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ROLL OF HONOUR

Their name liveth for ever

In March we remember:

THE GREAT WAR 1914-1919

Gerald Bolus (1900-03) Pvt, 2nd Rhodesians. East Africa, 11 March 1916.

John Brown (1907-08) Lieut, 4th Suffolk Regiment. France, March 1917.

Paul Farmer (1899-1901) Lieut, SAI. France, 23 March 1918.

John Fawcett (1905-14) Lieut, RGA. France, March 1918.

Arthur Goodall (1907-10) Lieut, 8th SAI. East Africa, March 1916.

Harold Goodall (1907-10) Lieut, RFA Trench Mortar Battery. France, 22 March 1918.

Edward Hare (left 1905) Lieut Royal Flying Corps. France, 24 March 1917.

Charles Howe-Eliot (1900-02) 5th SAI. East Africa, March 1917.

Eugene Markus [MC] (1907-15) Lt. Royal Scots Fusiliers. France, 22 March 1917.

Cecil Mountford (1895-1900) Lieut, ASCMT. London, 3 March 1919.

James Rimer (1911-14) Lieut, Royal Flying Corps. France, March 1917.

THE WORLD WAR 1939-1945

Ian Allister (1933-37) Gnr, SAAA. Somaliland, 19 March 1941.

John Blanckenberg (1931-40) Lieut, Parachute Regiment. Italy, 9 March 1944.

Michael Bomford (1933-35) Trp, Royal Tank Corps. Middle East, 2 March 1943.

Charles Chabot (1937-41) WO, SAAF. Italy, 16 March 1944.

Colin Croxford (1937-39) Flying-Officer RAF. Italy, 4 March 1944.

Alistair Duff (1928-33) Pilot Officer RAF. Norway, 22 March 1942.

Gordon Duff [DFC] (1928-35) Flt-Lieut, RAF. Germany, 10 March 1942.

Peter Griffiths (1934-35) Capt, Botha Regt. Germany (escaping), 8 March 1944.

Clive Holmes (1926-29) Lieut, SAAF. North Africa, 30 March 1944.

John Lindbergh (1934-37) Capt, SAAF. North Africa, 26 March 1943.

Ernest Nason (1931-35) A/M RAF. Scotland, 5 March 1941.

Anthony Newman (1934-37) Pilot-Officer, RAF. Off Holland, 23 March 1943.

Oscar Michael Stohr (1933-39) Sgt RAF. North Africa, 22 March 1943.

Dennis Tattersall (1932-41) Lieut SAAF. East Mediterranean, 9 March 1945.

Angus Taylor [DFC] (1933-36) Flight-Lieut, RAF. Mediterranean, 7 March 1944.

Stanley Waud (1919-21) Cpl, De La Rey Regiment. Egypt, 7 March 1944.

Ronald Wicht (1934-43) W/O SAAF. Italy, 2 March 1945.

Andrew Newton-Thompson (1943-60). Oudtshoorn, 23 March 1965.

In April we remember

THE GREAT WAR 1914-1919

Kenneth Breach (dates unavailable) SA Infantry. France, April 1917.

Prescot Brounger (1896-98) Lieut, Northumberland Fusiliers. France, April 1917.

Roy Bullen (1902-03) Capt, 2nd KRR. France, 29 April 1916.

Gerald Callender (1900-09) Lieut, Royal Scots. France, April 1918.

Horace Girdlestone (1907-13) Lieut, RGA attached RAF. France, 30 April 1918.

Reginald Hands (1899-1907) Capt, SAHA. France, 20 April 1918.

Cecil Horne (1897-99) Pvt SAI. France, 12 April 1917.

George Murray [MC] (1905-08) Capt, RFA. France, 15 April 1918.

John Reid (1898-1901) Pvt, SA Infantry, France, 10 April 1918.

Greyville Seymour (1907-15) Lieut, 1st Dorsets. France, 15 April 1917.

Lawton Smuts (1906-10) Lieut, RAF. England, 23 April 1918.

Robert Stegman (1895-99) Cpl, SAHA. France, 9 April 1918.

Frederick Stephens (1900-06) Lieut, West Yorks. France, April 1918.

Brett St Leger [MC] (1906-10) Lieut, Coldstream Guards. France, 27 April 1918.

THE WORLD WAR 1939-1945

Charles Adcock (1929-37) Flt-Lieut RAF. Ceylon, 9 April 1942.

Oliver Bell [MBE] (1916-21) Major SAEC. North Africa, 7 April 1943.

Newton Bird (1919-25) Flying-Officer RAF. Holland, 9 April 1943.

Ian Bocock (1919-28) Sqn-Ldr RAF. England, 23 April 1943.

Cyril Collier (1903-06) Capt AA Pioneer Corps. Union, 17 April 1942.

Charles Cowell (1930-38) Lieut. SAAF. Italy, 21 April 1945.

Lindsay de Villiers (1914-17) Lieut-Comdr, Royal Navy. Narvik, 10 April 1940.

Angus Duncan [DFC] (1917-26) Lieut-Col. F/C-CTH. Italy, 16 April 1945.

Anthony Fry [DFC] (1926-34) Flt-Lieut. RAF. Europe, 28 April 1941.

Neville Howes (1918-25) Lieut, SAAF. Union, 28 April 1944.

Robin Frost (1932-40) Cpl, SSB. Italy, 6 April 1945.

Edward King (1928-30) Capt, RA. North Africa, April 1943.

Anthony Lee (1923-27) Capt, Royal Fusiliers. North Africa, 30 April 1943.

Denis McCarthy (1932-34) Pilot-Officer, RAF. England, 20 April 1941

Norman Ross (1936-38) Lieut, SAAF. North Africa, 16 April 1942

Rae Thomas [DFC] (1928-35) Flt-Lieut, RAF. Off Ceylon, 9 April 1942

Peter Versveld (1932-39) A/B RNVR. Off Ceylon, 5 April 1942.

Richard Wingfield (1932-41) Lieut, SAAF. Italy, 12 April 1942

Roy Yates (1931-34) Petty-Officer, RNVR. Off Ceylon, 9 April 1942

Reginald Briggs (1968-81). On active duty in South West Africa, 27 April 1984

Martin Silberbauer (1959-69) Capt. SAAF. Pietersburg, 5 April 1979

In May we remember:

THE GREAT WAR 1914-1919

James Christie (1893-97) Pvt, King Edward's Horse. France, 24 May 1918.
Douglas Jackson (1899-1901) Lieut, Royal Artillery. France, 3 May 1917.
Frank Saunderson (1909-11) Sgt, SA Infantry. Died at sea, 31 May 1918.
Charles Townsend (1904-08) Trooper, 2nd Rhodesians. East Africa, 8 May 1915.

THE WORLD WAR 1939-1945

Quentin Bagshawe-Smith (1930-34) Seaman RNVR. Off Crete, 22 May 1941.

Leonard Bangley (1927-29) Flt-Lieut RAF. North Africa, 23 May 1942.

Oliver Collins (1931-35) Sgt Air-Gnr, RAF. Eritria, 15 May 1941.

John Delbridge (1921-26) Sgt, Amd Cars. Union, 30 May 1943.

Andrew Duncan [DFC] (1934-38) Major SAAF. North Africa, 31 May 1942.

Laurence Hull [DFC] (1924-30) Wing-Cdr RAF. England, 7 May 1946.

Patrick Moore (1936-38) Lieut, SAAF. Italy, 11 May 1944.

Douglas Patterson (1928-34) Lieut, CTH. North Africa, 29 May 1942.

Douglas Rail (1924-30) Flying-Officer, RAF. Czechoslovakia, 13 May 1943.

Leonard Straker (1930-37) Lieut, SAA (RA). Italy, 12 May 1944.

PERSONAL

OBITUARIES



EARQUHARSON. Christopher James Farquharson passed away suddenly on 19 September 2013 at the age of 44 years. He was born in Edinburgh on 13 September 1969, and emigrated to South Africa with his family in 1972, settling in Cape Town. Chris was at Bishops from 1980 until 1987; he was a boarder at White House where he was affectionately known as 'Higgins'. He became Head of Choir and was made a House Prefect in his Matric year and received his Distinction tie for services to the Choir.

Chris was also interested in acting and took part in several School and House plays. He also enjoyed playing Rugby, though never playing as high

as the A Team! His time at Bishops was a happy one and the friends he made then, remain friends today. In true Bishop's fashion, the friends are in regular touch with his family which is very rewarding.

Chris continued his 'musical career' at University, running a disco (Gemini) with his close friends Andrew Willis and Rob Carmichael.

After school he attended Cape Town University, receiving a Bachelor of Commerce degree in 1992, Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting in 1994 and became a Chartered Accountant in 1998.

After working as an Accountant for a number of years he achieved his greatest ambition in 2007 when he started a Company of his own which became known as *True North Accounting*

Chris and Jeanne were married in 2010, Conor was born in October 2011 and Adam in June 2013. Their happiness was complete.

If one were to describe Chris, the words that come quickly to mind are caring, generous and compassionate. Since his death so many friends and colleagues have told us of the advice and support Chris has provided. One in particular example of his caring happened in his gap year in England. He was living with his Aunt and Uncle in Wolverhampton, who were both local authority social workers. Chris became a voluntary youth worker at a local Youth Club which been closed because of drugs and violence. Chris quickly set about forming a successful sports dub, teaching the youngsters to play basketball and forming an interclub league, which is why today Wolverhampton still has a successful Youth Sports League.

Chris was a joy to us all and the love and care which he showed to all his family and friends are the memories which will sustain us in the years ahead without him.

David and Eileen Farquharson

CARTER. Ernest Brian Carter died on 10 October 2013 aged 92. He was at Bishops from 1934-40 and was a prefect in Founders and company sergeant major in the Cadet Corps. After leaving school he joined the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (SA Division) at the Castle in Cape Town and after undergoing basic training at the base there he was appointed a midshipman in the RNVR. He was seconded to the Royal Navy and joined the Kent class cruiser HMS Cornwall at Simonstown on 15 February 1941. On 14 November 1941 he left the ship and returned to Durban to join HM Motor Launch 1098 in December that year. He was commissioned as a sub-lieutenant on 27 January 1941 and served in this vessel and also HMML 1086 at Trincomalee in Ceylon until 12 December 1942. He served in HMS Garuda, a Royal Naval Air Station at Coimbatore in Southern India from December 1942 until 3 August 1943 when he returned to South Africa on transfer to the South African Naval Forces in which he served in various SANF ships until the end of hostilities.

He joined the *Shell Company* in Cape Town in 1947 and remained with the company until 1960 when he moved to England and joined the *Hall Line* in Liverpool (part of the *Ellerman* group). He retired in 1986 and settled in Menstow, West Yorkshire.

Frnest Carter



LAWTON. Long-time Moab resident **Merv Lawton** passed away on the evening of 9 January 2014. He was born on 7 July 1922, to parents Eddie and Alfred Lawton of Cape Town, South Africa. Mervyn attended Bishops, a leading private boys school in Cape Town from 1931- 40. He excelled at rugby, cricket, boxing and athletics, and ultimately graduated with a degree in mining engineering from the University of Witwatersand, in Johannesburg, South Africa. Whilst at Wits he represented the Transvaal at rugby

His studies were interrupted by World War II, during which he served as a Spitfire pilot in North Africa and Italy.

He wrote to his great friend **John Hueton:** 'In 1941 I was at Wits to get my mining degree. However at mid-year I could not take it any longer and went across to Roberts Heights to start my career of being a fighter pilot. I felt that I would rather operate in England, as there would be an invasion by the British or visa versa by Germany and I wanted to be in the thick of things. Our ship, scheduled to take us to England, was sunk on its way to Cape Town. Roberts Heights could not wait for another ship so our group was sent to the Middle East to operate under the control of the RAF. This did not worry us, as we felt that the latest fighter aircraft would be given to the RAF squadrons before going to the SAAF units. I myself operated with RAF squadrons that were made up of pilots of various nationalities, which I enjoyed very much.'

As a young Major, he returned to 'Wits' in 1947 to complete his degree and start his mining career at one of the many gold/uranium mines around Johannesburg. In this period he met and married (in 1951) Elspeth 'Penny' Lawton.

In 1957, the Lawton family emigrated to Elliot Lake, Canada, a uranium boom town in northern Ontario. The next move was to become the manager of a copper mine near Lac La Ronge, an even more northern town in Saskatchewan. In 1971, Mervyn was transferred to Moab to take on the role of mine manager of *Rio Algom's* property in Lisbon Valley.

What started off as a four to five year assignment in the United States, became a love affair with Moab and the surrounding community. He often noted that the climate and flora was much like coming home to his native South Africa. Mervyn retired from *Rio Algom* in 1988 but stayed active in the community, being elected as county commissioner and acting as the chairman of the commission for two years. After stepping away from this duty, Mervyn filled his time raising sheep and caring for rescued animals with his significant other, Sam Cunningham. In a 2003 interview he said, 'I am very proud to be a part of a project that breeds, raises and donates Churro sheep back to a proud people, the Navajo. We see some families return to caring for the herd, and their weavers return to creating their art.'

All his life Mervyn had a love for the outdoors, fast machines and critters of all kinds. Mervyn always loved fishing, upland bird and water fowl hunting, but intimated that large game hunting was not his thing, because he didn't like looking into the target's eyes. He marvelled at nature's creations and shared his fascination with his children, who enjoyed such escapades as a rescued baby blue heron in the basement, midnight excursions to observe beavers at work under the full moon and countless times that a snake enjoyed a nap in his clothing pocket. He raced boats, go-carts, snowmobiles, motorcycles and stock cars. He prized his time on oceans and lakes and in forests and deserts, and thoroughly enjoyed the relationships that these activities enabled. Wherever Mervyn ended up, he sought out recreational and educational opportunities for his family. He passed on to his children an abiding respect for local and indigenous peoples. Whether the locals be Xhosa, Cree or Navajo, Canadian, Mexican or American, Mervyn found common ground in local pleasures.

Mervyn is survived by his former spouse, Elspeth (Penny) Lawton and his current partner, Sam Cunningham. He is also survived by five children and five grandchildren, Dr. Wendy Lawton of Metamora, Mich., and her three grown children, Gillian (and her husband Cam Gzym), Antonia, and Nicholas; Mark and wife, Jane Lawton, of Vancouver, Canada, and their two grown daughters, Samantha and Claire; Bruce and wife Peggy Lawton of Salt Lake City, Utah; daughter, Judy Lawton, and son, Tim Lawton, both of Salt Lake City, Utah.

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GOHL. David Wrentmore Gohl died in Vereeniging on November 1, 2013 at the age of 88.

David attended Bishops Prep and moved into the College in 1938 where he distinguished himself both on the sports field and academically, earning 1st X1 colours, the Archbishop West Jones Scholarship and a First Class matric pass with three distinctions. He was also a College and House Prefect in Founders House.

He started a BSc at UCT but, on turning 18 two years later, he enlisted to join the war effort. He was a tank driver in the 6th Armoured Division and was shipped to Italy in 1944 to join the Allied Forces in driving the Nazis out of Italy and Austria and ending in Berlin. On his return he completed his studies and was employed by Vereeniging Refractories as an Industrial Chemist where he met, and subsequently married, the department secretary Elaine Robertson in April 1953. They enjoyed a wonderful marriage and celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary last year.

In the 60-odd years of living in Vereeniging he became General Manager of the business and an integral part of the community as a Country District's cricketer, a very active Round Tabler, 41 Club and Rotary member. He was always willing to give of his time, skills, energy and resources. He was also an active campaigner for the United Party which did not endear him to a number of Vereeniging residents who were not renowned for their enlightened political stance at that time. He played squash and tennis and lots of golf at his beloved Maccauvlei Club where he was a very proud member of the "Coffin Dodgers Club ". He had an awful swing but still managed the odd hole-in-one and became an honorary member in 1995. He loved the Boks and Proteas and, in the face of stiff opposition from friends and family, remained true to his heritage by supporting Western Province and the Stormers and proudly wearing his OD cap at the St Stithians rugby festival that he attended with his grandchildren.

In his humble and quiet way David was always a gentleman and a widely revered and admired man, especially by his children Beverley and Peter, his five grandchildren and his large circle of friends. A man of integrity and unshakeable principles, living his Christian values and sharing generously wherever he could. His presence has hugely enriched all of our lives and his memory will be with us forever.

Peter Gohl



PARE. Peter Irvine Pare passed away peacefully on 5 December 2013 at the age of 97.

Peter was born in Mahé, Seychelles on 11 January 1916. As a young boy, he grew up on Nederburg in Paarl. When his father sold the farm in 1923 the family moved to Kalk Bay. Peter loved farm life, the sea and the mountains. He spent most of his youth exploring the sea and the Kalk Bay Mountains. He also loved sailing and joined the Royal Cape Yacht Club in 1936, where he remained a member for the rest of his life.

He matriculated from Bishops in 1933. At the outbreak of WWII he joined the 6th Mounted Regiment but his love of the sea and desire for adventure led him to change course and he joined the Royal Navy. Serving on *HMS Cornwall*, he visited many foreign places. In April 1942,

HMS Cornwall was sunk by Japanese dive bombers. Peter was a survivor and did not let this horrific experience kill his quest for adventure. Later he served in the small Levant Schooner Flotilla which facilitated covert and irregular military operations in the Aegean Sea. During this time he developed an immense affinity for Greece, its culture and its people.

