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# OLD DIOCESANS UNION

Senior White House 1974 XV - 40th Reunion



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# ROLL OF HONOUR

### Their name liveth for ever

#### In March we remember

#### **THE GREAT WAR 1914-19**

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 1939-45**

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

Oliver Bell (1916-21) [MBE]. 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 1914-19**

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.



# NOTES FROM OD UNION OFFICE



n October we presented the 2014 matrics with their OD ties and welcomed them to the Union. This important function on the OD Union calendar takes place at the matrics' final Chapel service. The Head of each house comes to the front of the Chapel and introduces his house's matrics to the OD Union Chairman and they then come forward to receive their tie. The following day they could be found sitting in the examination hall resplendent in their OD ties, whilst the 2015 matrics had already assumed responsibility for the leadership of the school. The transition is disarming due to its swiftness, but a school is a restless place where the leadership changes every year and the entire student body is replaced every five years.

This is important for your committee to understand. We cater for ODs across almost ten decades from eighteen year olds who have grown up in post-1994 digital South Africa to centenarians who were born at the outbreak of World War One. How we offer a service to each of these constituencies is the challenge addressed by every successful alumni organisation. The recent senior's lunch in London is as important a function to a specific group of ODs in a specific country as the Tullyallen Trophy, held

during UCT, UWC and US orientation week, is to young ODs in Cape Town.

Thank you to those ODs who completed the recent questionnaire. Your input will assist us greatly at our upcoming strategic planning session where the Patron, President, a number of Vice-Presidents, committee members and young ODs will help us work towards addressing these and other matters.

We have recently, reviewed and updated our branding to ensure that whilst it is in keeping with the original Certificate of Registration registered by Frank Reid at the Temple Chambers, Wale Street, on the 28th October 1936, it is contemporary, consistent and relevant. This led us to establishing a set of guidelines for our marketing, communication and memorabilia. Our new range of memorabilia is available at the OD Union Offices.

Two of the many questions we as a committee regularly ask ourselves are, "Firstly what is the nature of the boy we can expect to welcome into the OD Union, and secondly are we equipped to cater for his needs?" With this in mind I completed the five day traverse from Algeria to Sanddrift with one of the groups. This some thirty-nine years after my own Adventure Course - it certainly felt that way. I drafted some thoughts on my experience. A copy of which interested ODs can read on our website under News.

Finally, the best reward for all the effort put in by the volunteers on the committee is the many mails we receive thanking, encouraging and supporting us. Thank you, it is appreciated. *Brian Robertson (1979)* 

# UK BRANCH REPORT

# FOURTH QUARTER 2014 & JANUARY 2015

For the UK Branch, 2014 has been something of a calibration exercise. Well over 10% of 7,000 ODs now live in the UK and represent an almost 70-year age spread. Traditionally, the ODU branches have used social and sporting functions to gather ODs (and their wives and partners) together. These are, of course, excellent platforms to relive memories and share familiar experiences. But, as the marketing experts remind us, not everything appeals to everyone and segmentation is key.

So we are experimenting with different and new formats while retaining the traditional crowd-pullers. Potentially, a more attractive and meaningful thread which weaves its way through all demographics is that of mentoring, the support and

guidance (younger) ODs are able to receive from more established ones. Encouragingly, ODs here are very keen to support such an initiative and we'll develop this over 2015.

**Peter Arthur** (1965) has been most encouraging as have many other ODs, young and older.

Perhaps the highlight of 2014 was the blacktie dinner at which **Guy Pearson** (Principal) and **Raymond Ackerman**  (1948), ODU President, spoke. Also in attendance were **Mike Bosman** (1978) (Chairman of the College Council) and **Brian Robertson** (1979), ODU Chairman. The dinner was reported on earlier in the year, so suffice it to say here that it brought Bishops very much into our midst in a most vibrant and nostalgic way.

Also in 2014 were a start-of-year drinks party, a lunch (where David Walsh spoke about his book *Public Schools and the Great War* which included many references to Bishops) and our end-of-year function at the House of Lords, very kindly hosted by **Anthony St John** (1974) and beautifully reported on elsewhere in this magazine by **James Gardener** (1974). A small group of Oxford-based ODs met for lunch and it was good to catch up with **Tim Bravington** (1954), **Chris Winearls** (1968) and **Matthew Golesworthy** (2012, currently the Organ Scholar at Jesus).



### HAILEYBURY

Haileybury and Bishops have a long and special relationship which goes back to the days when **Anthony Mallett** taught there before heading south, eventually to become Principal of Bishops. The two schools enjoy a pupil and, from time to time, a staff exchange programme.

Since taking over the OD Branch here, we have strengthened our relationships

with several public schools (Tonbridge, Uppingham, Wellington College and Haileybury) and Haileybury have been particularly active – and generous – in regarding us as a sort of foster alumni association. **Greg Baldwin** (1975) and I were invited to the Old Haileyburian day at the start of December which included attending one in their series of lectures on the school, a lunch hosted by the Master, Joe Davies (who's two sons were on exchange at Bishops), a rugby match and then Choral Evensong.

**Seb Prentice** was at the time the Bishops exchange student at Haileybury and it was good to be able to catch up with him. He played for the 1st XV although so fierce is his reputation that on the day we were there, the opposition had cancelled sending their U16s instead.

Choral Evensong, in the stunning school chapel was moving and inclusive. Bishops were included in the School prayers and I was asked to read one off the lessons. Their choir



- boys and girls - were magnificent and it was good to be back in the middle of a traditional and beautiful sung evensong. In a chapel that strongly reminds one of Bishops, it was impossible not to feel a little homesick.

## THE VARSITY MATCH WW1 COMMEMORATION AND FALLEN OD OXFORD BLUES

2014 was the centenary of the start of the Great War. 112 ODs gave their lives in that conflict (and we remembered them at our mid-year dinner). The annual Varsity Match (Oxford vs Cambridge) played at Twickenham on the 11<sup>th</sup> December was used by the two university clubs to honour the 55 Blues who died. Three ODs were amongst the 55: **Reginald Hands**, **Mike Dickson** and **Stephen Steyn**. We were honoured to be invited to the game at which each of the 25 schools representing the 55 Blues each laid a wreath in their old boys' memory. **Stephen Hofmeyr** (1973), himself an Oxford Rugby Blue, laid a wreath for Bishops. The



ceremony was very moving and Bishops was singled out especially, being both an "overseas" school and having one of the highest number of Blues killed. The minute's silence was started and ended by a blast on one of the officers' whistles actually used in the War which created a special poignancy all of its own.

To see Bishops included with the good and

the great of British schools made us feel very proud of our School, a school which many of those present either knew of or had visited and is much admired.

A special bonus was watching **Zandy MacDonald** (2007) vice-captain Oxford and score the try that opened the flood gates for a decisive Oxford win.

### UK ODU CHRISTMAS PARTY

Almost sixty years separated the matric classes of the seventy-two UK based OD's ancient and modern who gathered on December 12th beneath the cavernous oak beams of Westminster Hall in the Houses of Parliament. We were soon swept along on a current of lobby anecdote and hospitality through one of the world's great iconic buildings - power, privilege and parliamentary democracy all flowing with us as surely the waters of the Thames alongside.

The Palace of Westminster itself has a history dating back to the early eleventh century when a fortification was

built on the site. by that notable waterfront property developer - King Canute. It's difficult not to shiver at the notion of standing on the spot where Guy Fawkes stored his gunpowder kegs; where Charles I unsuccessfully defended himself against Cromwell's treason charges or where the suffragette Emily Davison hid in a broom cupboard on the night of the 1911 census so that she could better fight for women's rights using the

Houses of Parliament as her official address. We were reminded of the two South African members of that elite band of statesmen who have addressed joint sittings of the Lords and Commons – Smuts and Mandela. It is a palace with a unique narrative – a harlequin blend of monastery, gentlemen's club, Oxbridge college, legal chambers and boarding school.

