplus (deficit) for the year	(34,047)	(131,634)
Income from investments	208,843	108,366
Dividends	156,208	130,788
Interest from portfolio and related money market accounts	149,230	94,083
Investment management fees	(113,870)	(121,755)
Sundry income	17,274	5,251
Bursary fund – Bursaries awarded	(242,890)	(240,000)
Capital inflows	497,530	1,210,920
OD Fund – Life membership fees received – current year	347,629	424,700
OD Fund – Donations and bequests received	-	19,320
Bursary Fund – Donations and bequests received	149,901	766,900
Gains and losses on investments (<i>note 3</i>)	2,483,288	2,495,405
OD Fund	1,314,871	1,363,236
Bursary Fund	1,168,357	1,132,169
Net surplus for the year	2,734,953	3,202,743

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BALANCE SHEET at 31 December**2013****2012****FUNDS****R****R****O D Union Fund****11,111,765****9,661,0246**

Retained operating surplus (deficit)

(1,392,900)

(1,181,141)

Accumulated capital inflows

4,024,800

3,677,171

Accumulated investment gains – realised and unrealised

8,479,865

7,164,994

Bursary Fund**9,868,722****8,584,510**

Retained operating surplus

(90,171)

(56,124)

Accumulated capital inflows

4,188,204

4,038,302

Accumulated investment gains – realised and unrealised

5,770,689

4,602,332

Total funds**20,980,487****18,245,534**

Represented by:

NET ASSETS**Fixed assets (note 2)****13,568****16,318****Investments****20,278,129****17,167,765**

Alpha – Fixed income blend of funds

-

728,706

Alpha Lynx global diversified fund of funds A1

-

3,089,090

Bateleur

-

4,337,744

Brait – Class A – Lead

-

4,102,666

Bullseye Financial Services

-

4,909,558

Investec Money Market account

3,250,003

-

Investments managed by the Diocesan College

17,028,127

-

Investment Committee

Current assets / (liabilities)**688,789****1,061,451**

Stock

41,929

70,528

Debtors receivable

-

-

Bank balances and cash

646,860

990,922

Creditors and accruals

-

-

20,980,487**18,245,534**

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NOTES TO THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT 31 December

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

2. FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings	Furniture and equipment	Computer equipment	Total
Cost	25,698	22,167	15,043	62,908
Accumulated depreciation	(10,280)	(21,267)	(15,043)	(46,590)
Book value at beginning of year	15,418	900	–	16,318
Additions		–		
Depreciation	(2,570)	(180)	–	(2,750)
Cost	25,698	22,167	15,043	62,908
Accumulated depreciation	(12,849)	(21,447)	(15,043)	(46,340)
Book value at end of year	12,849	720	–	13,568

3. GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS

	OD fund	Bursary fund	Total
Gain on investment	1,314,871	1,168,357	2,483,228
Performance fee	–	–	–
Net gain/(loss) on investments	1,314,871	1,168,357	2,483,228