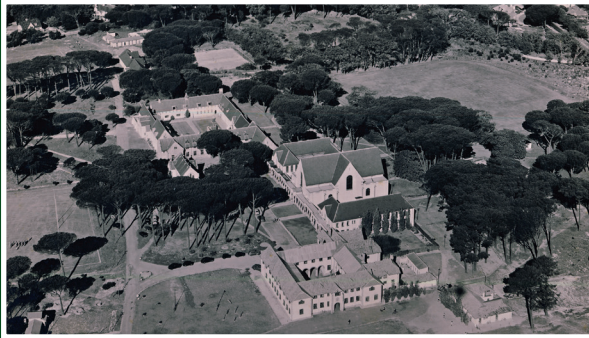


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# ROLL OF HONOUR

*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 1914-19

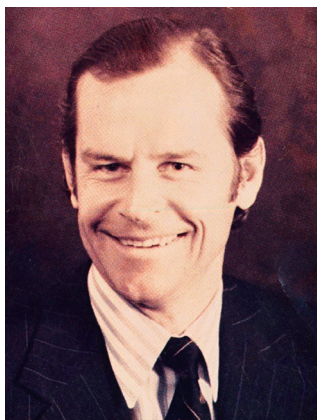
**Adam Burdett (1900-05)** Captain ASCMT. South Africa, *November 1918*  
**Ronald Haw (1914-17)** Pvt, 3rd SAI. France, *11 November 1918*  
**Harcourt Seymour (1900-03)** Lieut, KRR. France, *November 1918*  
**Harry Tiffany [MC] (1904-12)** Captain, 12th Royal Fusiliers. France, *15 November 1916*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

### THE WORLD WAR 1939-1945

**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*

# PERSONAL

## OBITUARIES



**SIMPSON.** James Richard Alric Simpson died unexpectedly on 20 January 2013 aged 72. Speaking at his memorial service at the Diocesan College Memorial Chapel, his close friend since childhood Jerome Sedgwick began by recalling Cicero: “Life is a great play. The final chapter is a tragedy.”

Dad’s passing was an indescribable loss. There simply are no words to properly invoke how it felt to realise he was gone. But as Jerome reminded, it was consoling to see him avoid so many harbingers of old age. Dad lived with a restive zest that made slowing down a near impossible task for him, and the memory of his life something exceptional.

Born in Cape Town in 1940, he showed early signs of tenacity as a young boy at the Star of the Sea Convent, refusing a nun’s orders to sit with the girls for bad behaviour. Much to his mother’s chagrin, he remained steadfast when expulsion was threatened. At Bishops Prep, he captained the 1st XV, filling the role of prop with his boyish frame and revelling in the bringing down of precocious giants, hairy legs and all. Back at home in St. James, he cultivated a love for the ocean, spending many hours in the waves beyond the tidal pool.

Dad was not spoiled for choice in the early makings of his career. After matriculating at Bishops in 1958, he was summoned to his father Alric’s business, setting in motion a 35-year career at what was to become Cape Town’s leading stockbroking firm. In place of a university education, he was afforded a brief stint as a trainee at the London Stock Exchange, a dapper 19-year old bobbing along past St. Paul’s in bowler hat and tie with everything ahead of him.

Dad spent much of his early twenties learning the business of stockbroking, living the pin-striped dream of high finance during the week, whilst sailing competitively on weekends. Flying Dutchman and Contenders were the vessels of his choice at Zeekoevlei Yacht Club, which was also where he first set his eyes upon our mother, Jennifer Margaret Clifton.

Marrying in 1967, Mom and Dad embarked on a great lifelong romance, building a family of four sons, garnering Dad’s reputation at *Simpson McKie* as a solid family man. Perhaps this came as no surprise, for it was well known that Dad thrived on people. His keen sense of empathy, the integrity he showed in each exchange, the grudges he never bore, his affable way of not mincing his words, his infectious laugh, and the relationships he built so easily, these all contributed to a much revered company ethos and to the widely-held view that Dad had a special way with people.

Retiring as a director from *Simpson McKie* in 1993, it was to the Elgin farming industry that Dad brought his talents, building up *Auldearn Farm*, along with its staff, children of staff, and management, to its present day success. From 2005 onward, he also served as Council Chairman of the local Applewood Preparatory School. Remembering him as ‘a friend, leader and servant’ of the



school, its headmaster noted that Dad ‘not only loved and faithfully served our school during these past years, but was also a community man with a heart for developing our valley.’

Dad’s memorial service saw hundreds pack into the Memorial Chapel, including the staff of *Auldearn* and many of their families, who sang homage to him in both Afrikaans and isiXhosa at a time when farm workers in the region were at loggerheads with their employers.

For those of us close to him, and many others, Dad’s life was a great play, and a wonder to see unfold, whether he was riding the *Argus* for the 23rd time, yachting with family in the Mediterranean, taking us to see the Vienna State Opera, growing renowned gardens with Mom, creating family homes, or helping to build a company, a farm, a school, and many lives around these establishments. For him, as he often reminded us, it was all a great game, there to be played with balance, down-to-earth integrity, the utmost enthusiasm, and a cheerful glint in his eye.

James leaves behind his wife Jenny, his four sons, Richard, Brynn, Gregory and James, and eight grandchildren. He is sorely missed and his legacy greatly cherished.

*James Simpson*



**DUNN. William King Dunn** died on 17 July 2013. He was at Bishops from 1937-1949. He was born on 16 December 1931. His parents were Nancy and Stanley Dunn and he had one sister, Jeanette, who was a few years older than him. William’s mom, Nancy, loved moving house every few years, so we don’t have a very clear record of when he lived where, but he spent all his school days at Bishops in Rondebosch, and the family owned a house near the school while William was growing up, and later, when he was in his teens, they bought the house in Muizenberg where he lived right up to his death.

William spent twelve happy years at Bishops and was always very proud of being an old boy of the school. His favourite tie and blazer were those from Bishops, and he had a beautiful painting of the Bishops Chapel which held pride of place over the mantelpiece at his home. The family is hoping to donate this painting to the school for its museum. He regularly attended OD get-togethers and read every page of the school magazine as soon as it arrived in the post. After matriculating from Bishops, dad entered the printing trade, and it was towards the end of his apprenticeship that he met Anne Spengler whom he married in 1955. They were happily married for 57 years.

William worked first for *Horters*, then for *Hirt & Carter*, and finally for *Rustica Press* where he stayed until he retired. The job he did all his life, as a printer-lithographer, is no longer needed in the printing industry as everything is now digital.

After he retired in his late fifties, William found it very difficult to sit around and do nothing, even though he kept up with his favourite hobby of photography, so he did a course in tour guiding, and spent two happy years showing foreign tourists around Cape Town. After that he bought himself a computer and learnt how to use it, converting his dark room into a computer room, and he spent many hours every day emailing friends around the world – many of whom were Bishops old boys – surfing the internet and downloading movies to watch. His computer gave him hours

and hours of pleasure right up until a few weeks before he died (and, as Anne always said, kept him out of her hair after she retired). In fact, when the emphysema got really bad, and he had to be constantly attached to an oxygen machine, the computer was a godsend, keeping his mind active and keeping him busy.

Anne died of cancer just three months before William. He was desperately unhappy during those three months, and finally succumbed to pneumonia. After 57 years of being together, his life was not complete without her and he happily went to God on 17 July 2013. But he and Anne live on in five children, seven grand-children and three plus however many more great-grandchildren. We have absolutely no doubt that Anne was waiting for him in the heavenly kingdom, and they are now together there, free from pain and suffering, still serving us all by interceding for us with our heavenly Father.

“We loved him in life; we will not forget him in death”. (St Ambrose)

*Alison Dunn*

**MULLINER. Patrick Arthur Mulliner** died on 10 May, 2013 at the age of 80 after a short illness. He was born in Cape Town on 9 March 1933, and at his birth his father boldly wrote to P.G. Wodehouse, famed for his amusing books, some of which featured “Mr. Mulliner”, and asked him to be godfather to his son. P.G. graciously accepted, and wrote saying he’d heard it was “awfully jolly out there” and hoped to look him up one day. His second name, Grenville, was bestowed on his godson, though he never used it.

Patrick’s academic brilliance manifested itself from an early age. He came to Bishops Prep in 1940, and was awarded General Good Work prizes in 1944, 1945 and 1946. He went on to College in 1947, where he was placed in Gray House, and continued to scoop up prizes annually in Latin, Maths, Physics and English. He matriculated in 1950 with a First Class pass with distinctions in English, Latin, Maths, Physics and Mechanics. He stayed on to do Post Matric in 1951, was a prefect in his House, and a member of various societies which included the Democritus and Literary Societies, and the Ten Club. He left at the half-year to read Law at Oriel College, Oxford, as he never contemplated any career other than to practice law in the long established family firm, *W. E. Moore & Son*. The firm was founded by his great grandfather in 1853, and they owned their premises in 37 Castle St. which served them for many years. Patrick’s cousin, David Dallas, also a direct descendant, joined the firm in 1960, and they worked together for 13 years until David emigrated to Australia. Patrick was made a partner in 1960, and enjoyed a reputation as an outstanding lawyer who was noted for his high principles, honesty and integrity. He had a huge capacity for hard work, and revelled in his profession and the challenges it constantly presented to him.

