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Preparing the Oaks (not just the work of new boys)

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ROLL OF HONOUR

Their name liveth for ever

In September we remember

THE GREAT WAR 1914-19

Archibald Difford (1893-1902) Lieut, 1st Cape Corps. Palestine. September 1918
 Walter Dickson (1894-1907) Lieut, Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders. France, September 1915

Sydney Jones (1901) Lieut, Royal Field Artillery. France, 2 September 1916

Charles King-Mason (1903) Lieut Canadian Forces. Flanders, September 1915

Ronald Menmuir (1904-12) Pvt, 4th SAI. Germany, 21 September 1918

Arnold Nimmo-Brown (1903-06) Capt RGA. Died at Cologne, 8 September 1919

Douglas Robb (1901-08) Lieut, 17th London Regiment. France, 26 September 1915

Neil Robertson [MC & Bar] (1913-16) Lieut Royal Scots Fusiliers. France, 2 September 1918

Harold Stapleton (1903-1911) Capt, RGA. France, 20 September 1917

Neville Rudd Thompson (1906-08) Lieut, 16th Lancers. North India, 5 September 1915

Cecil Vipan (1906-10) Lieut, Cape Corps. Palestine, September 1918

THE WORLD WAR 1939-1945

Dermod Anderson (1926-32) Lieut, Gilder Regt. Arnhem, Holland, 27 September 1944 Percy Burton (1931-35) [M] Flying-Officer RAF. Battle of Britain, 27 September 1940

Patrick Byers (1927-34) [M] Flt-Lieut, RAF. North Africa, 20 September 1941

Andrew Fourie (1933-36) Lieut, SAAF. Union, 28 September 1942

Brian Gerrand (1918-24) Sgt, SAAF. N Africa, 21 September 1941

Ian Impey (1938-42) Lieut, SAAF. Italy, 2 September 1944

Lothian Jackson (1928-31) A/M SAAF. Union, 24 September 1942

Rennie Methuan (1935-38) LAC, RAF. England, 25 September 1942

Leonard Smith (1936-41) Lieut A & S Highlanders. Italy, 2 September 1944

In October we remember

THE GREAT WAR 1914-1919

Hilton Bateman (1913-16) Pvt, 1st SAI. Died in England, October 1918 Gordon Bayley (1902) Lieut, Royal Flying Corps. France, October 1914

Arthur Buchanan (1895-97) Lieut, RAF. Died in England, October 1918

Arthur Dymond (1902-05) Pvt, 3rd SAI. Died of wounds in Egypt, October 1916

Norman Fenix (1906-08) Lieut 1st SAI. France, 17 October 1916

John Honey (1899-1905) Lieut. Killed in France, October 1916
Percy Nightingale (1884-85) [M] Lieut RAMC. Died in England, October 1918
Alfred Noble (1900) Capt, Union Defence Force. South Africa, October 1918
Edward Palmer (1907-16) Lieut, 1st Worcestershires. France, October 1918
Ronald Parsons (1911-12) Pvt, SAI. France, 18 October 1917
Ralph Purcell (1903-04) Pvt, SAI. France, 22 October 1916
Keith Trotter (1898-1900) Lieut, Gordon Highlanders. France, October 1914
Philip van der Byl (1903-06) Sub-Lieut, Royal Navy. Drowned at sea, October 1916

THE WORLD WAR 1939-45

Nathaniel Barry (1931-35) Flying-Officer RAF. Battle of Britain, 7 October 1940

Denys Earp-Jones (1933-34) Pte, Tvl Scottish. North Africa, 23 October 1942

Lionel Fletcher (1922-31) Sgt, Tvl Scottish. North Africa, 24 October 1942

Melville Guest (1933-37) [DFC] [M twice] Flt-Lieut RAF. Atlantic, 4 October 1943

Pierre Hugo (1928-35) [MC] Lieut SA Arm Cars. North Africa, 26 October 1942

Peter Jackson (1937-40) Lieut SAAF. North Africa, 20 October 1942

Christie North (1924-35) Capt, RHA. Italy, 22 October 1943

Derek Owen (1928-34) [MC] [M] Major, Gurkhas. India, 4 October 1946

Geoffrey Park (1924-34) [DFC] Wing-Cdr, RAF. Adriatic, 15 October 1944

William Stephens (1903-07) Capt SAR & H Bde. East Africa, 1 October 1941

John Zahn (1930-35) Lieut SAAF. Egypt, 3 October 1942

In November we remember

THE GREAT WAR 1914-1919

Adam Burdett (1900-05) Captain ASCMT. South Africa, November 1918
Ronald Haw (1914-17) Pvt, 3rd SAI. France, 11 November 1918
Harcourt Seymour (1900-03) Lieut, KRR. France, November 1918
Harry Tiffany (1904-12) [MC] Captain, 12th Royal Fusiliers. France 15 November 1916
John Wilson (1907) [MC] Lieut, Indian Cavalry. Palestine, November 1918

THE WORLD WAR 1939-45

George Alexander (1927-37) Flight-Lieut Black Watch. Italy, 12 November 1944
Anthony Bones (1924-27) L/Cpl, Tvl Scottish. North Africa, 22 November 1941
Gordon Brodziak (1930-32) Lieut SAAF (RAF). Mediterranean, 11 November 1942
John Ereaut (1935-38) Lieut SAAF. North Africa, 21 November 1941
Brian Garden (1923-31) Lieut SAAF. North Africa, 20 November 1941
John Guest (1933-39) Lieut KRRC. North Africa, 21 November 1941

Richard Littlewort (1933-39) Cpl SA Survey Com. Italy, 10 November 1944

Alastair Mann (1920-26) Cpl SA Arm Cars. North Africa, 6 November 1942

Manvers Meadows (1925-33) Lieut, SAAF. North Africa, 14 November 1941

John Oats (1933-40) Lieut, SAAF. Italy, 28 November 1943

David Pitman (1932-35) Bdr SAA. North Africa, 21 November 1941

Alfred Richard West (1927-35) W/O SAAF. Egypt, 8 November 1941



Prof PJ (Taffy) Lloyd wrote to the ODU. "My wife has long held that she has no real Cape heritage – she was born and bred in the old Transvaal, and is proud of her one-quarter Free State Boer stock. It therefore came as a surprise to her to pick out from the Roll of Honour in the June Magazine 'Henry Read (1924-1927) Sgt SAAF Mediterranean 3 August 1941'. She immediately recognized him as her father's first cousin, HA 'Hal' Read. She had no idea he had been properly educated (most of the Read family went to St John's).

In her book *Bridging the Divide – the Story of a Boer-British Family (Jonathan Ball 2002)* she has some correspondence from her aunt who was also serving in North Africa. On 2 August 1941 the aunt wrote: 'Towards the end of last week Hal arrived. It was so jolly. I rushed him off to take his photo and then we went to have some beer and then to the NAAFI. The next pm he came along to have a swim. First we discovered only officers

and ladies from 4-6 pm, so we went along to our mess bar to have some beer. Eventually we trot off to swim, only this time no ladies allowed. So we go and have supper and chat until 8.15 then we tried swimming again, but this time Hal discovered he wasn't supposed to be there, but the chappie in charge let him change in a little side room so no-one knew he wasn't an officer'. The next night he went on a mission. He had expressed some fear about this – it was moonless, and the aircraft's engines spat flame and made an easy target. Lieutenant Clarkson's plane, with Sgt Read on board, was shot down over Derna. The wreck was found on 8 September, but the news of Read's death only reached South Africa in early December".

PERSONAL

OBITUARIES

BRUCE. Richard Bruce died on 31 March 2012 in Hermanus aged 70. His great friend, John Baxter, writes:

Richard was one of my oldest and closest friends. We matriculated in 1959, but our friendship

began years earlier. As teenagers we went to all the same parties and knew all the same girls who became part of our scene. Almost every week there were "bops" to go to and new talent to try and impress. We were a cocky lot and pretty happy at Bishops. Rugby was the real religion and the toughest and most hard fought games were the house matches. Dangerous because pupils of very differing weight and skill were all mixed up in house teams that gave no quarter. Richard was put in the front row and the scrum collapsed on him. He almost died from a broken neck, but instead recovered with back injuries which plagued him for the rest of his life. If you have never had severe back pain it is hard to imagine what that means. After Matric I went off to Rhodes, Richard to UCT. His hope was to become a doctor, but his grades were not quite right for that so he did a BSc in medical subjects instead. In his second year, when I was home from Grahamstown, we arranged to meet at the UCT swimming baths. There I was introduced to a stunning blonde medical student named Barbara Strauss. I was mightily impressed. We always kept in touch. At that point our interests seemed very different. I was doing Theology and he had adopted a vaguely Marxist perspective – something he later rejected – as I did some of my beliefs. We were both however very anti-apartheid and involved in a bit of student politics. I then went off to Oxford. While there I vividly remember the day I got a letter from Richard describing how, while on holiday with the Strauss family in Natal, Barbara had been attacked by a shark and he had dragged her out of the sea, not quite in one piece. When I got back from Oxford they were married and after taking a year out to recover, Barbara returned to Medical School and qualified – an amazing achievement. On graduating with his BSc Richard took a new direction, going into his father's struggling business with the intention of turning it around. He also enrolled at the new UCT Business School to be amongst the first MBA students. He did well and also helped his father sell his firm profitably and retire. Richard then set up a chain of disco clubs around the country, then a very cutting edge venture. Initially very successful, all did not however continue to go smoothly and I think he was cheated by a partner - not for the last time. I cannot remember exactly what the cause of all the drama was, but weirdly he landed up on the island of St Helena. My life also changed. After a year as curate in Somerset West I had an attack of non-belief in God and decided to leave for England with my English fiancé Elizabeth. We arrived in snow covered Hampshire at Christmas time. Immediately we received emergency calls from Richard. He had arrived on a cargo boat after having been driven off St Helena by a crowd of locals convinced he was an agent of the South African secret service. So he arrived in big fur boots to sleep on the floor of Elizabeth's father's Rectory in Itchen Abbas. What they must have thought of the two of us I do not know. Two penniless South Africans without jobs and odd stories. Richard's MBA however proved its value. Hardly a shy and retiring type it took him a short time to land a job lecturing on entrepreneurship at the newly set up Cranfield School of Management. There he was joined by Barbara and his children Tania and Benjamin. It was there also that he completed a PhD in record time and turned his thesis into a book published in 1976 entitled The Entrepeneurs, Strategies, Motivations, Successes and Failures. I vividly remember visiting Cranfield and seeing Richard lead a seminar consisting of a hall full of postgraduate MBA students and doing it extremely well. We also had a very happy holiday together up in the Lake District with Richard serenading us on the guitar, something both Rachel and Sarah our daughters have never forgotten. To our surprise Richard then applied for a professorship at the

new Stellenbosch Business School. He was appointed and they returned to SA. It was then Richard had his biggest idea, Capital Radio. How could one make lots of money and undermine the apartheid regime? Answer, set up a radio station in the Xhosa Bantustan ruled by Kaisar Matanzima. From there they could broadcast pop music to the Republic and independent news programmes free from SABC censorship. Elizabeth and I arrived in CT to visit my parents to find posters and stories about the opening of Capital Radio everywhere. The day came. New Year's Day 1978. We switched on our radios and – nothing. The equipment he had been sold was totally inadequate and soon he found Matanzima's thugs were after him at the behest of South Africa's Special Branch. He had to make a run for it from Umtata, literally to stay alive. He lost everything. It was a tough time. He also spent time in hospital and was told he had a serious health problem. Back in CT life got tough for everyone and Richard's business and personal problems made him increasingly hard to live with and he and Barbara divorced. Sheena, who had been working with him as well as lecturing at the Stellenbosch Business School, took him on and they moved into his Claremont home. There a fire caused havoc, destroyed Sheena's work for her PhD and left the property chemically contaminated. It was a very stressful time. In the end they moved to Caledon. The Stellenbosch Business School, as the apartheid era came to an end had serious problems, and for different reasons and at different times they both resigned. Richard then concentrated on developing a family businesses consultancy. His work with his Chesterfield client expanded and it was when he was on a working visit to the UK that Elizabeth and I met Sheena for the first time, really liked her and thought Richard was very lucky to have met her. Richard then bought a block of flats in Ilfracombe. He saw it as a bolt hole if SA collapsed for both Sheena and Barbara. Richard always declared his love for both Barbara and Sheena to us and I have no doubt that was genuine. Getting the flats right in Ilfracombe took time, but in the end it worked out. He also discovered a chiropractor nearby who he was convinced was the only person who knew how to ease the awful continuing pain he suffered with his back and he and Sheena travelled over several times just so he could get some treatment. So life continued, Richard's a continuing battle with back-pain, and the stresses of making a living through investments and consulting. His interest and fascination with business and economics was what kept him going and he wanted to write the great Business book. At one stage he also became very involved with Kelvin Grove and became chairman. Each time he came to the UK we saw him and Sheena, and each time we came to SA we saw them and Barbara. As the internet got going I became the recipient of an unending stream of emails from Richard on the political and especially the financial situation in the UK. Clearly he saw it as his mission to educate me in these areas, and right to the end what he sent me showed a very sharp mind at work. He said little that was personal in his emails except at times of real crisis. His last phone call to me though just a month before he died, was not about himself or economics, but to express sympathy and give me advice about what to do when he heard that I had a back problem. He told me to go and see his chiropractor! Richard spent much of his last two years in Pearly Beach with his faithful dog Bass writing his book. He is warmly remembered by the friends he made there and by the author Nick Ashby who has just completed a book, Wild Coast Radio on the whole Capital Radio saga.

Richard died after a sudden stroke which left him with but a few days. It was however fitting and right that Barbara and Sheena both saw him in the hours before he died. Richard was special. He

could be charismatic and inspiring, had a wicked and whimsical sense of humour and an extremely sharp mind. He was a real entrepreneur, ready to take a risk for a business opportunity. I thought however that he was better at producing well researched business plans and giving good advice than at choosing business partners. He could be sensitive, very loyal and understanding. He was my friend and I shall miss him greatly.

John Baxter



SMALL. Clive Small died on 28 April 2012. He attended Bishops from 1934-43. He was born on 22 September 1925 in Manchester, but at the age of one he moved to Cape Town with his parents, where he lived at the foot of Table Mountain, being educated at Bishops and then at the University of Cape Town. He left university with a first-class degree in Classics and English literature, and with a lifelong love of Greek philosophy, English literature, jazz and a group of close friends. After two years as a journalist on the Cape Times, he left South Africa, as did many of his friends, unable to accept the increasingly apartheid society there. Arriving in London in 1950, he joined

the BBC, becoming assistant news editor and was one of the team which launched the first television news programme in Britain in 1954. He helped to direct the TV news coverage of the Paris riots of 1968, a break from his deskbound work in London that gave him a taste for the life of a foreign correspondent. By way of a period as head of BBC correspondents, he then made a longer break from London when, in 1975, he was appointed as BBC correspondent in sub-Saharan Africa, based in Johannesburg. From there he covered the insurgency in Rhodesia, the civil war in Angola, the Israeli raid to free the hostages at Entebbe and the 1976 Soweto riots. His critical reporting led to him being expelled from Uganda by President Idi Amin. In 1977 he was moved to Washington DC as the BBC correspondent, where he was a member of the White House press corps for eight years. He gained an unexpected scoop in April 1980 when a member of President Carter's staff phoned Small after midnight to report the disastrous failure of Desert One, the airborne attempt to rescue the American hostages in Iran. He also covered the assassination attempt on President Reagan in the following year and the invasion of Grenada. During his early years in London he met another recent arrival in England, namely his Swedish wife Monica, who introduced him to the pleasures of summers with family in Sweden, where he especially enjoyed fishing in the lakes. Clive Small spent his retirement based in Sussex, but never felt really at home in England. He and Monica also spent part of each year in Arizona, where the winter climate and the vastness of the landscape reminded him of Africa, and more recently exploring various parts of south-west France, with the Michelin restaurant guide in one hand. Clive Small was passionate about the concept of public service broadcasting. News was in his blood and even when his health was failing, he would reach out, on the hour, to switch on the radio for the latest news bulletin. Clive

is survived by Monica, his wife of 59 years, by his daughters Carolinne and Annika, his son Nicolas, and by eight grandchildren.

Annika Small

COLLINS. Christopher John Barclay died on 9 January 2012 aged 71. He was born in Cape Town on 29 January 1940, the only son of John and Christine Collins. He matriculated in 1957 having played an active role in the Astronomical Society and the Chess Club during his five years at Bishops. He earned a degree in Quantity Surveying from the University of Cape Town while working for Babbs, Labdon & Partners in the city. In his early twenties he travelled extensively through Europe before taking up a position with Bowie & Francis, a quantity surveying firm in East London. Subsequently he joined Francis & Williams Jones and was involved in a number of significant construction projects throughout East London, the Ciskei and Transkei. In 1968 he married Barbara Hockly and they had two daughters, Janet and Wendy. A life member of the Cambridge Club in East London and Honorary Member of Border Rugby, his involvement in sports administration continued until late in life. Representing the Cambridge Club, he was active on the Eastern Cape Bowling circuit as both a player and umpire, enjoying the sport for many years in middle age. He also participated in amateur theatre, performing for clubs and aged care facilities and was acknowledged for his lifetime blood donations to the South African Blood Bank. His enthusiasm for travel endured throughout his life, holidaying in Australia to visit his daughters and later, indulging his love of ocean voyages, he visited numerous destinations with his partner. Retiring late in life, he enjoyed his last years at Gonubie, developing a keen interest in the native birdlife.

Remembered for his love of animals, wide general knowledge and sharp wit, he is survived by his long-term partner Ada Bleske, two daughters and ex-wife.

*Janet Collins**



Peter on his 95th birthday

BROOKE. Peter Brooke, grandson of Archdeacon Richard Brooke, died peacefully in his home on 10 May 2012 at the age of 98. He leaves two daughters. Peter was the twin son of Francis Brooke, also a teacher at the college.

On leaving school, Peter moved up to Johannesburg, where he met and married Marion Shaw. They had three children, their son Frank (also a past pupil), lost his life tragically in 1964, aged 25. Peter served in the South African division of the Royal Marines during WW 2, after which he worked in the mining business in Johannesburg until 1952, when he and his family relocated to Rhodesia to work in a management position for a business in Salisbury. He returned to the Cape in 1967 and spent the rest

of his working life in the engineering division of Spilhaus. He retired at the age of 70. Suzanne Anderson



CLOETE. Francis Louis Dirk (Frikkie) Cloete was 77 years old when he died peacefully on 4 June 2012 in Stellenbosch, after bravely suffering from Alzheimer's for many years. He is survived by his widow Ann, son Adrian and daughter Alison, and grandchildren.

Frikkie was at Bishops from 1943 to 1952, when he matriculated in the First Class, with distinctions in Chemistry and Mathematics, He also won the Old Boys Prize for Chemistry. He was a Prefect in Founders, the Sergeant Major of the A Company in Cadets, played lst team tennis, boxed in the Lukin Shield and was runner-up in the Squash Championships in his matric year. Frikkie might have played

1st XV rugby as a front rank forward had he not injured his back in his U16 year.

(Most of the following is taken from a personal tribute by Professor Michael Streat who maintained a close and collaborative friendship with Frikkie over the 50 years of their acquaintance, both in England and in South Africa)

Frikkie arrived in the UK in the late 1950's shortly after graduating with an MSc degree in chemical engineering from the University of Cape Town. His first employment was in the chemical engineering division of the *United Kingdom Weapons Research Establishment* (UKWRE) in Berkshire. From there he moved into private industry and joined NCP in London. This was a contractor that supplied specialist plant designs and procured equipment for the UK nuclear industry. In 1961 he joined Imperial College, London as a Lecturer in chemical engineering. His background and skills in design were a vital addition to the embryonic nuclear technology team in the department and he immediately developed a series of outstanding lectures for the new full-time one year MSc course in nuclear technology. His students came not only from the UK but also from the Commonwealth and many other parts of the world. He also conducted valuable research into the processing of uranium and spent nuclear fuel reprocessing. Together with Professor Streat, Frikkie quickly found himself collaborating in work that led them to the development of a novel multi-stage fluidised bed contactor for the recovery and concentration of uranium. Michael Streat saw Frikkie as a brilliant chemical engineer with a flair for innovative and sometimes lateral thinking in the design of chemical process plant and equipment.