Peter had travelled to so many different places during the war that a career in travel was inevitable. After working for *Thomas Cook* in Cape Town his desire for adventure changed the course of his life again when he left to manage a large travel agency in Zambia. He lived there for about thirteen years. At the end of 1969 he returned to South Africa and started *Pare's Travel* in Newlands, the first travel agency in the Southern Suburbs. A second branch later opened in Somerset West. He loved his work as he enjoyed exploring new places and meeting the people who lived there. Peter had a great wealth of knowledge about many parts of the world. A holiday recommended by him would always be a success.

When Peter retired he returned to country life, first in rural Ireland and then on a farm near Stellenbosch. He was a very active person and strongly believed in keeping fit both physically and mentally. He loved his garden, grew his own vegetables and spent many hours in his workshop making toys for his grandchildren and pieces of furniture for his cottage.

Peter's second wife Patricia passed away two months after his death. He is survived by his daughters Penny, Daphne, Alison and his five grandchildren.

Penny Prentice

CLARKE. Denis Clarke passed away peacefully on 7 November 2014 at the age of 76 years in his home in Kalk Bay.

Denis was born in Cape Town and was at Bishops from 1951-1955. He spent many years in business both in Johannesburg and Durban. He finally returned to his beloved Cape Town in 1985 where we met, fell in love and were married in 1987.

We had a full and fun life together and Denis has two wonderful children Josie and Steven, son in law Andy, and two beautiful granddaughters Meggie and Georgie, whom he adored and they him – he was their 'fun granddad'.

Sadly Denis battled with terminal cancer for the last 18 months of his life but he was at peace knowing that he was going home to be with his precious lord and saviour.

I miss him so very very much.

Marci Clarke

RATHFELDER. John Otto Macfarlane (Johnny) Rathfelder was born on 4 May 1933 and died on 26 November 2013 aged 80. He arrived in Ma Wolfe's class at the Prep in 1941 and was a boarder throughout his career at Bishops, first in Stanmore and then in School House where he became a prefect. He matriculated in 1950. He was a fine rugby player who, with his bean-pole height, dominated the lineouts, as well as being an excellent all-round forward and was awarded his 1st XV colours.

Johnny was one of the most popular of boys. Always cheerful and friendly he was a great humourist possessed of a wonderfully laconic turn of phrase. No respecter of authority, he was famously court-martialled for having a hole in his cadet socks which he had tried to conceal by painting part of his leg with blue ink! Since this clearly threatened the security of the State he was marched off by sergeant Track Staegemann



plus two corporals carrying wooden rifles to Colonel Hunneyball's study. In his matric year he was lying exhausted on the Piley Rees field, having just completed the cross-country, when the PT master the late Dennis Cooper, came up to him and suggested it was more sensible to remain standing and Johnny's retort was to tell Dennis to "get lost" although the language he employed was a good deal more colourful than that!

He loved his time at Bishops and made many friends, a number of whom became friends for life. Among them was Frankie Musson with whom Johnny had been in the same House throughout their school career. Frankie's family owned the Bay View Hotel in Hermanus and Johnny grew to love this special seaside village with a passion. Here in later years he bought a cottage which, in true Johnny style, he named *Scrumpy*:

Although quick-witted and intelligent, the academic side of school never really resonated with him and he looked forward to the day when he would join his father on the family farm, *Belle Ombre* in Constantia. Here, among the vineyards and in his garden on which he lavished all the love that he was able to conjure from his greenfingers, he was at his happiest and best. He made a great success of the farm when he took over from his father but with increasing development in the area, he was more or less forced to sell in 1969 and was then faced with the question of what to do with the rest of his life.

In 1971 his life was turned upside down when he joined the *Wetpups*' staff as a swimming and rugby coach. He was given charge of the U10s who were virtually unbeatable during the sixteen years of his reign. Soon his understanding of and empathy with young boys became evident and, although he had no

formal training, was asked if he would like to teach. Given charge of the Standards 1 to 3 Geography and Scripture classes, he soon proved to be a natural and inspiring teacher whose pupils hung onto his every word. For geography he created two characters, Oom Koos and Tannie Koba, to illustrate how not to farm and his eager listeners always wanted to hear more of these two strange individuals. He was appointed a Housemaster, participated in stage productions, despite being terrified of doing so, and generally threw himself into the life of the school. When he finally retired in 1995 he had been involved in his second career for twenty-four years and had become a legend in his own time.

Years of toil under the sun had not been kind to his sensitive skin and he developed skin cancer which would plague him for the rest of his life. His final years were not easy as his memory started to go and his quality of life diminished. During this period another of his close school-friends, the late **Patrick Mulliner** (1951), who for many years had been Johnny's financial and legal adviser, collected him every Saturday morning and took him to their favourite Bergyliet restaurant for breakfast. Here they would chew the cud (and the bacon) and talk about old times.

Johnny fought bravely and with trade-mark good humour, and was lovingly cared for by his wife, Claudine who survives him, as do his son, **Robbie** (1980) and his daughter, Jacqui.

Michael Mathews and **David Dallas**, with acknowledgments to Pauline Pearce for much of the information on Johnny's teaching career.



HENNESSY. Richard (Dick) Hennessy was born in 1921 the youngest of eight children and grew up in St Johns house opposite St John's Church in Wynberg, Cape Town. Following in the footsteps of his brothers **Denis** (1929) and **John** (1933) he attended Bishops Prep and College, matriculating in 1939. He was one of the early members of the then recently formed Gray House. A major event at school for him was when at age 14 he contracted polio in his left arm, which must have been quite traumatic at that age. This meant among other things giving up rugby and taking up hockey, a game he later excelled in.

After school he got a job with *Shell Oil*, but this was short-lived due to WWII. He signed up, but because of his polio was not accepted as a combatant. Instead he joined the military police to search ships entering Cape Town harbour and later became an instructor with the Cape Coloured Corp in Mossel Bay. At the end of the war and having lost a couple of close friends in combat duty, he decided not to return to Shell, but instead go to University to become a teacher. He attended Stellenbosch, in part to 'understand the Afrikaner better', but also to move away from his father's influence a little. Whilst at Stellenbosch he became a warden at Dagbreek Res – which was unusual for an English speaker at the time – and he made a couple of lifelong Afrikaans friends – one of whom was the late Judge Jan Steyn, who incidentally also died on 30 December 2013. Despite his polio he managed a good game of tennis and hockey – and in fact captained SA Universities hockey in 1949 playing at centre-half.

On completion of his studies he went overseas to 'get experience' and taught at Wrekin College in England for two years. On his return to South Africa in 1952 he was offered a position at Bishops but since his father (**Sir Alfred Hennessy**) was actively involved there (on the school Council for many years – and who laid

the foundation stone for White house) he declined and went instead to Michaelhouse in Natal, where he ended up staying for 33 years!

He had a keen interest in politics and involved himself over the years to the extent that he could as a teacher. Not long after joining Michaelhouse he and the school chaplain, Bill Burnett, later to become the Anglican Archbishop and well-known anti-apartheid proponent, met with Alan Paton a couple of times in discussions on the starting up of the Liberal Party. He subsequently became a card-carrying member till it was effectively shut down a few years later by the government. He also founded and ran for many years the school's African Affairs society. This peaked when he initiated an annual open discussion evening to which the entire school was invited. The first such event in 1979 included invitations to Desmond Tutu, Andries Treurnicht and Ferdie Hartzenberg to come and speak on three consecutive evenings. This also included supper and sleeping over in the Headmasters house since the school was some distance out of town. There was some amusement at the time that Treurnicht, unbeknownst to him or otherwise, had slept quite happily in the very same bed that Tutu had slept in the night before!

On retiring in 1984 he and his wife, June, returned to Cape Town and settled in Marina Da Gama, and after 14 years moved into Silvermine Village.

He dedicated a lot of his life to the service of others. Apart from his decision to go into teaching in his early working years ran the 'Boys Club' – a sort of scout club for coloured kids in town – to which he used to drive a few Bishops boys once a week to assist. He recalled on one occasion having to ask a senior boy to put out his pipe in the car! He was also for many years involved with the famous Hermanus scout camp, and for a few years was 2nd in command adjutant. He developed a strong sense of the injustices around him in society, and tried to act on this as best he could. This included supporting a number of black students through school and university for many years – in fact right up to his death. And he was also a longstanding member of the Institute of Race Relations.

One of the interesting things about him was the people he met in his early life, primarily through his father, who in addition to being a senator in the Jan Smuts government, was a keen and prominent early motorist (who was tasked with registering the first cars in the Cape, and was president of the Automobile Association of South Africa for 50 years), and was also instrumental in the development of the Table Mountain Aerial Cableway. Thus, as a youngster Richard came to know Jan Smuts quite well and travelled more than once alone with him in his car – once all the way to and from Robertson for the day. On numerous occasions he met Jan Hofmeyer, and *Sir de Villiers Graaf* and Louis Enslin, leader and organizer of the United Party respectively, and also other prominent politicians and businessmen of that time. He once travelled to the Cedarberg on holiday with Louis Leipold (the well-known Afrikaans poet), and was evidently allowed with a friend to sit on the folded down soft-top and shoot a .22 whilst they were driving along. He met the Royal family on two occasions on their tour to South Africa in 1947 and even had a dance with the then 21 year old Princess (now Queen) Elizabeth and also 17 year old Princess Margaret. And he knew a number of Springboks from his Stellenbosch days – who visited his school in England during their record-breaking tour of the UK in 1952 – which evidently shot up his standing at the school considerably!

He is survived by his son Kier, daughter Anne, and grandchildren Georgina, Stephanie, Patrick, Campbell (currently at Bishops) and Hope.

Kier Hennessy



REAY. Nic Reay was born in Cape Town on 6 January 1945 and died after a long illness in Nelspruit on 2 September 2013, aged 68. He attended Bishops Prep from 1954 to 1958 and College from 1959 to 1962. At College he was a prefect in Founders, a member of the 1961 school athletics team and the shooting teams that won the *Collins Shield* in both 1961 and 1962. He was awarded his boxing colours in 1962 and was appointed captain of boxing.

After matriculating in 1962, he attended the École Nationale de Commerce de Neuchâtel, Switzerland, and in 1967 graduated from UCT with a BSc majoring in botany. Convinced that his qualifications equipped him merely to 'write let-

ters to the newspaper', he took up a postgraduate bursary to study viticulture at École Nationale Supérieure Agronomique de Montpellier in France. On returning to South Africa in 1969 he joined Rhodes Fruit Farms as a Technical Officer and conducted the initial feasibility study for Boschendal Wines! In 1970 he married Pat Brinkman and in 1973 moved to Addo where he farmed citrus while also acting as Technical Extension Officer for the Sundays River Citrus Co-operative. Three daughters, Jenny, Tracey and Nicky, were born to his marriage to Pat which unfortunately broke down and in 1977 he took up a contract as Technical & Packhouse Manager at United Plantations in Swaziland. In 1979 he married Pepé (Andrea) Botha and the next year moved to Nelspruit to join H.L. Hall & Sons as Farm Production Manager. He was promoted to General Manager Farms in 1986 and to Director of Farms in 1996. In 1999 he was appointed Director Special Projects and with restructuring of the Group in 2001, assumed responsibility for its Export Division, a position he held until his retirement in 2008.

But it was during his student days that I remember Nic best. He enjoyed being a student. A committed Francophile, he could be recognized by his trademark black beret and Gauloises cigarettes as well as his very short shorts and, at the time, his large 1939 vintage Dodge complete with running boards.

He was good with his hands, ambidextrous even, and could quickly make a plan for any situation. Who of his friends will forget the shack he and his father built at Kromme? The view over the river from the kleinhuisie was impressive, but one did have to watch for the swarm of bees that moved in. As Charles Sale's *Specialist* observed,'... aint nothin' so disconcertin' as a lot of *bees* buzzin' 'round while you're settin' there doin' a little readin', figgerin', or thinkin'.

Nic was well read and had an enviable general knowledge. Two books he gave me illustrate his wide range of interests, an 1898 copy of Emile Zola's *Paris* and the Koran. He enjoyed reading classics, particularly French classics, and loved listening to French popular music. His favourite singers at the time included the likes of Sylvie Vartan and Gilbert Becaud.

We had many good times and as John Bell commented, "Nic had a wide circle of the most excellent friends". He was best man at my wedding in 1969 and also at John Bell's in 1977. I seldom saw Nic during the intervening years so it was great to meet up with him again at our 40th and 50th matric reunions.

Speaking to his professional colleagues, there was consensus that Nic was passionate about whatever he did and always prepared himself thoroughly. He would spend long hours in his office and was even described as a workaholic. Quietly spoken, he could be charming but also stubborn and a hard taskmaster in the workplace. His standards were exacting. He was a good cook and could knit too – the oversize yellow jersey he often wore was his own work! Nic enjoyed water sports and cycling. He had a love of plants and visited botanical gardens across the country.

Nic was full of ideas when he joined *Hall's* in 1980 and made constructive changes to its operations. He travelled widely in search of new technology to improve the quality of the fruit, its handling and marketing. He once organised a three-day ploughing competition, bringing in different tractor manufacturers in his quest to find the most suitable tractor for the farm's conditions.

Paying tribute to Nic on his retirement, *Hall's* Managing Director Rob Snaddon said that over the 28 years he was with the company, Nic was instrumental in moving it from being a huge citrus producer to becoming a major player in the global avocado industry. Avocados became his passion and he ensured that Hall's was the first avocado producer in the world to achieve ISO 9000 certification.

During his term as special projects director at *Hall's* Nic gained global respect as an authority on the post-harvest handling of sub-tropical fruits, especially avocados, and the management of the supply of fruit to the market. He served on several committees. Most importantly he was elected to the board of the *South African Avocado Growers Association* (SAAGA) for six years, serving both as vice-chairman (2000-2001) and chairman (2002-2003).

Before 2001, price volatility and uncoordinated exports resulted in either under- or over-supply to the European and UK markets. Nic therefore put much effort into fostering good relations between the South African avocado industry and other producing countries. "At SAAGA in the late 1990s we saw that the markets were not growing fast enough to absorb the volumes of avocados being exported" Nic said. "We knew what the market could handle and were convinced that sharing production data and coordinating exports was the only way that all producers could benefit." The international supply arrangements forged by Nic and others started in 2001 with four exporting countries and grew to include all nine. It is now the envy of other South African fruit industries which still experience supply spikes in their export markets.

CEO of SAAGA, Derek Donkin, summarized Nic's contribution like this, "Nic served the avocado industry with enormous energy and passion. He played a key role in coordinating global supply patterns leading to market growth that is still showing an upward trend 10 years later".

A complex character, Nic was a master of understatement. In an email to John Bell in February 2013 he described the onset of his illness in a one-liner, "... feeling a bit under the cosh today. Will respond more appropriately later." He never did.

Nic leaves his wife Pepé and his daughters Jenny, Tracey and Nicky from his first marriage.

Chris Appleton (1962)



FAULL. Allan Faull, founding member and lead guitarist of the iconic SA rock band *Falling Mirror*, died on Tuesday 24 September after suffering a major heart attack in a Cape Town Studio, while recording the band's new album.

Allan (64) is described as an incredibly humble, musical genius, with a lifelong passion for guitar. Allan attended Bishops from 1957 to 1966 where he matriculated with 2nd class university exemption. He had senior boxing colors and represented the school in the triangular sports athletics every year from 1959 to 1966.

He was responsible for writing all of the Falling Mirror music on their five 70's and 80's releases, together with his cousin and lead singer Nielen Marais. The body of work includes the hit album 'Johnny Calls the Chemist' which propelled the band into the limelight in the early eighties. During Allan's final Television interview, a few

days before he died, he was quoted saying: "I don't want problems with logistics in my life, I just want to play the guitar till I die." Which is precisely what happened.

Allan's Musical History:

December 1979, Falling Mirror debut album, Zen Boulders is awarded Album of the Year is South Africa. In January 1980, Falling Mirror was invited to stage a promotional tour of The United States to support Zen Boulders. In mid-1980, organisations were formed to prevent musicians and the like from coming into the country. After much debate, by early 1980s the US, UK and 23 other nations had passed laws placing various trade sanctions on South Africa including the touring of SA Artists. This ended Allan's dream of touring abroad. In December 1980, Falling Mirror's second album, The Storming of The Loft is awarded Album of the Year is South Africa. In November 1981, Falling Mirror third album 'Fantasy Kid' is released. In 1986, Johnny Calls the Chemist' was released and remains one of the most disturbing and complex concept albums ever made in South Africa. The title track was Number One and became not only an anthem for the South African privileged generation, but also a protest song amongst many is South Africa's disenfranchised youth.

In 1996 Allan and Nielen found themselves back in Tully's *Spaced Out Sounds Studio* recording a new collection of harder-edged, darker songs which would eventually be found on *'Hammerhead Hotel'*. *Falling Mirror's* Number One Album Re-Release was given 4.5 Stars by *Rolling Stone Magazine* in July 2012, calling the album 'Darkly Paranoid, and Deeply Honest'. In 2013 the band reunited and commenced a touring schedule, later to return to The Studio to record a new album. A major international documentary started production around the story of the band, for release in late 2014.

"Unusual, hypnotic and totally addictive, Allan Faull's Falling Mirror remains unique in the South African Rock genre".

Johnny Calls The Chemist
But the chemist doesn't come
Her mind is in the twilight
And Johnny is the hum
He wonders if she'll hear him
In a night that's full of sound
It could be that she loves him
But the love is underground

"He died while doing what he loves best and that is more than anyone can hope for."

Faull – whose favourite quote was: "Our lives are just a dash", referring to the hyphen, as in 1949-2013, was one of South Africa's most iconic musicians.