Patrick had many interests in addition to his demanding work which he pursued with great enthusiasm. He took up sailing, and our whole family became proficient in dinghies, and later a keelboat which we raced at False Bay Yacht Club. He was also active in the Citizen Force Navy at Simons Town, and served as Lieutenant Commander at SAS Yselstein. He acquired various certificates of competency in Navigation and Watchkeeping, and loved going to sea. However, he used to ruefully remark that if he ever had the misfortune to lose his spectacles any ship under his command would probably end up on the rocks! He was very gregarious, and loved dancing. He

excelled at the Charleston, and his own inimitable version of it stopped dancers at Kelvin Grove on Saturday nights to clap and cheer him on. He also joined *Round Table* and involved his family in its various enjoyable activities such as driving the Blue Train at Sea Point, selling Christmas trees, and attending Melodramas and Carols by Candlelight.

Patrick lived a quiet life on his own in his retirement years, though he continued to serve on various charitable trusts and was always ready to give help and support wherever it was needed. He was a wonderful father to his children, Bryan, Clare and Frances, and was very proud of his two grandchildren Tadzio and Jessica. His funeral was held in the Brooke Chapel on 14 May, and was attended by many friends and colleagues. He will always be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his family and all who knew him.

*Jane Mulliner*

**BEKKER. Guy (“Gamat”) Bekker** died in Pinelands on 5 June 2013, his 70th birthday. He was in Founders House from 1957 until he matriculated in 1960. He earned his nickname due to his appreciation of Cape Malay humour, and he usually had a “Gamat en Meraai” funny to tell. He played rugby for the 1st XV, and enjoyed cricket as well.

After school he spent a year in the Naval Gymnasium, followed by three very pleasurable years at Stellenbosch University. He worked for 18 months as a surveyor on Sammy Collins’s diamond barges off the West Coast. After extensive hitchhiking through Europe and the UK he returned to SA in 1967, in the midst of a severe recession. In January 1968 he moved to Salisbury, where he signed up for a 10 year stint with the British South Africa Police. He was involved in the bush war, and his vehicle was twice blown up by land mines. In Salisbury he met and married Sally Garner, a nursing sister from the UK: they had a son, Sean, and a daughter, Jacqueline. Towards the end Guy became bodyguard to Ian Smith, and accompanied him to the meeting on the bridge with Kissinger: also to various cricket and rugby matches.

In 1978 he returned to Cape Town and worked in the security industry for more than a decade. In the mid-1990’s he changed careers and became an estate agent, mainly in the northern suburbs. In 2007 he suffered a mild heart attack, and retired from business.

He leaves Sally, Sean, Jacqueline and Sean’s two children

*Ian Bekker*

**BAGSHAWE-SMITH. Quentin John Bagshawe-Smith** died on 14 July 2013 at the age of 72. Quentin was at Bishops from 1954-58 and was one of the original White House boys. After matriculating he attended the naval gymnasium at Saldanha Bay playing both first team Rugby and Cricket. On completion of his training he was offered his commission in the permanent force. In 1960 he entered the short term insurance industry and took up his commission in the Cape Town Highlanders. In 1971 he was transferred to Natal as Regional Manager for Natal, Southern Transvaal and Eastern Free State in the insurance industry. Whilst there he farmed with pedigree beef Shorn Horn cattle and founded the Northern Natal Branch of the Wild Life Society. In 1985 he resigned from the insurance company, sold his farm and returned to the Eastern Cape opening a successful insurance broking/estate agency office in Port Alfred. As Managing Director of the

Ciskei Tourist and Holiday Trust he developed the first fully non-racial coastal resort.

Quentin served as chairman of the Residents and Rate-payers Association, the Police Forum, the Disaster Management Committee and was a member of the executive at the Chamber of Commerce. His hobbies were hunting and fishing, which took him to various African countries as well as Canada, North America and England. His registered Kennymore Labradors were primarily shooting dogs, but were successful both in the show ring and the field trial circuit. Quent also enjoyed his Kowie Karate Academy events and acquired his purple belt, SA Shotokan Karate.

He is survived by his beloved wife Julia, his son Geoffrey and his daughter Angela.

*Angela van der Riet*



**METELERKAMP. David Rawstorne Metelerkamp** died on 23 January 2013. His obituary appeared in the March magazine giving details of his working career. The following notes, also written by his wife Audrey, are of a more personal nature and were sent with a request that they be published in the September magazine.

David was sent from Rhodesia to Bishops in 1935. He was an only child aged just nine and lost his two wooden legged father in an air crash soon after. He matriculated in 1944. Due to being asthmatic he was unable to play rugby but was an excellent shot and swam competitively. He was made a school prefect and headed the choir. His service in 1945 as an air gunner in SAAF was fortunately short lived so he could go to UCT to study civil

engineering. David's love of classical music and singing led him to joining choirs, firstly in Uitenhage where his job was making tyres and lastly here in Helderberg Village. All his life he was a keen fisherman, a knowledgeable birder and gardener but most of all a 'Mr Fix it' and wood worker producing a number of sturdy bridge tables. Every home the family moved into had his well-equipped and highly organised workshop. In fact his three sons were brought up in them. His general knowledge especially historical was exceptional – probably because he went to Bishops.

He worked all his life for the consulting civil engineering firm of *Stewart, Seiridov & Oliver*. He opened a branch in Salisbury and ran it there for 25 years. Once back in Johannesburg, he had the foresight to move its office from the city out to Sandton. His chief work was water supply and sewerage disposal. During his almost 16 years in Helderberg Village he served on various committees: that of the garden club – with all the ladies, the arts and crafts (workshop section) the water supply and of course the choir. He fought his illness for a couple of years with fortitude and without complaint while remaining in his own cottage throughout. He is survived by his wife Audrey, two of his three sons, (Kenneth in Australia, Bruce in New Zealand), his daughter (Wendy in Cape Town) and seven grandchildren. As three of them are males they should keep the Metelerkamp 'clan' going!

**SCOTT. Ian Duncan Leman-Scott** died on 7 June 2013 at the age of 75. Ian was the eldest of four brothers, Neil, Colin and Graeme completing the quartet. Ian attended Micklefield Primary



School, Rondebosch before attending Bishops from 1946 to 1955. He always spoke fondly of his high school years and was particularly proud of his achievements there. Besides being a House Prefect in Founders (a wooden beam still bears his name), he was Captain of Tennis and Cricket and played Centre for Under 16 Rugby. He also received his Athletics Ribbons, was a Corporal in the Cadets and runner-up Junior Shooting Champion. After matriculating, Ian returned to Johannesburg to start a career in insurance with *African Life*. This subsequently led to a career in retail where he helped establish *Rave* as the pre-eminent household and electronics store of its time. He then joined his brothers to establish *Stax*

*Super Stores* across the Gauteng landscape. Later on, he worked for the advertising Group *TBWA\ Hunt Lascaris* before ending his career at *Fluxmans Attorneys*.

Ian married Anne Scott (née Harris) on 12 January 1963 and before Ian's passing, celebrated fifty years of happy marriage. In 1966 and 1975, daughters Kim and Dale were born. This tight family unit was happily added to by the arrival of grandsons, Luke and Trent and granddaughters, Jade and Emma who were often regaled with tales of Ian's proud and aristocratic Scottish ancestry. Besides enjoying time with his extended family, Ian loved the bush and whenever possible, spent time in Botswana, particularly in the days of the early establishment of *Tuli Lodge*. When he couldn't enjoy a bush sunset with a wee dram in hand, Ian would either be watching sport (an avid Sharks fan) or trying to capture on canvas, the feel and mood of the great outdoors. A dab hand with a paint brush, Ian's love and zest for life can still clearly be seen in all his paintings. He had a wonderful sense of humour and was a great story teller! And that probably is the truest reflection of Ian's 75 years. A life lived in all its colours. A life lived well. He will be missed every day.

*Kim Hunt*



**DUCKITT.** Wilferd Ian Duckitt died on Good Friday 6 April 2012. He was the eldest son of Wilferd and Frieda Duckitt (1945), and brother of Brigid Crewe, Nicolas Edward Duckitt (1980) and Wilferd Mark Duckitt (1983). Taken from us too soon at the age of 52, he was a man of integrity with a keen sense of humour and great love for his family and friends. Ian arrived at Bishops Prep (Bramley House) in 1969. He then attended College from 1972 to 1977 as a boarder in School House. Ian was a keen-spirited young man, preferring creative activities, extra-mural activities and sport, particularly shooting, cross-country, rugby and judo. After school Ian joined the S.A. Defence Force to do his national service in the Equestrian Unit operational in Northern Namibia and Southern Angola. On completing his two years National Service, Ian attended *Elsenburg Agricultural College*, after which he joined his father on *Oudepost Farm*, practicing mixed farming, which, with time led to Ian building up a successful Nguni cattle stud. He is survived by his wife Lynne and sons Stephen, Christopher and Anthony.