Anthony St John (1974) welcomed us warmly and wittily and appropriately enough to the Cholmondeley Room & River Terrace. In his usual self-deprecating manner, Anthony alluded to his own remarkable journey from becoming the youngest member of the House



Anthony St John (1974) welcoming the ODs. Bottom right: Francis Eliot, Virgil Parenzee and Michael Starke (all 1996)



Top left: Alexander Enotiades (2012), Didier de Villiers (2012) and Robert Johnston (2010); top right: Nigel Buchan-Swanson (1966), Liz Lawton, Waine Lawton (1965) and Jeremy Payne (1966); bottom left: Martin Calder (1991) and Anthony Pickering (1990); bottom right: Greg Baldwin (1975), Michael Willis (1976 and Cormac Petit (1973)

Top left: Nicky Bicket (1973) and Patrick Rourke (2003), top right: Nigel Collard (1982) and Mark Ciolli (1981); bottom left Stephen Larkin (1990) and James Gardener (1974); bottom right: Joy and Richard Montgomery (1976), Steve Suckling (1976) and Nicole Seymour



Left: Choppy Bands (1990), James Legg (1990) and Francis Eliot; middle top: Michael Willis (1976), Charles Richardson (1972) and Steve Suckling (1976); middle bottom: Joy Montgomery, Robert Johnston (2010) and Neil Orpen (1990); right top: Jeremy Friedlander (1972), Michael Enotiades (2007), Ian Currie (2005) and Sabina; right bottom: Michael Starke (1996) and James Deane (1990)



Top left: Chris Olds (1999), Sabina, Anthony St John (1974), Lloyd West; middle top: Richard Immelman (1989), Robert Johnston (2010) and Choppy Bands (1990); top right: Sally Simpson, Gillie Richardson and Robert Simpson (1968); bottom: Gordon Robinson (1990), Nahnya Petit, Peter (1974) and Fran Wood, Cormac Petit (1973)

of Lords in 1978 - complete with scruffy Kalk Bay surfer dude goatee - to the urbane senior statesman he is today, sitting as a non-partisan crossbencher and serving on state occasions as Lord-in-Waiting to Her Majesty. She is apparently a slightly easier guest to accommodate in the House than Basil Bey and a Bishops touring rugby party of the 1980's.

Nicky Bicket (1973) responded on behalf of the constituency of 800+ UK domiciled OD's that he so tirelessly represents. He touched on his vision of a global OD community which is far more a vigorous, supportive network than a nostalgic, restrictive knot in an old tie. Nicky spoke of the relationships that he has built with other distinguished UK alumni networks and their willingness to engage with the much admired OD Union. "We punch way above our weight," Bicket asserted - without offering to take on Black Rod's splendidly liveried representative standing but a sword's pace away.

Nicky also reported from the previous day's Varsity match where Zandy Macdonald (son of arguably White House's greatest loose forward) had scored the try that unleashed a Dark Blue flood. He also reminded us of the names of the three OD rugby Blues who had fallen in the First World War: R.H.M. 'Reggie' Hands, S.S.L. 'Stodgy' Steyn and W.M. 'Mike' Dickson all of whom were commemorated at Twickenham a century after their sacrifice.

A pleasing number of OD partners attended this gathering reinforcing the old adage that behind many a successful OD stands a slightly surprised woman. Amidst an extremely convivial evening of catch-up, chit-chat, banter and bonhomie, there were moments when OD's from the mid-twentieth century joined those from the early 21st gazing over the December Thames tide in a silent yet heartfelt toast to our school across the water. James Gardener (1974)

# JANUARY 2015

### **SENIOR OD LUNCH:**

Te have forged some useful and warm relationships with several UK alumni associations and have learnt from their experiences and shared our challenges. One of the more successful functions that many of them arrange are events for their senior members. They have learnt that not all senior alumni want to attend night functions or functions which tend to be dominated by the rowdier (in the best possible sense of the description) younger members with whom they have little in common.

But it's a nervous moment when, 60 years on, two ODs a year apart at school, come face-to-face. What dark memories are rekindled? What bitter resentments, harboured for more than half a century, will surface?

As it turns out, none and none. The Senior



L-R: Humphrey Payne (1961); Peter Syfrets (1961); David Maughan (1963); Raymond Ackerman

OD Lunch held at the RAF Club, courtesy John Fairweather (1948) and hosted by our ODU President, Raymond Ackerman (1948) stimulated only interested and interesting, lively and nostalgic conversation. "When I was at Bishops" evokes a somewhat different sense of retrospection when spoken by a 1951 OD to one of the 1961 vintage. What would last year's





Peter Arthur (1965); Tim Shaw (1951); Miles Maskell (1953)

matriculants make of it all? Envy, perhaps, your secretary (who was the youngest OD present, since you ask) would think!

After the Grace, said by Steve Hofmeyr (1973) in a folksy Latin rendition, Raymond was articulately introduced (and thanked) by Charles McGregor (1969). He - Raymond - spoke of Bishops, the ODU and South Africa in the most constructive yet honest way. In acknowledging the challenges faced by all three, he stressed the positive aspects which far outweigh the negative. He spoke too of the enduring influence Bishops had on him in his life after school and how, if anything, this special aspect of Bishops has strengthened, especially under the stewardship of the new Principal, Guy Pearson. He ended, fittingly, with "Floreat Bishops".

# UK ODU MENTORING INITIATIVE:

Our UK OD Mentoring scheme has kicked off. We believe that the ODU should be more than a social and sporting club (fantastic as that is) and be much more actively involved in supporting other ODs. We have created a panel of mentors who will be on call to assist other ODs whether they are in the UK or intending to come up here, with career advice and guidance for new arrivals. 40 ODs have signed up as mentors which is a most gratifying response. Any OD wanting to access the panel should do so through me.

Nicky Bicket (1973)

### ANNUAL PATRON, PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS' FUNCTION

A highlight on the OD Union calendar is our annual Patron, President and Vice-Presidents' function. It is always a pleasure to welcome back men who have contributed so much to the wellbeing of both Bishops and the OD

Union. As their actions go largely unnoticed and are purely voluntary, it gives us great pleasure to acknowledge their contributions. It is also an opportunity for the current committee to interact, share ideas and draw on the combined wisdom of a truly remarkable group of men. Thank you gentlemen, and thank you ladies for loaning us your husbands on a regular basis.

Vice-President John Hueton (1948) tendered his apologies admitting that his reason for not attending was rather feeble - distance - after all Canada is part of the global-village! He also admitted to attending Herschel along with President Raymond Ackerman (1948), effectively making them Herschel Old Boys, no wonder this secret has taken decades to surface. Chairman Brian Robertson (1979) welcomed the guests and their spouses thanking them for their ongoing contribution and support. He highlighted a number of the committees' achievements along with the plans for 2015. Without doubt 2015 will be an exciting and memorable year for the OD Union.

Brian Robertson



Alan Ramsay (1960) and Thea Ramsay











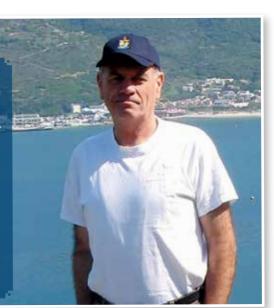


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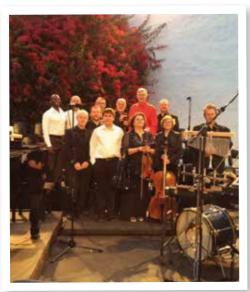
### WITH THANKS

The late Noel Noble (1957) did not leave a will when he passed away in 2013.

His estate took a while to be finalised. His sister Fiona found among his papers a couple of jottings he wrote several years ago about leaving money to the ODU. Noel kept up with what was happening at the ODU and his school remained important to him. Fiona, acting on Noel's behalf made a very sizeable donation to the OD Union Bursary Fund, for which we are extremely grateful.









# CAROLS WITH RICHARD COCK

Christmas Carols hosted by Richard Cock (1966) was held on 16th December 2014 in a full Chapel. Thank you to all who took part in, contributed to, and attended this "not to be missed" annual event. Richard donates the collection taken on the evening to the ODU Bursary Fund. Thank you Richard.