Alicia Wilkinson



DAVIES. Steve Davies died in hospital in Harare, on 1 November 2013, and a memorial service was held for him at his beloved home at Monavale, on 8 November.

Stephen Daller Davies (known at first at Bishops as "K*****r", and in the latter part of his matric year as "Spaceman", on account of being encased in an enormous plaster cast following a broken neck suffered while playing rugby – being a hooker is dangerous in more ways than one), was born in Gweru, on 7 December, 1938.

After primary school in Mutare, he followed in his father's and uncles' footsteps to Bishops and ensconced himself in School House from 1952-56, preceding a number of his Caradoc-Davies cousins who were to follow, but who naturally, were not in Top House!

He was an indifferent pupil academically, but an excellent marksman and a drummer in the cadet corps band. After passing his matric, he went into residence at Smuts Hall, UCT, where he read for and gained a BA degree. Highly sociable by nature, he thoroughly enjoyed varsity life, participating in many rag stunts, drumming in a dance band, and somehow managing to never drop a year. Because he could no longer play contact sports, he took up athletics and became a good middle-distance runner and a member of the combined UCT/ Stellenbosch cross-country team.

After graduation he returned home to the then Salisbury, joined the Rhodesian Civil Service, and for several years lived the life of a hard-working yet carefree bachelor, messing with other young bloods in an establishment impeccably run by a Shona major domo. Weekend days were spent playing cricket or hockey for Salisbury Sports Club, whilst the evenings were reserved for parties.

His first and only posting in the Department of External Affairs was to Lagos, Nigeria, where he was attached to the Rhodesian Mission there as a junior official. One could say that his career in the

civil service was regularly buffeted by the 'winds of change' that blew wherever he went in Africa, for he hadn't been in Nigeria all that long before Rhodesia declared UDI, which effectively terminated its Department of External Affairs. Back in Salisbury once more, he joined the Department of Commerce and Industry, and he quickly added Portuguese as a language to speak as well as French, which he had studied at the Sorbonne whilst on furlough, when stationed in Lagos.

Deemed to be linguistically competent, he was then sent to run a Rhodesian 'one man band' sanctions-busting operation out of Luanda, Angola. He and his wife, Penelope (Soltau), whom he had married in 1967, carried out this duty with the greatest diligence until the Portuguese themselves felt a considerably strong breeze blowing through their African colonies.

Once more back in Salisbury, and by now an Under Secretary in the same Ministry, Steve had to take stock of his future. Feeling that Zimbabwe's independence was imminent and his post at risk from transformation, he decided to change direction to something offering greater job security. This he found in joining the *Cotton Promotion Council (CPC)*, a semi-governmental body, wherein his accumulated knowledge of how government worked was put to good effect. From the CPC he later joined *Hoechst*, became highly trained in cottons and dye-stuffs, and besides adding German to his list of spoken languages, travelled extensively to Europe, and in Central and South Africa, on behalf of the company. On leaving Hoechst, his final employment was with *Acol*, in Harare.

Steve had a strong community spirit and led a very active retirement which encompassed a range of interests from Harare's Community Policing Forum to building a satellite police station, to helping establish the *Conservation Society of Monavale* (COSMO), of which he was still chairman at the time of his death. COSMO's greatest achievement to date has been that a portion of the Monavale vlei was declared a Ramsar site earlier this year. Alongside other Cosmo interests, such as the establishment of an indigenous plant nursery and vermiculture enterprise, he kept his mind active reading, doing crosswords and playing bridge at club level. On the sporting side, he helped the *Stragglers* with their annual cricket coaching clinics for up and coming young Mashonaland cricketers.

After he had nursed her through an illness for several years, his wife Pene predeceased him by a little over a decade. As a widower, Steve travelled to South Africa more frequently and kept up his OD links by attending several reunions which he thoroughly enjoyed. Seven years ago he renewed a friendship with Beth Fletcher which went back over fifty years. They were wonderful companions and shared many happy times together. Steve leaves a son, Nicholas, daughter-in-law, Terri, and two grandchildren in Harare and a daughter, Christine, and son-in-law, David, in Amsterdam. *Henry Davies*



Forestry loses one of its longstanding and dedicated foresters MACKENZIE. Anton Alexander Mackenzie passed away at his home in Amber Valley, Howick, on 13 December 2011 and will be sorely missed by Rina his wife, his two daughters Liz and Tina and his two sons, Malcolm and Peter.

Alec was born in Winburg, Free State. He grew up in Stellenbosch, was schooled at the now Paul Roos Gymnasium, followed by Grades 10, 11 and 12 at Bishops, where he matriculated in 1942. During 1943

he joined the South African Air Force – without the consent of his parents! He trained and qualified as a navigator, flew Marauder bombers in North Africa, Italy and the Mediterranean. After the war he took part in the Berlin Airlift. After his discharge, Alec went back to Stellenbosch, enrolled at the Stellenbosch University and graduated in 1949 with a BSc Forestry. It was at Stellenbosch that he met Rina. Alec and Rina were married in 1951 – "nadat die Engelsman aanvaar is deur Oupa Tollie Jordaan"!

Alec worked for the Department of Forestry at Jonkershoek; was self-employed for a few years and then joined *Sappi* at Sutton, Ixopo in 1957. He was later transferred to headquarters in Springs, after which he was sent to Pietermaritzburg to manage the Sappi Forests in Natal. After his retirement he joined *Crickmay & Associates* and enjoyed another seven years with them before finally calling it a day. Alec was a gentleman in the true sense of the word. He was a perfectionist and disliked poor service. He would always go out of his way to help others, even at times to his own detriment. Amongst his interests, gardening and especially growing roses, was his passion.

Alec was married to Rina for 61 years. He was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather and more recently, great grandfather and a man of deep faith. He will be greatly missed by his family as well as his many colleagues and friends.

David Crickmay



ASHLEY-COOPER. Michael (Myke) Damer Ashley-Cooper died unexpectedly on 22 October 2013 at the age of 72. Myke was at Bishops from 1951-1959 and whilst at the College was a boarder in Founders. He represented the school for athletics, but was best known as the school cartoonist for the magazine. He soon became a well-known artist and his first exhibition of paintings was in April 1965. He later joined the 'Ster' film company in Cape Town. By the late 1960's Myke was one of the most famous cartoonists in South Africa and worked for 'Readers Digest.' After eight years working for this company he created his own advertising agency 'Creative Services,' which concentrated on mail-order, direct response and direct-mail adverting. At this time Myke was living in Mowbray. His talents often enlivened the pag-

es of *Noseweek* during the magazine's formative years. Myke was an extremely popular cartoonist, known for his amusingly raunchy work. He was the begetter of the iconic Mr Nose image. He created <u>www.cartoonist.co.za</u> which benefited cartoonists nationally. In 2007 Myke and his wife Meryl, who had been living in Tulbagh for some years decided to emigrate to Tallahassee, the capital of Florida in the United States. Myke described it as 'a 'small city with great bookshops and incredible supermarkets with the main one *Publix* owning a fleet of fishing boats, so the fish is fresh.' He returned from the States two years ago. The ODU is indebted to Myke for the gift of four beautiful paintings of Bishops which are hanging in the ODU offices and will occupy pride of place in the new ODU centre.

He leaves his wife, Meryl, sons Brendan and Gregory and daughters Michaela and Francesca.

ENGAGEMENTS

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

Mark Vernon (1996-2004), son of Richard and Leonie Vernon and Esther, daughter of Ockert van Heerden and Glenda Hearn.

Henry Embleton (1999-2002) and Julie daughter of Paul and Irena Valka.



Brendan and Rebecca Kirkpatrick

MARRIAGES

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

Brendan Kirkpatrick (1989-93), son of the late John and Sasha Kirkpatrick and Rebecca, daughter of Professor David and Rachel Clayton in Sifah, Oman on 25 October 2013. ODs present were: Jeremy Prain (1993), Best Man; Nick Stodel (1993); Johan de Bruijn (1993); Richard Bottger (1993); and Manfred Bottger (1963);

Chris Payne (1994-2002), son of Tim and Angie Payne and Kate, daughter of **John Ryall** (1967-71) and Adrianne van Westenbrugge on 15 December 2013 in Elgin;

Chris Ryall (1993-2005), son of **John Ryall** (1967-71) and Adrianne van Westenbrugge and Katy, daughter of Paul and Ann Smith at Gabriel's Kloof, Bot River on l March.

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

Neil (1987-91) and Sarah Malherbe, a daughter, Jessica Alma on 3 May 2013;

Alister (1980-90) and Tavia Smuts, a daughter, Amber Sophie Pharaoh on 14 November 2013;

Lindiz (1983-91) and Claudette van Zilla, a son, Preston Joel on 13 January 2014;

Michael (1986-95) and Elizabeth Waller a son, Jack on 15 January 2014.

DIAMOND WEDDINGS

John (1933-41) and Mary **Snepp** celebrated their Diamond Wedding anniversary on 5 March 2013. They were married at St Mark's Church, Darling Point, Sydney on 5 March 1953.



They now live at 43 Manning Road, Double Bay, NSW 2028, Australia.

Craig (1942-44) and Marj **Stacey** celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on 8 January 2014. They were married at All Saints Church, Plumstead, on 8 January 1954. They now live at Unit 23 Evergreen Retirement Village, Private Bag X5, Dainfern 2055.

Many congratulations to you both!

▶ Craig and Marj Stacey



Donald and Marietta Goodspeed

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

Our hearty congratulations go to the following:

Donald (1942-51) and Marietta **Goodspeed** were married at the Claremont Baptist Church on 9 August 1963 and now live at 6 Penguin Place, Langebaan 7357;

Dr Jerome (1950-59) and Jean **Sedgwick** were married in the Bishops Chapel on 7 December 1963. Their postal address is PO Box 394, Caledon 7230.

Dr Ivor (1951-54) and Cora **Jardine** were married at St Saviour's, Claremont on 25 January 1964 and now live at 404 Evergreen, Fir Road, Rondebosch 7700.



SENIOR ODs

Congratulations to the following on joining the ranks of OD Octogenarians during the first quarter of 2014:

Dickie Baird (1947-50) P O Box 816, George 6530 on 30 January;

Eckard Behr (1949-52) GDA Wohnstift Newsstadt, Haardter Str 6, D-67433 Neustadt a.d.w, Apt 1007, Germany on 22 March;

Rev Tim Bravington (1947-51) 63 Cutteslow House, Park Close, Oxford OX2 8NP, UK on 8 February;

David Brink (1942-52) 18 Durban Road, Wynberg 7800 on 9 March;

John Conway-Cragg (1942-51) 27 Eugene Marais Avenue, Constantia 7806, on 6 January;

Jim Feeley (1942-51) P O Box 237, Maclear 5480 on 17 January;

Michael Mathews (1947-52) 50 Westcliff, Hermanus 7200 on 5 January;

Julian Ogilvie-Thompson (1943-52) Froome House, Froome Road, Atholl, Sandton 2196 on 27 January;

Kenneth Saywood (1948-51) Glenellen Farm P O Box BW 1995, Borrowdale Brooke, Harare, Zimbabwe on 22 March;

Basil Sgoutas (1949-51) 31 Irodotou Street, 10673, Athens, Greece on 15 March;

Michael Sivertsen (1947-52) 317 Vonke House, 121 Lourensford Road, Somerset West 7130 on 14 February;

Laurence Solomon (1942-51) Silveroaks, 12 Annerley Road, Rosebank 7700 on 27 January;
 Christopher Williams (1948-52) 31 Doordrift Village, Doordrift Road, Constantia 7806 on 15 February;
 Dr Michael Wilson (1948-50) 46 Westbridge Road, London SW11 3PW, UK on 1 March.



during the first quarter of 2014:

100th Douglas ('Jack') Nash (1923-32) Unit 44 Amber Valley, Private

Bag X30, Howick, KZN 3290, on 22nd January.

Congratulations and all good wishes go also to the following, who have celebrated birthdays

- **96th Ray Jones D.F.C.** *(1927-35),* P O Box 95, Simon's Town 7995, on 26th March;
- **95th John Ronaldson** *(1933-36)*, 100 Abrey Road, Kloof, KZN 3610, on 25th March.

Jack Nash

- **94th Air Cdr John Ellacombe** (1930-38), 33 The Drive, Northwood, Middlesex HA6 1HW England, on 28th February.
- 93rd Prof. Tony Honoré (1929-39), 94C Banbury Road, Oxford OX2 6JT, England, on 30th March.
- 92nd Prof Derek Crichton (1935-37), 39 1st Street, Voelklip, Hermanus 7200, on 2 February;
 Dr Brian Davis (1930-39), 15 Grange Avenue, Spofforth, N.Yorkshire HG3 1AH, England, on 17th, January;
- **91st Donald Freeman** (1932-41), 41 Long Row, Hossforth, Leeds LS18 5AA, England, on 2nd February;
- **90th Tom Bromley** (1932-40), 3 Bryn Merlin, Richmond Road, Kenilworth 7708, on 24th January;
 - 'Jake' Crompton (1933-41), 3 Rothlands, 31 Rothesay Avenue, Craighall Park 2196, on 7th February;

Richard Newby (1938-41), 48 Aspeling Street, George 6529, on 27th March.

- **89th Henry Irving** *(1938-42),* 6 Woodside Village, Norton Way, Rondebosch 7700, on 7th February.
- **88th Paul Meadows** *(1935-42)*, Unit B7, Woodside Village, Norton Way, Rondebosch 7700, on 9th January.
- **87th Brian Ashton** (1937-43), Unit 5 Evergreen Lifestyle Village, Homestead Way, Bergvliet 7945, on 24th March;

Prof. Robin Barr *(1940-44),* The Claremont, Suite 408, 305 Balliol Street, Tontario M4S 3H5, Canada, on 27th January;

Prof. Alfred Crompton (1941-44), The Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University, 26 Oxford Street, Cambridge MA 021 38, USA, on 21st February;

Dr John Forbes (1941-44), 8 Parade Crescent, Constantia Hills, Constantia 7806, on 11th March;

Donald Fraser (1939-45), Greystones, 141 Clovelly Road, Clovelly 7975, on 12th February;

John Joubert (1935-44), 63 School Road, Moseley, Birmingham B13 9TF, England, on 20th March;

Dr Peter Le Riche (1936-44), B52 Ecklenberg, Erin Road, Rondebosch 7700, on 15th March;

Douglas McIntyre (1936-45), 3 Evelyn Court, Beaumont, Adelaide SA 5066, Australia, on 9th March;

Dick Morris (1940-43), 65 Lismore Drive, Helensvale, Queensland 4212, Australia, on 9th January;

Murray Wilson (1936-43), 125 Riverside Place, Alnwick Road, Diep River 7800, on 3rd January.

86th Henry Blagden (1940-43), 37 13th Avenue, Parktown North, Johannesburg 2193, on 23rd February;

Basil Brodziak (1944-45), 22 Phantom Street, Raceview, Johannesburg 1449, on 17th February;

Dr Jannie Graaff (1941-43), P O Box 1609, Cape Town 8000, on 19th February; **Geoff Janes** (1941-45), P O Box 590, Sedgefield 6573, on 7th February; **John Moore** (1941-45), 11 Alexander Avenue, Craighall 2196, on 28th January; **Jim Newdigate** (1941-45), 108 Riverside Manor, Howard Drive, Pinelands 7405 on 13th January;

Clive van Ryneveld (1936-46), 22 Farmsedge, Bergvliet 7945, on 19th March; David Williams-Freeman (1938-46), Glendean, P O Box 42, Nottingham Road, KZN 3289, on 3rd March.

85th Gerald Alanthwaite (1939-47), 21 Broadlands, Quarry Road, Fish Hock 7975, on 15th February;

Dirk Alma (1938-46), De Wyngaard, 20 Evergreen Lane, Constantia 7806, on 21st February; **Roger Bergh** (1938-46), 118 Silvermine Village, Private Bag 1, Noordhoek 7985, on 19 January;

John Gibbs (1942-46), 15 Hergest Road, Kington, Herefordshire HR5 3EQ, England, on 8th March:

Raymond Mathews (1944-47), P.O. Box 22825, Windhoek, Namibia, on 28th February.

- 84th Robert Blake (1939-48), 105 Robyndale, 318 Main Road, Kenilworth 7700, on 16th January.
- 83rd Raymond Ackerman, (1945-48), P O Box 23087, Claremont 7735, on 10 March;
 Mike Brooker, (1944-48), 72 Curzon Street, Montreal West, H4X 1H9, Quebec, Canada, on 25 February;

Peter (Dassie) Hare, (1939-48), Noordhoek Manor, Private Bag X3, Sun Valley, 7985, on 27, January;

Rupert Langerman, (1942-48), 44 Moffat Street, Hermanus 7200, on 4 February; François Marais, (1944-49), P O Box 1180, Hermanus 7200, on 25 March; John Strachan, (1942-49), c/o DR Strachan, 17 Kareevoom Street, Sundowner 2188, on 30 March:

Peter Tearnan, (1939-48), 18 Clay Road, St Nicholas Park Drive, Nuneaton, Warwickshire, UK, on 24 February.

82nd George Conder (1947-49), 701 Cinnabar, Main Road, Muizenberg 7945, on 28 February;
Barry Davies (1945-46), 1 Kenilworth Street, Croydon, NSW 2132, Australia on 28 March;
Alexander Grier (1941-50), Melkboschkraal, P O Box 975, Stanford 7210, on 15 March;
Christopher Hodson (1946-48), 12 Seaview Terrace, Kalamandu, WA 6076, Australia on 21 March;

Peter Knight (1948-50), P O Box 13064, Primrose 1416, on 28 March; George Sander (1946-50), P O Box 734, Swakopmund, Namibia on 14 February; Alan Smith (1940-50), 131 Kidbrooke Place, P O Box 801, Hermanus 7200 on 18 January; Eivind Thesen (1941-50), SAWAS House, Cedar Avenue, Pinelands 7405, on 4 January.