On 14 July 1962 Frikkie and Ann were married in Rustington, Sussex. They would have celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary five weeks after Frikkie's death. In 1969 Frikkie returned to South Africa with his wife and two children. There he was able immediately to move into the mainstream of uranium production technology. He joined the *National Institute for Metallurgy* (NIM) where he and his team paved the way to an ion exchange revolution in uranium processing on many South African gold mines. While at NIM Frikkie was additionally responsible for further advanced technical innovations in this field. Then he moved on from NIM (now *Mintek*) and joined the CSIR in Pretoria. He returned, in 1979, to his beloved Cape Province, and to academic work by accepting a post in the Department of Engineering at the University of Stellenbosch. There he received a professorship, and taught and supervised many undergraduate and post-graduate students, leaving a legacy of painstaking and innovative work, earning the respect and affection of

colleagues and students alike. Frikkie enjoyed working under his own initiative, collaborating with an occasional colleague but mostly supervising his students. He could be a hard task master but always fair and considerate. His teaching was thorough and inspiring in his chosen specialities. He showed immense determination and could not be easily persuaded by ill-thought out ideas. Professor Streat tells us that Frikkie's squash skill went with him to England where, in his younger years in London, Frikkie enjoyed the game as a relaxation and was an outstanding player. "He challenged all-comers, and I rather think that he remained undefeated until he left Imperial College in 1969. His other great passion was sailing and he and Ann spent many happy weeks cruising along the coast of South Africa over the 25 years prior to his illness. He was a man of immense scruple and dignity and I know that his strong Christian belief served him well during his most difficult final years. He should be remembered for his legacy of innovative research and development, teaching and service to industry."

I first met Frikkie in 1946, when I was a newboy at Stanmore House. He was at Rossall, so we only really spoke to each other when I caught up with him in Founders three years later. Our friendship became firm in time and, with Rodney Hahn as a catalyst, we became a strong threesome for the rest of our years at College, and indeed for the rest of our lives. In our matric year Frikkie and I shared one of those antiquated, sparsely furnished 'studies' under the eaves of the Brooke Wing of Founders. It was then that I found repeated confirmation of the wry, dry wit that I had for some years suspected lurked somewhere beneath his earnest exterior. He was superb company, and we all too frequently talked deep into the night over many mugs of Milo. He was also an extremely intense student, and I doubt I would have got a First Class in matric had it not been for Frikkie's example. That year he devoted much of his winter spare time to reading the poems of William Shakespeare, "To get more balance in my education". I wonder how many schoolboy scientists have harboured that ambition. Frikkie spent time late each evening in the Chapel, reading, reflecting and praying – an attitude to living that never left him. His family, the Moederkerk, and university colleagues and friends attested to this at his memorial service.

This, to me, is the most significant legacy an OD can make.

Frikkie was not one for the fast lane: favourite pastimes were reading, walking in the local mountains and, of course, sailing and pottering around in his boat, which he shared with friends and family as much as possible.

My wife Patti and I join Ann, Adrian and Alison in rejoicing in the life of Frikkie Cloete, our friend, and their husband and father.

Charles Lipp

JORDAN. Archie Geoffrey Jordan died on 19 April 2012. He was at Bishops from 1955-60. Archie attended Bishops for his full high school career and he was in Founders House. He was the son of James Clifford Jordan and Mary Jordan (nee Difford). His father James (Clifford) Jordan, and his brother, Clifford (Andrew) Jordan also attended Bishops. Archie's grandfather Archibald Newcombe Difford attended Bishops from 1893 to 1902 and his mother's brother John Difford also attended. Archie thoroughly enjoyed his 50 year reunion of his class from 1960 in March 2010. Archie played rugby, cricket and golf. He spent two years in Northampton studying footwear. He

attended Elsenberg and worked at Rhodes Fruit Farms. He had a varied career and then went into importing window film, which he had been doing recently again. His parents retired to Hermanus in 1965 and he spent all his weekends and holidays there. He entertained at several venues in Hermanus playing his guitar and singing. He was well known and liked by many for his music.

Archie never married. He was fortunate to travel frequently to Europe and to America and sometimes visited his brother Andrew in Denver Colorado. He traveled to various Golf Courses overseas with the aim of promoting golf tours in South Africa. Archie had a very casual personality – a very unique person. He is survived by his brother, Andrew, his sister Rosemary and his nephews and nieces.

Rosemary van der Vyver



HETHERINGTON. John Hetherington attended school at Bishops from 1957-61. He was in White House, where was a House Prefect. He was a Corporal in the Cadets and played first XV in 1960 and 1961 (awarded full colours). He partook in athletics and tennis, and held the junior record for the 100 yard dash. This record is apparently still in place due to the units having changed to metres! After matriculating at Bishops, he attended the army and then obtained his BA degree in Trade at the University of Stellenbosch. He married Gerda Joubert in 1970, and obtained a BHons degree in Public Administration. He was a very good husband and father to his three children, Brian, Stephen and Lizanne, with whom he spent a lot of time. He loved to be active, and regularly jogged, played squash, and went diving for lobster, "alikreukel" and abalone around the West

Coast and Agulhas. About 15 years ago, John developed problems with his speech and memory. He had to retire prematurely from his job at the Cape Provincial Administration, and was diagnosed with Primary Progressive Aphasia, a degenerative disease related to Alzheimer's. In 2009 he was admitted into K-Sera Frail Care Home. He developed pneumonia and passed away on 1 February 2012 at the age of 67. John is remembered by his friends and family as a true gentleman. Stephen Hetherington

TAYLOR. **ERNEST MURTON TAYLOR** always known as Sonny, died on 30 April 2012 in Fish Hoek, at the age of 91. Born in 1920, Sonny attended Bishops from 1932 to 1938, together with his younger brothers, Norman and Gerald, who both predeceased him. During the war, he served in the SA Navy, where he developed a love of the sea. After the war, a keen sailor, he skippered a ketch *Elegance* that he owned with his brothers. During his twenties, his life revolved around the Royal Cape Yacht Club. As was customary in the late 40s and 50s, most men had their suits tailored and his shop, *Chas. o Booth*, was a landmark in St George's Street – a men's outfitters and tailoring establishment. He worked there till the 70s, when off-the-peg clothing became the norm. He lived with and cared for his mother at Mount Rhodes in Hout Bay for 30 years. In those days, Hout Bay was a farming and fishing village and community, quite unlike the *Republic* it has grown

into. His brothers and sister lived there too. They were happy, tranquil years and he was a special uncle to his nieces and nephews. In his thirties, his sailing enthusiasm came to include big game fishing and together with Willie Basson, he established the *Marlin and Tuna Club*. When Sonny developed an interest, he pursued it passionately. Later, he became enthusiastic about caravanning, touring throughout the country and leading parties of overseas visitors through South Africa and Namibia. He loved the outdoors and varied landscapes of this country. In 1982, after the death of his mother, he married Anneliese Luer. They were a devoted couple and had thirty happy years together, first in Hout Bay and later in Fish Hoek.

He died after a short illness of bronchitis. He is survived by his wife. He was a devoted family man, a skilled carpenter, a raconteur, a gardener – a man of many talents who will be remembered for his integrity, enthusiasm and kindness.

Tony Abbott

WAGNER. Colin John Wagner died on 18 June 2012. He was at Bishops from 1953-62. He qualified as an Attorney in 1968 and worked for *Findlay and Tait* in Cape Town. He later moved to East London where he worked for *Syfrets*.

You could never tell my Dad that the world was a bad place, as he saw the good in each and every person he met. He was a gentle man, who was kind and honest. He was a man of high integrity, his family always came first, he was a loving husband to our late Mother Janine, and a caring Father to myself and my brother, Stephen. He enjoyed life, loved his sport, and always supported his School, Bishops!

We will miss him dearly, may he rest in peace. Paul Wagner

SCOTT. Oliver Lester Schreiner Scott died on 25 May 2012. Born in London 1919 he was taken to Cape Town by his parents when he was nine months old.

The oldest of the four children, Peter, Geofrey and Ursula Helen, of Ralph Lester Scott, an Ear, Nose and Throat and General surgeon originally from Edinburgh and Ursula Hester Schreiner from the line of eminent South Africans. He attended Western Province Preparatory School followed by Bishops from 1933-1936, where his younger brothers Peter and Geofrey followed him. He excelled academically and always remembered his school days fondly. A picture of Bishops still hangs in his old room. He regularly attended the OD dinners in London. After a brief period at UCT he left South Africa in 1937 to study at Trinity College, Cambridge to read Natural Sciences. His studies there were cut short by the outbreak of WWII and in 1939 he moved to St. Thomas' Hospital London to complete his medical training. The hospital was largely evacuated during the war to Woking in the countryside outside London, where he met and married Katherine Ogle Branfoot, a radiographer, in 1943. He joined the RAF in 1942, and served in France, Belgium, Germany and Denmark. He was a Graded Medical Specialist, doing mainly general medicine, with some Dermatology and finished up as a Squadron Leader. During the war and aged only 25, he obtained his Membership of the Royal College of Physicians in London. His first daughter was born in 1945 and he and his young family spent a year in London while he studied further at University College, before returning to Cape Town

to work at Groote Schuur Hospital. They returned to London in 1948 where his younger daughter was born. From then on his career as a dermatologist blossomed. He was appointed Consultant to Wembley, Redhill and Guildford Hospitals in 1953 and Charing Cross Hospital in London in 1956, where he was made Vice Dean of the Medical school. It was during his patronage, that the school went from 45 to 120 students per year. He very much enjoyed the company of children and young adults and was fondly remembered by his students. He also found time for, and very much enjoyed the variety afforded by private work, which he undertook at King Edward the VIIth Hospital in London, Guildford and Harley Street and in Wimbledon. He was described by a colleague as 'one of the most highly respected, famous and leading dermatologists of his generation'. His role however went well beyond Charing Cross, the medical school and his private practice. He was on the board of Governors for Epsom College, he was on the Council and Treasurer of the Royal Society of Medicine, he was director and chairman of the Medical Insurance Agency – the profits of which went entirely to Charity and in 1983 he was the President of the British Association of Dermatologists. The French also paid him the honour in 1979 of making him a Chevalier de l'Order National du Merite in recognition of his work as Honorary Consultant to the French Hospital in London. Family, friends and extended family were very important to him especially after the death of his wife in 1987. He enjoyed a wonderful final two decades travelling, attending theatre and concerts. Until some three years ago he regularly travelled back to his beloved Cape, with his very dear friend Liz Russell, to catch up with his South African friends and relatives. He never really retired and was always thinking deeply about medical issues, and reading up on the latest advances in science. He was a committed doctor and consummate professional, brother, father, grand and great-grandfather and friend to so many who will all miss him greatly. He is survived by his two daughters, four grandchildren and great grandchildren. Lyndall DiMarco

SMALL. My father **Laurence Small**, 83, passed away peacefully on 11 February 2012 with his family: wife, Christine; son, Richard, and daughter, Kim by his side. Laurie attended Bishops from 1936-1946 where he established an excellent all around record in the classroom, as well as on the sports field in both Rugby and Cricket. In January 1947 Laurie was put on the list of selected candidates for a Rhodes scholarship. On leaving Bishops he joined Barrett's advertising Agency and worked there learning the fundamentals before moving to England in the 1950's. He took a number of jobs in London and enjoyed life in the big city from his bedsit in South Kensington. In between jobs or on holiday from work he rattled down the byways of France in his cherished Citroen Light 15 – the car favoured by French gangsters, detectives and the movie directors who created them. In 1957 Laurie moved to Canada and began working for RCA as an advertising executive. Laurie had a distinguished 36-year career with RCA, becoming advertising manager for Canada. Laurie met his wife of 48 years, Christine, when she was the gooseberry in the back seat of his 1962 Porche 911 on a ski trip to Mount Tremblant. Three days before their son, Richard was born; they hiked through the woods and picked the plot of land for what would become the family cottage near the ski resort of Jay Peak, Vermont. In 1967 their daughter Kim was born and for the next 15 years the family spent their time between Montreal and the country house in Vermont. 'Education is a worthy endeavour for its own sake', Laurie used to say, and he pursued it constantly. He studied an amazingly diverse

variety of topics, and got his BA in Philosophy and Literature, from Bishop's University, Montreal in 1970. Laurie instilled in his children a passion for travel, other cultures and higher education purely by example and enthusiasm. The family took numerous trips all over the world when the children were young including an epic camper trip through Europe. Laurie loved Marbella and the Costa Del Sol area so much he purchased a vacation condominium there. Laurie took immense pride in the fact that he was able to put both Richard and Kim through University, even though both took a great deal more semesters than 'allocated' eight to get their degrees. In 1979 the family moved to Indianapolis, Indiana, where Laurie took a position in upper management with the head office of RCA/GE. In 1988 Laurie retired and with the children off at college began a two year venture traveling the United States and Mexico looking for a place to retire. Laurie's passions ran deep from racing his beloved Porche, to education, to skiing, to golfing, which became the primary reason for choosing Tucson, Arizona as a place to retire. When Christine could drag Laurie away from the golf course they travelled the world extensively to include; China, Egypt, Greece, France, Italy, England, South Africa, Mexico and the United States. Among their favourite trips were visiting their children; Richard in Alaska and Kim who was pursuing her nursing degree in Florida while being half owner of a flower store. The children now have homes in Tucson, Kim is a charge nurse in paediatric intensive care, and Richard spends his time between Tucson and Alaska where he has worked as a pilot for 20 years. We will miss this remarkable man who made such a profound influence on so many lives. My memories of him are of an exceptionally warm, gentle man who cared hugely for his family. Whenever I saw him I just wanted to give him a huge hug. There was something about the glint in his eye, the wry smile and warm humour. He did not say a lot but when he talked you knew it was time to take note. In a world of big egos Laurie was a rare exception. A smart, thoughtful, warm and humorous man. Richard Small

INGLIS. Jack Inglis died on 18 June 2012. It is impossible to describe the death of someone aged 94 as unexpected or as a shock. Why then, the sense of disbelief when news of the inevitable spread. The answer to this was contained in the deluge of messages and phone calls that have been beaming in from all over the world since Monday morning. The trouble is that we had become to regard Jack as indestructible and the pace at which he finally declined did take us by surprise. However, when he died he did it in the same way as he had lived his life, efficiently and with a quiet dignity, and entirely on his own terms. He turned down a suggestion that he be moved to hospital to regain his strength and rehydrate on a drip, preferring the comfort of his own home, and the company of his family and Jean, his soul mate for the past 30 years. Jean, you have given to Jack your love, care, and a real sense of meaning in the long time since Judy died in 1977. I know Jack would want to thank you deeply for the time spent together. Jean, you are very much in our thoughts at this time of loss. I mentioned this indestructability thing and need to understand it. Jack was an ageless person. If you live through as many decades as Jack has done, you outlive your own contemporary friends, but these have simply replaced themselves with the next generation, and the generation after that. The thing is that Jack could just as easily communicate with people of all ages, and one never went to see Jack out of some kind of obligation. You went to see him because it was lekker, and not to mention that he seldom ever ran out of beer. Going through the various facets of his life, we can highlight certain aspects of

his nature, and recall the people who were special to him. His youth, that is school and university at Bishops and UCT, were spent climbing mountains, (a great love of his, and he became a member of the mountain club as a youngster. When they wanted to honour him for long service to the mountain club a couple of years back, they had to create a special category.) and going to Hermanus, where he purchased eight plots up under the mountain as his first property investment. (This still exists and almost everyone present here today has spent time there.) It was at Hermanus that he first met our mother, Judy. He also played sport of every discipline including baseball at which he achieved a half blue at UCT and went on to play for South Africa.

His approach to sport was to be competitive, but not at the expense of doing so in a sporting way. He had the ability to have a closely contended tennis match either with a beginner or an experienced league player. I can also remember him taking three wickets in his first over in a friendly cricket match, and then refusing to bowl any further because it would spoil the game. (He would bowl spin, and with the shape of his knuckles, it must have been impossible to read the googly.) The next phase of his life in the engineering corps, during the war and in the construction industry saw him making some of his most enduring friendships. It is not possible to mention everyone but I single out Charlie and Chenda Haw and Chippy and Rae Armstrong for special mention, and Puck and Martin Woods. Chippy and Charles were partners in *Triamic* (their construction company) and Puck studied medicine with my mother at Wits. These families became merged into one big extended family and the follow-up generations are still enmeshed in a kind of a web. (Rick, we appreciate it enormously that you flew in especially from France to be with us today.) A particularly strong aspect of Jack's character manifests itself at that time, namely, his classlessness. He could not judge someone on his means or station in life, and he became very close to those who served him and worked with him. Respect was earned entirely on character and the respect he showed to those who worked for him was returned with interest. I have not thus far mentioned direct family. Judy died many years ago (1977) after an extended battle with Parkinson's. What I can recall is how Jack made her feel most special. He had a capacity to make anyone feel special, and he was masterly in this when it came to our mother. Whenever we asked for something he always had to consult 'The Oracle'. This provided us with a wonderful secure home in which to grow up, and gave us the opportunity to assimilate the values by which he lived his own life. I would like to thank all my brothers, and their wives and children for the consolidated support that you have given each other over the past week. In Jacks retirement he remained energetic and attuned to the world, in his un-obsessive way. He lived at Braidlea right to the end, going fishing at Dor's Kraal and sitting around the braai fire, going to Hermanus (and sitting around the braai fire), and sharing his humour with his next generation of friends. He would share his wisdom with anyone who asked for it with an absolute minimum of words. (The more important the message, the fewer words.) He was an extremely generous person if he perceived the cause to be worthwhile, and supported all sorts of charities. At one point this all backfired when he won a huge sum of money in a school raffle. His generosity extended, as always, to include the jetsam of society, and ended up looking after a band of jobless itinerants, even inviting them to one of his birthday braais. During this time, he was well looked after by Christina, whose own hurt at his passing could appear to have been overlooked. This is not the case at all, and we thank you for your dedication and have you in our thoughts at this time. So, where is the indestructibleness that we referred to earlier, and the characteristics that were the

man? The generosity, the simplicity of personal needs, the inflexible honesty, the respect for people from all walks of life, acceptance of shortcomings in others, enthusiasm for life, and love of and care for nature? The truth is that it is all around us. I see it in the high spirit and bland humour of his grandchildren. I see it in the love and support we five brothers have for one another, And I see it on the faces and in the eyes of all of you present and of those who would have been here had circumstances permitted. For surely, each one of us carries something of Jack's abundant life with him that will be celebrated through the way we live each day. *Peter Inglis*



WEST. Elles Charles West died on 17 July 2012. He was at Bishops from 1933-43. He was an exceptional allround sportsman, with colours for rugby, cricket and athletics – and a good tennis player too. He excelled in music as a pianist and violinist; and gave Claude Brown a lot of help with the Bishops choir, and later sang in premier opera productions. In all his sporting involvement, his determined attention to technique brought results. This was particularly evident in the field of athletics, where (although he was of relatively light weight) his achievements in field events, like shot put, javelin and discus, outstripped many a more powerful contestant. His all-round ability was confirmed when he became the South African Decathlon champion in 1948. He held the national record for the hop, step and jump event (now called triple jump), and was ranked fourth in the world in 1953. At the 1954 World Championships in Helsinki, he won the gold medal for the event. He joined the SA Air Force in 1944, and served as an aircrew gunner in Italy, in a Liberator squadron. After the war, he studied Physiotherapy in Sweden (in Swedish), and qualified brilliantly. He practised in Cape Town for some years; and played rugby for Villagers and cricket for Western Province Cricket Club. His main career years were in the USA. He studied for an MA in Anthropology at Stanford University, and later lectured there in Human Anatomy at the medi-

cal school. In 1964 he went to University of Oregon and received a doctorate in the Department of Medicine. As Dr West, he was appointed an Associate Professor at Wichita State University, Kansas. At various times, he was the coach of some top tennis players and athletes. With his skills and warm personality, he was loved by his friends.

After retirement, he spent years in Germany, San Francisco and Fish Hoek, before returning to California, where, after deteriorating general health, he passed away on 17 July at the age of 87. Tony Van Ryneveld



ADAMS. Walter Stewart – known by his school friends as **Bill** – died peacefully on 13 June 2012 aged 88. He was at Bishops from 1932-41 where he was a Prefect in Ogilvie House, a Sergeant Major in C Company and played 1st team tennis for the school. After school he joined the SA Navy, seconded to the Royal Navy, where he served in WWII until the end of the war. His nature was always to downplay the hard times and remember the fun times, but he was clearly lucky to survive many years of Mediterranean convoys and commanding Landing Craft in France and Elba. He was one of only three members of the Union Defence Force to earn five campaign stars (the maximum possible) with one clasp and three War medals.