# REUNIONS

# 1974 SENIOR HOUSE RUGBY XV: 40 YEAR REUNION

1.NOVEMBER 2014

### **James Gardener reports:**

On Saturday 1st November 2014 a rather unusual table of boarders reported for breakfast in White House as guests of Warren Wallace and his cohort of weekenders. Twelve members of the victorious 1974 Senior House Rugby XV had come together to celebrate the 40th anniversary of a momentous house match final. The ceremonial Piley Rees (first WH Housemaster) scoreboard for the day carried the story: White House 7, School House 6.

The day, which had been meticulously planned by our rock solid tight head, Myles Siebrits (1975), contained many highlights.

We recalled Trader Hunt's incisive prematch briefing, the rattle of studs from the Big Quad through the old archway, that decisive first half scrum where the might of the Top House First XV front row first wobbled, the final desperate, scrambled backline movement culminating in the team elation of Peter Butlin's (1974) try. In the pine-shaded corner of the Piley Rees field closest to that hallowed spot, the team gathered to renew deep and joyful friendships with each other, with a gracious contingent of 1974 School and Founders notables and with representatives of the rugby staff who continued to preside benignly and with real pride over their former charges. We were delighted to have Tim and Carolyn Hamilton-Smith present as our guests.





Back row, L t o R: Phillip Baxter, Charles de Villiers, Chris Sivertsen, Tim Allsop, Myles Siebrits Middle row, L toR: Mark Anderson, Mark Butcher, Steven Galloway, Peter Railton, Greg Savage Front row, L to R: Spencer King, Victor Kent, Mike van Breda, Giles Butlin, James Gardener

As a format, the one day mini-reunion worked wonderfully allowing for plenty of time with long separated old comrades from three different Matric years who had travelled from four countries to be present and with many of their mildly surprised and wholly supportive partners that evening



Standing, L to R: Phillip Baxter, Victor Kent, Charles de Villiers, Peter Railton, Greg Savage, Chris Sivertsen, Myles Siebrits Seated, L to R: James Gardener, Giles Butlin, Spencer King, Mark Anderson. Missing from the reunion were: Mark Butcher, Tim Allsop, Mike van Breda and lain Slight. (All 1974)

in the ODU offices which were very generously made available for us by Delre O'Rourke and Brian Robertson (1979), another distinguished WH product!

A day to remember built on 40 years of memories.

James Gardener (1974)

# **VISITORS**



Hugo Leggatt (1956 & Staff)



James Drew (1979)

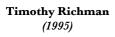


Michael van Ryneveld (1976)



Charles Koster (1983)







Ed Milne (staff)



Garmon Ashby 2000



Beverley Loxton (1987) and family



Alan Douglas (Staff)



Anthony Lister (1973)



John Smuts (1969) and wife Shirley



Margie and lan Brown (1954)



Colin Boyes (1965)



David Williams-Freeman (1946)

# SOCIAL REGISTER

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



icholas Atkinson Tanner was born early on 4th December 2014 to proud parents Timothy Tanner (1985) and Sally Atkinson.

"We thought Nicholas was a great name, especially for a baby who was supposed to come on Christmas Eve. St. Nicholas was known for his kindness and generosity to the poor, the sick and suffering, and to children" says Timothy.

very belated birth notice from dad, Charles Owen (1990) and Philippa of the birth of his third and youngest child, Sadie Grace Owen, who was born on 9th October 2013 (yes 2013!!!) at Kingsbury Hospital in Claremont.

Her brother Matthew is in Grade 2 at Bishops and Kate, the eldest has recently started at St Cyprian's.





#### **BAPTISMS**

## Karl Alexander John Christian Hayward,

son of Lioba and Alistair Hayward (2000) was baptised at Johann Baptist Church Seeheim Germany on 3rd January 2015. Karl wears the baptism robe of the von Habsburgs dating back to his namesake Emperor Karl von Habsburg.

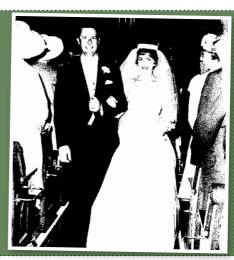
Present at his baptism from the Founders OD family were his father Alistair, grandfather John Hayward (1967), godfather Valerian van der Byl (2000) and Christian Hageman (1999) now living in Berlin.



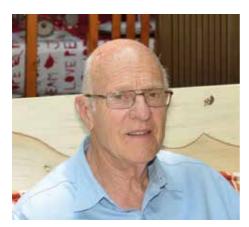
Haden (1952) and Elizabeth Tarrant celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on 5th Decem ber 2014.

They were married in the Rondebosch Congregational Church on 5th December 1964 by Haden's father, who was the minister at the time. Photograph of the happy couple who had then been married for about twenty minutes





### **OCTOGENERIANS**



**David Anthony Murray Blag Shearing** (1952) 8th February

John Frederick van Niekerk (1952) 25th January Arthur Derek Owen (1950) 26th January Keith William Mowbray Bisset (1953) 20th February Franklin John Midgley (1952) 20th February Richard Tillard Foster (1952) 7th March John Featherstone Twiggs (1952) 15th March John Anthony Hunneyball (1952) 20th March



Christopher John Phillips (1953) 4th March



# **OBITUARIES**





## ASHLEY-BOTHA. Christian Mauritz Ashley-Botha (Bunny/Maestro) (1962)

It was with deep sadness that we got to hear of the passing of "Bunny" Christian Ashley-Botha OD 1962/3. To many he was known as the Boy from Bishops who made that world of difference to the lives of many young South Africans and who brought music to the nation. At an early age, Ashley-Botha was formally introduced to music when he attended the Diocesan College, otherwise known as Bishops, in Rondebosch. There he found an inspiring teacher in music, Master Claude Brown. After Ashley-Botha completed his main schooling, he headed for London to study at the Royal School of Church Music. He soon became an Associate of the Royal College of Music. He returned to South Africa with the expectation of using his newly acquired qualifications and skills. The qualifications he had obtained in London were, to his despair, not recognised by the Department of Education in South Africa. He nonetheless took up teaching at St.

Andrews in Bloemfontein where he also took over the choir. In 1980, Ashley-Botha applied for the position of headmaster at the DBCS but was instead appointed as Director of Music. For the next 25 years he would be at the helm of one of the most successful and widely travelled musical ensembles in the world. He was instrumental in shaping the unique image of the school and putting it on both the National and International platform as South Africa's premier Choir. Among his "boys" today are some of the big names in South African music including the Bala brothers, Zwai, Loyiso and Phelo, the late Deon van der Walt and choir conductors and composers Michael Barrett and Ralph Schmidt. After retiring 2005 he was instrumental in raising and training a number of choirs and inspired many to reach for their dreams. His home was the Drakensburg Mountains; he loved playing the organ for the All Saints Anglican Church in Winterton and was a great supporter of all local ventures in the Champagne Valley. He

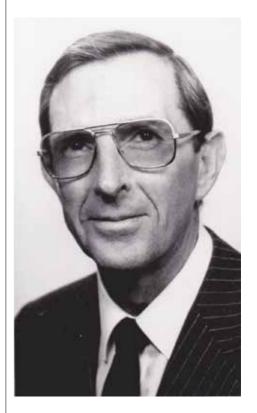
passed away after a short illness and will be missed by many. Perhaps the words of some former students, colleagues and friends best sum up his life....

Nangamso Languza: "Hi, I'm Ashley Bunny Botha but you can call me Maestro because I'm the master of music" those were the first words you uttered when you came to Sterkspruit Christian School... Well I do agree you were indeed the Maestro! You came and gave us a true understanding of singing, you gave us the definition of music and you created a hunger and thirst for more of it in our souls. You weren't just a mere conductor you were a father. A heartbreak doesn't begin to describe the feeling I'm having right now, yes.. We only knew you for two years but the warm love you gave to us made it seem like forever, I truly run out of words to utter when it comes to describing you. I would like to thank you... Thank you for the love, care, joy and memories you created you made each and every moment special to us (like throwing sweets around for answers during rehearsals)... You were and always will be a special person to us Maestro and you forever dwell in our hearts and shall never be forgotten... Your Legacy shall live on.

Richard Cock: "Rest in peace Bunny. You will be sorely missed by a great number of people, but you live on in those boys you mentored and taught and inspired to love music, myself included! We sang for you yesterday my friend - I hope you could hear us up there!"