*Wilferd and Nicolas Duckitt*





### **HENNIE DUVENAGE**

**Hennie Duvenage** died on 7 July 2013. A service of farewell was held at the Memorial Chapel.

Hennie joined the staff in January 1980 and rose to the positions of Head of the Afrikaans Department and Housemaster of Ogilvie House. As a lay minister, he was active in the spiritual life of the school and this complimented his approach in his House where he enjoyed the role he chose to adopt as 'father figure' to the boys. During his 17 years at Bishops he served as Common Room Secretary, acted as Business Manager for various staff and school plays, produced the first Bishops Tattoo, and was involved in athletics, village cricket, rugby, waterpolo, squash and swimming. He co-ordinated the activities of the First Aid team, been sub examiner in Afrikaans and represented the Western Cape Schools on the JMB Afrikaans sub-committee. Hennie was a most dedicated schoolmaster and gave a considerable amount to the school.

### **The following eulogy has been written by a long-time friend and Ogilvie Housemaster Alan Douglas.**

Hennie came from a large family in Hartswater, in the North West. Take a boy brought up in a caring Afrikaner family imbued with Christian standards, give him a sound education and you have a man with Hennie's potential. Before he came to Bishops he had taught at several schools, including the memorable Rhodesian experience. There are school masters who, having found their metier in a particular subject, know it inside-out, much to the benefit of the boys they teach. But that is it – no further zest for the range of activities which are the hallmark of a great school. Hennie Duvenage was not one of those. It was in his nature to serve wherever his talents were needed. This is reflected in his many contributions during his seventeen years at Bishops. He was involved in rugby, cricket, water polo, swimming, squash and athletics. He was business manager for various staff and school plays, produced the first Bishops Tattoo, and was in charge of the first-aid team. He was for a spell the Common Room Secretary. His teaching enabled him to give boys an appreciation of his mother tongue, Afrikaans, and his classes were conducted in an informal and lively spirit. As Head of Department, his admin was impeccable. He represented the Western Cape schools on the JMB Afrikaans Sub-Committee. His appointment as Housemaster of Ogilvie was to him a blessing, and the boys of Ogilvie and their parents were to him and his dear wife, Frankie, a new family they could embrace with love and care. The Duvenhages were sociable beings and they entertained their parents with gusto. His care for his boys was wholehearted. I recall an occasion when a colleague expressed displeasure because he felt Hennie had not dealt severely enough with a miscreant. The colleague had seen only the wrong in the boy, while Hennie's knowledge of the boy called for guidance and corrective rather than harsh treatment. If this understanding extended even to smoking, and there is evidence that because he himself smoked, leniency prevailed. Hennie was a popular member of the Common Room, always good-humoured, which was further in evidence in the Olympics Sports Club. Having been a lay minister at Bishops, after retirement Hennie was an active member of St Philip's Anglican Church in Gordon's Bay, even playing the organ when needed.

The service of farewell in the Memorial Chapel on August 2 was well attended, and the fellowship in the Heatlie thereafter was as Hennie would have wished. It is appropriate to end with traditional Afrikaans words of tribute: "Stil broers, daar gaan 'n man verby".



### GRAHAM COOTE

I was very sad to hear of the recent passing of **Graham Coote**. Although he was never a full-time member of the Bishops staff, his influence on the school as founder and first conductor of the Bishops Brass Band was substantial.

I was one of the lucky recipients from the age of ten of his good humour, patience, energy and sheer passion for teaching and conducting. Had it not been for him, I would almost certainly have never taken up music, never played in a band, and possibly never realised that I could become proficient in something through sheer hard work and commitment. After I left school, he was incredibly generous to me in his capacity as general manager of the CAPAB orchestra, always looking to push session work my way when the orchestra was short a trombonist, thereby helping me to support myself while at university. In probably the most

important event of my life, I met my wife of now 22 years at an OD band-related social event. I also owe my first proper job as a stockbroker to music – I was an indifferent chartered accountant, but the fact that I played the trombone swayed my prospective employer and launched me on my career in investments and corporate finance! In short, without Graham, my life would have been very different.

Most of all, when I think of Graham, I think of the HUGE fun we had under his tutelage and in the various bands – prep band, college band and the OD Brass Society – with numerous concerts in the Western Cape and tours around the country, as well as our annual appearance in the Cape Town Eisteddfod. In 1999, Graham and a group of ODs founded the Cape Town Concert Brass, which expanded its membership beyond ODs to become what is now Cape Town's leading brass group.

Perhaps I am guilty of rose-tinted memories, but I think there is a strong case to say that the generation of brass players during the mid-70's to mid-80's – players like **Knight, Leibbrandt, Newton, Knipe, Prout**, two **Bosmans**, **Wanless**, **Mallows**, **Brice**, **Harvey**, three **Montgomery's**, three **Proudfoots**, two **Lilleys**, two **Marais's**, **Moll**, **Green**, **Rorke**, **Fine**, two **Foxcrofts**, **Hodson**, two **Russells**, two **Worthington-Smiths** etc – marked the high water mark for Bishops brass bands. The fact that this occurred at a time when Graham was at his most focused on teaching and training the band – putting in to rehearsals at the Hyslop Hall on his Vespa with trumpet case tied to the back is an abiding memory – is not coincidental.

And Graham changed the culture of Bishops, perhaps not deliberately, but change it he did. The success of the band taught each member the importance of commitment to the collective, often more intensely than in team sports. It also created an awareness of and excitement around music in the school that was not previously there. It built self-esteem for those who were more musical than sporting, at a time when the macho Bishops culture tended to marginalise all those who didn't play A team rugby. Finally, the band played an important ambassadorial role for the school around Cape Town and on tour in the rest of the country.

Bishops today offers an astounding range of musical opportunities to all boys, but it was not always so. Graham was one of the real pioneers who broke down stereotypes in the staff room and the class room. It was a privilege to have known and been taught by a man of his passion and musicality.

*Niall Carroll (1982)*

## MARRIAGES

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

**Stephen Andrews (2001-05)**, son of Donny and Noell Andrews and Laura, daughter of Luc and Valerie Poirier in Parksville, Vancouver Island, Canada on 21 June;

**Alistair Hayward (1995-00)**, son of **John (1960-67)** and Fiona Hayward and Lioba, daughter of Gabriela von Habsburg, Archduchess of Austria and Christian Meister, at the Parish Church Maria Himmelfahrt in Aufkirchen, Starnberger See near Munich, Germany on 13 July;

**François Louw (1996-03)**, son of François and Teresa Louw and Sarah, daughter of Nigel and Sue Tatham in Durban on 15 June.

## BIRTHS

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

**Charles (1993-02)** and Sara **Atkins**, a daughter, **Penelope** on 4 July;

**Malcolm (1979-92)** and Jacqueline **Buchanan**, a son, **John McCallum** on 4 April;

**Sandy (1995-99)** and Leah **Leslie**, a daughter, **Sophia Ruth** in London on 23 May;

**Tim (1983-93)** and René **Loughton**, a son, **James**, on 26 March;

**James (1982-91)** and Lynette **Wilson**, a son, **Harold James**, on 15 March.

## GOLDEN WEDDINGS

*Our warm congratulations go to the following:*

**John (1941-50)** and Marian **Arenhold**, who were married at St Michael's Church, Bryanston on 5 July 1963 and now live at Bloemhof, 29 Upper Towers Road, Muizenberg 7945;

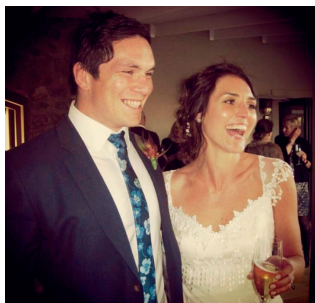
**Jeremy (1942-51)** and Margaret **Hewett**, who were married at St Thomas' Church, Rondebosch on 29 June 1963 and now live at Stekjeshof, Fleetwood Avenue, Claremont 7708.

**Robin (1944-53)** and Margaret **Marx**, who were married at St George's Church, Parktown, Johannesburg on 31 August 1963 and now live at 6a Portland Road, Rondebosch 6600;

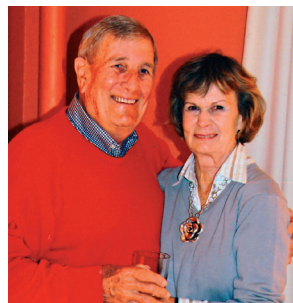
**Andy (1945-54)** and Colleen **Shearing**, who were married at the Shaw Park Methodist Church



*Lioba and Alistair Hayward were married in Germany in July.*



*François and Sarah Louw's wedding took place on 15 June in Durban.*



*John and Marian Arenhold celebrated 50 wonderful years in July.*

on 31 August 1963 and can be contacted at PO Box 2654, Port Alfred 6170;

**Richard** (Cussie) (1949-57) and Gill **Young**, who were married at the Avondale Parish Church, Salisbury, Rhodesia on 31 August 1963 and now live at 12a Cumnor Avenue, Kenilworth 7700.