After the war he returned to Cape Town where he signed articles with *Deloitte*. In 1947, half way through his articles, his father fell ill in Kimberley and Stewart went there 'temporarily' to help with the family business. He left 41 years later after a business career which included managing the family Mens' Outfitters, being Chairman of the Griqualand West Board of Executors, Chairman of Syfrets Northern Cape, Chairman of the Kimberley Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Kimberley Industrial Council, Chairman of the Kimberley Commercial Employers Association, and involvement in various commercial farming and property ventures. He was a very active Rotarian, serving as the youngest ever President of the Kimberley Rotary Club and receiving the Paul Harris Fellowship Award. In his early post-war days he also chaired the local Torch Commando, a grouping of ex-servicemen established to counter the growing racism and Afrikaner nationalism. Leisure interests included golf, wildlife, photography, shooting and sailing, where he served as Commodore of the de Beers Yacht Club. He was the Northern Cape secretary of the OD Union until his retirement to Helderberg Village in Somerset West in 1988.

A committed family man, Stewart was unusual in that he made sure he was home every evening, weekend and holiday when his children were around and fully understood the value of leading a balanced life. He is survived by Jill, his wife for 59 years, daughters Shân Biesman-Simons and Alex Watson, and son Nic (1971 – 1976), and six grandchildren.

Nic Adams



FERRIS. Miss Margaret Ferris arrived at Bishops Pre-Prep in January 1970. She had previously taught at Lansdowne Prep and SACS junior. In 1971 she took over the leadership of the Pre-Prep and remained in this position until her retirement at the end of 1990. She came when the Pre-Primary class was instituted and during her time the Pre-Prep expanded from two classes to six. Building development kept pace with the more than doubled enrolment.

During her 21 years as senior teacher, she taught, bullied, comforted, loved, and skilfully guided literally hundreds of eager little boys and teachers with an enthusiasm, commitment and devotion that was truly remarkable. Margaret was well known for her enthusiasm, energy and dedication. Perhaps her greatest gifts were her wonderful sense of humour – many boys must cherish the memory of Margaret standing on her head because they had all their spelling correct – and her ability to listen. Staff, parents and boys have all been known to come to her with a myriad of problems for which she always had the time, and frequently, sage advice to offer.

ENGAGEMENTS:

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

Andrew Hutchinson (1998), son of Dale and Jill Hutchinson and Julie-Ann, daughter of Edward and Alida Batty.

Ross Johnson (1990-02), son of Greg and Sharon Johnson and Tracey, daughter of Lionel and Dee Wheeler.

MARRIAGES:

Hearty congratulations go to the following on their recent marriage, together with our sincere good wishes for future happiness: **Richard Neville** (1990-95), son of Warwick and Anne Neville and Emma, daughter of Bill and Penny McAdam, at Molenvleit, Helshoogte, Stellenbosch on 25 August.

BIRTHS:

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

Dougie (1988-92) and Cal **Boyes**, a daughter, Josie Elizabeth on 3 July;

Douglas (1986-91) and Caroline **Craig,** a son, James Andrew, on 30 April in London;

Sammy (1990-94) and Lauren Leith, a son, Liam on 10 June;

Derek (1979-84) and Tammy Lloyd, a daughter, Jemma Ann on 26 May;

Robert (1995-00) and Justine **Macdonald**, a daughter, Megan on 23 January;

Russell (1978-91) and Caroline Nelson, a son, Adam Kenneth Edmund on 18 May;

Chris (1989-92) and Natalie Pickering, a daughter, Stephanie Caroline on 13 May in New Zealand;

David (1990-96) and Sue Riches, a son, Nicholas Rae on 2 July;

Alex (1995-97) and Caryn **Starey**, a daughter, Ayla Madeleine on 1 August;

Tim Tanner (1982-85) and Sally Atkinson, a son, Oliver Reynolds on 15 May;

Chris (1993-97) and Emily Twycross, a daughter, Joanna Kathleen on 27 May;

Jason (1995-98) and Melanie Whitfield, a son, George on I June;

Allister (1969-80) and Amanda **Williams**, a son Finnegan on 3 May in Canada;

Julian (1981-92) and Maria **Wood,** twin daughters, Zara Ella and Chlöe Lucie, on 19 January in London; **Michael** (1987-95) and Courtney **Wright,** a son, Matthew, on 22 March.



Moira and Werner Koster

GOLDEN WEDDINGS:

Our warm congratulations go to the following:

Ian (1951-55) and Margie **Brown**, who were married at St Thomas' Church, Rondebosch on 21 July 1962, and now live at No 1 Oakhurst Avenue, Rondebosch;

Werner (1948-57) and Moira **Koster**, who were married at Christ Church, Beaufort West, on 2 June 1962 and now live at Rosedene, P O Box 1060, Beaufort West 6970.

SENIOR ODs

Congratulations to the following on joining the ranks of OD Octogenarians during the third quarter of 2012. As usual we apologise for any omissions and would welcome news of them.

Tony Bowden (1946-50), Latchings, Latchmore Bank, Bishop's Stortford, Herts CM22 7PH, UK, on 25 July;

Dr George Butler (1941-50), 7 Boland Way, Durbanville 7550, on 21 July;

Denis Callow (1946-50), 51 Millennium Park, North Road, Oudtshoorn 6625, on 9 August;

Claude Davis (1945-49), P O Box 294, Constantia 7848, on 24 September;

Stephen Grinham (1947-49), Kangewa Farm, P O Box 14, Wedza, Zimbabwe, on 31 August;

Tom Morse (1941-51), P O Box 84, Vlottenburg 7604, on 25 September;

Dexter Raubenheimer (1946-50), 6 Coronation Road, Westcliff, Hermanus 7200, on 1 July;

Peter Reynolds (1946-50), P O Box 209, The Crags, Plettenberg Bay 6602, on 9 September;

Mr Justice Hilary Squires (1945-50), 7A Avon Place, Cowie's Hill, Pinetown 3610, on 2 August; Ronald White (1946-50), 6 Old Farm Road, Rondebosch 7700, on 3 July.

Equally hearty congratulations go to the following, who have celebrated birthdays during the third quarter of 2012:

- 91st Brian Carter (1934-40), Croft Way, Menston, Ilkley, W.Yorkshire, LS29 6LT, England on 27 August.
- 90th Richard Dudley (1935-40), 10 Somerville House, Manor Fields, Putney Hill, London SW15 3LX, on 12 September;

Major Mervyn Lawton *(1931-40)*, 4545 Spanish Valley Drive, Moab, Utah 84532, USA on 7 July.

- **89th Roderick Turner** (1933-41), 22 Fairview, Mile End Road, Diep River 7945 on 16 September.
- **88th Alex Fry** *(1935-42),* 57 Cle du Cap, Kirstenhof, 7945 on 14 July;

Dr Norval A W Gibson (1933-42), 617 Edenroc, 119 Snell Parade, Durban 4001 on 30 July; **Natal-Luccio Labia** (1938), Hawthorndene, Herschel Walk, Wynberg 7800 on 30 September;

John Ovenstone (1939-42), Woodside Village, Norton Way, Rondebosch 7700 on 30 September.

- **87th Dr David Lacey** (1941-43), 20 Moreton Road, Bosham, Chichester PO18 8LL, Sussex UK on 17 September;
 - **Prof. David Wilkinson** (1937-43), Meerkoetlaan 17, 9765 TC Paterswolde, Holland on 19 July.
- **86th David Metelerkamp** *(1935-44)*, 123 Helderberg Village, Private Bag X19, Somerset West 7129 on 14 August;

Peter Packer (1934-43), 39 Leake Street, Peppermint Grove, Perth, WA6011 on 15 July; **Dr Arthur Fuller** (1935-44), 500 Helderberg Village, Private Bag X19, Somerset West 7129 on 28 August;

William Higham (1936-44), 17 Ardor Drive, Orinda, California 94563, USA on 28 August; **Bill Slingsby** (1935-44), 10 Hampton Avenue, Newlands 7700 on 23 August.

85th Dr David Davies *(1942-44),* Hiddingh House, 93 Newlands Avenue, Newlands, 7700 on 16 July;

John Dixie (1938-45), P.O. Box 92, Bedford, 5780 on 6 July;

84th

September;

UK on 20 July;

Dr Denis Gibbs (1941-44), Kingsweston, Main Road, Appleford, Oxon OX14 4RD, UK on 19 July;

Antony Gordon (1937-45), Carrick, Chess Close, Newlands 7700 on 5 September; **Ian Gordon MBE** (1937-45), 1 Baker's Dozen, Gatehouse of Fleet, Scotland DG7 2LA on 5 September;

Dr Adolf Hooper (1944-45), 21 Clyde Avenue, Berea, Durban 4001 on 9 July; Richard Parke (1936-45), 71 Trafalgar Place, Fish Hoek 7975 on 12 September; Craig Stacey (1942-45), P.O. Box 507, River Club, 2149 on 15 August; Dick Westcott (1942-45), 27 Springfield Avenue, Westcliff, Hermanus 7200 on 19 September;

Victor Molteno (1938-45) P.O. Box 1107, Beaufort West 6970 on 13 July; Andrew Porter (1941-45), 9 Pembroke Walk, London W86PQ, England on 26 August; John Rose (1941-45), 42 Killermont Road, Bearsden, Glasgow G61 2JA, Scotland on 23

John Bettison (1942-45) 10 Willowbrooke Lane, Constantia 7806 on 22 August;

Blyth Thompson (1944-46), Hamilton House, 38 Kingswood Golf Estate, George South, 6529 on 23 August;

Michael Woolley (1939-46), 28 Somerson Village, Admiralty Crescent, Summerstrand, 6001 on 6 August.

83rd Dr Edward Allen (1938-47) 102 Glenmore Drive, West Vancouver BC V7S 1B1 on 25 September;

Douglas Dryden (1943-47), P O Box 191, Harare, Zimbabwe on 19 September; **Rex Earp-Jones** (1946-47), 54 Forest Glade, Tokai Road, Tokai 7945 on 31 August; **Lionel Gill** (1939-47), Willow Haven G71, Private Bag X11, Lynnwood Ridge, 0040 on 29 September;

George Irwin (1945-46), 511 Pinelands Place, Lonsdale Way, Pinelands, 7405 on 5 August; **Bevan Johnson** (1938-46), 72 8th Avenue, Boston, 7530 on 1 September; **Richard Jolliffe** (1943-47), 27a Pah Road, Cockle Bay, Manukau, Auckland 2011, New

Zealand, on 7 July; William Peters (1942-46), 44 Brantingham Road, Whalley Range, Manchester M16 8PP,

Brian Robinson (1939-47), P O Box 51432, Waterfront 8002, on 13 August.

82nd Bill de Bruyn (1944-48), P O Box 63, Ladybrand, 9745 on 11 July;

Dr Jocelyn Forsyth (1939-48), 10 Ferrier Court, Rosanna, Victoria 3084, Australia on 3 September;

John Gardener (1939-48), 4 Nares Road, Claremont 7708, on 28 August;

Anthony Hardy (1944-48), Noordhoek Retirement Manor, Private Bag X3, Sun Valley 7985, on 8 July;

Geoffrey Hodson (1945-47), P O Box 10, Bedforview 2008, on 1 September; **Quentin Shepherd** (1943-47), 157 Pinewood Village, Pinelands 7405, on 7 August.

81st Austin Ashley-Cooper *(1941-49)*, 42 Dandara Village, PO Borrowdale, Harare, Zimbabwe, on 15 September;

Michael Cook (1947-49), 10 van Williegh Street, Sasolburg 9570, on 27 September;

John Hodgson (1944-48), 13 Helderrand Road, Somerset West 7130, on 27 July;

Robert Kay (1941-45), P O Box 6, Thyolo, Malawi, on 25 September;

Donald Pentz (1940-49), Morgenzon, 55 Talana Road, Claremont 7708, on 1 August;

Nico Steenkamp (1940-49), 6 Hoebridge Crescent, Wentworth Village, Sunningdale 7441, on 25 July.

CLASS REUNIONS

IN THE PLANNING STAGES

14-17 March 2013	CLASS OF 1973	40TH YEAR	
Organizers	Niall Brown	nbrown@flagshipsa.com	083 452 8272
	Tony Gibson	agibson@coronation.co.za	082 445 7200
14-17 March 2013	CLASS OF 1963	50TH YEAR	
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Wela would like the class of 1993 to contact him via email to discuss a possible date

REUNION REPORTS



'I want you'

1972 OD DINNER

We thought many ODs would enjoy **James Selfe's** (1968) brilliant after dinner speech.

I would like to thank my friends in the organising committee for asking me to speak here tonight. I was in two minds about whether to accept: I mean, who wants to listen to a politician on a Saturday night? Or any other night, for that matter?

Ciffy assured me that the invitation was extended to me because I won the HJ Kidd Speech prize in 1972. I was also the Head Chorister. I thought: well at least I don't have to sing to you! And I was a wonderful treble: with a little surgical intervention, I could probably sing the *Pie Jesu* from Faure's *Requiem* most beautifully. But it's a great honour to do this. Mine will, I believe, not be the

only speech. The organising committee has determined that all of you can share your insights of your school experiences – a sort of 'Let a Thousand Flowers Bloom' from the class of 1972.

All I can say is: don't be too frank. When the late Chairman Mao Ze Dong invited the Chinese to speak their minds in this way, hundreds of thousands of them landed up in re-education camps and quite a number were executed. You have been warned!

Mind you, if the Secrecy Bill is passed, you won't be able to speak your mind at all, so you may as well give it your best shot tonight, and tell us what you were too skaam to confess to Dallas La Page before you got confirmed. On a more serious note, let me thank the guys who made this event, and the other events over the last few days, possible. Chris Newman was truly fantastic; he was the Grand Inquisitor, who tracked you down and coerced you to be here. Ciffie was the Leonardo da Vinci of the group; Falk the Swiss gnome, and Big John the Enforcer. The rest provided useful advice and seemed to pay for my drinks, recognising, correctly, that I was a politician not from Limpopo. This is a remarkable turnout. It is a testimony not only of the organising skill of Chris Newman, but also the affection we have for one another and for the experience we all shared between 1963 and 1972 (more or less, depending on how many times you failed, or whether you started off at Wet Pups, or worse, like Simon Sturgis, at Monterey). The reason we're here is because Bishops is a great institution, and remains a great institution. It gave to each and every one of us not only a world-class education, but also grounded us in the values of hard work, integrity, fair play, self-discipline and insistence on excellence. It taught us about choices and consequences, and about taking responsibility for the choices we make. In the 1960's and 1970's, one was caned for just about any real or imagined infraction of the rules: this taught me perhaps the most important lesson – that life isn't fair – probably the most valuable insight for a career in politics. This is one of the reasons we can tell for a fact that Julius Malema didn't go to Bishops. The other reason is, of course, that Bishops doesn't offer woodwork as a subject. It also gave us the space to develop friendships that, as you can see, have endured for more than 40 years. Moreover, the school gave us the space to be ourselves, with the result that we were a remarkably diverse group of people, who were simultaneously unusually tolerant of that diversity. I mean, which other group of school boys would cheerfully have tolerated such diverse personalities with such diverse dress sense as Arthur Hogan-Fleming and Tony McKeever in the same class? Or for that matter, Roger Field and Mark Wiley, with distinctively different views on the subject of armed conflict? But it also taught us that to those to whom much is given, much is expected. Reading through the responses to Chris's cunningly worded invitation to attend this event, I was struck at the extraordinary contribution that this class has made, and continues to make, to the sciences, to business, to education, to medicine, to construction and to the law. (And particularly the sciences. Here I would like to acknowledge Rob Adam, who was recently awarded the French National Order of Merit (equivalent to the Legion of Honour) for his contribution to nuclear energy in South Africa). Many of you have come from overseas (even Reiner Gabler!), and thank you for doing so. But a distinguishing feature of the class of 1972 is how many of us have remained in South Africa more or less permanently since leaving school. This is not the experience of many other classes, which are characterised by large numbers of people who have emigrated. (No Australians here? Good, then I can put the following question: How does an Australian find sheep in long grass? Answer: Very agreeable)

I suspect the reason for this is that, like me, you regard South Africa as a glass that is half full, rather than half empty. There are plenty of reasons to be dejected about South Africa: we have unacceptably high levels of corruption and crime, and apparently no appetite to tackle

these systematically; our levels of growth are depressingly low in comparison with similar developing economies; our levels of unemployment are worryingly high, particularly amongst the youth; the defence force and police services are under-trained, poorly equipped and frankly inefficient; we have the most porous borders in the world, and therefore have become a major hub for the drug trade and for human trafficking; and we live in one of the most unequal societies in the world, and these inequalities correlate largely with race. Expressed in this way, one would be forgiven for contemplating suicide, never mind emigration. So why does the class of 1972 stay here? Why does this class continue to make its remarkable contribution to making South Africa a better place to live in?

Well I cannot speak for you, but I will tell you why I stay here and why I have not, and will not, give up hope.

This country is breathtakingly beautiful, even if you live in Johannesburg or worse still, Middelburg, Mpumalanga. My job takes me to the most unusual places, so that I can truthfully say that I have indeed been to Nababeep. Every place I go has its distinctive contribution to the tapestry that makes up the beauty of our country. And this country is inhabited by remarkable people, full of innovation, determination, patience, good humour, and compassion. If this were not so, we would not have got as far as we have.

Thirdly, South Africa has huge potential. It has extensive resources, a very developed infrastructure, a young population and vast markets on our borders. If we are able to combine these factors correctly and fix those things that are broken, we would create growth, jobs and wealth on an unimaginable scale. As President Clinton once said, there is nothing wrong in South Africa that can't be fixed by what's right in South Africa. Fourthly, this country has a Constitution that we all participated in negotiating, and which, on every objective criterion, is one of the fairest, most liberal and most inclusive in the world. The Constitution includes a Bill of Rights, allowing amongst other things robust free speech, and a system of courts that uphold those rights. And finally we have probably the most successfully functioning democracy in Africa. It is by no means perfect, but it's a whole lot better than the democracy practiced in southern Louisiana, or Bulgaria, or Kazakhstan. This democracy, with all its imperfections, has enabled us to have eight elections that have delivered legitimate results. Admittedly, up until now, these elections have also delivered results that largely correlate with race. But this democracy also encourages the expression of interests and the articulation of demands. As our democracy matures, these interests and demands will change, particularly with the emergence of a new electorate who were born after 1994. This may very well lead to divisions and realignments sooner than many people believe are possible. So that's why I remain optimistic, and that's why I would urge you to remain optimistic too. The education we received at Bishops gave us the wisdom to see the big picture and the character and determination to overcome challenges. For that, we owe a huge debt of gratitude to the institution that is Bishops, and the staff that gave us that wisdom and inculcated that character. They really were, despite their eccentricities, fantastic educators. Thank you once more for this opportunity. We will doubtless see each other again in twenty years, armed with our zimmer frames, but until then have a great time!

OD OFFICE



Nick Durrant (1992) has joined the OD committee and will be responsible for everything to do with technology and IT as well as pioneering a regular electronic newsletter.

Nick has over 15 years' experience in digital strategy and online marketing, media and IT across financial services, corporate communications and brand

marketing. He has handled project delivery of large digital campaigns and technical implementations for global brands in Europe and Africa for clients such as Diageo, Unilever, Dunlop, Shell and SAB Miller.

After 15 years in the UK, he has recently returned to South Africa to manage the business from Cape Town. He has an entrepreneurial approach and experience in set-up and management of various businesses interests in the media and digital space.

His other interests include sport, property and the odd glass of wine.

NEW BRANCH SECRETARY IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Mike Stirzaker (1977) has decided to hand over the reins to **Jonathan Jackson** (1991). All his contact details will be on the back page.

We would like to thank Mike for many years of dedicated service and for the outstanding way that he has supported the OD Union.



OD UNION SPONSORSHIP

This year's Head Prefect, **Sebastiaan Remelswaal** was nominated by Bishops to represent South Africa at the Global Young Leaders Conference (GYLC) over the June/July holidays. The GYLC comprises an annual series of conference sessions that are held in the United States, Europe and China. The purpose of the conference is to bring together a select group of high school students from across the world based on their scholas-

tic merit and demonstrated leadership ability in order to immerse them in a challenging ten day curriculum that will further develop their leadership skills. He writes about his experiences:

It was at this time that I approached the OD Union to see whether it would have an interest in sponsoring my trip. I was completely overwhelmed by the OD Union's enthusiastic response. Through the OD Union's generous sponsorship I was able to secure funding for the vast majority of the GYLC's tuition fees and the various other travel expenses involved.