**Matthew Wilke:** "One of the greatest men in South Africa, winner of the Baobab Award

and a major influence on many, many of South Africa's greatest musicians has passed away. He was my conductor and music theory teacher as well as so much more during my time as a Drakie. I'm sure many of my fellow Drakie brothers will agree. RIP Maestro Bunny Ashley-Botha.



## NEWDIGATE. Henry James (Jim) Newdigate (1944)

Jim, husband of the late Molly Newdigate, and father of John, Tamplyn and Justin, passed away in Cape Town on Saturday 22 November, aged 86.

Jim specifically asked that the family must

not do any laudatory speeches. He wrote a CV which he allowed them to read at his memorial service.

Jim was born in Plettenberg Bay and attended prep at St Marcks Diocesan College in George. He obtained a scholarship to Diocesan College, Rondebosch. He matriculated with distinctions in 1944 and was head prefect in 1945. He graduated in BA Law (Cum Laude) at Stellenbosch University in 1948 and attained a Bishops Rhodes Scholarship in 1949. He did a Bachelor of Civil Law at Oxford University in 1951 and completed his Advocates Admission Examination in 1952.

He married Molly Nussey in 1955 and had 3 sons John , Tamplyn and Justin.

He will be missed by his sons and their families, and by his friends and colleagues.

## ROBB. Brian James Robb (1943) -

died on 20th March 2014 at the age of 88.

Brian was born in Rondebosch on 15th December 1925 to Jack and Gwendoline Robb. He grew up there attending Rondebosch Prep School, the Diocesan College then the Cape Technical College in 1943. He was a lifelong member of the OD Union - only a month before his death Brian met up for lunch with Nicky Bicket in the



Oxfordshire village where he was living.

Whilst still at school he injured his back during an exercise with the Coastal Defence Unit and was consequently unable to see active war service. In 1944 he joined Lever Brothers and qualified as a soap maker. Brian spent the following 32 years in production and management in Lever Brothers factories in Ndola (Northern Rhodesia), Bulawayo (Southern Rhodesia), Limbe (Nyasaland), Durban, Boksburg and finally Pietermaritzburg. In 1976 he purchased a gemstone jewellery business but due to the tough trading conditions in the tourist industry in the late 1970's outlets for his products were severely limited. Never daunted Brian took up a new challenge as Secretary of the South African Wattle Board and introduced a computerised system to the organisation. In 1991 at the age of 70 he retired to enjoy the two acre garden surrounding the family home in Winterskloof near Hilton.

In 1949 Brian married Beryl Hollins in

Esher, Surrey then returned to Nyasaland where a son, Rodney, and daughter, Deirdre were born. Whilst living in Benoni two further sons, Stuart and John, and a daughter Carolyn, were born.

Brian always made a quiet and diligent contribution to the communities where he lived. During the 1960's he was a founder member and president of the Benoni Junior Chamber of Commerce,

founded and chaired the Rynfield Ratepayers Association, served on the Benoni Publicity Association and Benoni Road Safety Council. In Natal he set up a Residents' Association in Winterskloof and later formed the Mount Michael Health Committee. After moving to the UK in 2000, to be near to his daughters, he became Facilities Manager and oversaw local amenities—by then in his 80's he served on local committees bettering facilities in Woodcote, a rural village in South Oxfordshire.

His interests were many and varied: he played a competent game of hockey and tennis, his skill at car maintenance was legendary, he enjoyed travelling (especially to visit family when they moved abroad) and his love of gardening never abated as he continued to grow fruit vegetables and had a prolific display of flowers to the end of his days.

Beryl predeceased him by a year. Brian is survived by his five children, ten grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Deidre Reford (daughter)

### KAIN. DERRICK Neville Edwin Kain

(1942) - a former Witness journalist, who served the readers of Pietermaritzburg for more than 40 years, died on the 30th October.

Kain moved to Natal when he was 22, joining The Natal Witness as a night sub-editor. Luck and courage led to his "big break" just eight months later when he filled in for a reporter, covering the story of a blazing fire in the city. Not only did he deliver a commendable feature but he also took the perfect shot. The next day, he became an official journalist and an indemand freelance photographer, which resulted in a successful and memorable 43-year tenure.

He rose through the ranks from reporter to news editor, and was eventually industrial and



Published in the Witness on the 10th November 2014 (2 bronze port and starboard lights were donated to Derrick Kain from the salvor of the ship and they are now at Cape Infanta waiting to be put up with this photo)

supplements editor. In this time, he covered a range of stories — from being at the forefront of the 1948 Cato Manor riots to being the only journalist standing on the banks of the Umsundusi River when Ian Player embarked on his inaugural Canoe trip to Durban.

Kain lived by the maxim once stated by the famous Times of London editor John Thaddeus Delane, who said: "The duty of the journalist is the same as that of the historian — to seek out the truth, above all things, and to present to his readers not such things as statecraft would wish them to know but the truth as near as he can attain it."

He had a number of short stories published and he continued writing well into old age. One such work was an hilarious tale of life in an old-age home. He was also an avid gardener, amateur film-maker and pantomime writer who enjoyed playing the piano and walking on the Wild Coast.

Kain, the son of Charles and Ethel Kain, was born in Cape Town on September 16, 1924. He attended Bishops Diocesan College before

starting his journalism career. He married the late Ruby Ida Marjorie Kain and they lived together in Pietermaritzburg before retiring to Franschhoek in the Western Cape. He is survived by his two children, Neville Julian Kain and Charmaine Denise Eslick, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

### WILKINSON. David Robert Mcintyre

**Wilkinson** (1943) was born in Bulawayo, Rhodesia, in 1925. He lost his father when he was just one and a half years old, and when he

was five, the family moved to the Cape. They were not well off, and moved in with helpful relatives. Eventually his mother remarried and his stepfather was able to send him to Bishops.

After Bishops, David joined the air force and became a navigator. He wrote about that period of his life in his book entitled *Memoir of the Shuttle Service, 60 years* 

on, of a Novice Navigator 4 March 1944 to 4 March 1946 or A crash Course for the Innocent.

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

many years as a schoolteacher in the Cape, and subsequently at a school in Rhodesia. In that period he was again frugal and saved money. He began to think of leaving Southern Africa to continue his studies in Europe, and he applied to study English Literature at Cambridge, as he had saved enough to fund a further course of study. He was accepted, and so he travelled to England by boat. Among the friends he made during the journey was Dorothea Krook, who had just been appointed as lecturer of English literature at Cambridge University. She

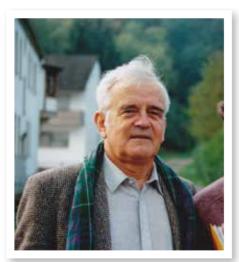
then became his tutor

during his two years at Cambridge. English literature was David's passion and he greatly enjoyed his studies and the lectures he followed at Cambridge under people like F.R. Leavis

After obtaining his Master's from Cambridge David began to apply for jobs. He found a position as lecturer in English literature at Leyden University,

and that was the beginning of his time in the Netherlands, where he lived till the end of his life. In Leyden he met his wife, Han, whom he married in 1958. It was to be a long and happy marriage, and the couple had three children, and four grand-children, the icing on the cake.

After some years in Leyden, David was offered the chair of Professor at the University of Groningen for English literature after the Middle Ages, and in 1964 the family moved



to Groningen. Eventually he became head of department. In addition to writing articles on English literature and doing research, he passionately enjoyed teaching and he loved the seminars he ran for his students, many of whom kept in touch after he retired.

Following his retirement, he continued to teach part-time for the HOVO, an organisation that ran classes for students over fifty, often people who had retired from different disciplines. David taught there together with his wife Han, who was also a lecturer in English literature, and the classes turned out to be a very joyful and fascinating experience, with students ranging from retired engineers to psychiatrists.

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

## SERRURIER. Louis Richard Gibbon Serrurier (1960)

### - Tribute by David Unterhalter

When I came to the Bar, Louis was already a well-regarded silk, specialising in intellectual property and unlawful competition. My first junior brief on trial in the Supreme Court was with Louis.