81st Olof Fehrsen *(1941-50),* 134 Woodside Village, Private Bag X18, Rondebosch 7700 on 13 February;

Peter Glennie (1947-52), P O Box EH 86, Emerald Hill, Harare, Zimbabwe on 17 March; **Dr Anthony Maister** (1948-50), 166 Beech Road, Northampton NN3 2JN, UK on 24 March:

John Mckinnell (1941-50), 23b Fifth Street, Menlo Park 0081 on 13 February; Jeremy Twigg (1947-51), Flat 3, 31 Ullet Road, Liverpool L17 3BL, UK, on 28 February; Adrian van der Bijl (1942-50), P O Box 36, Greyton 7233 on 4 March.

CLASS REUNIONS

IN THE PLANNING STAGES

29-31 August CLASS OF 2004 10 YEAR

Organizers Matt Douglas matthew.s.douglas@accenture.com Jordan Biderman-Pam, Ricci Gerstner, Paul Madden, Richard Thompson can be contacted via Facebook

29-30 August CLASS OF 1954 50 YEAR

Organizer Rohan Vos rohan@rovos.co.za

12-14 December CLASS OF 1994 20 YEAR

Organizer James Durrant james@durrant.eu

1-15 March 2015 CLASS OF 1965 50 YEAR

Organizer Bruce Risien brisien@sabiomedical.co.za

NOTES FROM THE MUSEUM

DCPS CADET DETACHMENT NO 845.

The military historian, Captain Peter Digby has kindly done some research on the DCPS Cadet Detachment and Major BF Dodd, ED. He has traced the Adjutant-General's letter AG (4) 752-1 dated 2 January 1946 in which the new unit was established with effect from 1 December 1945. A copy is now in the Bishops Museum.

Paragraph 2 (b) reads Diocesan College Preparatory School Detachment No 845. The transfer of Captain BF Dodd from Diocesan College Cadet Detachment No 7 to the above Detachment and his appointment as O-C and Adj-QM wef 1 December 1945 was approved. Major Basil Feilding Dodd was born on 7 April 1891 at Castletown on the Isle of Mann. He served as a cadet in the Oxford University training corp from 1910 – 1913. He was commissioned as a temporary second lieutenant in the 11th Reserve Battalion of the East Surrey Regiment on 14 August 1915 and served in France and Italy from 1916-1918. He took part in the battles of the Somme in 1916, Messines and the third battle of Ypres in 1917. He served on the north-west frontier in India from 1918-1922. He was promoted Captain in the Indian Army on 14 May 1920 and later transferred to Wazinistan as officer commanding Mechanical Transport (India) with the acting rank of Major.

He was axed in 1922 and returned to England. He came to South Africa in 1923 and was commissioned as second lieutenant in DCCC on 9 December 1928 and promoted Captain on 16 February 1937. Major Dodd is believed to be the only officer in the DCCC who was awarded the

efficiency decoration while serving in this unit. Col. The Revd. CES Bull, MC, ED, Major RO Goolden, ED, and Major LGC Lewis, ED, all received their awards whilst on full-time service during the Second World War.

Sadly, most Bishops masters who were entitled to this or subsequent awards never applied for them. Captain FMB Fisher was belatedly awarded the De Wet medal long after his retirement. *Mac Bisset*

OD OFFICE

In November 2013, The World Retail Congress Africa 2013 presented a lifetime achievement award to **Raymond Ackerman** (1948), Chairman, Pick 'n Pay Holdings Limited.

This Award celebrates the career of an outstanding leader, who has driven change, innovation and growth with inspirational vision and foresight in African retail.

Raymond Ackerman founded the *Pick n Pay Group*, a supermarket chain with over 1,000 stores in South Africa, Zimbabwe and other Southern African States. Raymond has built a strong reputation as a consumer champion, fighting supplier cartels in bread, petrol, cigarettes and many other industries. The *Ackerman Family Educational Trust* supports university education for hundreds of students and aids the mentally and physically disabled.

We are delighted to announce that Raymond is to become the next PRESIDENT of the ODU.



The following is for the OD records and for the interest of younger ODs who may not know the details of Raymond Ackerman's fabulous career.

RAYMOND ACKERMAN (born 10 March 1931). Raymond Ackerman, 83, is the founder of the Pick 'n Pay chain of Supermarkets, a brand that has created a cult-like following among shoppers.

Success was a long way coming for Raymond Ackerman, the founder of South African retail giant, *Pick 'n Pay*. After acquiring a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Cape Town in 1951, the 20 year-old Raymond took up a job as a Management trainee at *Ackermans*, a clothing retail outfit founded by his father, Gus Ackerman. *Greatermans* group, a rival outlet, subsequently acquired the company and Raymond was given a senior position.

By 1950, Ackerman discovered that food retailing was becoming increasingly popular in South Africa and there were fortunes to be made in this sector. He approached the chairman of the company, Norman Herber, and persuaded him to open up a groceries retailer. Impressed with his trained eye for emerging trends in business and the enthusiasm he displayed, Herber founded *Checkers*, a food retailer and put Raymond at the helm of affairs.

Under Ackerman's watch, *Checkers* became profitable almost immediately and soon enough, there were over 85 *Checkers* outlet spread across the country. He was put in charge of the company's overall operations, which by now had become very successful. Raymond Ackerman, the figure behind the chain's outstanding success, was widely acknowledged as a visionary business leader and in 1965 he won the **Outstanding Young South African** award.

Raymond was making a raving success of the food retailer. But success breeds envy, and before long, the owners of the company showed Ackerman the door. He was fired for no clear reason.

On the bright side, Raymond received a generous severance package and he resolved not to surrender to fate. With the money he received from his previous employers and a bank loan, he bought over four stores in Cape Town which traded under the name 'Pick 'n Pay'. He set to work immediately with staff strength of 175. He went on to revolutionize South Africa's retail industry, introducing the country to the concept of a powerful consumer orientation as the overriding first law of store management. Customer satisfaction was a priority, and Raymond ensured that he provided value goods, presented in an attractive way.

Under Raymond Ackerman's management, *Pick 'n Pay* grew from four small stores in Cape Town to 794 stores. *Pick 'n Pay* is currently one of South Africa's pre-eminent FMCG retailers, consisting of over 450 stores including 121 supermarkets and 14 hypermarkets. Operations are in food, clothing, and general merchandise sectors as well as financial services. The company operates throughout South Africa, southern Africa and Australia and employs about 49,000. The Company, which is listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange, has produced 20-year share price compound growth as at February 2010 of 14.8%, and grew at 14.2% annually compounded over the past decade.



For all the success Raymond Ackerman has achieved, he remains unabashedly committed to giving back. In 1970s, Raymond, his wife Wendy and their four children founded the Ackerman Family Educational Trust and endowed the foundation with two per cent of their personal shares. Today, the foundation sponsors over 100 students through Tertiary education

in South Africa annually. The foundation also gives to education-focused organizations such as the READ Educational Trust and institutions for mentally and physically handicapped people.

Even though he has retired last year and has just turned 83, there's no slowing down the man who changed the way South Africans shopped.

In his autobiography, A Sprat to Catch a Mackerel: Key Principles to Build Your Business, he reflected on his time at Pick 'n Pay. He said: "It's really hard to hand over power and step back. I have to learn to listen and resist the temptation to interfere – it's not always easy ... I offer my advice and sometimes they listen and sometimes they don't. I'm just as passionate about the business, and my new role as ambassador for the company has given me the opportunity to go around this country and meet our people."

John Arenhold (1950) will shortly be retiring as the President of the ODU after many years of faithful service to the OD Union We will be publishing a suitable tribute in the June magazine.

THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

ODs, parents, visitors and all those who live and work on the Bishops estate are ecstatic about the condition and beautification of the College grounds. Lutgensvale and the Sahara, for years regarded as our more embarrassing fields, have undertaken a remarkable transformation and are





in pristine condition. For reasons only understood by soil scientists and hydrologists, Lutgensvale and the Sahara have been problem fields for years. However, today by astute management of both water and fertiliser both fields are at last realising their true potential. The two oak trees, presented and indeed planted by **Ulick Brown** (1940) in 1983 and named Anthony and Vivienne, provide a glorious canopy for supporters to watch under 14 cricket and under 16 rugby on the Sahara. Lutgensvale is today, in many ways, our most im-

Skeeles (2003) pavilion. The 400 metre running track, with eight lanes and spectator stands have been nurtured and groomed and is yet another outstanding addition to our sports facilities. The Piley Rees will soon rival Newlands as the perfect surface for fast attacking rugby and the Frank Reid and Oaks are two of the most beautiful cricket grounds in the Peninsula. But that is not all. Astute management is fast turning the Top field into superbly conditioned rugby and cricket grounds. The all-weather hockey facilities, now fully floodlit, will soon have their own stand, changing rooms, and clubhouse, which will be a most welcome addition.

To complete the picture take note of the extra little touches such as, water fountains at Lutgensvale, an athletics track with clearly defined boundaries, floodlit cricket facilities, revamped cricket nets with run-ups that look neat and which will stand the test of time. Tennis courts that

are always cleared of leaves and other such impediments, scoreboards that are easy to read, full size heated water polo pool with shaded areas for spectators, a well-equipped gym with professional qualified supervision. Our own physiotherapist located on site is the cherry on the top!

ODs can be very proud indeed of their old school. Mention will be made of our other world- class facilities later in the year.



NEW HEADQUARTERS

We would like to publish a few photos in each edition of the magazine for 2014 to keep ODs in touch with the new building, which will incorporate ODU offices, entertainment facilities and a new museum and archives centre. Naturally all hockey players are excited with their new clubhouse, changing rooms and stand. Everything should be complete by the end of the year.





CAROLS with Richard Cock

On Sunday15 December *Carols with Richard Cock* was celebrated in the Bishops
War Memorial Chapel. This has become a popular pre-Christmas event. About 350 people attended and were entertained by **Richard** (1967), his orchestra and choir, some of whom were ODs. Mince pies (donated by *Pick 'n Pay*) and champagne, most generously sponsored



Brian Robertson, Stuart Scott, Neil Proudfoot and Arthur Mngxekeza.



Marian Justin and John Arenhold.

by **Brian Robertson** and *Avondale Wines* were served during the interval. The OD Union was delighted with the R5000 raised for the OD Bursary Fund on the night - thank you to all who attended and helped to make this possible.

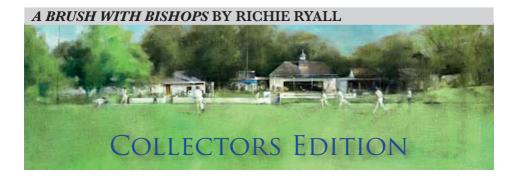
FUNCTIONS HELD AT THE OD UNION

The ODU were delighted to play host to **Colin Boyes's** (1965) 1960's group, who meet regularly for lunch. Their special guest at the end of last year was new Principal Guy Pearson.

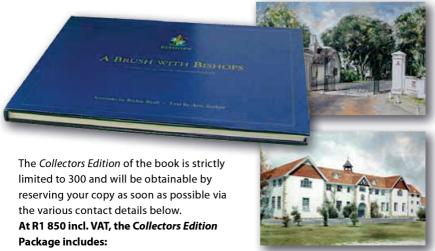
We also hosted a reunion lunch for **Syd Cullis** (1961) and **Alan Ramsay** (1960).



<u>Back Row:</u> Chris Saunders, Mac Bisset, Pat Normand, Peter Jeffery; <u>Fourth Row:</u> Geoff Caradoc-Davies; <u>Third Row:</u> Dave Ricketts, John Suckling, Dave Evans, John Winshaw, Alan Ramsay; <u>Second Row:</u> Syd Cullis, Peter Fiske, Gerald Rosenthal; <u>Front:</u> Frank Coley, Amorel Smaile, Mark Campbell, Richard Eastwick



I am pleased to bring the "Collectors" version of my book, **A Brush with Bishops** to your attention. The publication will highlight the visual beauty, hidden details and include some of the personalities associated with the school in an upmarket and artistic manner through paintings, sketches, drawings and combined with some text by Dr Paul Murray.



- A numbered, signed Bonded Leather book.
- Your name will be included on the Collectors Edition page at the rear of the book.

Please note: Courier/postal costs for areas outside Cape Town and surrounding areas and International deliveries are excluded. Corporate and bulk discount options will be available on request.

Bishops, OD Union and artist to benefit from the project.

Please contact Richie on rjryall@iafrica.com or 084 890 0828 or chamilton-smith@bishops.org.za or 021 6851829 to place your order today!



Cocktail party for academic staff

One of our more recent 'traditions' is that the ODU committee invites to a drinks party those members of the Bishops staff, (College, Prep and Pre-prep) who have 'qualified' as ODs. On 13 November 2013 we were delighted to entertain many

of these teachers who have served on the staff for ten years and to express our thanks and gratitude.

Special guests were Maree and Guy Pearson, Greg Brown, and Noelle Andrews.

Committee member **Anton Taylor** (2005) thanked the teachers for their dedication and perseverance in the face of many difficulties.

OD BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Brian Robertson (1979) reports:

Thank you to the ODs who responded to our business directory survey. We have considered your responses and now have a platform from which to launch the initiative. For the network to function, we need ODs to interact and be pro-active, as they would do on linkedin. The idea behind the initiative is that we provide a secure platform where ODs can forge business networks as well as make use of fellow ODs services and or businesses. Should you wish further details, please contact Nick Durant on nick@bluegrassdigital.com

VISITORS

We were delighted to catch up with the following 'long distance' ODs.

John Eaton (1949), Gauteng Robin Cox (1972), Queensland Les Cook (1978), Queensland **Dru Danford** (1988), Richmond, UK Steve Galloway (1974), Windhoek John Koster (1979), Robertson Chris Dunn (1965), Wrexham, Wales Charles Koster (1983), Beaufort West Rowland Thompson (1951), Johannesburg



Leslie Cook & family



Dru Danford



John Eaton





The Dunns



Rowland Thompson



William Frater, Victor Allen, Scott Jeffery, Daniel Stehlik and Connor Whiting

NEW BOYS/ODS

The ODU was delighted to see that 28 New Boys out of a total of 155 were sons of ODs. The Secretary was especially fascinated to meet in the Founders Quad, Victor **Allen,** Gregory **Bolus,** William **Frater,** Scott **Jeffery** and Alex **Whiting!** They were very anxious to hear about their fathers and how they had behaved during their time in Founders but regrettably there was not sufficient time to reminisce!

We also welcome Harry **Newman**, Daniel **Stehlik**, James **Caro**, Liam **Jameson**, Lin-

da Farr, Nicholas Pearce, Tristan Sides, Michael Steytler, Cameron Bruce, Tom Burton, Thomas Coombe, Aedan Foulkes, Stephen Fourie, Nicholas Peile, Ryan Kuttel, Jack Henderson, Angus Longmore, Alaric McGregor, Tristan Smith, Mark Bergh, John Grieve, Okuhle Kwatcha, Anton van Wyngaarden and Nyati Moodliar.

GEOFF BRYANT CRICKET MATCH

ODs VS OAs

SATURDAY 5 APRIL 2014

Venue: Johannesburg Country Club Contact: Andrew Eaton (Mobile: +27 (0) 82 922 6157)

Facebook: www.facebook.com/andreweatonwc

ODs and families are invited to attend the after match braai





51st CENTRAL KAROO DINNER

SATURDAY 17 MAY 2014

Venue: Lemoenfontein Hunting Lodge, Beaufort West **Time:** 6.30 for 7.30 p.m. Dress: Jacket & OD tie

Guest Speaker to be advised

For bookings please contact John Hayward on jayhay 1950@gmail.com or 082 396 8307

Other events for your diary:

29 March – 2 April: Grey High School Festival 17 – 20 April: lst XI Independent Schools Hockey Festival (York)

17 - 20 April: 2nd XI St Stitihans Hockey Festival

3 May: Wynberg Festival

5 May: lst XV vs St Andrews (home)

21 June: lst XV vs Rondebosch (away)

11 July: Independent Schools Rugby Festival (Michaelhouse)

29 – 30 July: Bishops Pops (City Hall) 30 August: lst XVvs Rondebosch (home)

UPDATE YOUR DETAILS NOW!

Help us to keep in touch with you! Let us know where you are and what you are doing now.

Update your details on the website: **www.odu.co.za**

- Join the community page,
- Set up your reunion as an event
- Create a reunion blog
- Invite your year group to become members





inspires individuals

HOFFMAN STEMPEL BURSARY

ODs wishing to apply for a place for their son in Grade 8 2015 are invited to apply for the **Hoffman Stempel Bursary**

Candidates must write the scholarship examination to be eligible for this bursary. Financial need will also be taken into account when considering this award.

Scholarship Exam dates: 23 and 24 April 2014 Closing date for applications: 17 April 2014 For further information: admissions@bishops.org.za

From the magazine 50 years ago

'TRAVELLER'S JOY'

'This was a magnificent beginning to what should become one of the good old traditions on the yearly calendar. Congratulations to that over-modest producer, Mr Fisher, for setting the ball rolling.'