## SENIOR ODs

*Congratulations to the following on joining the ranks of OD Octogenarians during the third quarter of 2013. As usual we apologise for any omissions and would welcome news of them.*

**Donald Amour** (1947-50), 5 Chalfix Close, Felsted, Dunmow, Essex CM6 3DE, UK on 16 September;

**Simon Arnold** (1942-51), Meadows, Ditchling Common, Ditchling Hassocks, W Sussex BN6, UK on 10 September;

**Reyner Body** (1944-51), 22 Consort Close, Torr Lane, Hartley, Plymouth PL3 5TX, UK on 27 July;

**Stan Brown** (1946-50), Piers Village, Private Bag X2, Vallyland 7978 on 25 September;

**Robert Burgess** (1943-51), 1 Frensham Road, Farnham, Surrey GU9, UK on 21 September;

**Michael Elliott** (1948-51), Terra Nova, 11 Gatesville Road, Kalk Bay 7975 on 16 September;

**Paul Goodlet** (1943-51), St Patrick's Cottage, Thorncombe, Chard, Somerset TA20 4PP, UK on 3 September;

**Jeremy Hewett** (1942-51), Stekjeshof, Fleetwood Avenue, Claremont 7708 on 25 September;

*Equally hearty congratulations go to the following, who have celebrated birthdays during the third quarter of 2013:*

**92nd** **Brian Carter** (1934-40), Croft Way, Menston, Ilkley, W.Yorkshire, LS29 6LT, England on 27 August.

**91st** **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.

**90th** **Roger Jeffery** (1936-40), 1 Lichfield Avenue, Claremont 7708 on 7 July;

**Roderick Turner** (1933-41), 22 Fairview, Mile End Road, Diep River 7945 on 16 September.

**89th** **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.

**88th** **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.

**87th 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.

**86th 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;  
**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;  
**Craig Stacey (1942-45)**, P.O. Box 507, River Club, 2149 on 15 August;

**85th John Bettison (1942-45)** 10 Willowbrooke Lane, Constantia 7806 on 22 August;  
**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 September;  
**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.

**84th 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, UK on 20 July  
**Brian Robinson (1939-47)**, P O Box 51432, Waterfront 8002, on 13 August.



- 83rd** **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, Bedfordview 2008, on 1 September;  
**Quentin Shepherd (1943-47)**, 157 Pinewood Village, Pinelands 7405, on 7 August.
- 82nd** **Austin Ashley-Cooper (1941-49)**, 42 Dandara Village, PO Borrowdale, Harare, Zimbabwe, on 17 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.
- 81st** **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;  
**Tom Morse (1941-51)**, P O Box 84, Vlothenburg 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 Craggs, 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.

## CLASS REUNIONS

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### IN THE PLANNING STAGES

**30-31 August 2014**

Organizer

**CLASS OF 1964**

Rohan Vos

**50 YEAR**

[rohan@rovos.co.za](mailto:rohan@rovos.co.za)

**13-16 March 2014**

Organizer

**CLASS OF 1974**

Richard King

**40 YEAR***richard.king@mweb.co.za***13-16 March 2014**

Organizer

**CLASS OF 1989**

Duncan de Groot

**25 YEAR***ddegroot@empowerdex.com***11-15 March 2015**

Organizer

**CLASS OF 1965**

Bruce Risien

**50 YEAR***brisien@sabiomedical.co.za*

**NB** *Would the other reunion group who contacted the OD offices recently about their reunion in March 2015, kindly contact us again so we can provisionally book venues for 2015 – thanks!*

A brief note from **Peter Burroughs (1960)**:

‘I think it reflects well on the quality of the matric class of 1960 that the Bishops Trust features no less than three of our contemporaries among its office bearers, namely Chairman of the Trust **Alan T Ramsay**, USA Chairman **Lionel Goetz** and Canada Chairman **Tim Newton**.’

## REUNION REPORTS

### 10 YEAR REUNION REPORT

**Matthew Born (2003)** reports:

The class of 2003 selected the home game weekend of Bishops vs Bosch (June 8, 2013) to be the weekend for the celebration of ten years of freedom from school. An eventful weekend was planned from afar, with many boys getting involved in planning what exactly should be done to celebrate this occasion.

We started off with a few cold ones, and some reminiscent tales told around the tables at *The Forrester's Arms*. With 35 boys turning up on the Friday the numbers were strong for some real OD domination. After successfully warming up at the old stomping grounds, we made our way into town, to *Fiction* (owned by **Rob Mulholland** – who graciously supplied complimentary entrance tickets). What proceeded can only be described as true 2003 behavior, with some stragglers found asleep in other people's vehicles on the Saturday morning. Saatchi turned up and changed Jamie's opinion of the night irreversibly. In the morning the boys lent their support to the Bishops 1st XV, and despite a valiant effort – the Rondebosch boys were a touch too strong. A young new boy from School House called Roland deserves special mention. When called upon he took orders and went off clutching a few hundred rands in search of a toasted sandwich (not before checking if we would like bacon on them). He returned with a box full! A true Bishops legend in the making! After the match we moved down to the Frank Reid pavilion following the delicious smell of the spit braai. Victor was the barman for the day – thanks for your help Victor. A big screen was set up, and the boys spent the afternoon eating drinking, making merry and watching rugby.



A toast was raised in celebration of 10 years, but also in remembrance of those who couldn't be with us, and especially those who are no longer with us, namely **Anthony Hirst** and **Chris McNaughton** – never forgotten. We also raised a toast to one of our members who was unable to join; unfortunately his commitment to the Green and Gold is too strong. But he played like a legend – and had loud support from Bishops! Congratulations on your success **François Louw**, and we all wish you the very best for your marriage to Sarah.

The day slowly turned to night, and many a thing was witnessed – **Kenny Kirkby's** Josh Groban impersonation was simply incredible – a youtube link will be shared for the general public's viewing pleasure – we all felt inspired. The night was a long one, involving wine bars, Russian ballet, and sunrises. However the diehards persevered and arrived at Royal Cape for the Day Boys vs Borders Golf game.

Six four-balls tee'd off – rumbler rules applying – and let fly. A great day was had, many a rum-bler was consumed, and hangovers quickly became distant memories. Congrats to Jamie Curtis on best score on the day, Peter Henkel on the closest to the pin, Matt Born on longest drive, and after a recount – a tied game.

Onwards the weekend rolled to a few cocktails at *Caprice*, where we watched the sun set on what had been an awesome weekend.

I would like to thank everyone who came through for the weekend, from Iraq, Malawi, Dubai, Jo-burg, and even as far as Lutgensvale. It says a lot about us, that 85 boys can get together after so many years apart and continue as if never separated!

Pro fide et Patria. See you in 10yrs...



*Jamie Curtis, Dyl Thorne and Rob Menne*

# OD OFFICE

## APOLOGY

On page 134 of the June magazine the scores of the successful OD Founders Day shooting team are shown. Regrettably these were the lowest totals and the best scores were not published. For the record our leading scorers were:

<b>Richard Henkel</b>	90	98	<b>188</b>
<b>Paul Henkel</b>	94	93	<b>187</b>
<b>Phil Calothi</b>	90	96	<b>186</b>
<b>Peter Henkel</b>	92	94	<b>186</b>

Well done to Phil Calothi and the Henkels!



*Phil Calothi and Rodney Warwick*

## INDOOR CRICKET

The *Steffan Coutts-Trotter Memorial Indoor Cricket Centre* was formally opened on 26 July 2013, at Bishops, at a ceremony hosted by Philip and Estelle Coutts-Trotter, the parents of the late **Steffan Coutts-Trotter (1996)**, as well as Steff's brother, Carl and family. The dedication ceremony was attended by guests especially invited by the family. The proceedings were opened by the 1st X1 Coach Willem Steyn expressing gratitude to the Coutts-Trotter family for their great contribution to cricket at College. He said that as a result, the Bishops now had a world class facility with the latest state of the art cricket equipment.





*Warren Griffiths*

Steffan was Head of Birt House and played 1st XV for three years. **Warren Griffiths (1996)** spoke about his close friendship with Steffan. **Anton Magnus (1996)**, **Sean Rule (1996)** and **Gavin Whitfield (1996)** also attended the opening. Geoff Kieswetter (staff) told of his great desire for extending Bishops's cricketing facilities, and the eventual building of the magnificent centre through the generosity of the Coutts-Trotter family in memory of their son. Geoff then handed the first personalised tag to Steffan's nephew Andrew. This tag has a chip in it which allows *Pitch Vision* to recognise who the bowler is and then record his performances. Guy Pearson, Principal, thanked the Coutts-Trotters and said that the Centre would be used for the benefit of Bishops, Bishops Cricket and Bishops boys. Bishops would forever remember Steffan as a fine young man, sportsman, gentleman and true friend.

## DONATIONS TO THE MUSEUM

The ODU would like to thank **Clive (1946)** and **Tony van Ryneveld (1943)**, amongst others, who have kindly donated memorabilia to the Museum and Archives. A tea was held recently at the Museum to thank all donors. Guy Pearson thanked them for their kindness and said Bishops would treasure the items.



*Guy Pearson and  
Tony van Ryneveld*



*Cynthia & Brian Barends*



*Clive van Ryneveld and  
Ulick Brown*

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

### **Michael Ehrentraut (1989)**

It is now 25 years since Michael first graced the Piley Rees. He played for three years, 1987-89, and during those seasons Bishops played 67 matches, drew 1 and lost 1 (Grey PE). Bishops scored 341 tries with Michael himself scoring 48! He became the main kicker half way through the 1988 season and scored a total of 424 points in these three years. In 1989 Michael was Captain of Bishops, Western Province and South African Schools. Michael was one of the most talked about schoolboy players of all time in the Western Province, even appearing in cartoon as one of *Rapport's* players of the week!





We are constantly asked by many ODs for information about Michael so we decided to contact Michael in Australia and asked him how things had gone since 1990. We are delighted to publish these extracts from a letter which, on request, he kindly sent to the ODU.