Upon my arrival, I found myself immersed in a group of 350 students representing as many as 60 different countries. The conference itself was split into two sections, with five days spent in Washington DC and five days in New York. The programme revolved itself around a United Nations model and so, much of the content and respective assignments were focused on themes such as diplomacy, socio-economics, international conflict management and various pressing global issues. To provide a more involved tuition to such a large number of students, the group was divided into smaller 'country groups'. It was the task of each country group to research and represent the national interests of their designated country. In my case, I was part of the group that represented the Russian Federation.

If I had been expecting a relaxing ten days of lectures and sight-seeing, I would have been horribly mistaken. While the programme did allow time for us to visit famous monuments and various other sites of both historic and cultural significance, the intensity of the course work did not allow for much idling. However, all the hard work paid out in full when the conference culminated in its final and most anticipated exercise – a UN Global Summit simulation. It was in this final simulation that we, as scholars were able to voice the opinions of our designated countries and passionately debate the passing of certain policies and resolutions pertaining to various governmental commissions. It was an awesome experience to be a part of the intense sense of political fervour that the simulation created.

Once again, I would like to express my most sincere gratitude to the OD Union for their support of my trip. In particular I'd like to thank Tim and Carolyn Hamilton-Smith, Barrie Arnold and Grant Nupen for their assistance in liaising with both local and international ODs and for their help in collecting and managing the necessary funds.

DONORATIONS

Sincere thanks to the following for donations to the OD Bursary Fund:

Michael de Lisle Craig Stacey Craig Howie

VISITORS

It was wonderful to renew acquaintances with:







Charles Koster

Simon Burrow (1968)FranceMark Lewis (1974)UKJonathan Thompson (1979)GautengBlyth Thompson (1946)George

David Impey (1971) Canada

Arthur Mngxekeza (1997) Gauteng (relocated to Cape Town)

Justin Van Breda (1992) UF

Charles Koster (1983) Beaufort West Justin Hastings-Brown (1992) Durban

FUTURE FUNCTIONS

ANNUAL OD COCKTAIL PARTY IN LONDON

WEDNESDAY 3 OCTOBER

Venue: Princess Alexandra Hall, Royal Overseas League, Overseas House, Park Place, St James Street, London SW1A 1LR

Time: 6.30 p.m. Dress: Smart Casual Partners welcome

Bookings: Lloyd Bowden at wlbowden@gmail.com

ANNUAL NORTHERN PROVINCES GOLF DAY & COCKTAIL PARTY

WEDNESDAY 10 OCTOBER

Venue: The Johannesburg Country Club, Woodmead

Bookings:

GOLF – rwilke@bishops.org.za COCKTAIL PARTY – richard.king@mweb.co.za

BOLAND ANNUAL DINNER

FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER

Venue: Olive Rock, Wolseley

Q & A with Tank Lanning & guests

Time: 7.00 for 7.30 p.m.

Bookings: Bruce Robinson freshexpress@mweb.co.za/0824183759

Price & local accommodation to follow ■ www.oliverock.co.za

RUGBY LUNCH 20 JULY

This was indeed a memorable occasion. Sixteen ODs with much in common met for lunch at the ODU offices on Friday 20 July. Guests included past coaches Bey, Dobson, Douglas, Hamilton-Smith, and current VP André Jacobs. Springboks Peter Whipp (1968), Guy Kebble (1983) and Christian Stewart (1982), and rugby fanatics John Dobson (1986), Tank Lanning (1989), Martin Bey (1990), Craig Wilson (1982), Reg Hands (1967), Alistair (1987) and Tim Collins (1985), and Boland secretary Bruce Robinson (1986). Wine sponsorship was from Bilton Wines and Guy Kebble's Surepure Wines. The weather was appalling but the indoor braai facilities proved to be superb and many thanks must go to Paul Faber (1986) and his wonderful braaier Leon. Speeches were impromptu but many ODs were delighted to hear some of the 'old legends' waxing lyrically about the past.



Alan Douglas, Basil Bey and Paul Dobson



Guy reminisces



Alan in full flow



Tank Lanning, Craig Wilson and Guy Kebble

NEWS OF ODs

FUND RAISING PHILANTROPY

There are a number of ODs currently involved with wonderful projects. We are proud to include the following detail and ensure them of our full support.



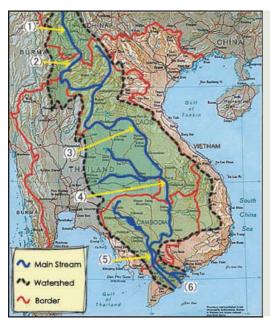
Mark Barron, with his greatest supporters, Robyn, Bryony, Jenny, Bielle, and Storm.

MEKONG DELTA FUNDRAISER

Later on this year, (hopefully September), Mark Barron (1972) together with friend David Crombie, will be running the length of the Mekong river in order to raise funds and publicity for the organization Home from Home in Cape Town, which cares for children orphaned by HIV/Aids. There are some Bishops connections in that Tim Noakes (1966) is their patron. Mark writes: We are both 'red sockers' (redsockfriday, John McInroy). Wendy Masters, the owner of Phoenix which is the pro-bono PR company for Home from Home, is the daughter of

deceased OD **Peter Masters** (1947). All funds raised go straight to Home from Home. Here is their story.

Sports Scientist David Crombie had intended to run solo along the Mekong River, which rises in Tibet and flows into the South China Sea in order to raise R1million for AIDS orphans in SA. He had assumed that no one would accompany him, but Mark, a vet, had insisted on joining him. David, who has run 160km in the Himalayas and 220km in the Amazon to raise funds for charity, met Mark in 2009. On hearing his plans to run the Mekong, Mark told him that he thought he was mad and if he ran on his own he would die. (Crombie is a cancer survivor and last year he had a bone-marrow transplant to cure leukaemia). Their run is expected to last for about six months with the athletes following the river through China, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam. Mark who has run



RUN MEKONG RIVER ROUTE

- 1. The Lancang River originates at an altitude of approximately 5,250m in the east edge of Tibet Mountains in the Yung-Nan Province, China and runs south to the Golden Triangle.
- **2.** Only when it crosses through the border of Laos PDR and Myanmar is it known as the Mekong River.
- **3.** From here it continues to run south through the border of Laos PDR and Thailand.
- **4.** It takes some right tributaries from Thailand and then runs into Cambodia.
- **5.** In Cambodia it takes some right tributaries, including the Tonlesap River from the Great Lake.
- **6.** After crossing the border into South Vietnam if forms the vast Mekong Delta and finally runs into the South China Sea

nine Comrades since 1979 said in an interview that if stopped running then he would start dying.

The Route is 3000 kms and takes them through three countries. David and Mark will run as close as possible to the Mekong River at all times, taking into account the need to run on a demined route. They aim to average 250 km per week (a standard marathon on six days out of every seven), for approximately three months. They will face extreme and relentless physical and mental demands, including, exhaustion, injuries, blisters, exposure to the elements to mention but a few. On the many isolated and inaccessible stretches of the river replenishing food supplies and water will be a major difficulty. A support crew will accompany the runners in a four-wheel drive vehicle for the duration of the run. Where the route makes this support option impossible, David and Mark will run self-sufficient with backpacks until able to reunite with the support vehicle.

Mark started running while doing national military service in 1978, when he heard that those running Comrades would get a week's leave. Since then he has run more than one Comrades, the Two Oceans, the Washie, Puffer and Otter trail runs, as well as various road marathons and trail/mountain runs. However, although 58 he doesn't think he'll be doing more than one Mekong River Run, yet given his love for the great outdoors, he doubts he will be hanging up his running shoes for a while!

Their web page is www.mekongriverrun.com.



David Grier

MILES FOR SMILES

David Grier (1977), one of the great modern day philanthropists, has once again been involved with his *Miles for Smiles* initiative. Ever since running the Great Wall in 2006, David has raised enough money for 1 000 children born with a cleft lip or palate to have operations. He has just completed a 4000 km run throughout the length and breadth of India. His latest gruelling task took him 93 days and has enabled him to hand over a cheque for R lmillion to the foundation. David spent three and a half months running in a pair of Indian shoes and living local ac-

cording to his blog. He said that in the beginning, he had run about 40km each day and in the last month he ran 50km a day.

"We set up tents and camp the whole way — there's no money for hotel rooms... we lived the hard life in India. Running through the streets of India was a great challenge. We felt harassed by traffic, hooters, people and just the megacities enveloping and swallowing me up, eating every last ounce of energy". His group ran into some trouble in Kashmir. "With all the military and the craziness in the city, we were arrested a few times... I think we were arrested about eight times," he said. Among his most memorable experiences was a 400 m swim across the Namarda River. "Mentally it was the hardest journey I've made — not so much physically challenging, but mentally it was tough. "It has really taken me to the limit."

David's next challenge is to run from the north to the south of the UK before the Olympic Games. He set off on June 20.

Miles for Smiles says one in 1 000 children is born with a cleft lip or palate. David said Operation Smile had a "tangible approach – the procedures are not so complex – it usually takes about 45

minutes and it is 45 minutes that can change a child's life forever."

We are delighted that David has agreed to be our guest speaker at next year's OD Dinner in March.

THE UNOGWAJA CHALLENGE

Meet the ODs in the team



John McInroy Nickname: "Basutoland Pony" Founder of Red Sock Friday, Avis Brand Ambassador, SA and WP Hockey player.

Quote: "Shoo O Ooops!!"
Twitter: @johnmcinroy



Dr WP Van Zyl Nickname: "Commander"

A Dentist from Cape Town,
husband and father of two.
Comrades history enthusiast and the
idea behind Unogwaja.

Quote: "Find your own Everest"



Lourens Van Zyl
Nickname: "Venter"
A lawyer who lives in Cape Town,
a sports enthusiast and a fan of
Bentley cars

Quote: "Tough times pass, tough people last"



Report from **Chris McInroy** (1971) the Team Leader for the Unogwaja Challenge.

The Challenge is quite simple: to cycle from Cape Town to Pieter-maritzburg in ten days and then run the Comrades Marathon the next day.

The Challenge is in memory of Phil Masterton-Smith, the young-est ever winner of the Comrades in 1931, who two years later could not afford the train fare from Cape Town so he decided to cycle and then run the Marathon. His nickname was 'Unogwaja' meaning hare in Zulu.

The event was first attempted last

year by four cyclists with the three who completed the cycle and the marathon all being Bishops Old Boys: **John McInroy** (2000), **WP Van Zyl** (1997) and his brother **Lourens** (2000).

This year the same men plus the first woman to try, Miranda Symons, set out from the Southern Sun Waterfront Hotel at 4.30 am on Thursday 24 May accompanied by another 70 cyclists including boys from the school. The rest is history and they all successfully completed the 1700km journey and then ran the Comrades on Sunday 3 June. For the record the only person to finish the Comrades 'in good shape' was Miranda, a truly remarkable lady!

I had the privilege of coming out from the UK and heading up the support team consisting of team doctor, two physiotherapists, one bike mechanic and a film/media crew of five. Staying en route with locals was the highlight of a demanding but fun journey. Included in the support team was



Runners with Chris McInroy and Peter Proctor, Chairman of Comrades at finish line

George Eadie (2001) yet another OD whose energy and support was indispensable. For those of you that are interested in seeing the videos which were posted each day you can watch them all on the *Unogwaja* Challenge You Tube Channel (www. youtube.com/UnogwajaChallenge). There will also be a one hour documentary coming out on the event and it is hoped to have a viewing at the school with details to follow. Not only should it make very interesting viewing but all proceeds raised go to the official Comrades Charities. We would like to thank the school for their continued support and to Father Wilke who braved the early

hours to give us his blessing before we set out. One of our major sponsors, *Vital Health* was also established through the Bishops family for which we are really grateful. Without their contribution and support this incredible journey would never have been possible.

We are already looking ahead to 2013 and beyond. We believe the *Unogwaja Challenge* can become one of the most unique and iconic biathlons in the world.

If anybody would like to know more about the event or would like to get involved in some way please contact John McInroy (<u>iwearredsocksonfridays@gmail.com</u> or via official website <u>www.unogwa-jachallenge.com</u> or twitter @TheUnogwaja

SWIFT AND BOLD

Roger Sainsbury (1994) has been playing a key role in helping his regiment, 1 Rifles, gain vital intelligence on insurgent activities in Afghanistan. Roger is a Lance Corporal in the British Army and well known as a judo international, having represented Wales in the Commonwealth Games. An article in the Gloucestershire Echo revealed how he goes on regular patrols to villages where he speaks to the key community and religious leaders and then compiles reports on his findings. Roger, who is based in the 1 Rifles' tented headquarters known as Patrol Base 2, said people from the area were willing to share information. It follows a massive campaign more than a year ago where Gurkhas led a charge to rid the area of the Taliban.

'We offer so much more than the insurgency, like new mosques and new schools. Because we offer so much and give them security, the local nationals within our area are very much on our side and are forthcoming in giving us information,' he said. His role in the blistering heat is a far cry from the 9am to 5pm office hours most people in the UK are used to.

'Sometimes I work 21-hour days, but I find it thoroughly absorbing. It's a privilege and a respon-

sibility at the same time.'

Roger is backing the 1 Rifles Swift and Bold Appeal, named after the regiment's motto. The project helps the families of soldiers killed or injured in the line of duty. The appeal, which plans to raise £200 000 has drawn support from many high-profile people in Gloucestershire including rugby legend Phil Vickery, Top Gear co-presenter James May, Hugh Grant and England cricketer Kevin Pietersen all of whom have been spotted wearing the 1 Rifles wristbands.

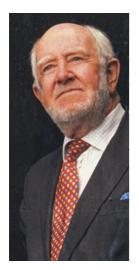
Visit their website at www.swiftandbold.org.

COMMUNITY WELFARE

Jonathan Hobday (1957), chairman of *Friends of the Black and Vygekraal* continues to raise money for the cleaning up of these two local rivers as well as the Krom River. They are particularly pleased that jobs have been created and that the rivers are already cleaner and the bird life has flourished. Jonathan recently received a cheque for R5 000 from the members of the Rondebosch Golf Club through which the rivers flow.

Jonathan is also negotiating the fate of Durban Road and is working together with Councillor **Matthew Kempthorne** (1993) on the upgrading of the Mowbray CBD including the fight against crime, where they have initiated sector policing. The land along the railway line which is 'a pigsty and a cesspit of litter and other activities' is also under scrutiny. We congratulate Jonathan on the fantastic example that he is setting.

Another clean-up programme involves the restoration of the Rondebosch Fountain, a true landmark of our area. The fountain was built 121 years ago to provide water for the horses and it has always been an historic icon. **Anthony Davies** (1956) has been at the core of this successful restoration and R30 000 was raised by a group of local businesses. Certainly a most successful community project.



Professor **Philip 'Taffy' Lloyd** (1954) head of the Energy Institute at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology is very much concerned with climate change, carbon capture and storage, and means for energizing lower income homes. His recent comments on oil giant SASOL tend to show that deregulation may not help consumers and that SASOL certainly benefits from the status quo. SASOL was set up with tax payers money in the 1950's and privatized in 1979 prompting calls for it to 'give something back in return'. He says that investors have enjoyed excellent returns, but motorists can't help feeling hard done by. With very low production costs and very low transport costs, they still charge the same pump price as other oil companies. 'SASOL supplies 40% of Gauteng's refined fuel and most of this is sold to other oil companies, which resell it under their brand names after putting in their additives'.

Philip's views on carbon emissions, carbon taxes and climate change make compulsive reading.

'The global emissions are reputed to be causing a warming of about 0, 6° C per century. (I say reputed, because even the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change gives the hypothesis only a reasonable probability of being true. It is still possible that the observed warming is entirely natural.) If we were to reduce our fossil fuel consumption by, say, 15%, it would not be detectable on a world scale. We would achieve precisely nothing. We should not support taxes that achieve nothing. Perhaps the whole carbon saga will prove a myth. Doomsayers have a history of commanding attention, then being shown wrong. Yet there is something in the human psyche that allows us to forgive them for being mistaken. After all, they might have been right — and then? However, in the case of carbon, there is growing evidence that the predicted disasters of climate change will not happen. The world is not moving rapidly to mitigate the perceived problems. In these circumstances, we need to tell the government to take its tax proposals and put them in the rubbish bin. Of course, governments everywhere love the idea of a carbon tax — it is a whole new source of revenue. Whole new sources of revenue are quite unnecessary. Our government should spend more wisely what it already has'.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION



Ian Michler

GLOBAL WILDERNESS CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

Ian Michler (1977) is a top specialist wilderness guide, photojournalist and naturalist, and has lived and worked across Africa for the last 22 years. His feature articles, diaries and blogs documenting the major conservation challenges facing Africa are well known to readers of the award winning magazines, Africa Geographic and Africa Birds and Birding. He is also the author of seven natural history and travel books on various African countries, does ecotourism consultancy work for both the private and government sectors, and has worked as a researcher and field coordinator on various natural history television documentaries for international broadcasters. Prior to his life in the wilderness, he spent almost eight years practicing as a stockbroker in Cape Town and Johannesburg. Ian is presently

based along the Garden Route in South Africa where he is co-owner and manager of *Invent Africa*, a specialist safari company that runs trips to 15 countries across Africa.

As the heart of the global wilderness conservation movement, WILD is the only international organization dedicated entirely to protecting wilderness and wild-nature around the world.

Their vision is to protect at least half of the planet, land and water, in an interconnected way because wild-areas provide essential social, spiritual, biological and economic benefits – Nature Needs Half. They envision a planet with abundant wildlife and wild places, which produces ample clean water, fresh air and natural resources that support all life. They believe that *intact wilderness areas* are an essential core element of a healthy modern human society. Sometimes, the solutions to human – animal conflict issues are best defined by the animals themselves. It is a way of asking their permission.

IN THE TRACKS OF GIANTS

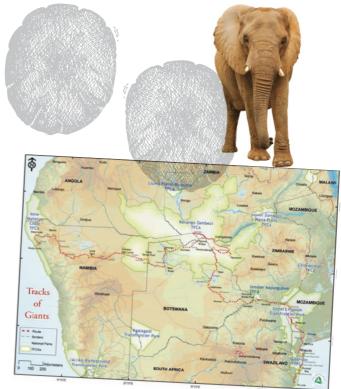
To walk in the wake of elephants, to be small in a world of giants to learn the spoor of silence, and the deep rumbling eloquence of kin.

To move in the skin of elephants, to feel the alliance of sand, the contours of land and the far reaching pull of water.

To be alive to the sway of elephants, to remember the songs of seasons, the ancient lines of migrations, and loosen your reasons for fences

To wake up to the web of intelligence, to the wild origins of sentience, to find your voice and raise it, that others may raise theirs' for elephants.

~ Ian McCallum



TRACKS OF GIANTS

Following ancient African elephant migration paths, Tracks of Giants, is a five month west to east journey connecting major conservation nodes to promote a greater awareness of conservation, human community and leadership issues relevant to southern Africa, and applicable to many areas of the world. The journey aims to rekindle the rapidly declining indigenous knowledge base of the human – animal interface, and indigenous solutions to conservation challenges and issues. **Ian Michler** will be with a team of trackers, conservationists and media as they travel by foot, cycle (in regions outside of conservation areas and wildlife parks) and kayak in the Okavango Delta and Zambezi through eight major conservation nodes. Along the way, they will meet with local communities, work with partners, survey and document animal movements and conservation issues focusing on the following issues:

- Climate change: potential impact on biodiversity and natural habitats
- Water: The vital role of wild natural areas in supplying water to human communities
- **Human animal issues:** identification of conflict areas and possible solutions
- **Habitat fragmentation** and loss of traditional animal migration routes
- The importance of **designated wilderness regions** in Transfrontier Conservation Areas
- Preserving indigenous wildlife knowledge tracking skills, resource use, oral history



Greg Mills

■ Linking environmental issues to leadership issues- biological, social, psychological

THE BRENTHURST FOUNDATION

Greg Mills (1979), in his role at the *Brenthurst Foundation*, oversees a number of presidential advisory teams bringing together international expertise with African governments, along with writing and conducting field-work across the continent and organising regular policy dialogues. The *Brenthurst Foundation* is on the frontier of new ideas and innovative actions for strengthening Africa's economic performance. Their activities are focused in three areas: encouraging key decision-makers and

experts to share experiences and insights at private meetings and seminars; delivering relevant, practical policy advice to governments; and generating new thinking and thought-leadership to address Africa's development challenges.