~ OD magazine 1964

The Cast of "Traveller's Joy"

'Tribute for the overwhelming success of Traveller's Joy, whilst going chiefly to **Mr Fisher** and his cast, must without doubt be shared with the backstage crew who helped to form a team which pulled always in one direction with a spirit which we boys don't yet know. **Mr Lister** and **Mr Butler** worked endless painful hours of constructing and decorating the set, while **Mr de Kock**, excelled himself as a "publicity man" and **Mr Gardener** as "business manager". They were all responsible for filling the Memorial Hall for every night.'



NEWS OF ODs

WESTERN CAPE



We heard via the grapevine that the most successful swimmer in OD history, **Karl Thaning** (1994), who represented South Africa for both freestyle swimming and water polo, was successfully forging a new career for himself as an actor. We bumped into him at a function and asked him whether he would write an article about his career. And perhaps offer some advice to young ODs who may be interested in an acting career.

'My father is a cardiac surgeon, my mother a physiotherapist, and my sister a doctor. It is therefore with no surprise, the 'calm' reaction they had when I came home from school one day and expressed my desire, (sorry "need" is what I think I said) to act. It took them a while to grasp that I wasn't joking. It also took them a while to understand.

'I struggled with it myself and quite understood their reaction. Stability is not a word anyone will ever use in "the industry".

With this background, it was important for me to assess my talents accurately and make sure that I wanted to act for the love of it, rather than any other reason. I, to this day, believe that our jobs should never feel like work. They should be a passion and within it, we should constantly try to learn and evolve.

'As to where it all came from, I can't answer, but I was always mesmerized by film. The possibilities are infinite. Initially I thought I wanted to be a spy. I was watching an unhealthy amount of Sean Connery *Bond* movies and it took me a while to realise that it wasn't James' career choice that I wanted, but Sean's. I was both shaken and stirred. I then tried to shelve the whole ridiculous idea and started studying law at Stellenbosch. The problem was the silly thing constantly un-shelved itself. So after that year, I studied business science at UCT, naively thinking I would "grow up" or grow out of it, but again it un-shelved. It was a bloody conspiracy. I then took a year off and played water polo around South Africa and Europe, settling in London, convinced Alfred Hitchcock or Richard Curtis would discover me, and the rest, as they say, would be history. No one had told me Hitchcock was dead. I had a lot to learn.

'Here lies the rub. Very few people, in any facet of life, succeed overnight. We read about the few, but they are extraordinarily rare and happen because an insane amount of improbabilities occur at the same time. I fortunately realised this and decided to study theatre and film. My swimming and water polo background favoured me to a scholarship at the University of the Pacific in California where I was able to study the greats, get the techniques an actor needs and perform in Greek trag-

edies. It was insatiable. I couldn't get enough. My days were long and sleep became a privilege. I would wake at 4.45 every morning, train, sit in lectures, gym, train, and then in the evening walk from the pool to the theatre where I worked either manning the follow spot, or operating the sound and lighting boards for whichever ballet, opera, or musical production that the university was producing. Their conservatory of music is one of the best in the world. In fact, dear film buffs, the actual building itself is the one where Harrison Ford lectures in the first three *Indiana Jones* movies.

'I graduated and then moved to Los Angeles, again convinced that Spielberg or Tarantino would bump into me and "have" to have me in their next movie. To this day neither has called. Odd. Trying to get film work in LA without a green card is about as ambitious as trying to work in the Tibetan Space program. Then some people flew planes into very tall buildings in New York and it became evident that it was time to go home to an industry that was apparently growing. Germinating, I think, would have been a better word, but opportunities were there. I signed with an agent and very quickly started booking commercials and small film roles. For every job I got, I had about fifty "no's". You develop thick skin very quickly. I then played more water polo, and in 2004 stopped acting for a year to focus on swimming. For some reason I can't answer, I was booking international work, but couldn't get any of the local work out there. It was very frustrating. I was struggling to learn patience. All these beautiful stories in this country and I couldn't participate. Eventually Katinka Heyns hired me in 2007 to play a British captain called Phillip Brooks in Feast of the Uninvited, a 7-part mini-series based on the book by P. G. du Plessis. Working with her felt like getting a second degree in acting. She understands emotions on a level I have rarely witnessed since. I played a man who left his fiancé in England to serve his queen and country. He is instructed to burn farms and imprison women and children in camps, which he does reluctantly, and for his sins, falls in love with an Afrikaans girl carrying a rape child. This is the stuff I had dreamt about while watching Sean drink his martini. The South African roles then started to gain momentum and I eventually accepted an offer to become a regular in Binnelanders. I played a plastic surgeon, which I think pleased my dad. That lasted a year and a half, and I have since returned home to some diverse projects, from playing a corrupt judge in the science fiction film adaptation of the comic *Dredd* (no not the Stallone one), a bar manager/assassin (yes the role evolved strangely) in Black Sails, and a helicopter pilot in the new syndicated show SAF3 (pronounced Safe) starring Dolph Lundgren, already airing in 160 countries.

'There was, and perhaps still is, a perception that acting involved a few hours of work, which was followed by a massage, some hotel room trashing and wild parties. In truth, it is the opposite. Acting involves vigorous physical training and long work hours. You have to be in as good a shape as possible and have constant script preparation. Filming ends late at night, and call times of 4 am are common. What people often forget is that there is still work waiting for you at home. Those lines are not going to be learnt through osmosis. Filming schedules change incessantly, scripts alter and locations move. There is no glamour and you have to know that most of the time, you're creeping through mud at 3am in the morning over and over, to get that perfect shot. I once did a take 87 times because it was "crucial" that a tablecloth blow in the wind in a specific way. Forget my lines, or me for that matter! Upstaged by a piece of fabric. In this industry, it will happen again, and yet I still love it like I did the first day I was on set over fifteen years ago.

'I have projects in the pipeline. One is a film I wrote that is in pre-production. The key to getting a film funded is action and fantasy. Not drama. So obviously, I wrote a drama. They say it takes seven years to make a movie, and I'm set to prove that right, but it's on track to premier next year. You celebrate at the premier, not a moment before. In film, if it can go wrong, it will go wrong.

'I will shortly say *adieu* but before that, my advice to any would be thespian is to be warned... it's a hard industry with a mass of competition. Assess your skills accurately. The reason audiences love the TV show *Idols* is to watch the 99 per cent of entrants who have misjudged their own talent. I direct corporate videos as well as act. It's important to widen your craft and understand both sides of the lens.

'In closing, no matter which path you choose, do it with passion. As Hamlet says, "The rest is silence".

Karl Thaning (1994)

WE ARE KEEN TO CONTINUE WITH EXAMPLES OF 'THE BISHOPS CONNECTION':

We would like to hear from families with strong connections. There are many such families as one would expect of a world renowned school. For example:

THE HISTORY OF A BISHOPS FAMILY: 1969 – 2013 (44 YEARS)

The Day family relationship with Bishops commenced when Richard (1969-1978) entered the Preparatory School in 1969 in Standard two from Forres School. Pieter van der Bijl was the Prep school headmaster at this time. Richard was placed in Charlton House where John Charlton was the housemaster but during the course of Standard four moved to Birt House (one of the two prep school boarding houses) under the nurturing eye of Doug Clark, ably supported by Keith Richardson as assistant house master (Keith is now a much loved and respected headmaster of Wynberg Boys). In 1974 Richard moved to the College where he was a boarder and the House master was Paul Dobson. Richard's career at Bishops culminated in his captaining the school at Athletics, Squash, Cross-Country (he won the inter-house cross country three years in a row) and Hockey. He was also Head of House and Head of School under Anthony Mallett. Richard returned as assistant housemaster at Bramley (the other prep school boarding house) during his studies at UCT and served for three years (1981-1983) with Richard Skeeles as housemaster. Richard's younger brother, Andrew, arrived at Bishops Prep in 1976 from Johannesburg and entered Standard one also in Charlton House. Shortly thereafter Richard and Andrew's mother, Gerda Day, joined the school in 1980 as a Standard one teacher, a position she held through until her retirement 15 years later as head of the Standard one form. The headmasters at the prep through this period were Peter Anderson and Mervyn Grey. In 1979 Andrew moved to the College, initially as a day boy in Kidd House but subsequently to School House where Richard had also been a boarder. Andrew's record at the end of his school career was equally impressive, culminating in his appointment as a school prefect under John Peake. Andrew represented the school first teams at squash, athletics, hockey, tennis and cross country. He earned provincial colours for squash, played in the brass band and like his brother some years earlier, won the inter-house cross-country.



<u>Back:</u> Richard, Michael, Andrew & Christopher. <u>Front:</u> Conor & Liam.

Andrew left Bishops at the end of 1985 and Gerda (their mother) continued to teach until the end of 1995. In 1995, Richard's eldest son, Michael, started at the pre-preparatory school, a career at Bishops which ultimately spanned 14 years (one extra year in Grade 0 as he was too young to move to the next grade). One year later, Christopher, Richard's second son joined his brother and he too completed his schoolboy career at Bishops after 13 years. There are some interesting anecdotes that relate to various achievements between the family members at Bishops. Michael, like Richard before him, captained the School 1st X1 hockey side and represented Western Province at each age

level. Both boys started their college career at Birt House (Richard's prep school boarding house) which had moved to the college as a day boy house. Both boys ended up being boarders in Founders (unlike Richard and Andrew who were stoic School House boys) which inevitably caused a few family members and others to raise their eyebrows! Both boys received full colours for leadership (todays equivalent for school prefects) and both captained a school sport – Michael for Hockey and Christopher for Waterpolo (Christopher captained the school for waterpolo at each age group and represented WP polo for each age group as well). Michael also still has the distinction of holding the under 11 high jump record! Both boys in successive years had the privilege of being nominated by their matric peers for the Roston Franks Memorial trophy – the only award that is voted for by the boys for a boy in their matric year.

Michael left Bishops at the end of 2009 and Christopher at the end of 2010. On the first of January 2011, Liam, Andrew's eldest son started at the pre-preparatory school and his youngest son, Conor started in 2013. Should both boys serve their full 13 years, they will conclude their Bishops careers in 2024 and 2026 respectively.

In a further interesting turn of events Michael, who has also been coaching Bishops hockey since he left the school in 2009, has been successful in his application to serve as an intern teacher to teach English at Bishops from the start of 2014 – thus continuing a teaching legacy that started with his grandmother some 34 years ago.

Should Andrew's son continue through to the end of matric at Bishops, the Day family's close and uninterrupted relationship with Bishops will have been extended from its current 44 years to 57 years. And who knows, by then any one of Michael, Christopher or their two sisters may have a boy at Bishops.

In addition to the above, Andrew married Colette Jenman, whose four brothers', Garth, Douglas, Brendan and Andrew all completed their schooling at Bishops. Liam and Conor currently have four cousins with them at the pre-prep with another three to enrol in the near future.

Contributed by Richard (1978), Andrew (1985), Michael (2009) and Christopher Day (2010).





Bradley Burgess (2004) is back in Cape Town and has been in a series of concerts starting with a piano recital at St Andrews Church in Green Point.

Bradley has shown himself to be a versatile and accomplished musician. Recent awards have included First Prize in the *Pick 'n Pay/Fine Music Radio Music Awards* and a generous overseas bursary from the

National Arts Council of South Africa and Oppenheimer Memorial Trust. He was also a finalist in the Artur Balsam Competition for Duos. His solo and chamber engagements have seen him playing in

the states of New York, New Jersey, Idaho and Utah in the US, as well as the UK, Finland and in several major venues in his home country of South Africa. As a soloist he has performed with the University of Cape Town Symphony Orchestra. Bradley was awarded all the major prizes from the University of Cape Town, where he obtained his Bachelor of Music degree *cum laude*.

The First Semester 2014 series kicked off on Friday evening 14 Feb, with a piano recital by Bradley. For his recital at St Andrew's, Bradley chose an ambitious programme consisting of the famous (and challenging) 'Waldstein' Sonata by Beethoven, piano transcriptions by Brassin and Liszt, and the emotionally intense Sonata No. 2 by Rachmaninoff. In the words of Barry Smith:-

'It is a huge pleasure and privilege to welcome one of Cape Town's fine young musicians to our concert series – a series which was created especially to show off the wonderful talent that South Africa has and continues to produce.'



Douglas McFadyen (1986) writes:

'I am a Regional Director for AI Yellow, the fastest growing online directory in the world. The AI Yellow product will increase brand awareness, customer base and reduce annual marketing and advertising costs. AI Yellow is available in a 168 countries so your online advert with us is not only local but national and international as well.

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OD ACHIEVES SUCCESS AT SCIENCE SLAM > 3 January 2014



John Woodland (2006), a PhD student from the Chemistry Department, believes that events like Science Slam and Falling Walls Lab, present excellent opportunities to get the public excited and inspired about Science.

From the UCT newspaper:

'Enthusiasm, a lack of jargon, good diagrams and effective animations were used by UCT doctoral student, John Woodland, to excite school children about science at South Africa's first Science Slam competition held in Johannesburg recently.

'Science Slams – inspired by Poetry Slams in which poets compete against each other by reciting their poetry – were de-

veloped in Germany in 2006 and have since gained popularity around the world. Woodland was one of six German and South African postgraduate and postdoctoral presenters who each had 10 minutes to take science out of the lab and promote its everyday applications.

'Woodland, who studies chemical biology, was placed second after he spoke about his research into the development of a fluorescent probe to detect free haem, an iron-containing compound which forms the non-protein part of haemoglobin (red blood cells) and some other biological molecules. Free haem can be a very toxic molecule and has been implicated in a number of pathological conditions such malaria.

'Acknowledgment at the Science Slam was not the only feather in John Woodland's cap this year. After attaining success during the South African leg, Woodland was chosen to present his research (this time in only three minutes) at the Falling Walls Lab in Berlin. There he won third place in the Young innovator of the year competition. A reward for this achievement was an opportunity to present the same talk at the Falling Walls Conference, billed as the "international conference on future breakthroughs in science and society".

"I am passionate about science and about this country. It is imperative that we get people interested in, and inspired by science in South Africa. We live in a scientific age. Everyone ought to be familiar with basic scientific ideas and, more importantly, ought to think critically about the world and the information they are fed," maintains Woodland.'

Some up-dated news from **Gavin Fitzmaurice** (1984), who really does have a most fascinating, but no doubt, stressful job.

'More recently, I have had the pleasure of handling last year's big Southern African shipping casualties, being the "Kiani Satu" (the bulk carrier which ran aground near Knsyna in mid-winter and later sank with its cargo of rice), and also the "Smart", which broke up near the entrance to the port at Richards Bay whilst fully laden with 150,000 million tons of coal, resulting in a multibillion rand claim against the port authorities. Then also the "Cecilia B", late in 2013, which had the misfortune to have its cargo of coal catch alight whilst alongside at the Richards Bay coal terminal. Never a dull moment in the maritime legal world!'

It is always good to catch up with **Michael Mathews** (1952). Michael has been a most useful source of information about many ODs over the years. Providing detail for the OD section of the magazine would not be possible without assistance from such loyal ODs as Michael.

After his recent visit he wrote:

'It was great seeing you both today in your wonderful, characterful suite of office. Like you, I hope you can replicate the homely feeling in the new rather grand building on the Top Field. 'I am so sorry that I forgot to bring **Jeremy Lawrence's** (1953) review of "The Wedding and other South African Short Stories" as told by **François Marais** (1949). I also wanted to let you have a copy to see what it is the magazine is promoting and will post one off to you tomorrow. François is a former National President of Round Table, where his story telling is legendary — as it still is in Hermanus.

'François's book sells for just R100.00 and all the proceeds go to the *Overstrand* Hospice. A request for copies should be made to Michael Mathews either care of his email which is: <u>mikemat@</u> <u>hermanus.co.za</u> or you can telephone him on 028 3131 343. To cover the cost of postage, cheques or transfers need to be R115.00. Mike is a former Chairman (and now Honorary Life President) of the *Overstrand* Hospice which services the 150 kilometre coastal strip from Rooi Els to Pearly Beach.



The Wedding and other South African stories

as told by François Marais

All proceeds from the sale of his book will go to the *Overstrand* Hospice in Hermanus. Review by **Jeremy Lawrence.**

There is an atmosphere of round-the-braaivleis-fire about these short stories, and though some of them are based on urban – or rural – legends that may be known to the reader, they have not appeared before in so hilarious a form. The tale is in the telling, and François Marais is a master of his craft (with Herman Charles Bosman as his model).

Here you will find the platteland mayor who found a good reason not to wear his chain of office for the King and Queen in 1947; the luckless Gysie Swanepoel and his cronies in search of female company in Gay Paree (as recounted in the bar of the Commercial Hotel, Krugersdorp); and the man who sighted a cockroach in the first-class aisle of an "Air South Africa" plane, and who found the response of the air hostess, Sharlene van Rensburg, curiously unhelpful. There is also an account, hitherto hushed-up, of South Africa's first atomic test in 1974.

The title story, *The Wedding*, is the longest. It concerns 'Dettol' Verloren's attempt, from a fast-moving train, to rendezvous with his bride-to-be on the platform of Beaufort West railway station. The attempt fails.

I hope that we don't have to wait too long for more stories from François Marais.



Tim Richman (1995) the well-known publisher who runs *Burnet Media*, the Cape Town-based publisher of *Two Dogs* and *Mercury* books is the author of 'Is It Just Me Or Is Everything Kak?' Series and the recently released Ja Well No Fine: An alternative guide to South Africa.



Two ODs have combined to write the most successful recipe book of the year. 'The Real Meal Revolution'

It is basically a cookbook by four awesome authors, including **Prof. Tim No-akes** (1996) and **David Grier** (1977).