After leaving Bishops I studied at UCT and played for the under 20's and then for the 1st XV. I really loved playing with some great ODs – **Ross Calow (1986)**, **Alistair Collins (1987)**, **Michael Kirsten (1987)**, **Andrew Lanning (1989)**, **Greg Cooper (1985)** to name just a few.

Played two games on the left wing for WP, first game at Newlands against Natal and then against Transvaal at Ellis Park against James Small! Selected for the SA under 20 side – thankfully at fullback! At the end of 1994, Nelie Smith, coach of the Cheetahs, asked me to play for them; moving to Bloemfontein, I did just that and enjoyed enormously my time there. I was fortunate in that the Free State Cheetahs' style of play, the calculated risk-taking with its resultant reward, was what I had become accustomed to at Bishops, where talented players were blessed with excellent coaches – and in particular Basil Bey. The free-spirited nature of the running game, the excitingly fine balance between risk and success as opposed to risk and failure were all challenges gladly accepted by the Free Staters – it was part of their psyche as it was part of mine.

There were three clear highlights in my time in the Free State, two of which occurred in that first year: the first was the 15-all draw against the NZ Maoris in the M-Net night series; the second was the commencement of my banking and finance career with First National Bank and the third was when I returned to the Free State from Australia in 1996, when I met my wife-to-be. It wasn't too long after



*Michael and Lizelle*

moving to the Free State though, that I received a call from Robbie Brink inviting me to join him in Italy, to play for Parma. I played the season predominantly at fly-half, but when Robbie was called away prematurely for World Cup duty in '95, I moved to full-back as I felt I could then have a greater impact on the game and thus help Parma to avoid relegation. Being surrounded by fanatical and very passionate Italian fans, I was grateful and relieved that we achieved this.

But it was time to return home – or so I thought.

I had the opportunity to move to Sydney where I represented Warringah Rugby Club (aka The Green Rats), one of the strongest clubs in the NSW franchise.

Besides my excitement at living in Sydney and exploring a new country, there are number of highlights I'd like to mention: firstly, it was fantastic being with family again, as Dougie, my father-figure and friend, had immigrated to Sydney a few years earlier and, secondly, the pleasure and thrill of playing alongside rugby greats such as Gregor Townsend, 82 caps for Scotland, and Abdel Bennazzi from Morocco, who eventually played 78 tests for France. The main highlight though was seeing Bishops tour Australia and being fortunate enough to watch a couple of their games as well as to entertain Paul Dobson, Tim Hamilton-Smith and Basil Bey for a great evening at the Sydney Point Tower. Having Basil and a few players come along to one of the Warringah matches, when I scored two tries, will also be something that I will always fondly remember.

Also ironic is that only a year later I played my third test for Germany in a Moroccan city called Oujda, celebrating its millennial anniversary. It is a city that is located a mere 15 kilometres from the Algerian border, yet when you are there you feel as though you are in the middle of nowhere and that you might have to travel by camel just to get there. Interesting, though, is that it is a city that gave birth to Abdel Bennazzi, with whom I had played just a year earlier; it was so strange to see him there as part of the city's celebrations, never mind his being at the test. When still in Sydney, during a Super 12 match between Free State and the Waratahs, I was asked by Nelie Smith and Pote Human to return to the Free State, which, in the end, I did.

Besides my re-joining FNB, a number of other highlights occurred during the couple of years I spent in Bloemfontein. Firstly, I met my wife, Lizelle, who happened to work at FNB at the time I re-joined. We became engaged after three weeks and were married in the Brooke Chapel six months later. I think Uschi, my mum, still sometimes wonders how on earth everything moved so quickly. As it happened, The Very Reverend Father Michael Bands (one time Bishops Chaplain) and Louise, his wife, were also in Bloemfontein and I stayed with them for quite a while, for which I'll always remain grateful, and so it was only appropriate that Father Bands was the one to marry Lizelle and me on Bishops' hallowed grounds.

Other highlights were being part of the Free State team that beat England on their opening tour match in South Africa and, a year later, contributing to what still stands today as the highest number of points ever scored against a British & Irish Lions team (non-Test), namely 39 points. We still got thumped, despite an attempt to create a near perfect 'batting-wicket' of a pitch to further increase our supposed home-ground advantage. On that day I played against Michael (Mike) Catt, having previously played against each other in '89 when we (Bishops) played against Grey PE. This was to also be his one and only game for the British & Irish Lions yet, finally, he capped a remarkable career with a total of 75 tests for England.

In '97, Lizelle and I were transferred to Johannesburg with FNB. From a rugby view point, post the '95 World Cup, things seemed to change quite quickly. Professionalism was truly in and unavoidably in everyone's 'backyard'; very quickly this new era changed the face of rugby forever. This was even more evident at club-rugby level, where it seemed rugby was no longer merely about playing for the love of the game; there were distractions – contracts, money and all sorts of other things except what was good for the club and the team. My final two playing years were with Roodepoort Rugby Club under the guidance of Transvaal centre, Hugo van As.

The highlights during that period were my still representing Germany for a number of tests against the likes of Portugal in Lisbon, and Spain in Hannover. In addition, representing Germany in a number of 7-a-side tournaments around the world was an equally humbling experience. The tournaments that I remember fondly were those in Paris and in Punta del Este (Uruguay), the former because Lizelle was able to join me for the experience as well as the fact that one of the matches was against Namibia – some irony, for I was born in Walvis Bay; the latter of the two tournaments played in Punta del Este was special because it was for World Cup qualification. We (Germany) made it all the way through to the final, thanks to a golden try in extra time in the semi-finals – only to lose to Argentina, who had already qualified.

It was strange my being so far away from home to speak Afrikaans to a number of SA referees who were officiating during the tournament and to engage in conversation a number of Bishops old boys on the sidelines...one somehow always feels 'connected', no matter how far from home. If I now reflect on how rugby has been shaped professionally, how it has changed structurally, now demanding physical size and increased physical contact from backs I'm grateful at having played in the era I did, with the players and coaches by whom I was surrounded.

In '99 Lizelle and I received two pieces of news that would pretty much shape a significant change for us.

Firstly, we received confirmation that our Australian permanent residency visa had been granted, which we always wanted as an option; secondly, and excitingly, Lizelle was expecting our first child. We needed to make a decision quickly and so felt we needed to give the opportunity a genuine chance. And so we left for Sydney in July 1999. Both our kids were born in Sydney; Michaela in October 1999 and Kai on the anniversary of 9/11, September 11 2002.

I joined Westpac Banking (one of the four major banks in Australia) in September 1999 and for the next 12 years led and transformed a number of divisions, the latter years at GM level. In my time with Westpac, we were also transferred to Perth for a number of years which made us feel a tad closer to 'home'. This feeling of 'home' was especially pronounced during the World Cup as the 'Bokke' were based in Perth and so we were able to enjoy a number of tests over that period. The loss to eventual winners England was not a highlight not least for the fact that it looked as though 80% of the stadium was filled with fanatical English supporters. Then in 2004, we were again on the move, this time to Melbourne. In Melbourne, Lizelle decided to enter the workforce and purchased a business called *All Fired Up Ceramic Café* ([www.afu.com.au](http://www.afu.com.au)); she partnered up with another South African mom and has been running this popular shop now for the past five years.

Michaela and Kai have left Brighton primary and joined Haileybury College which is a well-known and respected private school in Melbourne. Very similar to Bishops, Haileybury provides

fantastic facilities, inspiring teachers, amazing breadth of opportunities and encouraging support. Gavin Watson, who taught me in my final year at Bishops and who is the current Victorian Bishops OD Branch Secretary, is the Deputy Head of Haileybury's Senior School.

On a more personal note, soon after we arrived in Melbourne I was diagnosed with cancer. For some period we as a family had to battle through this tough time – the aggressive nature of the cancer and the fact it had already progressed a fair bit did not help things. Very grateful we managed to get through all of that, Lizelle and I then committed to running our first half marathon together, which was quite emotional at the time but also incredibly uplifting. I've completed two marathons since, so that I was able to hand both Michaela and Kai something as a positive symbol that good came from belief and loving support and also in recognition of what I had put them through during that period.

I left Westpac after 12 years with them and joined *ANZ Banking*, heading up their Products and Pricing Division. Longing for frontline and distribution responsibility and after nearly two decades in Banking & Finance, I decided to try a different challenge. So in 2011, I accepted a role with the current largest, private Medical Health Fund in Australia, Medibank Private. I suppose I haven't totally let go, considering there's a still a 'bank' in the name. As General Manager for Retail, my position requires extensive travelling throughout Australia but I thoroughly enjoy the industry, the cultural change and the challenge that Retail currently faces.

My boss resigned in June and I am currently acting as Divisional Group Executive for Sales, a Division that represents four million members and \$4.5B Revenue. Foolishly, I've also committed to an MBA but hope to have this completed, somehow, during 2014. This will definitely be my final formal qualification.

We love going to AAMI Park here in Melbourne every time a South African side comes to play the Melbourne Rebels. As for South African test matches against the Wallabies they are simply 'must attends'. I remain eternally grateful for everything that Bishops and all its great staff 'gifted' to me; I regularly look online to see how we're faring on and off the sports field (not just rugby) and to see what 'talent' is emerging. I will always cherish the feel of a Saturday morning in winter, especially at home, and the excitement in the rugby build-up and the phenomenal support lining the fields. As



hard as some of the results are to swallow at the moment, I do know that there's too much history and too much pride at Bishops for this to linger: the Bishops 'brand' will be restored and be feared once again.