Louis taught me some important lessons; spend time thinking through the key issues in the case; don't get drawn into peripheral disputes; get on with the things that matter to the case; maintain a collegial and, if possible, friendly relationship with your opponents; recognise that trials have their twists and turns. A lengthy trial is like an opera, don't be fooled by the ascendency at the first interval. Louis had a good legal mind. He thought things through,



his manner in court was low-key and concise. He was attentive to questions from the Bench. His submissions carried force because he was astute to recognise the points against him, and squared up to them. Louis had a real interest in the way lines of authority developed in an area of law.

Louis was as much at ease with the machismo of hunting and fishing as with the enjoyment of classical music. He had *joie de vivre*. He could be serious and reflective, but deprecated taking himself too seriously. He was a patient leader, not patronising, but exacting where it was required.

And then he was prematurely struck by a disabling condition that took from him the ability to be the advocate he was. Typical of him, he recognised that to practise in a diminished way, was a disservice to himself and his clients.

He left the Bar. He was a career cut short. But those that had the pleasure of working with him, remember him with fondness.



## GRAAF. Jannie Graaff (1943)

We are here today to pay respect to a quite remarkable man, Johannes de Villiers Graaff, whom we knew as Jannie. He was, in brief summary, an intensely private and self-effacingly modest man, a polite and often kind man, with an impish sense of humour, a quite exceptional economist, an outstanding mountaineer, a perennially curious, inquisitive intellect, and a somewhat part-time farmer. Even in this brief form these elements make up an extremely rare, sometimes difficult, paradoxical, and complex constellation.

For myself, let me say, I have received inputs and contributions for this eulogy from a number of people. I hope I can do justice to your feelings and sentiments.

There are several Jan's, Jannie's and Johannes's (they are all versions of the same name) connected to this central one. First there was

Jan or Jannie Smuts, the South African Prime Minister, who was our Jannie's godfather. We shall come back to him later. You may not know that our Jannie, in turn, was my godfather. We were, as far as I know, the only two Dr J de Villiers Graaff's in the country. But there was a third Jan Graaff. His full name was Johannes Jacobus Arnoldus Graaff, our Jannie's uncle.

He was also known as Mal Jan, on account of his phobia of being buried alive. To allay this terror, he was laid to rest in a cave looking over the town of Gouda in a glass-topped coffin, equipped with its own telephone. One day, young Jannie and his friends, in a moment of mischief, phoned Mal Jan's coffin number through the local telephone exchange and were told by the irate exchange lady, 'Gaan bars!'

Jannie was born in 1928, thirteen years younger than his next oldest brother, and 15 years younger than my father, his older brother. His father died when he was three. His two brothers became effectively his surrogate fathers. We can now see why this laat lammetjie was called Jannie.

Of course, 1928 was on the brink of the Great Depression of 1929, one hell of a time for an economist to be born. He was educated first at WPPS, or Wet Pups, in Claremont, then Bishops and then UCT, both in Rondebosch. A frustrated teacher at WPPS is supposed to have told him once, 'I've taught delinquents, I've taught Rhodesians, but I've never taught a boy like you'. The other story about his stay as a weekly border at WPPS was that he arrived at the boarding house with a basket containing 5 pigeons – which he kept under his bed. They were homing pigeons from de Grendel, and each day he would send off one of them with a letter to his mother with his news. The message was gathered each day by Frikkie, the butler, and taken to the lady of the house. He passed matric at age 15, placed second in the country. His aim was to go straight to Cambridge University, but he was required first to make a detour through a UCT bachelor's degree.

And then, economics at Cambridge. It would not be an exaggeration to say that Jannie took Cambridge by storm. The kernel of it was

his doctoral thesis, entitled simply, *Theoretical* Welfare Economics, published as a book in 1957. In 1967 Paul Samuelson, one of the world's foremost economists at the time, wrote in the Foreword to the second edition, this is now 10 years and 6 reprints after it was first published. "If somebody asks me what modern welfare economics is about, I always recommend to them Graaff's Theoretical Welfare Economics. Less than 200 pages in length, the book has become a classic in our own time." Remember that Cambridge at this time was the heart of economics in Britain, if not of the world. It boasted names of the calibre of John Maynard Keynes, Nicholas Kaldor, and Joan Robinson. Jannie was a particular luminary in an already stellar cast.

So why did he leave Cambridge when the world lay at his feet? He told me once that he was profoundly put off by the politics and infighting in academia. If he left Cambridge, he did not leave economics. Economics became the golden thread, the anchor, the centrepiece of his life. He published regularly in this field. It occupied his mind fully right until the end. And the world showed its appreciation of the work that was done. There were accolades aplenty – fellowships at both Oxford and Cambridge, an honorary doctorate in Economic Sciences from UCT in Dec 2014. He served on the South African government's (let us say, John Vorster's) Economic Advisory Committee, on the Margot Commission in the 1980's on taxation, and as Chairman of the Board of Nedbank for 30 years.

In Europe, Jannie found mountaineering, or maybe mountaineering found him. He became, with his young wife, Clare, an extremely accomplished climber, pioneering new routes that had baffled others – and mountaineering

often seems to be a matter of unravelling a puzzle. He became a member of the British Alpine Club, tackling peaks across Europe, Asia and Africa, and eventually establishing his own pied a terre deep in the Swiss alps in Zermatt. And when his hips stopped him from further mountaineering, he took to birding, with an equally formidable intensity.

There were two other projects that concerned him. One was farming, Die Eike, in the Koue Bokkeveld. When Jannie got there in 1953 it was almost virgin territory, without even electricity. Together with one of the local farmers, Retief Celliers, Jannie successfully petitioned ESKOM. It was the first electricity in the Koue Bokkeveld and it paid off handsomely. Later he was instrumental in launching Ceres Fruit Juices in order to make use of the low grade fruit that until then was hardly used. But farming was, for the 30 years that he engaged in it, never more than a serious hobby, it remained a subsidiary to economics.

The other project was the family companies, Graaff's Trust & Milnerton Estates, launched by his father in the 1890's. When Jannie joined these Boards, they were run by the two elder brothers, de Villiers and Dawie. Over time, however, his energy and attention to detail allowed them, quite gratefully, let it be said, to withdraw into their own pursuits, one into politics and the other into farming. Jannie became the abiding presence at no 9 Church Square. And it was a presence that you could feel when you walked in the door. It was a presence of such intensity and thoroughness that it frightened even the accountants who came to do the audit each year. Once, at a time when I was on the Board, I had dealings with a quite shady businessman. Jannie and I sat through one whole afternoon discussing the

case. At one point I remarked to him, 'You are really suspicious!!' He laughed, 'I often find that I am not suspicious enough'.

I want to end with an excerpt from Jannie's godfather, Jannie Smuts, writing about what he called his religion of the mountain. I think you will understand why it is appropriate. 3

When we reach the mountain summits we leave behind us all the things that way heavily down below on our body and our spirit. We leave behind all sense of weakness and depression; we feel a new freedom, a great exhilaration, an exaltation of the body no less than the spirit. We feel a great joy. The religion of the Mountain is in reality the religion of joy, of the release of the soul from the things that weigh it down and fill it with a sense of weariness, sorrow and defeat.'

Johann Frederick de Villiers Graaff (1963)

# **GIBBS. Denis Gibbs (1943)** BA, BM, BCh, DM, FRCP, FRSM

We don't often realise just how many distinguished ODs Bishops has produced over the last 166 years. ODs who come to mind most readily are usually sportsmen and businessmen and of course, there's nothing wrong with this.

But covering a much wider range of achievements than the ones which catch the eye are many other ODs who have gone about their lives making a huge difference to those they touch and whose good deeds and contributions are not widely known or recognised by the ODU.

One such OD was **Denis Gibbs** who died on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

Denis was one of several older ODs whom I visited since taking over as the UK branch secretary. In fact I visited Denis and Rachel, his wife, twice, the last time just before Christmas when I spent two fabulous hours reminiscing with him about his long life, his upbringing in Rhodesia and South Africa, Bishops and

his successful career in medicine in the UK.