About the OD authors.

■ When Professor **Tim Noakes** of the Sports Science Institute first spoke publicly about how he had personally started eating a high-fat, low-carbohydrate diet, and basically found dieting salvation in it, he was met with a barrage of criticism.

Heart specialists were horrified at his claims that high cholesterol does not cause heart disease. The sporting fraternity was mortified that he was admitting his previous "carbo-loading for athletes" theory was not actually a good idea. And dieticians could barely contain their fury that a sports scientist could make such 'outrageous' claims. Yet three years down the line, Tim maintains his stance that an excess amount of carbohydrates is behind many of the diseases of lifestyle so many people suffer from nowadays; and that a diet high in fat is actually far healthier than we've all been led to believe. He hasn't backed down on his claims despite much anger and mocking from his peers. And just to prove his unwavering confidence in this way of eating, he has collaborated in this mouth-watering cookbook.

Tim is a highly respected South African Professor of Exercise and Sports Science at the University of Cape Town. He has run more than 70 marathons and ultra-marathons and is the author of the books *Lore of Running*, and his autobiography *Challenging Beliefs*. After publishing his latest book, Tim entered the dietary sphere challenging the science behind obesity, coronary heart disease and heart attacks. Tim has dedicated his later life to opening people's eyes to the myth of low-fat eating and the nutritional and environmental crisis it has now left us in.

■ David Grier – Over the past 30 years David has been involved in the restaurant and hospitality industry in South Africa, owning a string of successful fine dining restaurants. After all those years in the kitchen, one day someone left the kitchen door open and he bolted to follow his dream of becoming an extreme adventurer. Since this journey began he has run The Great Wall of China in 93 days, run the entire coastline of South Africa in 80 days, paddled from Africa to Madagascar in 12 days, run the Island of Madagascar south to north in 67 days and run the entire length of India in 93 days. Each of these missions was embarked on in aid of David's charity, the *Miles for Smiles* Foundation. Throughout all of David's athletic escapades, he has followed a strict, low-carb, high-fat eating plan.



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Award winner James McGregor

PHILANTHROPY AWARD

Surrounded by friends and family, **James McGregor** (1962) of Westlake United Church Trust recently received a Lifetime Philanthropy award for his tireless work over many years to uplift the Westlake community.

The trust runs a number of educational, skills development and capacity building programmes to help local residents to im-

prove their quality of life and work towards becoming a self-sustaining, thriving community. It facilitates access to low cost government housing, oversees the *Emmanuel Educare* pre-school programme which caters for 210 children, a home-based care programme which supports 350 people and a community advice office which serves about 400 people a month. As a former financial director of the *Board of Executors*, James McGregor chairs the Trust's management and governing body meetings and uses his own business and personal networks to raise funds. He has worked hard to develop infrastructure and financial controls as well as monitoring and evaluation tools, to ensure that the Trust is able to sustain itself and the work it does. James is adamant that the members of the Westlake community must take charge of their own destiny, so he is training a local representative to manage the Trust, which will eventually be left to the residents themselves.

James McGregor's real value lies in invisible qualities. He radiates

integrity, honesty, a deep sense of community spirit, seemingly boundless energy, a total positivity, and a selfless desire to do whatever he can to help others. These characteristics are infectious, and have played no small role in developing the culture of the Board at LEAP that by all accounts is one of the most professional non-profit Boards in South Africa. This, in turn, has provided LEAP with the foundation that has allowed it to develop from an innovative concept into a network of six Schools in three provinces in South Africa in just nine years, and a vision of accelerating that growth rapidly in the future to bring life-changing benefits to larger and larger groups of disadvantaged SA communities.

Mea Lashrooke

Tim Cartwright (1958) is another OD who works tirelessly for the under-privileged. He assists and coaches at the Hout Bay Cycling Club. Their 'star' cyclist Uzusiphe Nkuzo captains the team of 15 boys, aged between 12 to 18, and this is a 'great way for them to pass time beyond the complications of life in the townships.' The club is now four years old and has taken the sport of cycling to another level. Tim has high aspirations for the boys and said that he expects most of the group to finish the *Cape Argus Pick* 'n *Pay Cycle Tour* in under four hours.



Dr John Cartwright (1955) received excellent reviews at the end of the year for *Into the River*, which was a poetic meditation on a life well lived. It was written and performed by John and the music was provided by **Jeremy de Tolly** (1988).

John's 48 year career has spanned across Canada and South Africa, from medieval studies to safety and security, with large doses of theatre in between. 'His work is all about people and their lives – what is different about

us (in time, space or culture), and what do we have in common; what do we most want in our lives and how can that best be achieved as individuals and as collectivities.'



Derek Kilpin (1998) is part of a 'niche' wine importing business in Johannesburg called *Great Domaines*. They have been importing wine into the country mainly from France, Italy and Spain for the last ten years.

Derek has become the face of the company and has built a customer base of around 2000 wine lovers, mainly through tastings and exclusive wine shows at the company's premises, and through word of mouth. 'We are selling a premium price product between R800 and R3000 per bottle. Because the availability of wines fluctuates, many of our customers agree to put their names on a wait-

ing list and to be informed as their favourites become available.'

Derek stresses the importance of integrity and honesty and creating really strong relationships with his customers. It is this relationship management skill that has enabled *Great Domaines* to achieve a turnover of R13 million in the last financial year.

DAVID GRIER CONTINUES TO BRING SMILES TO CHILDREN



David Grier (1977) has recently completed yet another epic run – a 28 day run from one end of Cuba to the other – a distance of 1 500km. He does this to raise money for the *Cipla Foundation Miles for Smiles* initiative. All donations go to Operation Smile, which funds corrective surgery for children with cleft lips and palates. David co-founded Miles for Smiles and works as managing trustee for the *Cipla Foundation*. Despite the huge

physical demands that David faces every time he undertakes another challenge he says; 'It is massively rewarding, fantastic work. Every cent we raise goes to the children.' Over eight years David, together with his running partner Andrew Stuart has raised enough funds to perform corrective surgery on nearly **2000** children. The recent Cuba run secured funding for at least 30 more. 'The most rewarding thing is when you bring a child to his or her mother after the surgery – it is so heart-warming.' About one in 750 infants in Africa is born with a cleft lip or palate.

Although Cuba was by no means his longest run the challenges were intense. These included temperatures of over 30C, 100% humidity and limited access to water.

'We chose Cuba because we try to do one nobody has done before, and we try to pick a country that people would be interested in.'

We were delighted to hear about the role that *Villiera* wines and the Grier family has and is playing in this outstanding Fund Raising project

The first ever *Miles For Smiles* fun run on the *Villiera* wine estate took place in 2010. At that time David Grier, the brother of **Simon Grier** (1975) and cousin to **Jeff** (1975) had completed running the *Smile of Africa* and was about the head off to run the length of Madagascar in his plight to raise funds for *Operation Smile*. Robin Brewer (Cathy and Julian's son) was at that time in grade four at Bridge House and wanted to do something to raise funds for what he saw as his uncle's cause. He challenged a few friends at school to come and run through the vineyards of *Villiera* and make a donation. David heard of this and got *Cipla* involved, T-shirts printed and a small thing grew into a bigger thing.

2013 was the most successful *Miles for Smiles* run to date. The weather was perfect and the turn-out was way bigger than expected. Around 190 people (*Villiera* staff and customers, Bridge House pupils, teachers, parents, supporters of *Operation Smile*) made their way through *Villiera's* vineyards, some walking, some running, some taking strain in the sandy parts but the atmosphere was great. The money raised by all these good people will be paid over to *Operation Smile* and will change the lives of at least another three children. The day was rounded off by a short talk by Robin Brewer and a truly inspirational presentation by **David Grier** leaving us all wanting to do more. He gave everyone a glimpse of his India Challenge, mentioned his 2013 Challenge (running the length of Cuba!) and made us aware of the <u>Ajuga</u> (fire-resistant structures to help protect communities from the shack fire crisis in South Africa).

The story continues...

MAKING A REAL DIFFERENCE > Rural primary health-care

The Owethu (meaning 'ours') primary health-care clinic stationed at Villiera Wine Farm just outside Stellenbosch, is an initiative that will change the rural primary health-care industry in South Africa, and possibly even on the continent. The unit makes use of interlocking pods which means that it can be deployed anywhere. It makes use of an entire sophisticated turnkey solution and can exist independently in a self-sustainable manner.

David Grier, the managing trustee of the *Cipla Foundation* which has been behind the project said that it took four years and cost R2.2 million to get to this phase.

'Usually farmworkers would travel four to five hours to a clinic in Bloekombos or Stellenbosch and it would take another five hours to travel back. We are trying to give them what they deserve'



David Grier describes the facilities in the Owethu clinic rooms.

The new service is based at the Villiera Wine Farm near Stellenbosch.

Fifteen farms in surrounding areas have around 800 to 1000 families who will benefit from this service. David said that the idea came to him after several trips running through Tanzania, China and Madagascar, where it was difficult to find basic health care.

'I was constantly getting sick and needing vaccinations and thought how I could help to provide basic medical care. Our aim is to roll this out to the rest of Africa. There are enough medical personnel but there is not enough infrastructure in Africa

Hats off to *Villiera* Wine Estate and the Grier family and we thank them profusely for the generous support that they have always given to the ODU.

MARKS AND SPENCER PARTNERSHIP AWARD

At a *Marks and Spencer* conference in Stellenbosch towards the end of last year, *Villiera* received the *Marks and Spencer* Partnership Award. This is an award to a supplier for an initiative that contributes to sustainability. Congratulations to all concerned at *Villiera*.



We found such a good photograph of **Dr Ian-Malcolm Rijsdijk** (1991) that we thought we should provide a little more information about Ian to add to what was written in the December edition. He is fast approaching legendary status.

In the UCT newspaper Ian is described as an 'inspirational teacher of film studies, film production and screen-writing. He has an encyclopaedic knowledge of the medium of cinema and has captivated a generation of students.' It is said that students are enchanted by his lectures, 'fast paced, action packed affairs, moving deftly between a startlingly broad range of disciplines, drawing with ease from an unimaginable vast mental library of pop culture and high theory. Nobody explains films like Ian Rijsdijk.'

As one up-and-coming director declares, 'there is absolutely no way my career could have blossomed in such a way without my degree from UCT and the sage mentorship of **Dr Ian-Malcolm Rijsdijk**, who to this day, still remains an important advisor in my work.'



ODs will be delighted to hear that Betty van der Bijl is in excellent health and leading her usual full and busy life. **Paul Cannon** (1954) visited her in Kalk Bay and sent us this lovely picture.

EASTERN CAPE



Simon Crane has been appointed as the next Headmaster of Woodbridge College

Although born in the United Kingdom, Simon is very much a proud South African at heart. He was educated at Bishops Prep, St. Alban's College and is a graduate of Rhodes University in Grahamstown.

Simon started his career as an English teacher at Carter High School in KwaZulu-Natal in 1993 before relocating to the United Kingdom in 1996 where he spent eleven very happy years. He returned to South

Africa and taught at Michaelhouse for six very enjoyable years before moving to Woodridge College where Simon took up the post of Deputy Headmaster in January 2013.

GAUTENG

Richard King (1974) has written to say that he has recently hosted an OD lunch.

'A small group of the Northern Province's Senior ODs met for a pub-lunch at *Giles' Pub* on Tuesday 26 November 2013. It was both an opportunity to get together before the 2013 'silly season' began in earnest, as well as one to catch up with contemporaries.

A good lunch, a few beers, a few laughs and good memories shared made for an excellent gathering-without the worry of driving at night! Everyone agreed that we should do it again before the winter sets in.

Those who attended were: Michael Simpson (1957), Michael Stegman (1952), Peter Duck (1961), Ian Byers (1955), Duncan Innes (1963), Philip v/d Merwe (1963), Andrew Miller (1956), John Bewsey (1957).

Gauteng OD lunch





Duncan Innes, Peter Duck and Andrew Miller



LETTER FROM THE UK by **Nicky Bicket** (1973)

In September last year, I took over the running of the UK ODU from **Lloyd Bowden** (1995). Building on Lloyd's legacy, a number of things have already happened and which are reported here:

The first was a survey of the UK-based ODs to get input from them on what they liked about the functioning of the UK ODU and where they thought changes could be made. Depending on how it's calculated, between 20 and 30% of ODs responded and the results of the survey have been circulated back to ODs in the UK as well as made available to all ODs through the ODU December 2013 newsletter (if anyone who did not receive the results would like a copy, please let me know). I was really grateful to all those who completed the survey and to those who appended additional comments which were very useful.

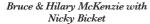
It's clear from the responses that there are many ODs in the UK who are either not London-based – where most of our functions and events are held – or who are, but are not mobile enough to be able to attend, especially at night. So we are thinking hard about how to overcome this challenge, one way being to organise smaller more local events which are not London-centric.

Charles Jillings (1973) very kindly hosted **Steve Hofmeyr** (1973) and me to dinner in the RAC Club, Pall Mall towards the end of last year to discuss some ideas for the UK ODU. I was hard-pressed to remember the conversation the next morning so generous was Charles with the wine, but what I do recall has been very helpful to me.

In a similar vein, other ODs have offered their help to the UK branch and I have been meeting with some of those ODs to discuss what this might entail. No discussion really works without appropriate lubrication as the pictures below show! **Niall Carroll** (1981) has been particularly supportive and insightful. **Pete Naude** (1970) who's the head of marketing at the Manchester University Business School has also been generous with his support.

Just before Christmas I met **Peter Arthur** (1965) for lunch. Peter has just arrived from SA and is looking to make contact with as many ODs up here as possible (especially those in the legal profession).







Brian Robb, his daughter and NIcky Bicket



Dr Denis & Rachel Gibbs

In January and February, I caught up with **Bruce McKenzie** (1943), **Brian Robb** (1943) and **Denis Gibbs** (1943). I had lunch, separately with Bruce and his wife, Hilary and then Brian and his daughter Deirdre. And what a delight it was. Denis was kind enough to have me round for tea when we were able to share our memories of the school and I also learned of his amazing achievements in the field of medicine and, latterly, as a writer and lecturer in the field of medical history where he is widely recognised as an expert. A week later I travelled down to Chippenham to meet and have lunch with Bruce McKenzie and his wife Hilary. It was a very happy and amusing occasion.

It struck me how in keeping this sort of contact is with the ODU mission. I wondered whether there aren't younger ODs who might, say once a year, like to meet up with some of our more senior members who would be thrilled with the contact and the opportunity to share memories and hear of the school from fellow-ODs. If anyone would like to discuss this, please get hold of me.

2014 kicked off with a cocktail party at the RAF Club in Piccadilly on 23 January. This was attended by 45 ODs and partners [see list]. It was a useful and happy opportunity to get to know some of the ODs here in the UK and canvas more views as to what they wanted from the ODU. **Raymond Ackerman** (1948) and his wife Wendy who were in town attended and Raymond kindly said a few words, and this was appreciated by all. **Anthony Gibson** (1973) and his wife Fiona were also up from Cape Town and joined us. It was great to have our "visiting" ODs. In fact, any OD travelling to London should get hold of me as there may well be functions or events which coincide with their visit which they might like to attend. From the notes and feedback I've received since our party, I think we hit the right note; the atmosphere was lively from the start and listening to the partners – who are not ODs – they were very struck by the unique and collegiate bond which binds the ODs together.

The choice of the RAF Club as our venue was not altogether random, despite some of the younger and more thrusting ODs suggesting that it reflected their high-flying status. Through the survey, **John Fairweather** (1948) very kindly offered the Club (where he is a member) for OD functions. The offer was gratefully accepted and as part of the "due diligence", John and I met there to case the joint. We enjoyed some very welcome pre-lunch drinks and then a lovely lunch in the club's brasserie. It was wonderful to be able to catch up with John at a personal level.

It seems that many old pupils' associations and societies face similar challenges to ours and I met up with the secretaries of Wellington College and Uppingham (where my father went to school in the 1930s) old pupils' societies. I also met with Jane Everard, the President of the Old Hailey-

burians. Bishops has over the years enjoyed a very happy and close relationship with Haileybury through various pupil exchange programmes and sports' tours. My visit to Haileybury included a meeting with the Master (Principal) of Haileybury, Joe Davies, whose sons had separately been exchange pupils at Bishops in 1999 and 2000. Both Joe and Jane were unbelievably hospitable and generous and together we have started to hatch some plans as to how, building on the Bishops-Haileybury relationship, we might strengthen the relationship between the two past pupils associations. I also met with the school's Director of Sport, Ian George who having been to Cape Town, seems to have clearer memories of Olympics than he does of Bishops.

Giles Orpen-Smellie (Wellington College) and Richard Boston (Uppingham) were also incredibly welcoming. Aside from enjoying lunch in both schools (I can't remember Founders lunches being this good but that was a long time ago) both gentlemen were hugely open about their societies (all three schools are now co-ed, so no longer are they Old Boys' associations!) and generous with their advice. Much of what they had to say will feed into our plans. (As it happens, my father was at Uppingham where according to their archives they kindly dug out for me, he won the under 16 High Jump, although whether this was in the athletics arena or just being thrashed by his house-master, the records don't say). Both Uppingham and Wellington College were, like Haileybury, very open to the idea that the UK ODU and their respective societies might cooperate (or even compete where appropriate) in future functions and events, an idea which was suggested and supported by the survey respondents.