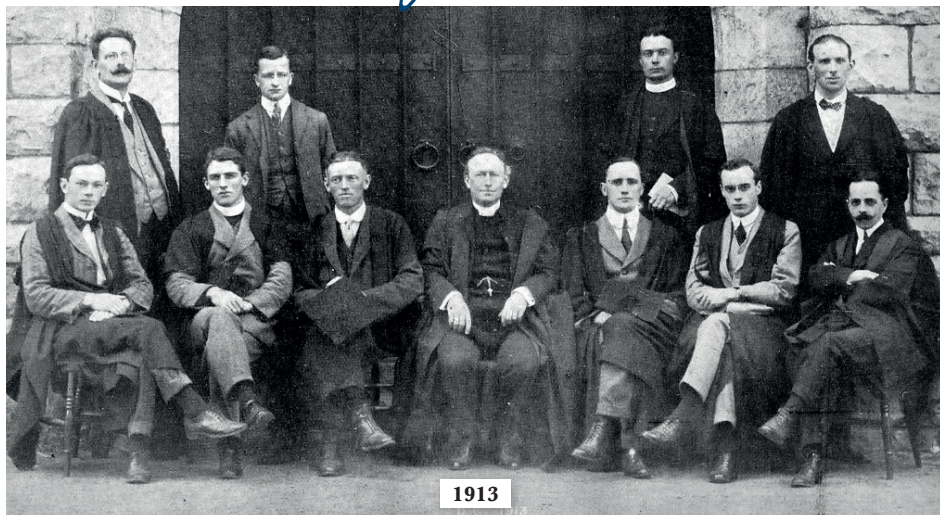
We love coming back every two or so years and even though the kids were born in Australia, they feel South Africa is where home is. That doesn't make it easier. As much as we're settled in Melbourne and have established ourselves, there will always be moments where we long for the things that have shaped who we are today.



# Looking back...

## 100 YEARS AGO

### The College Staff



*Back: Mr JJ Bijleveld, Mr HL Woodhouse, the Rev SB Priston, Mr FO Lines  
Front: Mr ACN Bourner, the Rev CES Bull, Mr RND Sutton, the Rev Cannon Owen Jenkins,  
Mr B Chard, Mr HD Jackson, Mr HP Packham*

## 70 YEARS AGO

### The Avenue

The night of June 30 1943 will be remembered as the date of the great storm, when 130 trees at Bishops fell and many others were loosened. A huge umbrella pine landed on the corner just near Gray/Ogilvie in front of School house. Two similar trees landed on the Piley Rees. Over 30 trees crashed in groups at the Sandown end of the top fields. The Avenue, which was about 100 years old, became impassable. Over a distance of 130 yards only eight scraggy trees remained. The lodge was spared but trees fell all around. The new Principal Hubert Kidd declared in a letter to ODs:

*So many trees were uprooted that we have had to cut down the whole Avenue to a point opposite School House. The disaster was however a blessing in disguise; the old trees could not have lasted many more years and we are now enabled to return to the old line of the Avenue and clear the ground for replanting. It will look a bit strange for a while; but it is better to watch young trees growing than old ones falling and by the time the Centenary comes in 1949 the Avenue will perhaps look once more as it looked to Bishop Gray when he planted Bishops in its present home.*



*Before the storm**70 years later*

The Avenue as we know it was thus laid out with a wider roadway and the trees well-spaced out and staggered giving them room to spread and providing a sheltered side-walk. A separate hole was dug for each tree which penetrated the iron-stone which is close to the surface. These holes were four feet deep and ensured that the tap roots penetrated to a deeper level. The main cause of the trees falling was clearly the lack of tap roots due to this iron-stone. The current trees are now 70 years old and are very much part of our heritage.

*We are very anxious to find a photograph of the Avenue the day after the storm. There must be such a picture somewhere. If anyone has such a photo we would love to make a copy for the Archives – ed*

## SPEECH DAY NOVEMBER 1943

### **Extract from a speech made by Admiral Sir Campbell Tait at Prizegiving.**

‘I was once dining at a Cambridge College and we were talking about the various classes of people, and one of the Dons said at his leisure, “there is one class of people who ought never to have children and it is parents.” There followed a round of applause. Parents giving advice to the young are regarded with a stony stare by the off-spring. So will you all take the Principal’s advice and come to the schoolmasters to discuss your problems. They are the people who understand children – not the parents.

*One must admit – he does have a point!! – ed*

## 50 YEARS AGO

### **Dawn of a new era**

Bishops suffered grievous losses in 1963. **Frank Reid** died in February. In October, long serving Afrikaans teacher, Frikkie Viljoen, was killed in a car accident. A few weeks later, also in October, Hubert Kidd died from a heart attack.

Frank Reid had been on the Council since 1912 and served as OD secretary for 46 years, Hubert

Kidd had been on the staff for 41 years and Principal for 20 years, Frikkie Viljoen was on the staff for 40 years, Piley Rees since 1922, eventually serving for 44 years. Other senior staff included Alfred Payne 33 years uninterrupted and then another five as a temporary science teacher, the legendary Music teacher Claude Brown for 31 years, Sam Butler 31 years, Wilkie had been on the staff since 1946, Denis Hunt from 1946 and Chippie Robinson since 1950.

### **In 1963, Mr A W H Mallett was appointed as Principal of Bishops.**

Later in the year, at the Founders Day Commemoration Service the Chaplain said:

*We are standing at the beginning of a new era at Bishops.*

There had only been two Principals since 1919, Harald Birt and Hubert Kidd. It was a time for change. The College staff, which now numbered 25, must have wondered what was in store when they heard that their new Principal was 36 years old, a Marine who had seen service in Holland, France and Germany during WW II. An outstanding sportsman he had represented England at squash, gained a blue for Oxford at both Cricket and Squash and had toured Canada with the MCC in 1951. He had graduated from Oxford with an Honours degree in English literature.

When Anthony Mallett first arrived people were in awe of him. He was still an active sportsman, could bowl out the 1st XI with ease and would remain unbeaten on the squash court for many years. It was the ultimate contrast.



*Anthony Mallett*

In addition, Mallett was a disciplinarian and when he formulated one single school rule:

*'All boys are expected to behave in a responsible, sensible and tolerant manner; any action that is discourteous, dishonest or destructive is an offence,'* staff and boys knew where they stood!

Together with his vivacious and beautiful wife, Vivienne, they made the perfect team. Vivienne instantly made a massive contribution and will for ever be remembered by scores of ODs for the care and love that she had for them and particularly the new boys. Her regular readings to them made a lasting impression on so many. The manner in which she marshalled the staff wives for social occasions and service to the school is legendary. Anthony Mallett was installed in 1964. During the service he was charged with the following by Arch-deacon the Venerable A F van der Byl:

#### **These Charges were:**

*'Seek diligently the spirit of wisdom and knowledge'*

*'Love thy brethren'*

*'Keep Godly discipline'*

*'Be faithful in thy office'*



*Anthony and Vivienne Mallett*



*Vivienne Mallett*

How brilliantly Anthony Mallett answered these charges. For the next 19 years Bishops was led by an inspirational and legendary man.

### **Vivienne Mallett remembers:**

*We were advised to wait for six months before starting to make any changes.*

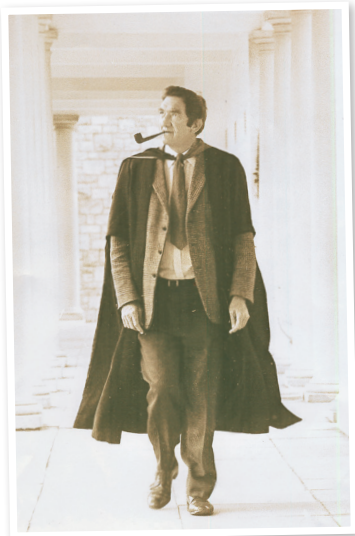
*Changes were not really needed – it was a great school with a wonderful staff. Pieter and Betty van der Bijl were so friendly and helpful and we tried to encourage all the staff to get to know each other – their wives, their children and we urged the families to get together. The staff plays certainly helped with this and suddenly we saw a different side to everyone. Anthony encouraged the staff to say something good and positive about the boys. An entirely new and more detailed report system was introduced and one word reports were a thing of the past. All of a sudden the staff wives and their husbands became a glorious team – a family unit – a Bishops family. These were really happy days and a memorable spirit prevailed.*

Housing loans were introduced to encourage the new staff to stay longer and more and more staff started to take an interest in all range of activities not only sport but also music – the brass band had a huge following (Vivienne was the Patron) as did Art, and the theatre. Outdoor activities and tours were encouraged. A really strong bond was encouraged between the Prep and College staff. Stags cricket certainly helped! The Mallett's were everywhere and their care and concern for everyone from the youngest boy to the oldest teacher was very much in evidence. A second 'common room' near Rondebosch station became even more popular with regular meetings held on Friday evenings. – *ed*

### **Anthony and Vivienne Mallett. 1964 – 1982. The New Era**

Among the buildings completed were:

The Administration Block; Extensions to the Headmaster's House; The Music School; The Day Boy Block; The Founders Housemaster's Quarters; The Maintenance Complex; The Molteno Library; The Resources Centre; The Kidd Wing Classroom Block; The Biology Block; the new



Classroom Block; Kidd House and Housemaster's Flat; Estate Manager's House; Bursar's House; Director of Music's House; School House Extensions and Quad; The new Squash Centre; The Enlarged Swimming Bath; The Tuckshop Cafeteria; The Nursery Class at the Pre-Prep; The Jagger Wing at the Prep; The Van der Byl Classroom Block; Renovation of the Jagger Hall; The new Prep School Bicycle Shed; the Ablution Block on Lutgensvale.