One of the main principles which underpins the Foundation's work is that economic growth is the best means to achieve prosperity and political stability. They are ever-mindful that higher growth rates are not, however, the only indicator of success. Another key principle which guides their work is that companies, in the words of Sir Ernest Oppenheimer, should have 'a broad and deep involvement with the societies in which they do business.'

The Foundation has developed a global network of analysts drawn from Central and South America, Central Asia, the US, Southeast Asia, the Middle East and North Africa, and Europe. Their team is constantly engaged with a diverse range of experts, policy specialists and senior

government officials.



Guy Midgely

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Guy Midgely (1977) the Chief Director of the South African National Biodiversity Institute heading up its Climate Change and Bioadaptation Division, has been awarded a Professorship at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. Guy will engage in research and student post graduate training activities advancing research, in the School of Agricultural, Earth and Environmental Sciences. Guy has kicked off this exciting new role with the notable achievement of a publication in the world-

leading scientific journal Science entitled 'Biodiversity and ecosystem function'.

Guy has worked as an ecologist for the South African National Biodiversity Institute since 1983, instigating climate change programs during the early 1990's. He has worked in many ecosystems internationally, mainly in southern Africa, western South and North America and Western Australia, collaborating with scientists on global change-related ecological research, publishing more than a hundred scientific products.

He specialises on the impacts of global warming feeling that it is nearly impossible to overstate the threat of climate change. Greenhouse gas emissions are rising more rapidly than predicted and the world is warming more quickly in response. Guy believes that global warming will have catastrophic effects such as accelerating sea level rise, droughts, floods, storms and heat waves. These will impact

some of the world's poorest and most vulnerable people, disrupting food production, and threatening vitally important species, habitats and ecosystems. He insists that as we work to reduce emissions, we must simultaneously begin to adapt to the increasing impacts of climate change.



ABORICULTURE

Francois Krige (1983) began his arboriculture career in the forests of Germany where he worked for three years. Following this, he travelled to London where he learnt the specialized art of tree surgery and urban tree care. Shortly after his return to Cape Town

in 1991, he formed his own tree surgery business, *Krige Tree Service*. With his team of well-trained and professional staff, Francois is one of the city's most well-respected arborists. Francois is a consultant to the Planning Department of the City's Environmental Management Branch. Clients of Krige Tree Service include: Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, the South African National Parks Board, the City of Cape Town, Groote Schuur Estate and the Arderne Garden Arboretum.

PLATBOS INDIGENOUS FOREST

Just off the coast of Gansbaai you will find Africa's southernmost forest. This is Francois's pride and joy. Platbos is an ancient, indigenous forest that lies on the slopes of the Baviaanspoort Hills on the Grootbos Road just outside Stanford, the largest remaining fragment of the original Swart-kransberg Forests - lowland forests of the fynbos biome.

Platbos, as its name suggests, is the name for a flat forest or bush, which perfectly describes the approach to the forest along the road, where it appears to be simply bush. That it is actually a forest is something of a surprise, and to find that it is a forest made up predominantly of wild olive, white pear and white stinkwood trees is nothing short of incredible. What makes Platbos Indigenous Forest unique is that one wouldn't expect to find it where it is. Most forests retreat into moister mountain ravines and riverbanks. Platbos Forest, by comparison, is found in deep, sandy, alkaline soil on north-facing terrain – where the rainfall is generally not deemed sufficient to support a forest. Despite this, the trees flourish, so much so that some of them are over 1000 years old.

Its species too are unique – it doesn't easily fit into any existing forest category. Whilst there are attributes of the Afromontane forest, you won't find yellowwoods, black stinkwoods, rooiels and other thirstier trees. Instead all the coastal thicket species are visible, and it has been compared to Tongaland-Pondoland forests of KwaZulu-Natal.

You can visit Platbos Forest by appointment to enjoy the gentle walks that take an hour or two to complete. In the heart of the forest you'll find a 1000 year old milkwood, and a labyrinth made of mother-of-pearl sea shells, often in disarray as the baboons like to re-arrange the design. Platbos also has a tree planting programme to which you can contribute.

UNITED KINGDOM



Gareth Penny (1980) has been appointed the new Executive Chairman of New World Resources, one of central Europe's leading hard coal and coke producers. Gareth will join the Board of NWR on 3 September as Chairman-Elect and will become Executive Chairman in October. Gareth says that NWR has delivered on an ambitious programme of modernisation and has dramatically improved operating efficiently and safety across their mining and coking operations over the past five years. He is very excited to be taking over as Executive Chairman and looks forward to contributing to the further development of the Company's growth strategy.

The Lion King reports:

I have always been ambitious. When I finished college at the Cape Academy of Performing Arts I had two goals. One was to get a job straight out of college and the other was that it had to be a show of a very high standard. But never in my wildest dream had I thought that these goals would soon be realized. I was fortunate to be offered a role in Disney's The Lion King musical, as an understudy for Simba and part of the male singing ensemble. It is very difficult to explain what it is like to be on the West End stage in arguably the world's biggest musical, and then to have the opportunity to play the lead role as well. I never believed that my dreams would come true.

If you know me well, you would probably see me performing, but not with a massive mask on my head, nor would the idea cross your mind as to what the ensemble costumes look like. Hyena's from head to toe, with a harness and your puppet, a grass corset with a grass head on your head, seeing Mufasa and Scar Puppets move off the actors heads, seeing the Pumba puppet fitted to the actor and seeing a puppet literally attached to a man's body, not for getting that the Zazu puppet is the most expensive puppet to make.

When I was there, the show ran Tuesday to Sunday, eight times a week, with one day off, for 52 weeks a year, where people get nice holidays during Christmas, for the two week Christmas period we had to work in 16 shows in the two week period, not doing it in the normal format. People will say theatre ah that's so easy. Well you try and be on the stage and bring something new to a character every day for five years. I was very lucky to be given this chance and to experience London and the world's premier theatre district. It is like no other, the politics, the



tradition, the ups and downs, the highs and lows. Being in the West End gave me an experience that I could never buy, not very many people are this lucky to get there and it comes through a lot of a hard work, lots of aches and pains and some tears too. I received a massive amount of support from the Bishops family while I was there, and still continue to receive it, it is very much appreciated. What comes next I sure hope is just as big or even bigger than The Lion King, but it will always be my first show and will always be a part of who I am.

William Esau (2005)

James Durrant (1994) has been made Director of the South African Chamber of Commerce. The SA Chamber of Commerce is an umbrella organisation and conduit for trade, community and investment into and out of South Africa. The SACC aims to bring under one concerted effort, a forum and meeting point for businesses that have an interest in both the UK and South Africa in an attempt to facilitate the development of business opportunities.

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Douglas Craig (1991) is now Project and Programme Management Consultant at Dell in London. For more than 28 years, Dell has empowered countries, communities, customers and people everywhere to use technology to realize their dreams. They deliver technology solutions that help them do and achieve more, whether they're at home, work, school or anywhere in their world.



THE NAMIBIAN CONNECTION.

Branch Secretary **Steve Galloway** (1974) reports:

The Namibian Bishops Family was privileged to be paid a visit by a group who have meant so much in the lives of so many Namibian boys and parents over the past decade, and in the case of Tim over four decades! Grant and Rosemary Nupen, Tim and Carolyn Hamilton-Smith, and **Angus** (1984) and Sally **Firth** paid an historic visit to Namibian ODs and the families of past, current and prospective boys over a wonderful long-weekend at the end of May. Grant and Angus had played such a key role in turning around the perception that Bishops was becoming a predominantly day school in the early 2000s, without the boarding depth and diversity that Bishops had become famous for. They assured Namibians of a concerted policy to bring in long-term boarders from all over Africa and the world, a policy which they certainly lived up to, with Mel Wallis-Brown notching up frequent flyer miles in his recruitment drive in Africa particularly. White House was the depository for most of his recruits and the first house to establish itself as a true distance board-



Branch Secretary Steve Galloway



Angus Firth, Manfred Böttger, Tim Hamilton-Smith, Grant Nupen and Steve Galloway



Rosemary Nupen, Jonty Thompson, Clare and Steve Galloway, Carolyn Hamilton-Smith, Manfred Böttger, Tim Hamilton-Smith and Vic Kent



Angus Firth addresses the guests

ing house. Founders and School have recently made similar moves.

For Namibia, it worked well, and with an average four new boys each year from 2006 onwards, we were up to 18 Namibian boys and more than 20 if we include some of the illustrious Namibianschooled boys like the current Head of School, Sebastian Remmanzwaal. In 2010 we had six "Namibian" Grade 12s (an all-time record at Bishops) if we include Zandi Pirrow and Matthew Fehrsen, who did their primary schooling in Namibia, as well as Cheryl Emvula (2010), Ali Galloway (2010), Jan-Dirk Kruger (2010) and Ferdinand Tjombe (2010), who all made it. Who would forget the exceptional performances of Nathan Nel (2010), Miquel Hamutenya (2009), Michael Foxcroft (2011), Junaid Arnold, Cai (2011) and Jack Nebe, Kevin Shanjengange (2011) and others on the sportsfields, or the amazing team performances of White House, bolstered by as high a percentage of Namibians as a quarter of the house at their peak, winning at will. What a success story, for which much of the credit must go to Angus and Sally Firth for running an amazing establishment, a home away from home, a model of diversity and strength. Some of the Namibian ODs of course resist the obvious White House bias that has come about and find it especially hard to swallow the reality that there is a new "Top House", one which did not even exist when some were at Bishops. What a finish for Angus in White House with Seb Remmanzwaal as Head of School, and a transfer to Kidd resulting in Jack Nebe being Head of House there after spending four years in White.

So with Grant and Rosemary retiring, Angus and Sally ending their tenure in White House, and the subsequent announcement of Tim's retirement from the OD Union, how fitting it was that the local Bishops family hosted them on a Namibian round-up. Between a cocktail function at the OD Secretary's House on the Thursday, a dinner for 35 ODs, spouses and parents at NICE Restaurant on the Friday and an overnight at the Galloway farm near Okahandja on Saturday, we managed to assemble a good number of ODs. In order of rough seniority Mike Sivertsen (1952), Peter Böttger (1956), Walter Böttger (1962), Manfred Böttger (1963), Ian Galloway (1971), Steve Galloway (1974), Victor Kent (1974), Jonty Thompson (1975), Joachim Rieck (1977), Nic van Bergen, Patrick Ohle, Mike Böttger (1990), Ricardo Raposa (1999), Bradley Brown (1998) and Mathel Namaseb (2002) showed up, and Charl Van Wyngaarden (1986) also made a welcome contribution to costs. We also hosted past, current and prospective parents

including Mike and Jerry Hill, Emily Brown, Melissa Shanjengange, Helen Shikongo, Saima Hawaala, and Richard and Candia Diggle.

Tim welcomed all the ODs and parents and gave a short summary of his 45-year association with Bishops, including anecdotes of some of the ODs present whom he taught or coached at some stage. He even remembered "Sivvie's" 100 yds record from before his time, but which will stand forever! He updated us on his and Carolyn's activities and transformation of the OD Union, astounding us with his dexterity in modern communications technology. We remember his sand tables and mobile beaches in the geography class, probably the motivator for a few OD geological-and related careers.

During dinner Angus gave a vivid account of his days in charge of all our boys (remembering that he had also travelled to White House as a Namibian boarder), interrupted by Manfred's lengthy Latin grace, serving of starters and other raucous events. Angus commented that it was the first time he had been asked to deliver an address in episodes. Not to be outdone, Grant started by stunning the audience with some Gilbert and Sullivan before encapsulating the spirit and ethos of Bishops as he has grown to know it and guide it over the past decade. He leaves a proud legacy and a big gap, which we are confident, will be filled in time by Guy Pearson. Angus and Sally will no doubt move on and up and will make a lasting impact on many more boys' and families' lives wherever they end up. Tim and Carolyn will always be an integral part of the OD fabric, and Tim, no longer a "tank", but a Bishops icon forever!

The Namibian Bishops Family salutes three legendary Bishops families and wishes them good fortunes and great memories of an institution and family they have greatly enriched.

Michael Böttger (1990) is on the move and has been bitten by the aviation bug! We met up with him at an OD function in Windhoek. Since obtaining his private pilot's licence nine years ago, he has been flying commercially for about three years having qualified both in Namibia and the USA as an instrument rated commercial pilot. This compliments his 'day job' as a specialised aviation lawyer with his law firm, Lorentz Angula Inc. as it gives him the necessary practical background as a pilot, aircraft owner and charter operator to provide legal and commercial advice to his clients. He has also completed his turbine and multi-engine ratings and fly free-lance for three companies in Namibia, namely Westair Aviation, Wilderness Air and his own company, called Scenic Air. Since the calling to fly has smitten him, he has bought into Scenic Air, and purchased a fleet of aircraft for his charter operation. They fly all over Namibia and Botswana, and transport mainly tourists and hunters to bush strips all over the country. His company operates from Eros Airport in Windhoek and Swakopmund on the coast. As the name belies, they treat their passengers to the most exquisite views from above all around this breathtakingly beautiful country. Operations are every increasing and it is 'great fun to be part of showing off Namibia to tourists'

More information can be obtained from their website <u>www.scenic-air.com</u> and he hopes that this may interest any ODs planning to travel to Namibia.

THE KAROO

John Hayward (1967) Branch Secretary of the Central Karoo, reports:

The 49th dinner of the Central Karoo Branch of the OD UNION was held at Lemoenfontein Game Lodge near Beaufort West on the evening of May 19. The Karoo has a special magical attraction for those who visit here or pass through. This is perhaps often lost on people who actually live here, but on the evening of the dinner, the magic was evident to all! It was a cold clear evening with not a breath of wind. The stars had never seemed so bright or so near!

From early evening, guests started to gather at the log fire in the lounge which overlooks the lights of the town far below. Lemoenfontein has a warmth and special quality which must make our dinners so attractive. We seem to draw so many interesting people, and this year was no exception. In fact, without support from outside the area, we would not be able to justify holding the function. Your interest and attendance is highly appreciated and valued!

From the school we welcomed our loyal friends, headmaster Grant Nupen and his wife Rosemary. It was fitting that Grant and Rosemary were with us, as it is his last year at College. Fortunately, by living almost outside the school gates, they will remain part of the Bishops family, and we hope that they will remember us too .They will always receive a warm welcome in the Karoo, and especially at our dinners. Also from the school, we welcomed **Angus Firth** (1984) and his wife Sally, and another very loyal friend of the area, Paul Murray. Always so good to see you Paul!

It was wonderful to see new OD Secretary Tim Hamilton-Smith and his wife, Carolyn at the dinner table. Last year Tim was recovering from surgery, so he could not be with us. This was his first visit to us wearing his new badge of office. Since taking over, Tim and Carolyn have proved themselves to be immensely popular and capable in the execution of their duties. More and more ODs are showing an interest since you moved in! We thank you for your on-going cheerful support and assistance to our Branch. You have helped to make this dinner happen! We wish you



John Hayward, Sally and Angus Firth



Mike Orpen, Werner and Ralph Koster, Ian Gird

many happy productive years in your position.

From the Cape Town, Garden Route and Boland areas we were happy to welcome **Peter Jeffery** (1961) and his wife Muffie, **Hugo Leggatt** (1956) and his wife Helen and ever loyal friends **Mike Orpen** (1957) and his wife Judy, and livening up the evening with his infectious laugh was surprise guest, **Ian Gird** (1981). From Johannesburg it was a pleasure to welcome **Warwick Jones** (1961) and from New Zealand, friend of the school and past parent, Mick Saunders and his wife, June. From our area we enjoyed the company of **Werner** and Moira **Koster** (1957), **Robert** and Claudette **Jackson** (1966), **Roger de Jager** (2000), **Ralph** and Diane **Koster** (1987), **Graeme** and Esme **Koster** (1990), **Richard Wilmot** (1972) accompanied by Cecilia, **Andrew** and Linda **Conroy** (1955), now living in Kimberley and past parents Julian and Jean de Jager, and finally **John** and Fiona **Hayward** (1967).

Since our dinner last year, the area was greatly saddened by the sudden death of Peter Koster. Peter was a loyal member of this Branch. He held office for many years, and was always the best of dinner companions with his dry sense of humour and pertinent observations. We extend our sympathies to Jackie and the family on their great loss.

On a happier Koster note, we learned that Werner and Moira were about to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. We wish them great joy and happiness in the years ahead.

Before settling into the hearty dinner prepared by the unflappable and talented Ingrid Koster, Paul Murray offered up a splendid sounding Latin Grace from his little red book!

Who would dare to contradict his pronunciation? Ralph Koster then proposed a toast to the school and to the OD UNION.

Our guest speaker was OD and present teacher and housemaster at College, Angus Firth.

Angus is about to leave White House at the end of this year. In his delightful address, he reminisced about his life at Bishops, his experiences as housemaster and more especially in coping with the new era of immediate communication. In years gone by, it was a weekly letter written home during prep which required a stamp from the housemaster. Now there is a constant exchange of information on all manner of communication devices.

The demands and pressures on both pupils and staff must be enormous. Today's children must be smarter! And how easily they show up their parents! Thank you for sharing your memories and insights with us, Angus. Your easy delivery style and humour were greatly enjoyed. Thank you to both you and Sally for being with us.

In the absence of our Chairman, **John Luscombe** (1971), who was exploring, (hopefully extinct volcanoes) in Tanzania, it fell to **Roger de Jager** to thank Angus for his talk. In fact Angus had made White House sound so attractive, Roger was heard to say that he was reconsidering his son's application for School House!

It was an altogether delightful evening. We had a good number of guests at dinner and the conversation was easy and the fellowship relaxed. Thank you to Ingrid and her team for a wonderful dinner served at elegantly and stylishly decorated tables.

Next year the Central Karoo Branch celebrates its 50th dinner. It is sure to be a very special occasion. We hope to see YOU there!

THE WESTERN CAPE

FILMS



Jonty Acton

Keep your eyes open for a new thirteen part TV series called *Animal Doctor*. Cape Town film maker **Jonty Acton** (1991) shot the series in September last year. It follows six students from Onderstepoort Veterinary School as they get to grips with working in the field for the very first time – under the watchful eye of Dr **Greg Simpson** (1991), who set up the Hluvukane Health Centre near the Kruger National Park, where it has been filmed. Jonty and Greg have been friends since their Bishops days. The series is aimed to inspire and educate aspiring vets. The students are sent to work in the Park, where they work with both domestic and wild animals. Jonty says that the stories are both exciting and heartwarming with the students having to deal with life and death

just like real doctors. It was all done with minimal sleep and with the added pressure of having everything they do captured on camera.

After leaving Bishops, Jonty studied at UCT and the London Film School. Since then he has made eight short films and his debut feature 'The Thirteenth Sign' premiered at Leicester Square's Prince Charles Cinema in 2000. It has been successfully released and distributed in the US, Canada and Europe. He has also developed several feature screenplays and been selected for the Channel 4 writers workshop (1998), the Sithengi Writers Forum (2004) and the Sithengi Talent Campus (2005). He currently runs *I Do Digital*, an award winning video production company specializing in events coverage.



Craig Foster

Craig (1985) and **Damon Foster** (1988) are widely regarded as SA's top documentary filmmakers. With over 16 years of experience shooting and directing and having received over 50 international awards, the Foster brothers have deservedly carved themselves a niche in global film circles.

Keep an eye out for their two latest projects.

Touching the Dragon

Roger Horrocks is a photo-journalist and has heard rumours of a crocodile shaman and a people far away in the jungles of Central America who view crocodiles as a sign of good luck. The shaman can swim and ride on the back

of a giant crocodile without being eaten. Locals also actively choose to live close to these ancient predators, as their presence ensures that the waterholes will not dry up during the hot summer months. The down-side is that often people are preyed upon and yet there are stories of men 'calling' wild crocodiles and a mythical legend of one man who has formed a bond with a five meter animal that seems to defy the boundaries of the natural world. Roger has experienced first-hand that these ancient reptiles are possible of showing emotion and he feels a deep connection to crocodiles. He is compelled to investigate these stories and hopes to meet Chito, the crocodile shaman. Almost twenty years ago Chito Graham found a crocodile that had been shot by cattle farmers: He was very skinny, weighing only around 150lb. I gave him chicken and fish and medicine for six months to help him

recover. I stayed by the crocodile's side while he was ill, sleeping next to him at night. I just wanted him to feel that somebody loved him, that not all humans are bad. It meant a lot of sacrifice. I had to be there every day. I love all animals — especially ones that have suffered. It took years before Chito felt that the crocodile he calls, Poncho had bonded with him enough to get closer to the animal. After a decade I started to work with him. At first it was slow, slow. I played with him a bit, slowly doing more. Then I found out that when I called his name he would come over to me. At one point during his recovery, Chito left the crocodile in a lake near his house. But as he turned to walk away, to his amazement Poncho got out of the water and began to follow him home. Chito recalls: That convinced me the crocodile could be tamed. But when he first fearlessly waded into the water with the giant reptile, his family was so horrified they couldn't bear to watch. So instead, he took to splashing around with Poncho when they were asleep. American crocodiles, which inhabit North, Central and South America, are said to be less aggressive than their African counterparts, but how will the giant crocodile tolerate Roger — will he accept Roger as he does Chito? Roger unveils this astonishing relationship between the earth's most ancient predator and a unique man, a relationship that defies the boundaries of the natural world.