So far, we have two other London functions slated for this year. The first, a London-based lunch on 23 April, is with David Walsh who was former Second master at Tonbridge School. He together with Anthony Seldon, has recently written and published "Public Schools and the Great War", a book exploring the influence British public schools had on the First World War and the impact the war had on the schools. The book covers all the public schools in the Dominion at the time and Bishops was one of them. David visited Bishops to go through the archives to gather material, and in this he was assisted by Paul Murray and Basil Bey. David will talk to ODs over lunch about the book. News about this will be in our newsletters, but in the meantime, ODs should feel free to contact me directly if they'd like to attend.

The second function is the black-tie dinner in London on the 27 June. Bishops's Principal, Guy Pearson, together with Raymond Ackerman will be our guests of honour and speakers. Mike Bosman, chairman of the College Council and Brian Robertson, chairman of the ODU will also attend. So it looks set to be a splendid occasion and I hope we have a large and enthusiastic turnout. Bookings' links were in the February 2014 UK ODU newsletter and will be in each of the next ones.

One of our biggest challenges is keeping our contact list up-to-date and collecting the details of those for whom information is missing. There are just over 600 ODs in the UK. Of those, we have the email addresses of around 440. It would be fantastic to get the missing 160 and the list of ODs with missing addresses is published in every UK ODU newsletter (sent out every six weeks) so ODs who know the addresses of those we don't, please let me know. For the 440 email addresses we do have, it appears that only around half of the recipients of the newsletter actually open it. My rather charitable assumption (borne out by ODs telling me that despite my having their correct

email addresses, they have never received the letters) is that the newsletters go into ODs' junk/spam folders. I would encourage ODs reading this report to have a look in these folders and if they find the newsletters lurking there, to mark them as not spam/junk, so they will receive future mailings direct into their inbox (the sending address is nbicket@katale.co.uk so this is the address to mark as non-spam).

So the past five months have been busy and I'm so encouraged by the positive responses and support I've received from the ODs up here. Many, who cannot attend functions, nevertheless write to introduce themselves and offer words of encouragement and this is greatly appreciated. I love receiving these emails and letters and hope the level increases. It's what I believe the ODU is there for. To me, it's all about ODs helping ODs, keeping us in contact with the OD diaspora, Bishops and each other.

THE LONDON COCKTAIL PARTY > 23 January

UK Branch Secretary Nicky Bicket has sent this report from London.

We had a great time last night. 52 signed up and in the end 45 pitched up. Not too bad. Most sported their OD ties and those that didn't asked whether I could get hold of some to hold in stock here.

'We were in the Club Bar of the *RAF Club* in Piccadilly, courtesy **John Fairweather** (1948). It's a beautiful Club and great bar, and just the right size. There was a complimentary glass of wine/beer on arrival and thereafter a cash bar with hot and cold snacks served by the Club staff during the function (which was billed from 6-9pm, but in the event ended at 10.30). Most stayed until the end which in London is quite something!

'I said a few words of welcome and then the President of the ODU elect, **Raymond Ackerman** (1948), who was there with Wendy, made a very good speech. I think even more than the speech, people were pleased that he had come and that they had an opportunity to meet him. He outlined some ideas he has for the ODU under his Presidency.'

Guests included:



Chris Ryall, Ian Currie, Justin Bijl and Russ Higgins

Dominic Ward, Niall Carroll, Nicky Bicket, Greg Baldwin and Peter Arthur

John Fairweather (1948) Peter Syfret (1961) **John Wyatt** (1963) Peter Arthur (1965) John Battersby (1966) Nigel Buchan-Swanson 1966) Jeremy Payne (1966) Nicky Bicket (1973) Anthony Gibson (1973) Stephen Hofmeyr (1973) Charles Jillings (1973) Tom Passmore (1974) Greg Baldwin (1975) Ian Falconer (1975) Dominic Ward (1976) Andrew Jackson (1983) Niall Carroll (1984)

Choppy Bands (1990)

James Deane (1990)

Cealim Parkes (1990)

James Legg (1990)

Duncan Coombe (1990)

Raymond Ackerman (1948) Richard Pontin (1990) Gordon Robinson (1990) James Roscoe (1994) Aarjan Snoek (1994) Meyrick Irving (1998) Andrew Lomberg (1998) Chris Olds (1999) Russell Higgins (2000) **Lloyd West** (2000) Adam Franke-Matthecka (2002)Simon Pontin (2002) Nicholas Stirton (2002) Jos Cunningham (2003) Sebastian Franke-Matthecka (2003) Nicholas Ackerman (2004) Alex du Preez (2004) Costa Ghioules (2004) **Dominic Hibbert** (2004) Matthew Peter (2004) **Justin Bijl** (2005) Ian Currie (2005)



The RAF Club, Piccadilly



Chris Ryall (2005)

Gordon Robinson, Cealim Parkes, James Deane and Choppy Bands

Nicky Bicket, Raymond Ackerman and John Battersby



John Bewsey receives his award

John Bewsey (1957) of Trailblazer Technologies has been awarded the 2013 IChemE award for water management. John patented this process which we have named the KNeW process — Potassium Nitrate ex Waste — which is able to remove all pollutants from mines effluent water, fracking solutions and saline ground water and to do this at no cost. John has sent the picture of the presentation, which took place on 7 November in Bolton in the UK. As the IChemE has a membership of 38000 from 180 countries all over the world this award has been widely recog-

nised and the potential users in the USA and SA have moved quickly to get this process operational on their water troubles.

If anyone is interested to find out more about the process they can use the email address below and John will send them copies of references that have been published in the chemical engineering journals.

john@tbtech.co.za

It was great to hear from **Tom Gibson** (1941) on the occasion of his 90th birthday. He writes:

'I never thought that I had a chance of reaching 90! Inside I feel about nineteen. I retired officially in 1993 but for the past 20 years have been doing locums in Anglican Chaplaincies all over Europe – such as Lake Como, Palerma in Sicily, Trieste, and Venice etc etc. Mostly we take our car and travel quite a lot into central Europe – Slovenia, Prague etc. I still drive and hope to spend almost a month in Venice later in the year. In December I also celebrated 50 years as a Priest'.

₩ CANADA

We were delighted to hear from Ian Nicholson (1945)

'We had our usual Western Canada gathering of ODs in Vancouver in May and **Ted Allen** (1947) was there with another bag of stories and recollections. Also Ingrid and I had our usual visit to the UK in September and I contacted **Robert Murray** (1951) the Sec of the Scottish group. Unfortunately, we just did not have the time to join him for his gathering of Scottish ODs the following day. I was very sorry to miss it because they were going down to have their get together at **Ian Gordon's** (1945) place in Gatehouse of Fleer in southern Scotland. If I am spared I promised to get together with him next year.

'Now that the Americans can read all our e-mails I hope that they get as much pleasure from reading this as I have had in writing it. Because it is so laborious for me to read and write with my magnifying glass I am going to take the liberty of sending a copy of this to the Hamilton-Smiths and thank them for the birthday card they sent me.

'As they say in Scotland, take care of yourself 'cos good folk are scarce.



We are delighted to keep in touch with **Matthew Gregorowski** (1992) who writes:

'Australia is a wonderful place but boy do they make you earn your keep!

'As promised, by way of a brief update, I moved to Sydney in mid-2011. The combination of my need to secure business sponsorship to be eligible to work here and the torrid state of the markets meant finding employment was more challenging than I had anticipated. The Australian market is fiercely parochial and my considerable London experience seemed to count for very little. In addition, much like South Africa, having an established contact network to plug into is essential in securing the more attractive roles and I was starting from a low base.

'However, persistence is a wonderful thing and after several months of fierce networking — much with fellow South Africans who have followed a similar path — I landed a position as a senior consultant at a boutique corporate communications firm. Incidentally, virtually every South African (and other foreigner) I have met here has told a similar story of how long it takes to get established here. But that once you have earned your stripes it becomes (relatively) plain sailing.

'Having secured a job and sponsorship things were certainly looking up, however I wasn't dusting off the life jacket just yet. Sadly the job was not the right environment for me, not did it offer the kind of long term prospects I needed to establish myself in the Sydney market. After 16 months I therefore decided to begin the search process all over again, however this time with the benefit of a growing network and at least some local market experience. The timing meant it was also less of a gamble as the capital and M&A markets were starting to show signs of life again.

'I managed to secure a new position and my visa was successfully transferred to my new employer. So at the beginning of this year I joined Sydney-based corporate communications consultancy *Citadel Communications (www.citadelpr.com.au)*. As a consultant I will be advising a range of Australian and internationally listed companies principally in strategic communications, investor and media relations, crisis management and stakeholder engagement. One of the partners is a former colleague from London, thus my shoe in, and again illustrating the need for an established professional network. The firm offers good career prospects and its principals are well connected so by all accounts I am confident that this will be a wholly more satisfying and rewarding experience. All that's left to do now is put in some good old South African hard graft and a touch of Bishopshoned charm and the rest, I feel, will fall nicely into place.

'I live in Manly – a stunning beach-side suburb at the beginning of Sydney's northern beaches – just a five minute walk from the beach and the ferry wharf where one can catch a regular ferry service directly to the city centre (Circular Quay). There is a lot to be said for commuting by boat and the ferry journey itself is very picturesque, taking in the harbour heads on one end and Sydney Opera House and Harbour Bridge on the other. This is something I will be appreciating every day. It is a constant reminder of why I chose to move here in the first place – I can attest with authority that this is truly one of the most beautiful cities in the world – and despite the hurdles in getting started, with the prospect of the new year and a fresh start, I can already feel a bit of wind in my sails! I hope that when I next update you this will have been the beginning of a very pleasant journey.'

From Dale Jackson (1998).

'Regarding my plans, yes it's finally happening. I attend my citizenship ceremony on 26 Feb and leave in early May to travel via South America for two months. I figured now or never... Exciting times! 'Let's just hope the DA has a great election!

Phil Court, the master in charge of the Bishops Exchange Programme, received a letter from **Rob Weight** (1981). This must be the first time that the son of an OD has returned to Bishops as an exchange student. Tom Weight is currently at Christ Church Grammar School in Perth.

Rob writes, 'I am an OD (1972-81 – Bramley and Founders) so feel like my son Tom is going home! My brother **Mike** (1985), sister (Nicky Wallace – her kids were at RBHS?!) and mom Jean are still in CT, and his god-father is **Sandy Jeffery** (1982), so Tom will know a few people around the school/Cape Town.

'It would be great to get Tom into Founders, but whatever works best for you guys.

'He is pretty keen on rugby, plays blind side flank, and is looking forward to some serious rugby there. Look forward to getting in touch and will see you at some stage of his trip.'

For the interest of ODs, Bishops has an 'exchange relationship' with a number of schools around the world – schools in North and South America, the United Kingdom, Europe, India, Australia and New Zealand. Approximately 30 grade 10 boys are selected to go on exchange each year. Each boy is away on exchange for a term and is expected to host an exchange boy for a term.

UNITED STATES

David Sutton (1983) writes:

'I have some news for the magazine's next run. I have just completed five years of teaching fifth grade at Allen-Stevenson School in Manhattan. This is an independent boy's school K-9. This year, I am studying full-time in the Private School Leadership program at the Klingenstein Center, Teachers College, Columbia University. This is a specialized program offered to longstanding teachers and administrators from around the world as an opportunity to learn about the intricacies of running an independent institution in the 21st century. It also offers opportunities to interact with the Heads of schools, and observe them on a daily basis in their practice.'

ZIMBABWE

Bob Schierhout (1940) wrote to us on the occasion of his 88th birthday.

'I have great problems to write — old age 88, and am almost blind — otherwise fair health. Optician told me I will be totally blind due to old age and winking at girls in earlier days! Another optician said that age was a problem, but be happy as you will always be able to feel. When a nice girl approaches, I will know the difference from a man! Hope to visit you next year — if I haven't kicked the bucket.

'Warm regards from a regular OD luncheon gathering here in Harare.'



SPORT

There will be many ODs, who remember the outstanding rugby that Bishops played in 2006 and 2007 and understandably they will never forget the brilliance of **Nick Koster** (2007).

Up-to date news on Nick is that he is currently playing for Bristol and is coached by Andy Robinson who, 'coaches rugby the way I learnt to play it at Bishops. He firmly believes that the ball is faster than the man and that the game plan should exploit that. He has brought out a dimension of my game that I last had when I was playing on the Piley Rees.

I have played nine full games this season which has been really good for my game. I have improved in almost every game and the last game that I played was by far the best rugby I have played in two years. My belief is slowly coming back — confidence is not something you can just switch on. I have had to work really hard on my mindset to get to the point where I am now. I keep trying to play with the freedom that I played with at School, but somehow I have felt shackled whenever I have run onto the field.

'I am currently completing my third and final year at Northumbria University.'

Nick has recently written about his love for the Karoo – often referred to as 'Koster Country' by ODs. He adds, 'you are welcome to publish my writing of the Karoo in the OD magazine. If it can inspire even just one person to visit, I will feel pleased.'

The Karoo

Every time that dry, cool, untainted air fills my lungs, my mind is reinvigorated by the freshness and truth that sets the Karoo apart from any place on this planet.

And so it should. My roots are firmly fixed in the soil that comprises the endless plains of breath-taking landscape that is unique to the Karoo. Though I have never lived there, my parents grew up a couple of miles from each other.

Ralph Koster, my great grandfather, escaped Germany in 1936 to resume his life in South Africa. He was passionate about farming thoroughbreds and sheep, and immediately fell in love with the Karoo. He built a successful farming operation on Klawervlei, and in 1937 started his family with the birth of my grandfather, Peter Koster.

They were all captured by the charisma of the Karoo, as its inimitable pureness stamped its inspiration on their hearts. It is a difficult connection to describe, but a feeling so real that you are captivated in its splendour forever. They were all infiltrated by the grandeur of the Karoo, as its charm became part of their DNA.

I know that because the smell of that air seems engrained in mine. A feeling of peace and freedom penetrates my welcoming heart every time I am filled by it. The Karoo has an enchanting way with your senses.

The smell of vitality when rain descends onto the thirsty landscape is difficult to describe in its distinctiveness. The brightness of the stars enfolds you in its glory, reminding you of your insignificance in the universe, but similarly inspiring you to live a life full of joy while it lasts. The silence of summer's twilight has a way of calming the noisy turmoil in your mind, inducing an appreciation for the finer things in life.

The serenity of the Karoo is often instantly recognisable in the nature of its people. A touch of honesty and truth exists in them. They seem to possess an understanding of life that in many ways transcends that of the inhabitants of the concrete jungles of this world.

I am so grateful that I have been exposed to this way of life. As I am reminded of its magnificence, the Karoo instils a feeling of inner peace in me. As a kid, we climbed the mountains of Klawervlei with curiosity to see what was on the other side. The panoramic views were picturesque from up there, as the landscape seemed to go on forever. In some ways I wish it did, and I wish the freedom I felt up there would last a lifetime. I guess that would steal the Karoo's uniqueness.

The Dalai Lama once said: "Man is so anxious about the future that he does not enjoy the present; the result being that he does not live in the present or the future; he lives as if he is never going to die, and then dies having never really lived."

I feel alive on those mountains with the sun on my face, more in the present than anywhere else. I regain perspective as I am turned back to the simple things in life. There is no other place like it, no place that speaks to my soul the way the Karoo does.

And that is why I love it so deeply.

MEMORABLE MET DAY FOR KOSTER FAMILY



One of South Africa's great thoroughbred breeding families, the Kosters, enjoyed a halcyon day at Kenilworth on Saturday 1 February, as three separate members sent out a winner each and these included the big one, the J&B Met, as well as the prestigious Grade 1 Investec Cape Derby.

Furthermore, when Vaughan Marshall's five-year-old gelding *Hill Fifty Four* crossed the line first in the Met it completed a long held dream by the country's perennial champion owner Markus Jooste, who bought into **John Koster's** (1979) Klawervlei Stud operation a few years ago. "I am especially pleased for the farm," said Jooste afterwards, "as it has always been the dream to breed and own them." To put the cherry on the top,

Hill Fifty Four is by the top Klawervlei stallion, Captain A1.

Hill Fifty Four's mother, Sports Dance, was purchased by **John Koster** due to the proven cross between her sire Sportsworld and the Captain AI sire line. However, she died during his birth and the colt had to be bottle fed for the first two days of his life. John said about the farm's first Met winner, "This was a plan come together. It is great that Captain AI's greatest son is



Hill Fifity Four

owned by Markus and born and bred at Klawervlei. This also proves *Captain AI's* versatility and blows away the theory that he can only produce fillies."

Earlier, the Justin Snaith-trained Dynasty colt *Legislate* had displayed a devastating turn of foot to win the Gr 1 Investec Cape Derby under Richard Fourie. He was bred by John's cousin **Vaughan Koster** (1999) of *Cheveley Stud.*

The Racegoer



Charles Koster and Russell Morse interview

We must not forget **Russell Morse** (1981) who writes:

'Charles Koster (1983) and I got together a few years ago to breed horses for racing. As a result of this we had a winner in the1st race on J & B Met day with our filly Savannah Song! We bought the mare, Savannah Star, in foal from John Koster (Klawervlei) and Savannah Song was born and raised in the veld on Charles's farm in the Karoo.

'She stood out from the other yearlings because she was so small but precious and quick. She nuzzled me when I first got up close to her.

Because of her size everyone doubted her ability and no one was keen to train her. How wrong she proved us all to be! She has now won four races and has been placed twice in her eight starts. An incredible record indeed. She is tiny compared to the others but is very quick and has the heart of a lion. Charlie remarks that she moves like he did while playing fullback for the 1stXV- not sure if he is referring to his speed or style!