### **Other developments of the Mallett era were:**

The opening of Bishops to all races; The increase in total enrolment from 674 to 900; The 'send-up' system – and bi-colour!; The extensive half-yearly report system; Distinction Ties; The opening of the VIth form to girls; Quiet Hour; The diversification of cadet activities; The development of the school gardens; The Brass Band; Numerous additional societies; The introduction of Xhosa, Business Economics

and Biblical Studies as subjects; The introduction of several new sports, including hockey, water-polo, basketball, golf and judo; The House Music competition; The Inter-House One-Act Plays; Enlargement of the Oaks and Lutgensvale fields; Extra tennis courts; Staff Plays; The appointment of a 'Careers Master'; The school printing rooms; The introduction of the 'College Evensong' and 'College Eucharist' services; The acquisition of the 'St Thomas' field; The increase in annual fees for a College boarder from R564 to R4000!

## **VISITORS**

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

**Peter Elliott (1967)**

**John Whiting (1950)**

**Andre du Plessis (2006)**

**Anthony Malan (1961)**

**Dave Howland (1982)**

**Russell Adams (1987)**

France

Australia

Hopetown – SA

Still Bay – SA

Nairobi

India



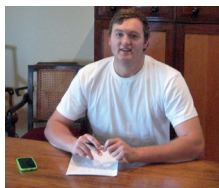
*Dave Howland*



*Peter Elliott*



*John Whiting with  
Robert Whiting*



*Andre du Plessis*



*Anthony Malan*





*Hugo Leggatt, Guy Pearson  
and Peter Kleye*



*Werner and Nick Koster*



*John Hayward and  
Ted Stanford*

## KAROO OD DINNER

**John Hayward (1967)** reports:

The 50th dinner celebration of the Central Karoo Branch of the OD UNION was held at *Lemoenfontein* near Beaufort West on the evening of Saturday 25 May.

It was Victor Hugo who wrote that “Forty is the old age of youth; whilst fifty is the youth of old age”. As a branch, we may have hit the 50 year mark, but the dinner this year was marked by many young ODs in attendance, so youthful we shall remain!

The branch was founded in 1956 and the first dinner was held in 1957. We were delighted to receive a letter from **Andy Shearing (1954)**, now living in Port Alfred. Andy was a founder member of the branch and in his letter to us, he recalls writing to the then OD Secretary, Frank Reid to request permission for the branch to be founded. It was 56 years ago, but according to the minutes, there were years when no dinner was held. So it was decided that by means fair or foul, this would be the year to celebrate our half century! And we had one of the biggest turn outs in years!

It was a great pleasure to welcome the new College Principal, Guy Pearson, and his wife Mareé. Also visiting us, for the first time, was OD Chairman **Brian Robertson (1979)** and his wife Ruth. Familiar faces we were happy to see again, were those of Tim and Carolyn Hamilton Smith, who run the ODU with such expertise. Carolyn forms an integral part of the continued success of our OD dinners and we thank her once more, for her interest and good advice. From the staff room it was wonderful to see Ed Milne and our faithful and great friend of the area, Paul Murray.

From Johannesburg we were pleased to welcome **Hans Beneke (1958)** and his wife Michelle.



*Back: Charlie, Charles Koster, John Koster,  
Robbie Boyes. Front: Russell Morse*

From the Cape and Boland area we welcomed **Peter Jeffery (1961)** and his wife Muffie, **Mike Orpen (1957)** and Judy, **Peter Kleye (1956)** and Mac, **Russell Morse (1981)**, **Rob Boyes (1983)**, **John Koster (1979)**, **Nick Koster (2007)**, **Ted Stanford (2005)** and **Theo Doms (2005)**. From the Garden Route we welcomed **Hugo Leggatt (1956)** and his wife Helen. From the Central Karoo area we had present Chairman **John Luscombe (1971)** and his wife Lorette, **Grant Paxton (1994)** and Thea, **Kevin van Wyk (2000)** and Tia, **Roger**



**de Jager (2000)** and Wero, **Robert Jackson (1966)** and Claudette, **Werner Koster (1957)** and Moira, **Charles Koster (1983)** and Catherine, **Graeme Koster (1990)**, Branch Secretary John Hayward and Fiona, and finally, as ex-parents and OA representative, Julian de Jager and Jean. We were delighted to welcome as visitors to our dinner, Phillip Potgieter and Anton Smuts, representatives respectively of Paul Roos and RBHS old boys.

Before starting dinner, we again called on stalwart Paul Murray to say the school Latin grace.

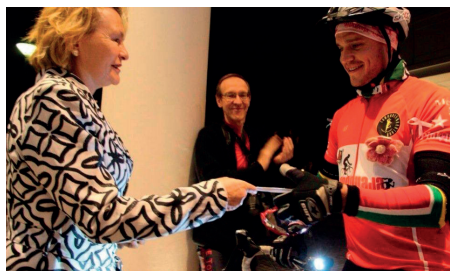
Dinner was of the best yet! Ingrid Koster did us proud in variety and quality. Despite the large number of diners, her staff did a brilliant job. Many diets were suspended for the occasion, as the guests tucked into traditional Karoo fare. Before dinner, College Principal Guy Pearson had done a presentation of photographs and slides of the school both past and present. We were reminded again of the diversity and variety of the whole Bishops experience. The school has changed greatly through the years as the world outside the gates has changed, and the challenges just get bigger for the staff as they must guide, nurture and teach daily, and so much of that direction comes from the principal. We have had many principals address us at our dinners, and it is always fascinating to hear their particular vision for the school, and their plans for the future. In his address to us, it was good to hear how enthusiastic Guy is about future developments at the School. We were again reassured that OUR school was in good hands!

Thank you for being with us Guy. It was good to meet you and Mareé. We look forward to your visits to us in the future.

Chairman **John Luscombe** thanked Guy for his presence and wished him and Mareé great happiness in their years at Bishops. Before the end of the dinner, as the youngest OD present, **Nick Koster** proposed the toast to the school and the OD Union. It had been another very successful and enjoyable dinner, in no small part due to the many visiting ODs and friends who journeyed from elsewhere to be with us.

Your continued interest is appreciated. Thank you! Here's to the next 50 years!

## FUND RAISING



*Helen Zille and John McInroy*

We contacted **Chris McInroy (1971)** the team manager of this year's *Unogwaja Challenge*. He kindly sent this report.

On May 23, 12 cyclists were sent on their way from the Tsogo Sun Hotel by Helen Zille at 4.30am, accompanied by another 60 cyclists or so to Franschhoek. Ten days later the 12 arrived safely in Pietermaritzburg and then ran the Comrades Marathon the next day. Led again by **John McInroy (2000)** this was the third time

the *Unogwaja Challenge* had been completed commemorating the same feat first completed by Phil Masterton Smith in 1933 when he could not afford the train fare to the Durban so decided to cycle there! The Comrades this year was one of the toughest in recent times given the high temperature and

strong winds that the runners had to contend with. All 12 finished before the cut off. To put this in perspective over a third of the field did not complete the marathon this year!

The *Unogovaja Challenge* though is much more than just a cycle and running the Comrades, as those taking part engage with the communities they pass through and one of the prime objectives is to raise funds for the official Comrades Charities. This year an ambitious target of R250 000 was set and it is now expected that the final amount raised could double this. Their target for 2014 is R1 000 000.

**John**, who is breathing a new spirit of positivity wherever he goes, has big plans for the future. There is now likelihood that the *Unogovaja Challenge* and *Red Sock Running* could play a role in Elana Meyer's exciting new academy for endurance athletes linking two exciting sporting initiatives. It is all about 'Inspiring people to take courage and to follow their heart, to overcome adversity and give others a helping hand along the way. This is the spirit of *Unogovaja*, the spirit of *Red Socks*.'

For anyone who would like to know more they can log on to the website [www.unogovajachallenge.com](http://www.unogovajachallenge.com) and watch the videos that were uploaded daily.



## LUNCHES

Friday 31 May. It was a pleasure, once again, to host the 60's luncheon organised by **Colin Boyes (1965)** at the OD offices. It was good to welcome special guest Guy Pearson who joined **John Smuts (1969)**, **Louis Messaris (1965)**, **Peter Georgeu (1964)**, **Richard von Hoesslin (1964)**, **Derek Wollaston (1964)**, **John Waller (1966)**, **Derek Stuart-Findlay (1964)**, **Peter Berry (1964)**, **Antony (Hoogie) van Hoogstraten (1964)**, **Ian Bartley (1963)**, **David (Freckles) Boyes (1963)** and **Colin Boyes**.