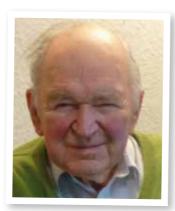
Born in 1927, Denis attended Ruzawi Prep School in then Rhodesia, not knowing at the time that school's founder, Maurice Carver was to become his brother-in-law. Sent to Bishops in 1942 ahead of his family's arrival two years later, he spent his college days

in Founders, matriculating in 1944. Both his brothers, John and Peter, were also at Bishops. (His father, Michael, was the Rector of St Saviour's Claremont at around the same time as Denis was at Bishops and later became the Dean of Cape Town and is memorialised in the north window of St George's Cathedral).

At Bishops, Denis considered himself a fairly quiet, scholarly and shy boy, excelling in Latin and enjoying choir under Claude Brown. One of his fellow choristers was **John Joubert (1944)**. He told me that he preferred to participate in sport vicariously through **Clive van Ryneveld (1945)**, a good friend of his. A prefect, he remembered with some pride that he never caned any boy a practice abhorrent to him. It was the Democritus Society, started by Hubert Kidd, which triggered his interest in medicine although he initially wanted to study history and archaeology.

He recalled his time at Bishops, although not always blissfully happy, a period of great learning and he said how grateful he was to the School for the breadth of education and fellowship he enjoyed.

Denis attended three years of medical school at UCT having gained scholarships in



Anatomy and Physiology. His final years of medicine were completed at Oxford where he was a direct contemporary, friend and long-time tennis opponent of Roger Bannister (the world's first sub-four minute miler) whom Denis frequently beat (although, he said, taking slightly longer to do so than four minutes).

In 1962 Denis was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship and

on his return from the States focused on his specialisation gastroenterology.

In his long and highly successful career, he wrote several books, some technical and, later, some focused on medical history, a subject in which he was considered an expert (and one time president of the British Society for the History of Medicine). He was also an examiner in medicine for the University of London.

Denis's cv makes for remarkable reading in terms of his achievements, yet he wore his success lightly. On my visits, he was much more interested in Bishops (and me) then in talking about himself. He had a mischievous and sharp sense of humour which must have been a joy to his family, students and patients. Being with him (and Rachel) albeit only twice, was a real pleasure and the informality with which he picked away — and encouraged me to do the same — at some delicious mince pies while somewhat bashfully sharing his life story made me for a moment believe I was an old part of an intimate stimulating and caring circle in which two hours could be not nearly enough.

To Rachel, Nicholas and Sarah our heartfelt condolences on the passing of a wonderful husband, father and OD.

# NEWS OF ODs







## MEDICAL 10 FUNRUN/WALK 2014

The 36th Medical 10 Funrun/walk took place on Sunday 23rd November,2014 and is open to all Health Professionals including doctors, dentists, pharmacists, nurses and paramedical disciplines. For the last 10 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 – unfortunately injured this year – maybe too much Banting! OD's taking part were Mike Madden (1967), Bob Baigrie (1974), and Sydney Cullis (1961) who has been the organiser of the event for the last 10 years.

As a result of generous support by sponsors



it is hoped to make a significant donation to the Cancer Association of South Africa. Last year over R34,000 was donated to Die Eilandhuis at Stompneusbaai (a care home for children with cerebral palsy)

Any OD health professionals who would like to take part in next year's event should please contact Syd Cullis sydney@surgcare.co.za and your name will be placed on the mailing list.

### Damon Wolfe Crowhurst (1991)

Damon Wolfe Crowhurst based in Sussex, has been working for Scala EMEA a division of the American company Scala Inc. for the last six years. He was recently appointed Vice President EMEA, and is responsible for the Dutch and Nordic subsidiaries.



### John Stanford (1998)

John Stanford is currently on a cycle trip from London to Cape Town. John and a friend loaded up their bicycles and left Putney, London on 12 October 2014. John writes this message lying in his hammock on a cooking hot mid winter's evening camped in a Christian Orthodox Church compound just outside Wad Madani in Sudan.

"We have been on the road just over 100 days and been through UK, France, Italy and Egypt. We cross over to Ethiopia next then Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi and a mix of Zambia Mozambique and Zimbabwe (if time allows) before heading down to

Cape Town. The trip will take us about 10 months so we should be in Cape Town late July or Early August.

We are riding in aid of Save the Rhino International (SRI) which is a UK based charity. They do amazing work to curb poaching and decrease demand for the horn.

We aim to raise some awareness for rhino conservation on those parts of our route which have a rhino population and raise some funds for SRI. We may also look at supporting a South African based charity when we get closer to home.

We have a blog where we share stories of our adventures en route - please see www. wildbikeride.com "



### Rob Adam (1972)

When South Africa clinched the mandate to host the core of the square kilometre array (SKA) radio astronomy project in 2012, it was a proud moment for Rob Adam.

"I sold SKA to government and treasury," says Adam of the key role he played as director-general of the science & technology department between 1999 and 2006. Adam's role in the project is set to become more hands-on. In April he steps into the role of director-designate of the SKA project in SA and, from 2016, will assume the position of director for a five-year period. It is a role he relishes. "SKA is the most exciting technology project in SA,

if not the world," says Adam. "I am thrilled to be part of it and back in the centre of the action."

Taking shape 90km from the small Karoo town of Carnarvon, the SKA is a phased project. Already in place is KAT-7, a seven-antenna dish array with MeerKAT, a 64-dish array, due for completion late in 2016. It is just the start. After that, SA will assemble 250 dishes in the area. The ultimate target is 3000 dishes, says Adam. While the bulk of the dishes will be in SA, others will be built in Australia and eight other African countries. They will form part of an interlinked grid controlled through a central computer system located

in Cape Town. Adam's role as director of the SKA project in SA will be to assist in its construction and management, in

co-operation with the SKA project in Australia and the SKA head office at the Jodrell Bank radio telescope observatory in the UK.

Once it is completed in the mid-2020s, the SKA's capabilities will be mindboggling. Its ability to receive radio waves will make it about 50 times more sensitive than the best radio telescopes in use today. Its survey speed will be up to 10000 times faster.

With a PhD in theoretical nuclear physics, Adam is eminently qualified to take on the role of SKA director. It was a hard-won qualification for Adam who, as a member of the ANC, felt the wrath of the apartheid regime when he returned to SA from the UK in 1980. He was arrested in 1981 and sentenced to a 10-year jail term, of which he served nine. However, he put his time in Pretoria Central Prison to good use, obtaining BSc Hons and MSc degrees in theoretical physics through Unisa. He would have completed his PhD in prison if not for one

problem. "They would not let me have a computer," says Adam. "I could do the figure work only after my release in 1990."

Of his time in prison Adam says little

more than: "It made me a better person."

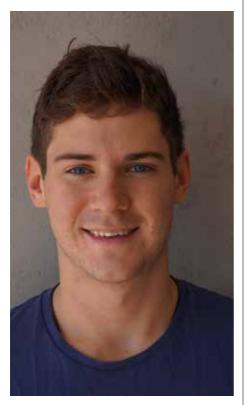
Excerpts from article by Stafford Thomas (Financial Mail 8 January 2015)



## Andrew van Ryneveld (1976)

While managing his work in the mining world in Australia, **Andrew van Ryneveld** has been studying online, and

has graduated as a Master of Business and Technology at the University of New South Wales.



## Chris Sharwood (2011)

Congratulations to Chris Sharwood on being awarded the Rhodes Scholarship 2015 for Zimbabwe. Chris joined Bishops, from SACS, in his Grade 11 year, because he felt that Bishops would challenge and stretch him more. He thrived during his three years at the College and in School House. Two of the areas of involvement that he enjoyed at Bishops were community con-

cerns and environmental affairs, with which he continued at Exeter University. Chris is going to do 2 years at Oxford, a Masters in Mathematics followed by an MBA.



## Tim Ibell (1984)

Tim Ibell was recently made President of the Institution of Structural Engineers, the world's largest membership organisation dedicated to the art and science of structural engineering. The Institution has over 27,000 members working in 105 countries around the world.

The Institution is an internationally recognised source of expertise and

information concerning all issues that involve structural engineering and public safety within the built environment.