We have sold a few of the horses we have bred with some lovely prospects on the way. We have a beautiful Rebel King filly on the March sales. Born recently we have a classy looking Seventh Rock filly who looks to have potential and a brood mare in foal as well as a youngster going into training. We have been very fortunate so far and really enjoy ourselves. Part of the attraction does never know what your horse will be like until it races. I could not think of anything better than being involved with a best mate from school in this wonderful sport.



Dugald and Zandy McDonald



Congratulations go to **Zandy Macdonald** (2007) who played in the Varsity Match for Oxford against Cambridge on Thursday 12 December 2013. In a nail biting game the Dark Blues were the winners beating the Light Blues by 33-15. This is probably one for the record books. Dugald Macdonald (1967), Donald Macdonald (1968) and Coll Macdonald (1978) all played in Varsity matches for the Dark Blues. Dugald played in 1975 and 1976 (Captained the side for both matches), Donald played in 1974, 1975 and 1976 and Coll in 1985 and 1986. The three brothers played in a total of seven Varsity matches but regrettably only winning two. **Dugald** (2001-05), Zandy's brother, was on the bench for the match in 2011. Quite a remarkable record for one family!

Marguerite, Dugald, Dugald and Zandy McDonald

MEDICAL 10 FUNRUN/WALK 2013

Syd Cullis (1961) has kindly sent this report of another fund raising project

The 35th Medical 10 Funrun/walk took place on Sunday 24 November, 2013 and is open to all Health Professionals including doctors, dentists, pharmacists, nurses and paramedical disciplines. For the last nine years it has been held at the WPCC Sports Complex off Keurboom Road in Newlands, the course being around the Common and then, courtesy of the school, a loop up and down the Bishops Avenue. The Medical 10 was founded in 1978 in an attempt to show that health professionals practice what they preach to their patients about a healthy lifestyle. It is unique in South Africa (and possibly in the World) and is one of the few handicap races in the country – with an extra half minute allowed for each year of age over 40. One of the organizers of the initial event was **Tim Noakes** (1966), then doing research in **Professor Lionel Opie's** (1949) laboratory and now Professor of Sports Medicine at UCT, a competitor and presenter of the prizes at this year's event. Other OD's taking part were **Mike Madden** (1967), **Bob Baigrie** (1974), **Josh Allerton** (1986) and Syd Cullis, who has been the organiser of the event for the last nine years.

As a result of generous support by sponsors it is hoped to donate over R30, 000 to *Die Eilandhuis* at Stompneusbaai (a care home for children with cerebral palsy)

Ant Coole (1991) has been in touch. Ant was the Bishops biokeneticist a few years ago.

'I have been the Head Physio for Munster Rugby since 2006 now. I see **Richard Evans** (1994) every now and then. 'If any other ODs are around or if the school is ever here please pass on my details.' As rugby followers will know, Munster is certainly one of the most successful rugby teams in Europe. Watch out for Ant when their next match is played.



Michael Bayly

NEW ERA FOR RUGBY AT THE COLLEGE

RUGBY DEVELOPMENT

ODs world-wide, who have been concerned about the relatively poor seasons that the rugby 1st XV have been experiencing, will be very interested to hear that **Michael Bayly** (1983) will once again join the Bishops staff and has been appointed as the coach of the first team. He will work closely with **Wesley Chetty** (2006) who will be the assistant coach for the forwards. The cherry on the top is that André Jacobs (staff) will once again resume as Head coach and **Angus Firth** (1984) will be in overall charge of rugby throughout the College. Angus will be responsible for the appointment of coaches and managers and for the development of coaching programmes.

Mike Bayly's playing career:

- Bishops 1st XV 1982-83; Captain in '83
- Maties 1st XV 1988-1992; Captain in '91 and '92 WP Rugby 1989-1993; 33 caps Boland Rugby 1995-1997; 33 caps; Captain

Coaching Career:

- Boland Rugby Vodacom/Currie Cup Head Coach 1998-99
- Rovigo (Italy) Head Coach 1999-2001
- Bulls Vodacom/Currie Cup and Super Rugby Assistant Coach 2001-2007
- Five Currie Cup Finals in a row three wins, a draw and a loss. Super Rugby two semi-finals and a win.

Mike writes: 'I am in the very fortunate position to have truly experienced what Bishops Rugby is all about. As boys at Bishops, we were privileged to be coached by Alan Douglas, Paul Dobson, Tim Hamilton-Smith and Basil Bey as we made our way from U14 to Bishop 1st XV. Any school would have wished for any one of them to coach their 1st XV. The secret of these men was that they each played a part in the grooming of us young men to play Bishops Rugby. They all understood what it was and selflessly prepared us for our U19 years.

'So what is Bishops Rugby? The great rugby men of Bishops have so eloquently expressed it on our rugby website, if you would like a detailed read. In a nutshell, it is a fast-paced, highly-skilled, support-based attacking game. With this goes a courageous and uncompromising defence. The challenge is to inspire our boys to play this way and to be innovative as players and coaches. It is about educating the boys to think for themselves on the field, to make the correct decisions and execute them with confidence. With this go our core values: a love for the game, sportsmanship, striving for excellence, selflessness (team before self), fearlessness and the utmost respect for our heritage and our opponents.

'In order to achieve this Head of Rugby, **Angus Firth,** has put together the following coaching team and structures:

'Firstly, to play our type of rugby, our boys need to be in excellent condition. For this we have employed Stephen McIntyre, who was the Conditioning Coach for Jake White's World Cup-winning Springbok team, and also very instrumental in the Kings' excellent conditioning in their very first Super Rugby campaign. He has worked tirelessly in the last four months to get our boys into peak condition once our season starts at the end of March.

'Tom Dawson-Squibb (Performance Coach) will work with the boys and coaches on an individual and team basis to re-establish our core values and establish a culture that epitomises Bishops Rugby.

'Wesley Chetty (2006), a member of André Jacobs' very successful 2006 Bishops team and now playing Varsity Cup for UCT, will be our Restart Coach. He will bring an element of youth to our coaching structure and, being a current member of the UCT Varsity Cup team, will ensure that we stay in touch with the modern game.

'André Jacobs, a legendary schoolboy coach, returns as Head Coach of the 1st XV. He has coached Bishops' and St Andrews' 1st teams and has many years of experience. He understands Bishops Rugby and is passionate about schoolboy rugby.

'My role is to bring this all together. I will be assisting André with the 1st XV and will be responsible

for coaching throughout the school – Prep and Pre-Prep included.

The path we have chosen for Bishops is not the easy one! To play the way we want to, is going to take a huge effort from players and coaches. To play with the intensity we are striving for, we are going to have to be fitter than other teams, more skilled, have players that can think for themselves, make the correct decisions more often than not and confidently execute them.

'It is our plan to get all coaches from all age groups working with a common goal: to produce highly-skilled, conditioned and intelligent rugby players by the time they reach Grade 11. We will be running clinics for coaches on Fridays during the first term to get all our coaches to understand our philosophy and provide them with the tools to achieve this. We will also be holding a weekend coaching workshop to try and pull it all together.

'We eagerly await the start of the rugby season. We look forward to watching the boys express themselves within their teams and play a brand of rugby that is a pleasure to watch and successful – Bishops Rugby!'

OD SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE THE LAST MAGAZINE

Congratulations to:-

RUGBY

- 1. **Nizaam Carr** (2009), **Oliver Kebble** (2009) and **Johnny Kotze** (2011) on being selected for the DHL Stormers training squad for the 2014 season.
- 2. Richard Stewart (2008) and Phillip Jacobs (2010) on representing The Ikey Tigers in the Camps Bay Varsity Sport sevens event. Mike Muller (2009) and Josh Bassingwaighte represented Champions Maties in the same event.
- 3. Stuart Commins (2006) Ealing, Nick Fenton-Wells (2004) Bedford and Nick Koster (2007) Bristol on participating in the English Rugby Championship. François Louw (2003) has continued his fine performances for Bath in the English Premiership. Graham Knoop (2005) is currently representing the Ospreys in Welsh Domestic Rugby.
- 4. Mathew Turner (2006) on representing the England Sevens Team in the 2013/14 IRB Sevens Series in Port Elizabeth. Mathew also turned out for the Serevi Select 7's time in Las Vegas
- 5. Congratulations to the following on signing Super Rugby Contracts for 2014 **Martin** Muller (2006) Lions, **Tim Swiel** (2011) Sharks and **Dillyn Leyds** (2010) Force Australia
- 6. Mike Bayly (1983) and Wes Chetty (2006) on joining the Bishops 1st XV Management team for the 2014 season.
- 7. Richard Stewart (2008), James Kilroe (2009) and Paul Cohen (2009) on being selected for the Ikeys 2014 Varsity Cup squad. Johnny Kotze (2011) will represent Maties and Tahriq Allen (2013) is in the UWC Squad.
- 8. The following ODs for participating in the 2014 Cape Town Tens (those that we know of)

 Cameron Doyle (2011), Trent Jenkinson (2007) and Paul Cohen (2009) (UCT), Jason Morris (2012) (WP Academy), Cieran Fitzgerald (2011) (Villagers), Philip Jacobs (2010) (Roark Gyms), Dash Barber (2006) (Dale Old Boys)

9. The following ODs who made up the Cobras Tens squad – Warren Butler (2005), Brendan Raubenheimer (2005), Theo Doms (2005), Shaun Cowell (2005), Ian Armstrong (2005), Blake Gowar (2005), Robert Bergh (2005), Michael Morris (2005), Ted Stanford (2005), Thomas Bergh (2005), Dylan Rodriguez (2008), Theo Louw (2005), Callan Artus (2006), James Bailes (2005), Peter Haw (2005), Oliver Braithwaite (2005), Luc Du Plessis (2003), Matthew Kelly (2005) and Adrian Kritzinger (2006).

■ 10. Nicholas Lassen (2008), Gareth Hayden (2000) and Michael Blanckenberg (2009) on being selected for the WP Touch Rugby team. James Plimsoll (2007) will represent Gauteng during the tournament.

CRICKET

- 1. Siya Simetu (2009) on representing the Cape Cobras and Western Province amateur team during the 2013/14 season.
- 2. Adrian Holdstock (1988) on being part of the umpiring panel for the Cell C festival of Cricket at Newlands.
- **3. Andy Pycroft** (1974) on being a part of the match referee panel for the South Africa vs India series in December.
- 4. Craig Kieswetter (2005) on representing the Brisbane Heat in the 2014 Big Bash League in Australia.

OTHER

- 1. Oliver Steynor (1989) on representing the FTI Flyer team in the 2014 Cape to Rio Yacht race, unfortunately due to adverse weather conditions and yacht damage they were unable to complete the race.
- 2. **James Drummond** (2012) on being selected for the South African under 21 squad for the 2013 Junior Hockey World Cup. James was unable to attend the tournament due to passport issues.
- 3. Pierre de Voux (2004) and Callum Buchanan (2008) on representing a Western Province Invitational hockey XI in two friendly matches vs Dutch side Amsterdam HC.

Researched by Steve Riches (2003)

BISHOPS RUGBY STAR FLIES THE SA FLAG



The University of Canberra, affiliated to the Brumbies, have initiated a scholarship programme which allows one young school-leaving South African student the opportunity to study at the University, while playing rugby for the Brumbies.

Cuan Hablutzel (2013) is the first recipient of this prestigious scholarship and departed at the end of January on his exciting journey of tuition and sport development. Cuan was the 1st XV captain for the past two years and gained Western Province Academy colours. This 101 kg, 18 year old hooker with remarkable ball skills, feels very privileged to be given this opportunity and he has already been included in the 35-man ACT training squad.

MEMORIES

CAPE TIMES, NOVEMBER 1954

"Schoolboy has 5 lbw in ONE Over"

Walker, a Bishops boy, in an under 15 match took 5 wickets in one over – all lbw!

In vain however as his side still lost.

Mike Walker (1957) writes: It should have been six! Unfortunately the umpire Sam Butler gave the batsman not out despite him being the plumbest of them all. He said to me, "not out, that's enough for one over."

To appreciate this, you really have to have known Sam Butler. So valued was he as the Bishops Art master that he continued to teach until he was 80!

He celebrated his 80th birthday with his colleagues in the Upper Common Room during the tea-time break. Anthony Mallett composed and read this poem while Sam cut his cake:

To Sam, on the occasion of his eightieth birthday.

What we like in you Sam is your taciturn tenacity.

Your corduroys, your bush hat ... and your nerve.

Add to this your honesty and sensible sagacity.

Not to mention cussedness and verve.

We are staggered by your paradoxical longevity,

Your apparent lack of lassitude and cares;

But the recipe is simple, (if you'll all excuse the brevity),

It's climbing up those flaming Art Loft stairs.

Surrealistic op-art, or merely painting scenery,

Your contribution here has been immense;

But now you must behave in a manner octogenary,

And demonstrate some youthful common sense.

Samuel, we salute you on this memorable occasion,

And even if we are a lot of cranks,

There's none of us here present needs coercion or persuasion

To wish you HEALTH ... and HAPPINESS ... and THANKS.

Sam Butler and Anthony Mallett

Frank 'Sam' Butler taught Art at both the Prep and the College. He had served with the RAF in Mesopotamia during World War 1 and had worked in Egypt. He went off to war again in 1940, in the Camouflage Unit. Sam taught his subject as a joyful experience for all concerned. He was also devoted to his junior cricket, which he approached similarly. John Gardener writes:

His Bohemian garb and cheerful mien concealed considerable technical skill, most publically seen in his numerous stage sets. He retired when over 80 and continued painting at Kalk Bay. He died in August 1980. The Sam Butler Art Centre was opened by his son **Jeremy Butler** (1965) in October 1986. An exhibition of his works was held in 1989 to mark the centenary of his birth.

In honour of this remarkable man, we are publishing some examples of his work inspired by the Western Cape and also the Far East. These pictures have never been seen by ODs before.

Found in the Archives. This was written by Sam – a few memories of his days and years teaching Art at the Prep.

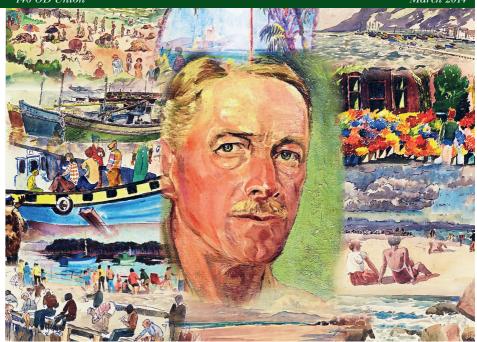


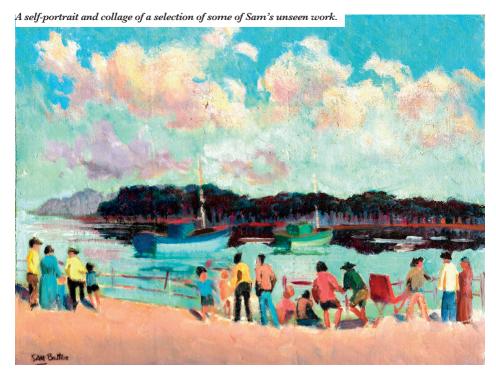
When I arrived at Bishops Prep there was no Art room and I went from class to class with a fruit box full of pots of paint. I was terrified of mucking up the rooms and in order not to do this instructed the kids to wipe their fingers on my trousers rather than get paint on their clothes. This game became so popular that within three months my flannel bags were covered with paint. I had to stand on a chair to take them off and put them on as they became stiff as boards—great laughter in Chape!!!

On my return school in 1943

– the room, now the present staff
room, was given to me. It was in an
unbelievable condition and nothing
the kids could do could possibly
make it worse so we did spells of
clay modelling – about eight weeks
at a time – and had some lovely results. Trengrove-Jone is now
a doctor made superbly clever models and one of his made at College
of the Discus Thrower remained

with me for years. As a teacher these days of lino cuts and clay modelling were my happiest between the War years – to say nothing of the Plays. With no available cash we had to make do with any available rubbish we would paint on and nail together. How the Staff put up with me I never knew!





This poem 'Echo', a parody, was published in the school magazine March 1940, written by the Editor Mr CC Lacey. 'Bill' obviously refers to Sam Butler.

Any community may have its Bill, but never a community had a Bill like ours:-

So picturesque,

Artistic,

Independent,

Unassuming,

Guileless.

And inscrutable a Bill as ours.

How Bill had earned a living before we knew him

All were free to know, yet none could imagine:

He'd scattered British justice

Over tucked-away oases;

Groomed horses, played at ducks and drakes

With Brass-hats on the Nile;

Rubbed shoulders, always friendly-like'

With fellahin, muezzins, diplomats and camels;

Been apprenticed to a wizard,

Made ropes of shining sand.

Now Bill has his vocation - writ large across his trousers:

They are, so to speak, his banner,

His innocuous "skull and cross-bones,"

Bespattered with the rainbow.

(His ties and shirts and so-called hats

Are not exactly orthodox,

But nothing to his trousers -

Originally grey, at last the full palette!)

You might dislike Bill? It isn't worth the trying:

He lives in a jolly world, you see,

Just next door to ours -

Next door, but saner,

Where clouds and flowers and sunsets,

Paints, colours, candour, freedom

Are worth much more than cash, and

Than other folk's opinions.

Youngsters seem to like him, pester him to draw them

Boats and beasts and Kings.

So, of one thing I'm positive:

If ever Bill, the nomad,

Decides to pull up tent-pegs and chase the blue horizon,

Our place will be the narrower, the drearier, the madder

By a long, long chalk.