Shortly after filming, Chito's beloved crocodile Pocho died, leaving this film as the only documentary of his extraordinary life, and the world's first intimate images of a crocodile/human relationship.



Dragons Feast

Roger Horrocks sets out on a mission many people believe to be suicidal. His plan is to dive in the Okavango delta with over twenty feeding crocodiles. Roger was one of the pioneers of crocodile diving, but now he wants to see if they will accept him in the water, on the kill. A green strip of water feeds the giant Okavango Delta. Every year the floods from Angola and Namibia wash across Botswana, rejuvenating the desert, bringing life to the swamps and shallow lakes. This year's flood will be the greatest in living memory and could create interactions between crocodiles and humans that have never been seen before. The crocodiles rarely attack without tremendous forethought, in many cases watching their victims come down to the water for weeks, and then suddenly when they judge the perfect opportunity, they move in with

their deadly set of weapons. Roger journeys along the Okavango River and meets some of the attack survivors — a mother and daughter from a local village were attacked while collecting water lilies. They desperately fought off the crocodile but each lost an arm. They survive by weaving baskets together despite their disability. Roger prepares to dive with the crocodile that could have attacked these brave people and build his confidence for what lies ahead. Roger often relies on his experiences in Central America where he joined local crocodile 'callers' who entice wild crocodiles from the water with small pieces of meat. The food almost seems to calm the animals down. Roger believes that when crocodiles congregate in groups at a food source, they actually lose their natural aggression and

this could make the difference for him between life and death. Local people are not the only items on the crocodile menu as their cattle are often preyed upon. The cattle's blood seeps into the green water and downstream; crocodiles pick up the scent and are drawn together in large groups. Like mythical dragons they congregate to feast on the swollen rotting meat. Roger is joined by an old diving friend Walter Bernardis, who for many years has interacted with dominant Tiger Sharks off the east African coast. Walter has an uncanny sense of large animals and has always wanted to engage with crocodiles in their natural environment. Eventually the feast begins and Roger and veteran shark-man enter the water. The water quality has dropped and the number of hungry crocodiles has increased, yet the two push on. The feast has a spectacular end with a massive four metre crocodile towing Walter across the river and away from the hungry circle of giant reptiles.

Dragons Feast is shot in stereoscopic 3D, and is part of a trilogy of crocodile films made for NHU Africa by Foster Brothers Film Productions.

BOOKS



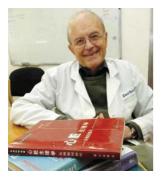
Be sure to read **John Cartwright's** (1955) recent book 'Where's the chicken?' Making South Africa safe. The message of the book is that sorting out the mess this country is in needs a new way of thinking. Many agree that waiting for the government to fix things is fast becoming futile. The mess has become too big and too complex, so how can we make a difference? This is precisely what the book is all about. He uses the peaceable and practical solution to a dispute about chickens between neighbours as a modern-day parable to show that ordinary South Africans have the answer to creating a safer country. He explains that such episodes demonstrate that the most viable solutions to societal ills are often inexpensive and don't consume resources. John has written the book with great friend Clifford Shearing

who heads up the UCT centre of Criminology where John is a consultant. Their book is published by *Burnet Media*.

In Waterlogged, **Tim Noakes** (1966), professor of Exercise and Sports Medicine at UCT, sets the record straight, exposing the myths surrounding dehydration and presenting up-to-date hydration guidelines for endurance sport and prolonged training activities. He takes the reader inside the science of athlete hydration for a fascinating look at the human body's need for water and how it uses the liquids it ingests.

Medical Honour

Lionel Opie (1949) was recently back in Oxford for a heart conference at Merton College where he had been Visiting Fellow. Merton is celebrating its 750th year and claims to be the leading academically achieving college. He gave the after dinner talk, and later while visiting relatives on a farm near Banbury, he also met **Martin Harris** (1964). Martin was Bishops cricket captain and rugby full-back, thereafter doing very well in his medical studies. Then he specialized in the UK and stayed on as a very successful and much beloved general practitioner in Hook Norton, Oxfordshire.



Recently Professor Opie had a very much unexpected honour. Every year since 1997 he has organised with Prof Derek Yellon, a leading UK cardiologist from University College London, an international meeting in Cape Town, Cardiology at the Limits. This year Richard Horton, the Editor of *The Lancet*, which is one of the two best known international medical journals, was invited. He was so impressed with the quality of the meeting and its stated aim of promoting medical cardiac education throughout Africa that he placed Lionel and Derek's names on the outside cover of *The Lancet* and gave an Editorial comment on the inside. These are honours rarely accorded to individuals and a significant reward for all their efforts.

Extract from the Editorial:

Many doctors ask themselves 'do medical conferences serve any purpose' as there is not one shred of evidence that medical meetings benefit health or health care.

It's true that conferences can be heart-sink affairs. 10 000 or more people packed into an anonymous warehouse, little opportunity for discussion, ludicrously curtailed presentations, and an abundance of prematurely reported "data". The meeting in Cape Town is different. Lionel Opie and Derek Yellon began the At the Limits meetings 14 years ago, as apartheid in South Africa was ending, based on a principle—the exchange of science and medicine between African and European continents, embodied in the close relationship between UCT and UCL. With 80% of deaths from heart disease and diabetes taking place in low-income and middle-income countries, holding the meeting at a world-class university in Africa is materially as well as symbolically important. The conference is small (around 250 people attend). 25 countries were represented this year, including almost 70 heart specialists from South Africa, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Namibia, Tanzania, Kenya, and Botswana. Lectures are state-of-the-art summaries and interpretations of new findings and trends across topical areas of cardiology and diabetes. The intersection of fields is important—boundaries between specialties are dissolved to examine opportunities and gaps. There is ample time for sharp debate. No medical meeting is quite like it. Derek and Lionel have nurtured the format carefully. The conference is supported by several sponsors. No advertising No promotional materials. No trade exhibition. The meeting is mostly held in an appropriately austere lecture theatre at UCT.

A truly wonderful tribute to **Lionel Opie** – *ed*

MUSIC

Mark Nixon (1989) has recently performed at the Nederburg Manor House and has just released



his second CD entitled *Brahms Liszt and Debussy*. Mark is a graduate of the University of Cape Town, the Amsterdam Conservatory, and the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, London. From 2000-2002, he was the Anthony Saltmarsh Junior Fellow at the Royal College of Music. He currently teaches at Kings College School and has a busy performing career with recent engagements in the Netherlands, France, South Africa and the UK. The winner of many prestigious South African awards, Mark has performed extensively as soloist with all the South African orchestras, with the Rotterdam Philharmonic, and with several orchestras in England, also appearing in recital and as accompanist.



ENTERTAINMENT

Dougie Boyes (1992) is successfully establishing trendy stylish and innovative pubs and restaurants in the southern suburbs, suitable for everyone including families, wives and girlfriends.

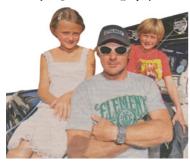
In 2008 Dougie and two friends decided to buy a pub and turn it into the kind of place where they would like to spend their leisure time. So *The Toad in the Village* in The Noordhoek Farm Village started. Dougie Boyes,

Paul le Roux and Bob Skinstad are the owners with Dougie being a 'little' more hands on than the rest. Paul owns and runs Cafe Roux, also in the Village. They then focussed their attention on that land mark restaurant, Westlake Arms, on the corner of Boyes Drive and main road in Lakeside. They went ahead and bought that in 2010 and started operating at the end of 2011. Once everything was in order they changed the name from Westlake Arms to The Toad on the Road early in 2012. The next step included ownership of De Noordhoek Lifestyle Hotel. Changes have already started. Village Sushi is already up and running and operates from the patio and restaurant of the hotel. It is delivering world class food in line with what Franck Dangeroux and the rest of the village are doing. Other changes are currently on the go particularly with decor and when done it will be an excellent Asian experience in the village. The hotel itself is the Grand Old Lady of the village. She is built immaculately and although only graded four star, the 20 rooms and all the immediate offerings in the village (Foodbarn, Cafe Roux, The Toad, The Deli and all the line shops) make it one of the best hotel experiences in Cape Town. Their rates are more than fair and you will certainly live like a local! Just around the corner you will find such wonders as Noordhoek Beach and Chapman's Peak, Cape Point Vineyards and False Bay with sharks and whales!

An interesting and popular feature of the *Toad* is the weekly general knowledge quiz that takes place in the pub. All questions are devised by Dougie and cover every subject imaginable. The quiz happens every Tuesday Quiz Night starting at 8 o'clock. R20 gets you a seat and you have to book – 021 7892973. Dougie adds that it is best to come as a group, and you have to try our ribs and beer while you are in his company!

There are 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prize every week which is a voucher to the value of R600, R300, R150. Also a bottle of wine for the clever individuals, handed out personally by Dougie!

You want a sample question? The Millenium Star, The Centenary, The Red Cross and the Incomparable are all examples of what? Geography students should remember!



ADVENTURE

We were interested to read in the *Argus:* 'An African Adventure – local family sets off on a journey filled with excitement and outdoor fun'. Readers were invited to meet Africa's youngest adventure bloggers. Camdyn and Summer-Ann Kellett. We felt that father somehow had to be an OD! **Andrew Kellett** (1988) owns an adventure company Gravity Adventure and has also been at the heart of training kayaking guides and is well

known for his exploits on various southern African rivers. Together with his wife Marie-Louise they have decided to explore the southern parts of Africa with their two young children as part of their young Explorers Initiative, which aims to get kids into nature where they belong. It certainly sounds better than school and on their travels five 'must see' destinations await the family. The Kunene River with the Ondorusso Gorge and the Epupa Falls, horse riding and walking safari in the Okavango Delta, the mighty Zambezi (arguably the best white water on the planet), kayaking on Lake Malawi and finally the Quirimbas Archipelago in Mozambique. Altogether a journey of five months. Check their website to see how it is going. www.gravity.co.za



The hull, engines and boiler of Steam Tug Alwyn Vintcent leaves Cape Town Harbour (photo Trevor Wilkins).

Ocean going vessel in the Overberg

Andy Selfe (1968) reports on the 'Crazy farmers' who have recently taken a tug on a 408km road trip in the Boland.

On Thursday morning, 28 June, 2012 at around 10am, the hull, engines and boiler of Steam Tug *Alwyn Vintcent* rolled into Villiersdorp from the north. This was the end of a 408km trip from Cape Town Harbour, about four times the normal distance, because of the height of the load on its 88-wheel trailer, the 6.6m width and 47m length including

the pulling and pushing vehicles. She was preceded for the last few kilometres by a motorcade of veteran cars and tractors, and the combination of hooters, wailing sirens and pealing church bells was an event which will not be forgotten in a hurry! The vessel had been bought nearly two years before by the Villiersdorp branch of the West Cape Tractor & Engine Club, to save her from being scrapped. She was built in Venice in 1957 and was the last steam vessel on the South African Register of Shipping. The arrival in Villiersdorp marked the end of the first phase, which has involved dismantling and cutting off the superstructure as well as fundraising to the extent of half a million rands in cash and probably four times that in kind. She will be reassembled and brought back into steaming condition, probably for occasional running on dry land. Although no plans have been made to put her on the water again, nothing will be done to prevent that from being possible in future. No final plans have been made for her use as a tourist attraction, but the town is already feeling an economic boost from curious visitors to the inland Town with a Tug! Very much involved from the outset has been Andy Selfe (1968). At a meeting on board more than two years ago, when he was asked what group was strong enough to tackle a project of this size, there was only one answer, the Villiersdorp Tractor & Engine Club, of which he is a member!

Phil Kilpin (1966) and Andy worked out the other day that **AN** (Nelles) Vintcent (Bishops Rhodes Scholar 1947) was in fact Alwyn's son.

Special offer for ODs:

Paolo Carrara (2001) is the owner of one of the finest Italian restaurants in Cape Town. Meloncino – Ristorante, Bar, Pizzeria Italiano is highly rated by the 2012 Eat Out magazine 'the best pizza and pasta we have ever had in South Africa. Amazing service and excellent value for money'.

Paolo has told the ODU that in order to stay faithful to the original, various ingredients like cheese, coffee and wine are imported from Italy. The restaurant occupies a brilliant position at the V and A Waterfront and the exciting news is that Paolo is generously offering a 15% discount for all parents, students and ODs. Merely identify yourself by producing this magazine.

Jon Abbott (1951) writes: The magazine is looking better and better. I like all the flags in the OD section. They brighten up the pages and add a bit of colour. Isn't that what BEE is all about? Jon is never short of a word to say so don't forget to read his blog http://dearjon-letter.blogspot.com/ Here is an example!

I was born in South Africa just before the Boer War whenever that was? Started life with a golden spoon in my mouth which made eating rather difficult as a result I was under nourished as a child. Went to a posh school where I only got moved up a class when my old man donated another sight screen for the cricket pitch. Career prospects were dismal and I was once turned down for a job in the London sewers. "Too highly qualified;" that's what they said. I became a journalist when the Police Force wouldn't have me. Like most journos I know nothing about everything but I still write about it. I decided to have my own blog so I wouldn't have to drink with the editor for hours on end to get my stuff published when according to my independent assessment it's always of great news value. My religious beliefs are: You only die once so remember, "You can't be serious and Have Fun."

Simon Arnold (1951) enjoyed the article on Hermann van Niekerk's unbeaten rugby team. He writes:

The article of the 1951 3rd XV brought back memories of Hermann van Niekerk. Being a hopeless student, Afrikaans classes were absolutely purgatory not much improved by being terrified of Hermann. At the beginning of rugby under 19 I was equally hopeless being well over six feet, thin as a rake and not much use to the team. Hermann, who had never taken me as someone to waste much time on, surprisingly drew me aside and proceeded to encourage me to believe I could be a better player. From that day my future took on a whole new outlook so much so that the second year found me in the 1st XV. Thereafter, Villagers, Blackheath and the Army in England. I shall never forget his quiet determination that I should succeed and I hope my exploits that last year gave him some pleasure.

Needless to say I remained a lost cause in class!! Good wishes to **Tom Morse** in particular who joined forces with me at Villagers.

At the recent SALI awards held in Cape Town recently, GvH Landscapes owned by **Richard** (1964) and **Graham von Hoesslin** (1996), won four Gold awards, three in the category Landscape Construction with in-house Design, and one for Landscape and Turf Maintenance, as well



Graham von Hoesslin

as the National Trophy (for the second year in a row!) for the Best Colour in the Landscape.

Douglas Green (1947) has just completed 62 years in the Wine and Spirit business and this is probably a record. For the first 13 years he was with *Douglas Green Wines* and thereafter 49 years in the Scotch Whisky Industry with WM Grant and their subsidiary companies, working in Southern Africa, as well as 12 years

covering the Antipodes and in the South Pacific. At the age of 82, he has decided to return to *Douglas Green Wines* as a 'last lap'!



Oscar & Chris Foulkes

Oscar Foulkes (1984) and his brother Christopher (1985) have been selected as one of the 15 teams competing for the title of South Africa's first *Ultimate Braai Master.* The competition, which will be shown on SABC3 as a reality show, is scheduled to take them on an 8000km road trip around South Africa as they tackle 13 challenges over 52 days (assuming they don't get eliminated, that is). The brothers are treating this as a fabulous adventure; a kind of second childhood, for want of better terminology, and a far cry from the responsible and grownup lives they lead. Foulkes jnr is a stockbroker in Cape Town, with his own *PSG Konsult* franchise. He is married, with a son, Daniel, who started at Bishops pre-Prep in 2012. Foulkes snr left the wine industry at the end of 2009 and is now active in eCommerce and online marketing. His son, Aedan, is due at Bishops in 2014 (Grade 8), and he also has a 16-year-old daughter.

Charles Standing (1984) was also in the running for *Ultimate Braai Master*, but didn't make the final cut. Of this, Oscar says: 'I'm really disappointed that Charlie won't be joining us for the adventure. I have great memories of us being in the same group that trekked around the Cedarberg – without adult supervision – on a school trip. Those were the days!'

Fifteen teams of two will be competing across various gruelling outdoor cooking challenges in an extreme 52-day, 8000km road trip for the chance to win R500 000, a brand new Renault 4×4 2.5L Koleos Dynimique SUV valued at R325 000, a Cadac BraaiMaxx valued at R15 000, and the title of South Africa's very first Ultimate Braai Master!

Chris Parker (2010) organised a reunion of the 2009 French Tour to France at **Ollo Parker's** Altydgedacht Estate in Durbanville. It took place on the afternoon of Sunday 29 July. They gathered for a braai and a glass of wine to share memories of their two weeks spent in Nice and a further week in the Loire Valley. Chris writes: *It was a fantastic opportunity to catch up with each other*



<u>Back Row (From left):</u> Hannes Du Toit (2010), Matthew Bell (2010), Warwick Richter (French Teacher), Kyle Richter, Stefanie Richter <u>Front Row (From left):</u> Peter Chippendale (2009), Tim Giles (2009), Bjorn Peterson (2009), Cosimo Paulucci de Calboli (2010), Chris Molteno (2010), Chris Parker (2010)

and Warwick Richter reported back on the recent French Tour. This was the first time that there has been a reunion for one of Warwick's French Tours, but it will by no means be the last!

Ian Pletzer (1983) has returned to Cape Town after a two year stint working as a game ranger at *Ngala* Private Game Reserve near the Kruger National Park. Ian is now the owner of *Quiver Outdoor Gear*. Quiver specializes in life jackets, paddling accessories, branded foul weather gear, waterproof jackets and branded triathlon clothing, website: www.qvr.co.za

Dave Porter (1987) spent 17 years in the United States. He studied yoga and after opening over 30 yoga studios there, he has returned and opened a yoga studio in Cape Town. NogaLife is a modern yoga studio located in the De Waterkant, right next to the Old Cape Quarter: They offer over 50 classes a week in both heated and non-heated yoga rooms, including Power, Vinyasa, Bikram, Forrest and NogaSculpt. Their classes satisfy the fitness enthusiast and the hardcore yogi and incorporate a meditative thread, making them available to practitioners at all levels, from beginners through advanced. David adds: We focus on creating fun, supportive classes with consistent instruction delivery and skilful and creative posture sequencing All levels welcome!

In the December edition of this magazine, Dave will give us a few insights into the Life of Yoga. Dave will tell you why leading sportsmen, including the entire All Blacks rugby team, rave about how yoga tones muscle, improves flexibility and increases endurance! So this will be for all of you, who now spend your days facing a screen, leading to loss of flexibility in the knees, ruinous pelvic tilt, and inevitable lower back pain! *Yogalife.co.za*

NORTHERN PROVINCES

Report by secretary **Richard King** (1974).

A group of almost 40 ODs gathered at *The Local Grill Steakhouse* on Wednesday 25th July for an evening of good food and fun. We were joined by the multi-talented **John Dobson** (1986) who entertained us after dinner. Apart from a brief update on the school, he told us a little of his recently launched book, *The Year of the Gherkin*. It was clear to many there that *Jason Brydon's* story was not a far cry from their own experiences and that, if nothing else, a read of the book should inspire many as they reflect on the challenges of early adulthood. Importantly, it was an opportunity for a number of the Northern Province ODs to reconnect and reminisce over what, for many, remains among the best days of our lives.

My thanks to all who came, particularly to Tim for arranging the wine from *Flagstone* and *Bilton*, as well as **Brendan Raubenheimer** (2005) and **Luc du Plessis** (2003) for their support.



Matt Balcomb, Jamie Jeftha, Nic and Brendan Raubenheimer



Dan Cochrane, Dylan Thorne, Chris Gibson, Luc du Plessis and Richard King

■ Our next event will be the OD golf day followed by the end of year Cocktail Party on 10 OC-TOBER 2012. More details to follow but both will be held at the Country Club of Johannesburg, Woodmead. We hope that you will be able to join us.