The core work of the Institution is supporting and protecting the profession of structural engineering by upholding professional standards and acting as an international voice on behalf of structural engineers.

#### Matthew Pullen (2005)

Matthew Pullen won the very prestigious Young Creative of the year at 2014 Loeries creative showcase. The award is a serious piece of metal for his carrier and is an acknowledgement to a portfolio of his work, rather than one individual piece. As a result he is off to the Cannes Advertising Awards for the second year in a row in 2015.

His collection of work includes: Skeleton - An announcement ad for
Volkswagen's victory at the 2009 Dakar
Rally, which ran through the treacherous
Atacama Desert.

VW Park Assist - Ambient campaign for the Volkswagen Golf's innovative new 'Park Assist' feature. It won a Bronze Loerie in 2009 and earned a Cannes Finalist in 2010. SASCOC - A print ad illustrating SA Rugby's support for South African athletes and SASCOC.

F1 - Promoting Car Magazine's Formula One issue – a comprehensive guide to that year's F1 Season. It was a finalist at the Loerie Awards in 2009.

Castrol Index: Ronaldo Campaign: Jump, Kick and Run - Being one of the major sponsors of the 2010 World Cup, Castrol developed 'The Castrol Index'. A website that tracked the stats of each player in each team



through the tournament. This was a print campaign to get the public interested in the more technical side of soccer and intern 'The Index'.

## Grant McKinstry (1982)

Grant McKinstry was recently appointed Vice President at Illumina, Inc. Illumina is a \$3B global leader in genomics - an industry at the intersection of biology and technology. At the most fundamental level, Illumina enables customers to read and understand genetic variations, through the sequencing and analysis of DNA. These advances are triggering a fundamental shift in healthcare and are allowing





medicine to become more predictive and precise. Grant was previously a Partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers and then a Partner at IBM Global Business Services. He lives in San Diego, CA with his wife Karin (nee Krone), and two children Cindy (13) and Nicholas (12).

## Greg Chiappini (1998)

UK marine financer Lombard has announced the appointment of Greg Chiappini as head of aviation and marine, part of Lombard's Specialist Markets division. Prior to his recent promotion, he was head of specialist asset management at Lombard, a risk management role

that equipped him with an in-depth of knowledge of the asset finance market, including marine and aviation.

Assessing the future of the marine industry, Chiappini comments, "Confidence in the marine market is high and the sector as a whole has an important role to play in the UK economy. Lombard welcomes the opportunity to provide effective funding solutions through our competitive range of products and help support the growth of British business. Our role will include, not only providing funding to marine buyers but offering more support to manufacturers, helping them to fund their stock and therefore boost revenues."

## OD UNION SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

#### RUGBY:

- Nizaam Carr (2009) on being named ABSA Currie Cup Premier Division Player of the Year at the 2014 SA Rugby Player of the Year Awards.
- **Tim Swiel** *(2011)* on representing Harlequins in the English Premiership.
- Nizaam Carr (2009), Dillyn Leyds (2010), Oliver Kebble (2009) and Johnny Kotze (2011) on being selected for the 2015 Stormers Super Rugby training squad. Mathew Turner was also selected for the final Stormers pre-season game against Boland.
- Martin Muller (2006) on being selected for the Lions Super Rugby training squad
- Mathew Turner (2006) on representing the Racing Lagos 7's team in the 2014 Dubai Sevens Invitational.
- The following were a part of the Cobras squad at the 2015 Cape Town tens rugby tournament: Warren Butler (2005), Blake Gowar (2005), Brendan Raubenheimer (2005), Callan Artus (2006), Dugald Macdonald (2005), Ian Armstrong (2005), Adrian Kritzinger (2006), Luc Du Plessis (2003), Matthew Kelly (2005), Nico Loizides (2008), Pete Haw (2005), Robert Inskip (2009), Sean Paterson (2009), Shaun Cowell (2005), Ted Stanford (2005), Thomas Bergh (2005).
- The following are representing the defending Champions UCT in the 2015 Varsity Cup: Richard Stewart (2008), James Kilroe (2009), Nathan Nel (2010) and Paul Cohen (2009). Mike Muller

(2009) has been named in the Maties Varsity Cup Squad.

- Saud Abrahams (2014), Justin Heunis (2014), Gerard Pieterse (2014) and Mervano Da Silva (2014) will be attending the Western province Rugby Institute in 2015.
- Morgan Newman (2003) will represent Hamilton Rugby Club in the 2015 SARU Community Cup.
- **John Dobson** (1985) has been named the Western Province Currie Cup coach for 2015. **Robbie Fleck** (1993) will take over as the Western Province Under 21 coach following the Super Rugby competition.
- Morgan Newman (2003) (Hamilton SP RFC), Wesley Chetty (2006), Guy Muller (2009), West Macintosh, Zac Elkin (2009), Grey Deyer (All Nadoes) and Mike Nel (2007) (GNC SA) on winning their respective divisions in the 2015 Cape Town 10's.

#### CRICKET:

- Seb Golding (2011), Richard Tissiman (2011) and James Strang (2010) on representing UCT in the 2015 Varsity Sport cricket competition. Seb was the UCT captain for the tournament and also became the first duel participant in a varsity sports competition, having represented UCT in the varsity hockey competition in 2014.
- **Nono Pongolo** (2007) on representing Gauteng in the CSA Provincial Competition and also playing for a Gauteng XI vs the England Lions.

#### HOCKEY:

- Pierre de Voux (2004) on his continued selection for the South African national mens hockey side for recent Internationals versus the Netherlands and Ireland January 2015.
- Pierre de Voux (2004), Alex Stewart (2013) and Callum Buchanan (2008) on representing the PSI Africa All Stars in recent

Indoor games versus the SA mens Indoor team

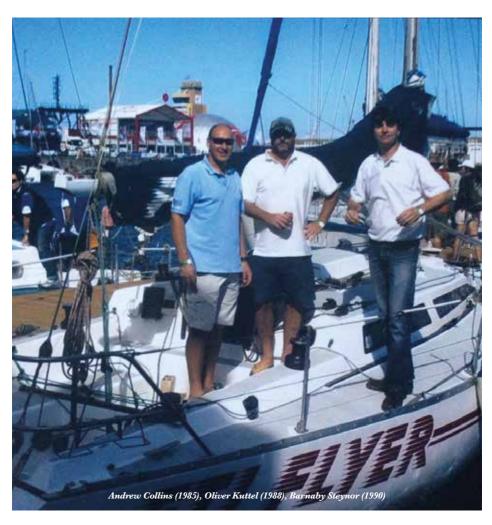
#### **OTHER:**

■ Olivier Munnik (2003) on finishing 21st out of 101 competitors in the 2014 Swiss Epic (Mountain Bike race in the snow) multi-day team event.









Barnaby Steynor (1990) and Andrew Collins (1985) share a boat with Kevin Mattison (1987) and sail together most weekends. Recently in a double-handed race (two crew only) Barnaby and Andrew, on FTI Flyer, raced against Francois (1985) and Adrian (1988) Kuttel, on their beautiful yacht the Privateer, and Luke Scott on his very competitive boat Scarlet Sun. Oliver Steynor (1989) and Rob Worthington-Smith

(1978) often crew on FTI Flyer. Luke Scott (1990) is doing a tremendous job as Rear Commodore of Sailing at Royal Cape Yacht Club to increase the number of boats competing, as well as making the racing formats more enjoyable.

Andre Wagener (1997) played 1st team cricket at Bishops. He recently relocated back to Cape Town after living in Belgium for 12 years where he captained the Belgian national cricket side.

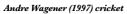




Nizaam Carr (2009)









Matthew Turner (2006)



PSI Africa - Callum Buchanan (2008) and Alex Stewart (2013) in Indoor Hockey action



Morgan Newman (2003)



Tim Swiel (2011)



Greg Mills (1979)

The Team Africa initiative to race at the Le Mans 24-hour in 2016 debuted at the Killarney Three-Hour in December 2014.