Publisher **Iain Bryant** (1984) writes: I must say that I am always amazed at how far the magazine has come since the days that I used to help Basil down there in the printing room all those years ago ... the online version is simply superb ... thanks a ton.

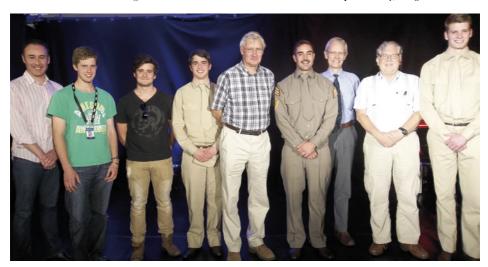
Andrew Eaton (1992) and **Dean Gurney** (1989) have launched a Global online platform here in South Africa which they feel is going to have a huge impact on the Social Media and Online Marketing Industries. The company is called *Smart Media Technologies* with the head office based in

America. During the last six months they have been extremely busy registering agents and now have over 800 registered South African agents. The platform basically combines the three biggest trends on the internet; Social Media, Online Gaming and Purchasing of Virtual Goods, and Online Advertising, into one platform and then shares the revenue generated through the advertising and sales of virtual goods with all the agents as well as even the users. Andrew was recently interviewed on *Good Morning Africa* on CNBC Africa regarding *Smart Media Technologies* and the impact that it could have on the African Home Based Business Industry. If you would like to view that interview on You Tube: http://youtu.be/NZOfyKfuY40

If any ODs, anywhere in the world are curious to know more, they are welcome to have a look at their website, <u>www.wealthchest.smartmediatechnologies.com</u> or email Andrew at <u>andrew@thewealthchest.com</u>. or 082 9226157.

SCOTLAND

Robert Murray (1969) the ODU secretary for all of Scotland has written to us: Thanks for the latest magazine. I'm finding the electronic version easy to access and read and full of interesting material. Like the first page in the Memories section featuring the letter about the Ogilvie clock from Maggie Christie to Dr Murray. Dr Charles Frederick Kennan Murray was my great-grandfather, and in the year of that letter, his son **Charles Molteno Murray*** (later also a doctor) was at Bishops, aged 12. Charles senior was born in Ireland, and was a Royal Navy surgeon when he met and married the daughter of the then Prime Minister of the Cape Colony, Sir John Charles



<u>Edinburgh Fringe:</u> Wayne Tucker (staff), David Wilke (2011), Michael Friederich (2009), Declan Manca (Matric 2012), Peter McMorland (1964), Anton Taylor (2005), Robert Murray (1969), Peredur Williams (1962) and Louis Spencer (Matric 2012)

Molteno. Two of Sir John's sons founded the Molteno Trust from which Bishops has benefitted ever since.

I was delighted to read that Bishops is making an appearance at the Edinburgh Fringe again this year. I will certainly circulate the (rather small) Scottish OD membership and encourage them to attend. I would hope to attend on the Friday and perhaps have a dinner afterwards

- we don't meet very often and that would be a good occasion.

*Charles Molteno Murray was mentioned twice in despatches and received the DSO in the 1918 birthday honours list. He went on to become the President of the Western Cape Medical Association and was noted after his retirement as an expert on grasses and the construction of golf courses. Whilst on the front fighting for the Allies in WW1, including Delville Wood, he assiduously and painstakingly recorded his impressions, writing a daily diary in fine handwriting despite the rigorous conditions, the near impossible situations of battle and of dealing with death and horrific wounds in front-line casualty stations. These diaries which contain a wealth of detail could have lain forlorn, gathering dust and fading but his grandson **Robert Murray** has meticulously edited and printed in modern format the diaries which, although recording historic events of 80 years ago, retain and air of immediacy and of revelation.

We hope to feature extracts from these historic diaries in future editions - ed

SOUTH EAST ASIA



Rogan, Robbie and Stuart

Stuart Lucani (1968), our secretary at the new South East Asia Branch reports that they have now held their first meeting.

Rogan Earp-Jones (1969) is here on a holiday, Robbie is a working lad hence the tie and I am enjoying life, especially having Rogan here, he has been travelling and tomorrow we are driving north to Nakhon Sawan for a few days and hope to enjoy the local Army course on Friday. Looking forward to John and Fiona Hayward (1967) visiting here in early November.



Len Thomas (1957) and **Andy Pycroft** (1974) are doing a fantastic job in keeping the OD flag flying high in Zimbabwe. We are in contact with almost 50 ODs who are living up North and clearly there is no excuse not to have an OD Dinner in Harare!

On 17 June Andy hosted a get-together for all those who could make it. 17 Old Boys with their spouses/partners/ daughters arrived for a luncheon. The gathering was a great success and most



Andy Pycroft; Peter Quinton (1957); Malcolm Francis (1960); Richard Arkell (1962); Steve Davies (1956); Len Thomas; Nick Winskill (1954); Lindsay Cook (1946); Dave Mills (1966); Andrew Francis (1965); Jim Sinclair (1956); Austin Ashley-Cooper (1949); Bob Schierhout; Remo Barry (1973); Doug Dryden (1947).

stayed until the evening. Andy was proud to let us know that he was the youngest there by about six years at 56, and **Bob Schierhout** (1940) the oldest at 87. The photograph from Len Thomas records the occasion. Andy writes: I shall be in the Caribbean from next week for the limited over series between NZ and the WI. I gather that there are three rugby sides from private schools in SA playing rugby in a mini festival at Bushman Rock, a small resort just outside Harare, tomorrow afternoon. We trust a side from Bishops will join their ranks in the near future?

UNITED STATES

Stephen Goetz (1958) has written. I read the latest issue on the website, and have to say 'Congratulations!' I was most impressed with the ease of use and the quality of the downloads on my IPAD. It was a pleasure to be able to read the magazine two months earlier than it normally takes to get to me through the mails. Please add me to the list of ODs who no longer require the hard copy. I would suggest that you might consider publishing in each issue the number of ODs receiving the magazine on line, and the resulting savings to the OD Union.

Every day I think of my friend **Trevor Tyers.** But the passing of Trevor, who looked so well when we saw him last year, makes one really appreciate each day. So I spend more time with my grandchildren and try to recall to them all the good times I had growing up in South Africa. It was so special.

The economy here in the USA is slowly improving and if the Republicans and Democrats could only get along like responsible gentlemen then maybe it would improve even faster. But the Republicans have only two issues that they spend 90% of their time on: get rid of Obama, and stop all abortions. With all the problems the last Bush created I think Obama has done an incredible job preventing another depression. But they give him no credit, and take no blame for the acts of Bush that caused the situation we are in.

And as for the abortion issue, I thought we had resolved that with Roe versus Wade in the Supreme Court 45 years ago. I just cannot understand why they cannot leave the decision to each woman and her doctor.

So life goes on.

PS We miss Bantry Bay.

It has been good to make contact with **Timothy (Tango) Tanner** (1985). He writes:

Would you kindly include a note in the next magazine to announce the birth of our first child, Oliver Reynolds Tanner. I get the magazines, see the pre-prep and school photos and dream that my son could have that kind of experience, but



for now we are rooted in NYC. My wife is an editor at Newsweek magazine and knows what a hassle it can be to make changes once something is finalized, so no worries if we have to wait until September. Plus I waited until I was 44 to have my first child, so my schoolmates aren't exactly on pins and needles, wondering when Tanner is going to produce an heir! All the best to you and thanks for the good work on the magazine—so great to maintain a connection to the old school at such distance. Warm regards to Tim (and fond remembrances of a Geography exam when two minutes after handing out the books, he interrupted the concentrated silence with 'Gibbs, I can tell you're waffling already!)

Tyrone Leach (2004) has recently featured in a number of overseas and local TV adverts. He is currently in New York where he shot this GQ advert. In South Africa he has worked for Boss Models, Edgars and Spur. He also freelances for the Die Burger.

AUSTRALIA

Jonathan Jackson (1991) met up with **Dale Jackson** (1998) this week and they are getting lists together to try and organise a function or two in Sydney. Dale has started a facebook page and invited some people to "like".

Our retiring secretary is **Mike Stirzaker** (1977). We were proud and delighted to see his son, red hair and all, playing so well for the Rebels vs the Stormers. A little quicker than Mike he has discarded his studies and after thoroughly enjoying his rookie year with the Rebels and has signed up for the next two years.

Thanks to Mike Stirzaker for his efforts over the years managing the branch and I look forward to the opportunity to increase the vibrancy and networking amongst the NSW ODs. We have a contact list for 100+ ODs and hopefully there are others in NSW who see this update and get in touch.

New Secretary Jonathan Jackson reports on their recent OD gathering:

'We had a very successful kick-off event for the NSW branch on Friday 3 August in Sydney, which was well attended by 23 ODs. We gathered at a well-known Irish pub in the CBD, chosen for its excellent food and cold beers. It was great for everyone to catch up again and to swap stories well into the evening. We had an excellent spread of years from 1966 through to 2000 and it was a relief to note that none of the ODs had picked up an Australian accent! Thanks go to **Dale Jackson** (1998) for his efforts to get this event off the ground.



<u>Left to right:</u> Rob Estcourt, Neil Whiteing, Dale Jackson, Jonathan Jackson, Jamie Carroll, Michael Fuller, Dan Vickerman, Lawrence Perrin, Graham Boyce, Brett Boynton, Rick Mayhew, Nick Perrin, Mike Stirzaker

Attendees included: Robert Estcourt (1966), Christopher Anstee (1969), Graham Boyce (1973), Graham Dunn (1973), Laurence Perrin (1973), Anton Handley (1974), Sandy Calder (1976), Mike Stirzaker (1976), Donald Millar (1980), Michael van Niekerk (1980), Michael Fuller (1987), Richard Mayhew (1988), Neil Whiteing (1988), Brett Boynton (1990), Jonathan Jackson (1991), Jamie Carroll (1995), Dan Vickerman (1996), Richard Bell (1997), Dale Ellis (1998), Dale Jackson (1998), Walt Voigt (1998), Wayne Hall (1999) and Nicolas Perrin (2000).

'Rick Mayhew commented that: He enjoyed catching up with ODs above and below my year and great to see such a healthy representation of the Sydney OD community out on the town, I look forward to the next event! Dale Jackson added: This was my first function in Sydney having settled here four years ago and a great, relaxed opportunity to meet some ODs from different years and classes – all with different stories. My highlight, besides the cold Guinness, was speaking to Robert Estcourt who matriculated with my father in 1966 and hearing how they used to play tennis religiously every Saturday on the Founders courts. It was also great to see Dale Ellis and Walt Voigt from my '98 year. I look forward to the next event and meeting more local ODs.

'The youngest OD of the evening was spared the traditional Latin grace responsibility (due in part to the general rowdiness of an Irish pub!) but this tradition will be followed at the end of year formal function. ODs interested in attending this black-tie event (will be open to partners too) should note that the date has been set to Friday 17 November and the venue will be advised later. Dan Vickerman has kindly accepted the offer to be guest speaker and promises to tell all about his rugby career with the Wallabies.

'ODs are encouraged to *like* the NSW ODU facebook page to be kept up to date with branch events and activities. (https://www.facebook.com/#!/BishopsOdNsw)

'Thank you to those of you who attended the ODU event in Sydney last Friday. Dale deserves special accolades for organising the event. Overall, it was a great success and a fitting way to kick-start the NSW ODU again. Photos of the event are posted up on the facebook page (please remember to *like* so that you can get notified of updates and future events)'.

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♥ CANADA

We received news from Canadian branch secretary **John Hueton** (1948) about **Andrew Plumbly** (1985). Andrew works for a small UK NGO called *Network for Animals*. They are engaged in trying to prevent the unnecessary killing of animals worldwide. Examples:

Culling of badgers in the UK. Breeding and killing of horses and dogs in Phillipines. For folk at higher altitudes dog meat is supposed to keep them warm. Breeding and killing of dogs in South Korea where dog meat is supposed to keep folk cool in a hot climate. It now appears that the Far East has gone bonkers over lion bones, which bodes ill for that beast.

The Philippines at the NGO's urging has passed a law banning the use of dog meat by humans. Andrew travels a lot but can be contacted at 1675 Chemin du Lac, St Louis, PQ, J6N 1B2 <u>andrew@gan.ca.</u>

SPORT

AN OD OLYMPIAN

Roger Hudson (1996) together with Asenathi Jim are Team SA's only sailing crew for the London Olympic Games. The pair will be competing in their two man dinghy, known as a 470. Their vessel class, which derives its name from the boat's length – 4.7m wide – will see them coming up against 26 other sets of sailors from various nations on the waters of Dorset on the south coast of England. Roger qualified for the games when he earned a place in the gold fleet of the 470 World Championships after strong performances in Spain in May. Roger and Asenathi were originally seen as a prospect for Brazil in 2016, but their recent run of good performances earned them a well-deserved spot in this year's games. They are being coached by Dave Hudson, Roger's father, who himself was an Olympic sailor in 1992.

(Roger was the youngest ever recipient of the much coveted Bishops distinction tie, which he received for sailing in 1992. Roger was 14 and in his new boy year – ed)

The following article appeared in the British press

The 2012 Olympics are brimming with inspirational stories. As part of our Olympic coverage, each day we will spotlight someone that inspires us – someone to root for.

On the surface, Roger Hudson and Asenathi Jim are a classic pairing of opposites. Roger, who is in his 30s, grew up in a world of privilege, taking to sailing from a young age under the tutelage of his father, sailing great David Hudson. Asenathi Jim, 20, grew up in a ghetto, a relic of South African apartheid and a scar on the country's modern landscape. Jim was an unlikely sailor,



but as a teen he joined a sailing program for disadvantaged black youth and, showing promise, joined the Hudson family's sailing team under their foundation, RaceAhead. The foundation is designed to bring together sailing teams that represent a more diverse and accepting South Africa. As Jim improved his skill, Roger Hudson took notice, and in 2010 the team began sailing together. Their diverse backgrounds aren't the only thing that make Hudson and Jim special. Many Olympic sailing teams have been together for years, whereas Hudson and Jim have been together for less than two years. They are not a favorite to medal, but they have skyrocketed in the world rankings during their short time as partners, so they are hoping to make an impression during this year's Olympics – and, hopefully, pave the way for Olympic success in 2016. But to Hudson and Jim, it's not just about sailing. Sailing is about teamwork, and for this team of sailors from a country still haunted by the ghosts of racism, they are a symbol of a better society. 'When we put aside our different backgrounds and cultures to work together, we can be very strong,' Hudson says. Jim agrees, and says that strength reaches far beyond their sport. 'We are going to be a light in South Africa – a good combination in and out of the water,' he says.



Roger wrote to the ODU: We've had the most amazing experience competing at London 2012. We're extremely pleased to have achieved our first goal of qualifying for London 2012 and we gave the event everything we have and enjoyed every moment of it. We're now looking forward taking the project forward and to working towards our goals for 2016 and 2020 and doing all we can to bring those dreams to reality.

The South African duo of Phillippa Hutton-Squire and **Nick Leggatt** (1984) crossed the Global Ocean Race (GOR) Leg 5 finish line off Les Sables d'Olonne at 23:40:21 GMT on Saturday 9 June (01:40:21 Sunday 10 June local), taking third place in the circumnavigation's final leg and securing third place overall in the GOR after 30,000 miles and 168 days of racing around the planet spread over almost nine months since the start in Mallorca last September.

FENTON-WELLS'S LEADERSHIP 'JUST FANTASTIC'

This was the great headline in the *Cape Times*. The quote comes from **John Dobson**, OD committee member and coach of the winning Western Province Vodacom Cup side. John went on to say that Nick, also an OD committee member, 'has been inspirational and has really held the guys together through some tough times. He has earned massive respect even from people outside our group'.

Nick's great season, which also included a Stormers cap, has culminated in a lucrative contract with the high flying UK side *Saracens*. Nick has already left for London and we wish him a most successful time in the Northern Hemisphere.



Nick Fenton-Wells

For those who are unaware of the 'Vodacom Cup', here is some information kindly sent by Paul Dobson.

The Vodacom Cup is a senior provincial competition which has been in competition for 15 years. It is played at the same time as Super Rugby. South African Super Rugby teams are the Stormers, the Cheetahs, the Lions, the Bulls and the Sharks. While that is on, the 14 provinces pick provincial teams to play in the Vodacom Cup. The 14 are divided into two sections, North and South. It is a tough competition. This year for the first time Western Province reached the final. They won the South Section and played Griqualand West, who won the North Section, in the Final. The Final was played in Kimberley. It was the first time that WP has reached the final. They scored a try in the last seconds of the match, converted it and won 20-18. The team was coached by an OD and captained by an OD.

LEGENDARY BISHOPS TEACHER HONOURED



Paul Dobson and Jurie Roux

Paul Dobson (staff 1966-94) was presented with the IRB Referee Award for Distinguished Service 2012 by IRB Council Member and South African Rugby Union CEO Jurie Roux at the IRB Junior World Championships semi-finals in Cape Town. In honouring Paul Mr Roux said: In a life devoted to rugby, not just as a referee, but also as a schools coach and writer, Paul has made an exceptional contribution to the game in South Africa since taking the

whistle of his first match in 1955, while a student in Pietermaritzburg He joined the Western Province Referees Society in 1968 and took charge of more than 40 first-class matches, becoming renowned for his authoritative, knowledgeable and fair style. The IRB Referee Award for Distinguished Service recognises those who have contributed significantly to the area of officiating and there are few who have given more to referee development in South Africa than Paul Dobson. His contribution to the game over five decades as a referee, referee administrator and schools coach has changed the landscape of refereeing in the nation. He is an icon of refereeing in South Africa and is the mentor of guys like André Watson and other leading South African referees.

One of Paul's lasting legacies was his drive to unify the two different referees' societies in South Africa, representing the then different unions. By the end of 1991, he had successfully navigated the merger and the referees were the first rugby body to achieve this, a year ahead of the unions becoming joined.

'It's always nice when your own people recognise you', said Paul after receiving the award. 'But, they didn't have to do it. Danie Craven said, if you love something you never have to make sacrifices, so I've never made sacrifices or felt I was serving. I loved doing it. I loved being with referees, I loved the whole business of refereeing and I've been one since 1968. It's the friendship of it, being part of rugby football in a very special way. I've met marvellous people from all over

the world and that's been great. I've enjoyed it enormously'.

Paul became Chairman of the Western Province Society in 1985 and managed all aspects of refereeing in the region until his retirement in 1999. He was a member of the Western Province Rugby Council for 15 years. He is now a life member and honorary life president of the Western Province Rugby Referees Society. He has, in recent years, turned his hand to Rugby writing and his books on the Game include: *The Official History of South African Rugby, a History of Bishops Rugby, Doc: An Autobiography of Danie Craven* and biographies on Nick Mallett and André Watson. He also manages content for the official SARU Referees website.

For the younger ODs, Paul Dobson's career as a school master saw him become South Africa's youngest headmaster when he was appointed to the role aged just 26. He joined the Bishops staff as a Latin teacher in 1966 and during his 29 years on the staff he coached the Under15s and was of course housemaster of School House.



Dillyn Leyds (2010) is well on the way to becoming another 'Bishops Springbok' after his scintillating performances for the 'Baby-Boks' in their recent world cup. Dillyn was a sensation whilst at Bishops and was a pleasure to watch playing at fly-half, where he was encouraged to play the open rugby that is so associated with our school. Currently playing full-back for UCT, Dillyn is ready to forge a professional rugby career.

Dillyn has it all. The skill, the stepping, he has big time X factor. When you want something special to be done on the field when it is needed, Dillyn would always step up. Definitely our own Quade Cooper' – Nizaam Carr (2009)

Dan Vickerman (1996) our most capped rugby international – 63 caps – has finally announced his retirement from the game after struggling to overcome a leg injury, which has dogged him in recent years

TEST CAREER	Span	Mat	Start	Sub	Pts T	ries (Conv P	ens D	rop	Won	LostD	raw	$^{0}/_{0}$
All Tests	2002-2011	63	41	22	0	0	0	0	0	38	24	l	61.11
Bledisloe Cup	2003-2011	14	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	4	10	0	28.57
IRB Rugby World Cup	2003-2011	13	9	4	0	0	0	0	0	10	3	0	76.92
The Rugby Championship	2003-2011	26	19	7	0	0	0	0	0	10	16	0	38.46



Dan, regarded as one of the best lineout forwards in world rugby, underwent a shoulder reconstruction after the World Cup in New Zealand last year and he was scheduled to make a return for the *Waratahs* this year. But it is believed to be a stress fracture in his leg, dating back prior to his return from Cambridge University to Australia last year, that will force him to hang up his boots. Dan turned 33 in June. He began his Super Rugby career with the *Brumbies* in 2001 and made his Test debut the following year.

Abrasive and highly physical, he developed into a key player for the *Waratahs* and the *Wallabies*, but left Australia in 2008 to study at Cambridge University. He returned to Australia last May just in time to win a place in the *Wallabies* World Cup squad.

It has been an outstanding career and on behalf of the OD Union we wish Daniel all the very best for the future. Dan presented us with a Wallaby jersey, which is on display in the Heatlie pavilion. We are delighted to hear that Daniel will be the guest of honour at an OD reception in Sydney later in the year.

Without doubt our most successful and talented basketball player, indeed our first Springbok, is **André du Plessis** (2006). After matriculating from Bishops in 2006 André commenced his studies at UCT, having received a sports scholarship. This year proved to be quite adventurous as he travelled to the USA, visiting Washington and Las Vegas as a member of the SA U-19 All-Star team (top five players in age group). He was then selected as a member of the UCT 1st team in the open age group and later invited to the trials for the SA students' side that were to travel to the Student Olympics in Bangkok Thailand. He was selected to represent South

Africa at the Student Olympics in 2007, being the youngest member of the team at 19 years of age. In 2008 André made the WP men's side for the first time

at the age of 20 years, the youngest in the side. That year the WP side went to the national tournament in Alice hosted by Fort Hare. At this

tournament he made the SA national men's side for the first time. He was again the youngest member of this side. In 2009 André was selected for the Student Olympics that were held in Serbia. Also played for WP in the national provincial tournament and once again was selected for the national side. The following year André was part of the WP side that won the national tournament for the first time. In 2011 André was selected for the SA students' side for a record equalling 3rd time. These Olympics were held in China. Also represented WP at the national tournament and won a bronze medal.

Congratulations to the OD rugby team, which thrashed Rondebosch Old Boys on Friday 15 June on the Piley Rees. This match was watched by many boys who were rehearsing their chants when the game was going on and excellent support from ODs of all ages. This was the day before Bishops beat Rondebosch, a famous victory which was well received by ODs! We would like to thank **Anton Taylor,** who managed to organize a brilliant team of ODs. Indeed we had more than 20 reserves, a touch judge, a referee and beers for the winning team as well as our opponents. They took the field in brand new OD jerseys, replicas of the famous Basil Heatlie ODU jerseys worn by the Springboks. The strong OD and Bishops connection with False Bay RFC continues.

False Bay u20 have had a great influx of Bishops boys this year. Their coach is Brendan Fogarty (staff) and **Kevin Lennett** (1984) is on the committee.



<u>Back row from left:</u> Steve Buerger, Seb Matheson, James Wright, Guy Muller, Nic Kieswetter,
Anton Taylor, Chris McPetrie, Nick Boswell, Mike Muller, William Esau
<u>Front row from left:</u> Chalkie White, West Mackintosh, Phil Jacobs, Nick Dos Santos,
Luke Jacobs, Geoff van Ryneveld

Brendan writes: The following ODs have been the mainstay of the side: Emilio da Graca (2011), Lusanda Doli (2011), JC le Fleur 2010 (2010), Chris McPetrie (2010), Galieb van der Roost (2010), James McCullum (2010), Nick dos Santos (2010), Brad Bryant (2010), Luke Jacobs (2011), Kyle McIntyre (2010).



Giles Hobday (2006) won the UCT Men's Golf Club Championships held at *De Zalze* and *Mowbray* Golf Clubs in August. Congratulations to Giles who continues the family tradition of golfing achievement. He shot a 77 at *De Zalze* and 75 at *Mowbray* to win by four strokes over three-time winner Jacques de la Bat. Giles is in his final year of studies at UCT completing his Post-Graduate Diploma in Accounting.



Anton Cartwright (1990) recently won the Two Oceans Wines Peninsula Iron Man competition, an event that acquires participants to complete the Cape Argus/ Pick 'n Pay Cycle Tour, the Two Oceans Ultra Marathon and the 4-day Berg River Canoe Marathon. At the conclusion of the three events, the competitors' total clapsed times are compared and the one who completes all three events in the fastest total time is declared the winner. Anton had a 38 minute deficit and was third

at the start of the 240km canoe marathon, the final event. However, he was able to whittle away the defecit over the four days, eventually winning the Iron Man Competition by more than 15 minutes.

There have been a number of OD sporting achievements since the last edition of the magazine. Many congratulations to:

Rugby

- 1. **Dillyn Leyds** and **Oliver Kebble** on representing the Junior World Rugby Champions in the 2012 Junior World Cup.
- **2. Stuart Commins** on signing a short term contract with London Irish.
- **3. Mathew Turner** representing England in the European sevens rugby championship.
- **4. Martin Muller** on representing Griquas in the Currie Cup
- Dillyn Leyds, Oliver Kebble, Tim Swiel and James Kilroe on representing DHL Western Province in the 2012 ABSA U21 Cup.
- **6. Nick Fenton-Wells** on signing a contract to play Premiership Rugby with Saracens.
- 7. **Wesley Chetty** on representing the SA Students in two matches vs the Eastern Province Kings and the Namibian National Team.

Cricket

- 1. **Herschelle Gibbs** on representing the Durham in the English Domestic T20.
- 2. **Craig Kieswetter** on representing England in the one Day series vs. the West Indies and Australia in June and July. Craig also scored 152 off 170 balls in a County Championship match vs Warwickshire.
- 3. Anthony Hobson, Matthew Riches, Nicholas Lassen and Richard Tissiman on representing the League winning UCT 2nd team in the 2011/12 Reserve B league. They have gained Promotion to the Reserve A league for the 2012/13 season. Seb Golding joined the team for the One Day league making it six ODs in the Reserve B One Day Cup final. UCT were able to do the double by winning that competition as well.
- 4. The UCT 1st XI, captained by **Adeeb Josephs** also got promoted back in to the 1A league for 2013. **Seb Golding** and **Zaid Jospehs** also represented the team at stages during the season.
- Andy Pycroft on being part of the officials as match referee for the West Indies vs Australia ODI Series.
- **6. Kenny Kirkby** and **James Crowson** on representing the AMA T20 champions WPCC in the T20 final at Newlands in April.

Other

Ross Rivalland on coming 8th Overall in the 2012 Kynsna Big Five Triathlon series.

MEMORIES

WHAT IS WRONG WITH BISHOPS RUGBY?

The ODU offices have been inundated with calls and emails from concerned ODs enquiring about the state of our rugby!

There is absolutely nothing wrong at all, we are just having a poor season and regrettably the style of rugby which is now perceived to be the most successful, suits sides with massive forwards and backs with limited flair and imagination. Running rugby is dead at the moment and the only thing that seems to matter is the end result. We should applaud the Bishops 1stXV for their decision to go for a win against St Andrews rather than opting for a certain draw. Rugby at Bishops has always been in the cross fire.

Basil found this editorial in an OD magazine written in 1899! Some things never change!

There seems to be a feeling in the air that college football as it is now played is a desperate game-using the word in its etymological sense—and it is time that some alteration was made. We can scarcely accuse College fellows of being "funks", but the fact remains that hardly a match is played in which one or more players gets so grievously maltreated that if it were not a game it would be a police case. Some will say, "Quite true, but this is the very way to harden a fellow and fit him body and mind for the rough knocks he will get in after life." Bodily, no doubt, this is quite true, and mentally, we must say that it requires a considerable amount of fortitude and patience to play a continually losing game. No doubt there are many will consider that these benefits certainly do result from our present football. They will say, too, that all the traditions of College football are in favour of continuing the game as we now play it, and absolutely against giving in simply because we are defeated.

On the other hand the players themselves might be consulted — if they like these bodily discomfits, these blows, these knocks, and perhaps worse, by all means let them have them, but it is possible that parents may object, and that the players themselves may in after years regret some severe bodily injury or strain that always leaves a weakness. Those who say this will say that the conditions are not fair on our fellows — that they are younger and less firmly knit than their opponents, and that if a game could be found that would supply the same amount of bodily exercise and mental restraint, but with a less amount of danger, by all means let it be found.

Now, we do not say that there is such a game, or that "socker" supplies it, but it seems certainly worth while at the present juncture to discuss this, and consider whether it would be a good plan to form an Association team and join the Association Union. It seems to be admitted that "socker" does not require the same amount of weight and force as Rugby, but affords as good or better opportunities for skill and training, and these are just the qualities that are within reach of a College team and in which a College team ought to excel.

If such a suggestion could be adopted, and unfortunately it is liable to be the case that at a College meeting a suggestion is frequently carried as it were on the spur of the moment and without due reflection, there are still many other things to be thought of. No doubt there would be not a few students still desirous of playing Rugby, and though esprit de corps might induce them to assist a possible "socker" team still they could be hardly blamed for joining outside Rugby clubs. This, then, would weaken the College football in such a way that the change might be no improvement, and the only result would be a loss of the glorious Rugby traditions of College football and a certain sadness in the breasts of ODs, who expect present students to continue in victories of old days.

There is another alternative, viz, retiring altogether from the Grand Challenge Cup, and going in only for the

Junior Grand Challenge Cup; but it seems to us that this would require the consent of the Union, and still further, there would in that case be players who would feel themselves too good for second-class football, and who would naturally like to join in better football by belonging to other clubs. Still this could not be, for so long as they were at College they would be bound to assist a College team. This, again, gives rise to another reflection—"Bishops" College, it must be allowed, has proved a grand training ground for good football players, and if the institution is to be restricted to second-class football only, then "good-bye" to its old traditions and its usefulness in this respect. To conclude, though nothing serious has been said publicly on this subject as yet, still here and there one hears it discussed privately, and it is as well, since "forewarned is forearmed," that all who may have to take part in any decision on this important question should think over the matter fully in all its bearings, and should have time to do so before a decision may be required.

OD RUGBY VS BISHOPS

RIP

If you want to enjoy rugby and smile as you do so, then the best match of the year is Bishops vs Bishops, the OD match. It is a match when both sides show a full repertoire of all the skills apart from kicking. It is a day when rugby ceases to be football and becomes a running handling game. There is plenty of constructive exercise, nobody cracks jokes or behaves in a silly fashion and it is thoroughly enjoyable. Perhaps it is the ideal rugby match and happens once a year — at Bishops' - Bishops Rugby by Paul Dobson.



Rock Brown and Mick Madelener in their prime

The OD rugby match versus the school, as we know it today, started in 1919 – a match between schoolboys and old boys and became a great social event. The after match dinners gave way to cocktail parties but there has always been space for speeches from the Principal, OD Secretary and captain of the ODs. At the very first dinner **Percy Jones** delighted his audience by telling them of the good lady who, being asked how many grandsons she had, replied, 'two alive and one at SACS'. More recently, our most capped Springbok **Robbie Fleck** has skilfully captained the OD side and graciously and elegantly proposed the toast to Bishops rugby. Originally there was one side, but in recent years there has been has been so much enthusiasm for the game that the ODs could produce up to and sometimes beyond six teams. For the past few years the ODs have worn our very own OD rugby jersey sponsored by Vital Health Foods, the generous sponsor of Bishops rugby. Alas, this is all about to change and one of the great rugby 'traditions' of Bishops will vanish as rapidly as have house matches. About time too, some will say! In the circles of ODs, parents and staff concerned with rugby injuries there have been frequent condemnation of matches between old boys and the school because of the inequality of physical maturity. Interestingly the OD matches have been singularly free of injuries. In fact if anybody has hurt joints it has usually been the ODs! Perhaps it is the spirit of the game that has made it safe for the players and for this much credit must go to the captains of the various OD teams and also for the rugby ideal which Bishops fosters.

So why the change? The ODs are very happy with the way that recent OD matches have been played and the school has also joined in and provided great opposition despite the fact that the boys are perhaps a little tired of rugby at the very end of the season. In fact such has been the greater fitness and physicality of recent Bishops teams, the result of the first team game has become something of an embarrassment!

Some of the more recent results speak for themselves. Gone are the days when generous OD forwards like **Nico Basson** would feed the ball to the schoolboys in order to keep the boys in the game. Incidentally former greats such as Nico, **Peter Whipp, Russell Nelson** and **Robbie Fleck** have found it increasingly difficult to cope with the 'modern game' from the fitness point of view. In their day rucks in the annual OD match were more often than not a 'resting place'. **Nico Basson** first played for the ODs in 1963 when his brother Bill captained Bishops. He played again in 1973 and then from 1976 to 1987 – twelve in a row and fourteen times altogether! In his last game, he very much enjoyed playing against his eldest son Nico. In those days the ODs, more often than not, were able to keep the match very much alive until the last few minutes when they would allow the boys to run in a winning try! The last time that this happened was in 2005.

Recent results (OD score first)

2011	ODs unable to play a competitive side. They played the SA 'Legends' team instead.
2010	0 – 61
2009	29 - 72
2008	18 - 54
2007	15 - 36
2006	17 - 58
2005	43 – 43



Tank Lanning, 5th XV wing

The pressure to abolish old boys vs schoolboy rugby has in fact come from the SA rugby board and their new initiative called 'Boksmart'. This is basically an up-to-date set of rugby regulations. All schools have to abide by these regulations and there is no argument! The main aim of 'Boksmart' is to minimise and avoid injuries and rule number one is that one should never permit schoolboys to play against adults. Incidentally it was for much the same reason that rugby house matches were abolished in the 90's. The threat of litigation was too real. If you google 'Boksmart' you will understand what this all about.

Our great regret has to be that we shall be denied the opportunity to watch the OD 5th XV this year, with the entire backline consisting of Kosters. This was already planned with a special commemorative jersey to celebrate the occasion!

It is worth remembering that ODs have played against opposition other than the school for many years and perhaps this is the way to go.

This year we have already played against the OAs and Rondebosch Old Boys and there are also a number of old boy rugby tournaments being staged. OD rugby also remains really strong at UCT and for many years **Warren Butler's** teams – the *cobras* – have been most successful.

On the subject of Old Boys sport, there is very likely to be a welcome increase in the popularity of OD hockey. The new hockey clubhouse with reception areas and changing rooms could well spark off the formation of an OD hockey club. A second astroturf has been discussed and of course the excellent floodlights make all the difference. For some reason Old Boys clubs have not been well developed in this part of the world and one wonders for instance why our superb squash facilities remain so empty.

STAFF VS BOYS -

another special memory!

At one time or another staff have challenged and played the school in a number of sports, most notably: Rugby, Cricket, Hockey, Squash, Soccer, Golf, Badminton, Shooting, Tennis, and Judo **Special memories:**

■ Basil Bey – the staff's most successful hockey goal keeper for many years. Regrettably no photo

was ever taken.

■ Michael Fisher immaculate as ever on the left wing. Michael claimed that he had never ever dropped the ball in any rugby game. Michael of course was a 'black belt' judo exponent and defeated many boys on the mat!

- Anthony Mallett beaten 7/6 by a new boy at Royal Cape. **David Wren** (1969) insisted for years that this was the reason why he was never appointed a prefect!
- Anthony Mallett and Tim Hamilton-Smith putting on 75 for the last wicket. The only ball faced by THS was when the scores were tied! (deliberately manipulated by AWHM). **Peter Whipp** (1968) was the bowler and he kindly bowled a fairly wide slow full toss!
- Ed Milne smashing six after six to win numerous games for the Stags against the 1st X1
- John ('The Cat') Charlton behind the stumps. Agility to marvel at.
- Alan 'Oddjob' Douglas bowling out the 1st XI with his subtle variation of spin and flight on the Oaks 1968
- Anthony Mallett, Rex Pennington and Herby Selfe an unbeatable squash team!
- Paul Dobson and Alan Douglas locking the staff rugby team. (the photo proves it) How about some more memories? Write to odu@bishops.org.za
- Doug Clark opening the batting with neither gloves nor box.







Dobo and Oddjob

OLD DIOCESANS' UNION - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INCOME STATEMENT for the year ended 31 December	2011 R	2010 R
OD Fund income	245,355	206,014
Income from investments	191,150	150,058
Dividends	111,924	98,425
Investment from portfolio and related money market account		106,613
Investment management fees	(45,607)	(54,979)
Surplus (loss) on Old Diocesan's colours	15,752	(19,833)
Sales	37,326	44,614
Cost of sales	(21,574)	(64,447)
Surplus (loss) on sporting and social functions	38,453	45,936
Proceeds	192,423	234,654
Costs	(153,970)	(188,718)
OD Fund expenses	408,032	388,308
Bank charges	3,942	5,632
Depreciation – furniture and equipment (note 2)	2,851	2,825
Donations	8,000	_
Motor vehicle and travel expenses	16,273	17,932
Magazine costs and magazine postage	136,319	129,141
Printing and stationery	8,010	2,390
Professional fees	20,681	_
Refurbish OD offices and framing exhibits for Heatlie	190	9,637
Secretarial costs	181,580	170,987
Subscriptions	6,369	_
Sundry expenses	9,666	15,263
Telephone e-mail, postage and website costs	14,149	34,501
OD Fund operating surplus (deficit) for the year	(162,677)	(182,294)
Bursary Fund operating surplus (deficit) for the year	r (14,960)	(55,945)
Income from investments	158,750	125,975
Dividends	92,953	82,628
Interest from portfolio and related money market accounts	103,673	89,502
Investment management fees	(37,876)	(46,156)
Bursary fund – Bursaries awarded	(173,710)	(181,920)
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Capital inflows	496,022	485,052
OD Fund – Life membership fees received – current year	310,000	335,617
OD Fund – Donations and bequests received	7,099	17,089
Bursary Fund – Donations and bequests received	178,923	132,346
Gains and losses on investments (note 3)	1,157,209	843,198
OD Fund	659,591	458,383
Bursary Fund	497,618	384,815
Net surplus for the year	1,475,594	1,090,011

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BALANCE SHEET at 31 December	2011	2012
FUNDS	R	R
O D Union Fund	8,225,716	7,411,703
Retained operating surplus (deficit)	(809, 193)	(646, 516)
Accumulated capital inflows	3,233,151	2,916,052
Accumulated investment gains - realised and unrealised	5,801,758	5,142,167
Bursary Fund	6,817,075	6,155,494
Retained operating surplus	75,510	90,470
Accumulated capital inflows	3,271,402	3,092,479
Accumulated investment gains - realised and unrealised	3,470,163	2,972,545
Total funds	15,042,791	13,567,197

Represented by:

NET ASSETS

Fixed assets (note 2)	19,113	21,577
Investments	14,451,699	12,966,867
Alpha - Fixed income blend of funds	676,608	642,180
Alpha Lynx global diversified fund of funds Al	2,642,554	983,431
Bateleur	3,603,607	2,202,140
Brait – Class A – Lead	2,474,402	2,157,155
Brait – Class A – 0211	1,172,360	_
Bullseye Financial Services	3,882,168	3,381,961
Standard Bank Money Market		3,600,000
Current assets / (liabilities)	571,980	578,771
Stock	67,207	58,076
Debtors receivable	7,099	7,099
Bank balances and cash	499,658	515,346
Creditors and accruals	(1,984)	(1,750)

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NOTES TO THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT 31 December

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- 1.1 The financial statements are prepared on the historic cost basis except that investments are stated at market value.
- **1.2** Investment income is recognised on a cash basis.
- **1.3** Life membership fees are recognised on a cash basis.
- **1.4** Fixed assets are depreciated at the following rates:

Fixtures and fittings 10% straight line
Office furniture and equipment 20% reducing balance
Computer equipment 33,3% straight line

1.5 The stock of OD colours is colours is carried at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Cost is determined on the weighted-average basis.

2. FIXED ASSETS				
	Fixtures	$Furniture\ and$	Computer	Total
	and fittings	equipment	equipment	
Cost	25,698	21,780	15,043	62,521
Accumulated depreciation	(5,140)	(20,761)	(15,043)	(40,944)
Book value at beginning of year	20,558	1,019	_	21,577
Additions		387		
Depreciation	(2,570)	(281)	_	(2,851)
Cost	25,698	21,167	15,043	62,908
Accumulated depreciation	(7,710)	(21,042)	(15,043)	(43,795)
Book value at end of year	17,988	1,125	-	19,113

3. GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS						
	OD fund	Bursary fund	Total			
Gain on investment	793,879	659,314	1,453,193			
Performance fee	(134,288)	(161,696)	(295,984)			
Net gain/(loss) on investments	659,591	497,618	1,157,209			

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