The effort is driven, in more ways than one, by Greg Mills (1979), who represented SA and the UK at karting in the 1980s. Designed in the UK, the car has been built over a two-year period under the direction of Nic Jooste (1979). Engineered to fit within the tight confines of the Le Mans Prototype regulations, it is powered by a 450 horsepower Ford engine and the

aerodynamic downforce is reputedly (though the Team says they will not test this!) enough to drive the car on a ceiling at 160mph. Plagued by minor niggles at Killarney (pictured), the Team's next race is the African six-hour at Phakisa in the Free State (it is said, 'a track flatter than yesterday's beer') when it will be co-driven by SA legend Sarel 'Supervan' van der Merwe. With the entry endorsed by the African Union, the team plans to take part in two European races in 2015 before tackling Le Mans in 2016.

# CONNECTION

Of the Class of 2014, the following boys are descended from ODs:

| <b>Allan</b> , Tim       | is the grandson of John Adrian Allan         | 1937 |
|--------------------------|--|------|
| Anderson, Gareth         | is the grandson of Anthony Malan             | 1961 |
| <b>Bell</b> , Callum     | is the grandson of RKR Macfarlane            | 1948 |
|                          | the great-grandson of JC Molteno             | 1924 |
|                          | the great-great grandson of JC Molteno       | 1882 |
|                          | the great-nephew of JC Molteno               | 1954 |
|                          | the great-nephew of EC Molteno               | 1962 |
|                          | the great-nephew of LP Druiff                | 1935 |
|                          | the great-great-nephew of CJ (Peter) Molteno | 1925 |
|                          | the great-great-nephew of JT Molteno         | 1885 |
|                          | the great-great-nephew of PA Molteno         | 1880 |
|                          | the great-great-nephew of V Molteno          | 1885 |
|                          | the great-great-nephew of F Molteno          | 1879 |
|                          | the great-great-nephew of WWD Molteno        | 1888 |
|                          | the great-great-nephew of EBF Molteno        | 1892 |
|                          | the great-great-nephew of F Molteno          | 1882 |
|                          | the great-great-nephew of VG Molteno         | 1884 |
| Blyth, James             | is the grandson of Michael James Calder      | 1951 |
|                          | the grandson of Peter Ashley Blyth           | 1937 |
|                          | the great-nephew of Ian Calder               | 1946 |
|                          | the nephew of Alexander (Sandy) James Calder | 1976 |
|                          | the nephew of Stuart Andrew Calder           | 1978 |
| Boynton, Matthew         | is the son of Paul Boynton                   | 1979 |
|                          | the great-great-grandson of Robert Strachan  | 1889 |
|                          | the great-great nephew of Frederick Strachan | 1890 |
|                          | the nephew of Brett Boynton                  | 1990 |
| <b>DeVries</b> , Dominic | is the son of Maurice DeVries                | 1983 |
| Gomes, Alexander         | is the nephew of Sean Gomes                  | 1994 |
| Heesom-Baron, Jamian     | is the grandson of Jeremy Heesom             | 1958 |
|                          | the nephew of Andrew Heesom                  | 1990 |
|                          | the great nephew of Edward Nicholas Heesom   | 1961 |
|                          | the great nephew of Christopher Guy Heesom   | 1955 |
| Huppert, Dean            | is the son of Nick Huppert                   | 1977 |
| Hyslop, Nicholas         | is the son of Michael Hyslop                 | 1983 |
|                          | the nephew of Keith Hyslop                   | 1979 |

| <b>Jameson</b> , Joshua   | is the son of Guy Jameson the grandson of James Duncan the great-great-grandson of Angus Stewart Duncan the nephew of Angus Duncan the great-nephew of Alastair Duncan the great-nephew of Anthony Smith the great-nephew of Brian Smith the great-nephew of Douglas Duncan the great-great-nephew of Graeme Duncan | 1980<br>1952<br>1926<br>1964<br>1959<br>1948<br>1953<br>1936 |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Kilpin</b> , Benjamin  | is the son of Andrew Kilpin<br>the grandson of Cecil Brian Kilpin<br>the great-grandson of John Kilpin<br>the great-great-grandson of Cecil Fuller Kilpin   | 1983<br>1957<br>1929<br>1901                                 |
| <b>Langerman</b> , Rupert | is the grandson of Rupert Langerman<br>the nephew of Michael Mills<br>the nephew of James Mills   | 1948<br>1974<br>1979   |
| McGregor, Robert          | is the son of Alan Alexander (Sandy) McGregor<br>the nephew of Hamish McGregor<br>the nephew of Charles McGregor  | 1963<br>1962<br>1969   |
| Rohrer, Alexander         | is the son of Stefan Rohrer<br>the nephew of Jurg Rohrer  | 1986<br>1983   |
| Rowe-Roberts, Justin      | is the son of Deryck Rowe-Roberts<br>the nephew of Adam Rowe-Roberts  | 1986<br>1989   |
| Smuts, Jonathan           | is the son of John David Smuts<br>the grandson of Michael Smuts<br>the nephew of Richard MB Smuts<br>the nephew of Stephen CF Smuts   | 1969<br>1920s<br>1972<br>1966                                |
| Tennis, Liam              | is the grandson of Kevin Anthony Donnelly<br>the great-grandson of Denis Theodore Phillips<br>the nephew of Gregory John Donnelly<br>the nephew of Barry Kevin Donnelly   | 1954<br>1924<br>1984<br>1988                                 |
| Welham, Graham            | is the nephew of Brian Robertson<br>the nephew of George Grieve<br>the nephew of Johnathan Grieve   | 1979<br>1989<br>1995   |
| Whiting, Connor           | is the son of Rob Whiting<br>the grandson of John Whiting<br>the nephew of James Whiting<br>the great-nephew of Roger Whiting   | 1976<br>1949<br>1980<br>1949                                 |
| Wilensky, Jesse           | is the grandson of Brian Batchelor  | 1949   |

## MUSEUM & ARCHIVES

One of England's foremost architects in the Victorian era was William White the brother of Bishops's inaugural principal, Henry Master White. All told, the three White brothers had a significant effect on Bishops's history; Henry Master, its first principal (1849-57), Gilbert, its second principal (1857-60), and William, architect of Bishops's first new buildings at Woodlands. Henry Master White and Bishop Robert Gray already knew each other from Oxford, and when Gray was at the Cape he contacted White who was planning to go somewhere for his health, but at the same time wanted to be useful working in a church. And so it was that Henry Master White accompanied the Reverend Nathaniel Merriman who Robert Gray appointed archdeacon of Grahamstown in 1848, aboard the Gwalior to Cape Town, arriving in November 1848. And as soon as Henry Master arrived in Cape Town (although he was meant to go with Merriman to Grahamstown, to found a school there), he began working to get the new school going which soon became too small, and new premises at Rondebosch were subsequently purchased, today, Woodlands, the land where Bishops stands. Until then, he ran the school in unoccupied buildings adjacent to Gray's residence at Protea (today called Bishopscourt). Henry Master then wrote to his brother saying what he envisaged as buildings, for the new school at Rondebosch, where the dormitories should be spacious but where each boy would have his own space for prayer, and 'sileatur in dormitorio' (let there be silence in the

dormitory). Henry had a good idea of what his brother wanted, as the White brothers had been at Winchester and therefore well versed in the status of a school such as Bishops. But the challenges for building were real, such as little building stone available, the quality of the bricks poor, masons and carpenters wages comparatively high and good timber dear. With these and other challenges facing an architect who lived thousands of miles away, it would be challenging to build a suitable set of buildings for the new school, except that Henry was a genius and conceptualized in his mind's eye what his brother meant, when he mentioned buildings 'requisite for 40 to 50 boys, leaving space for subsequent additions'. Correspondence between the two brothers continued from 1849 for a few years, about all kinds of things from issues such as the scarcity of water, the climate, the nature of the buildings, to much thought about the planning of what we today know as the Founders East and South Wings, finalised in 1854. William White was the architect assisted locally by Mr Peter Penketh of the Cape Ordinance Department, buildings built by Mr Arnold, at a cost of £2500 of which £500 was borrowed from the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, and the rest borrowed at 6% p.a. These first buildings of Bishops, at Woodlands, today are of the school's greatest treasures, and were designed by William White, whom Architectural historian Gill Hunter has called the 'Pioneer Victorian Architect'.

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