The HOTS (Housemasters on the Shelf) also took advantage of the facilities to hold their third meeting of the year hosted by Alan and Georgie Douglas. All HOTS and SOHOTS (spouses of...) were delighted that Guy and Mareé Pearson were able to join us. Some concern, however, was expressed that Housemasters are now called Directors!



Alan Douglas



Paul Dobson



Alan and Georgie Douglas, Guy Pearson and Paul Dobson

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS with Richard Cock



SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER

**Venue:** Memorial Chapel at 6.00 p.m.

**Bookings:** Computicket

## SURVEYS

**We have two surveys which we would like you to complete that we sent out in the recent enews letter:**

**NEW OD BUSINESS DIRECTORY** – *Submit your details now!*



The OD Business Directory has been developed by the School and the OD Union. We are now ready to populate it with your business details. The OD Business Directory will be officially launched in the last quarter of the year and available to anyone via our website.

Over the coming months, we will be requesting any ODs or Bishops family to send us their business details should they wish to be listed on the Business Directory. This will provide ODs with a great opportunity to “advertise” their products and services to other ODs and the greater Bishops community. If you would like to be listed on the new Business Directory, please would you complete the form with your details:

The will be no charge to list your business on the directory!

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NXV76PW>

Please note only OD members, staff members or Bishops parents will be granted a listing.

If you require further information about this exciting new product, please email the office: [odu@bishops.org.za](mailto:odu@bishops.org.za)

## MERCHANDISE SURVEY



We have a number of goods for sale on our memorabilia page on the OD website. In order for us to cater for the needs and tastes of ODs, we have drafted a survey for you to fill in. Please complete the survey and let us know what you would really like to have available.

We are keen to update the merchandise we offer and obviously need to get items that you want and are popular. This will enable us to have new things and items we have never stocked before or not had for a very long time... the old blazer for example.

Please check the website to see what is currently on offer: [www.odu.co.za](http://www.odu.co.za) before completing the survey. We thank you for taking the trouble to help us give you what you want.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WPCCN5H>

# NEWS OF ODs



## WESTERN CAPE

### CONSERVATION



**François Krige (1984)**, together with his wife Melissa, are very much in the news in their battle to save our dwindling pockets of natural forests and a number of endangered wildlife species such as aardvark, honey badger and leopard toad. We have no hesitation in sharing the wonders of *Platbos Forest*, which is a little-known, seldom visited, hardly ever written about 70 ha tangle of weekend heaven, complete with its own tented camp beneath a white

stinkwood tree, two hours from Cape Town.

Nowhere else in the Western Cape does one find a 70 ha lung of 'relic' forest breathing happily in sandy soil just a few kilometres from the beach. Trees include classic Afromontane favourites – stinkwood, hard pear, white pear – all 'stunted' by the harsh Cape winters and dry summers creating a surreal bonsai-forest effect. The area is small enough to explore in a day, but big enough to impart a sense of wilderness. Birds are everywhere, darting between branches and swooping down from the dappled wonderland. ■ [www.platbos.co.za](http://www.platbos.co.za)

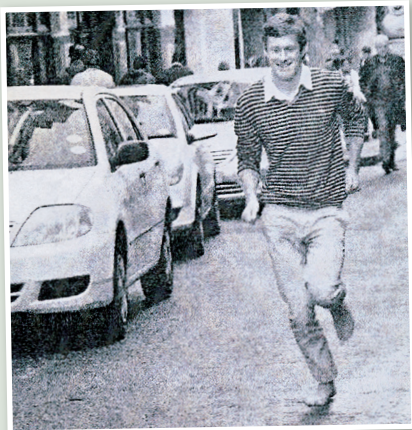


#### Dirty Business for the Black River

ODs **Jonathan Hobday (1957)** and **Matthew Kempthorne (1993)** are to be congratulated for their initiative in keeping rivers in the Western Cape litter free. A litter trap will be placed in the Black River. In an attempt to highlight awareness about the shocking state of our local rivers with the hope of bringing environmental change, 65 paddlers recently took to the city's waters in Peninsula Pad-

dle. They paddled from Princess Vlei to Milnerton. They are looking at finding ways in which water can connect people to the city.

Ward councillor Matthew Kempthorne says that the litter trap will be placed later in the year. Jonathan Hobday chairs the Friends of Black & Vygekraal Rivers has said that this is a much needed device, and he will be doing all that he can to raise R250 000 to make this all possible.



**Ben Brimble (2003)** was recently featured in *Die Burger*:

**‘Barefoot speedster catches smash-and-grab thief.’**

On Saturday morning a suspected criminal came short when he tried to outrun an experienced cross-country athlete. Ben did his friend Shaun Vermaak a service, when bare-footed, he chased and caught the man who had evidently broken into Shaun’s car. “I was eating my Weetbix when I heard glass breaking and then the wail of a car alarm” said Ben. “I looked out of my bedroom window and saw that someone had broken into Shaun’s car.

When I shouted “Hey!” the chap ran away. “I was barefoot, but the adrenalin kicked in and I set off after him. He had about 50m start”. The chase led from Upper Mill Street to the Wembley Shopping Centre in Solan Street, a distance of about a kilometre. After a while the villain started tiring. A motorist in a silver coloured Range Rover saw the chase and forced the suspect thief off the road to break his speed. Ben pulled him down. Then a Security Guard from the Wembley Shopping Centre and the owner of the car all helped to handcuff the man. Vermaak said he was “very grateful” to Brimble for catching the suspected thief.

Ben is one of South Africa’s top cross-country athletes. In April he won the African X race, a cross-country marathon run over three days.

**Derek Lloyd (1984)** managed to round up some Class of ’84 boys for a couple of drinks and a catch up on Thurs 20 June at the Alphen Hotel. Derek writes:

‘The group is essentially the ones whom I have kept in contact with since leaving College. A couple of months ago I sent out an email to all indicating that I would be in CT on the date and duly received affirmative e mails from all with an hour of it being sent. Gratifying indeed. The only person unable to attend, at last minute was **Paul Goddard**, who broke his collar bone a couple of days prior and was recovering from surgery. He actually sent me an apology sms on the day with x/ray of break attached. I do not know whether he was grumpier about not being able to attend or about the hammering he took from the gathering via sms when I passed his one around.

‘It proved to be a nice little warm up for our 30th reunion next year which should be a ripper.’





***Back left to right:** Stephen Heard, Alex Oelz, James Rattle, Paul Burton, Derek Lloyd, Anthony Innes, Peter Kilpin,  
**Seated:** Andrew Scott, Greg Donnelly, Iain Bryant, Jon Ackerman, Paul Steven*

We hear that **Warren Butler (2005)** is now Graphic Designer, Social Media Manager at *Brandnew Marketing*

Sadly Warren's student days are over. We wish him all the best and thank him profusely for arranging so many OD rugby functions and matches for the past few years.

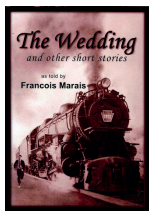
**Christopher Gregorowski (1956)** has recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination. He was ordained deacon in St Saviour's Church, Claremont, on Trinity Sunday in 1963.



Congratulations to **Scott Ramsay (1993)**, who has won the photography category for Year in the Wild. This was announced at the recent South African Breweries Environmental Media Awards. The competition has been running for 24 years, and has done much to promote environmental media and journalism in South Africa.

After a year and a quarter of travelling to 31 of South Africa's most special nature reserves, including all 19 national parks, Scott has become acutely aware of the uniqueness and value of South Africa's nation's natural – and cultural – heritage. His articles which are published regularly in the Cape Times have done much to highlight the huge responsibility of preserving what remains of our country's wild and relatively pristine places.

Scott says ‘I’m still doing my work as a photojournalist focusing on protected areas in Southern Africa. About to embark (5th July) on another Year in the Wild, documenting and photographing about 40 of South Africa’s protected areas and the trans-frontier parks on the borders of the country in Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Mozambique.’ Check out [www.yearinthewild.com](http://www.yearinthewild.com) (to be updated soon).



The ODU has just received a copy of *The Wedding and other short stories* written by **François Marais (1949)**. It is a wonderful read and we thank Francois for the gift. As many will know Francois is an outstanding after dinner speaker and raconteur and these stories, beautifully written, are delightful. The book is published by *Heritage Publications* in Hermanus. His book will now join other books recently published by ODs and they are proudly on display in the secretary’s office.

**Dougie Boyes (1992)** is the new owner of *The Toad & Josephine*, which can be found in Josephine’s Mill on the Liesbeeck river. He writes:

‘Yes, it’s been a great acquisition. The guys we brought it from followed on from what the previous owners did and kept it as an upmarket dining spot. Even as a school boy I knew it had to be a pub, so that’s what it is now... *The Toad & Josephine*, it’s in Josephine’s Mill on the Liesbeeck River. Show-room setting and an unbelievably historical building.

‘Taking *Forries* head on... Let’s see what happens. Rome wasn’t built in a day!’



*Matthew and Andrew Pullen*

### **Cannes Lion Advertising Awards for the Pullen brothers.**

**Andrew (2002)** and **Matthew Pullen (2005)** both received recognition from the international advertising community for their roles in two *Ogilvy & Mather* Cape Town campaigns that were successful at Cannes 2013.

Apart from numerous other awards that Matthew and Andrew have received individually, Matthew received a *Gold Lion* for Cape Town Tourism ‘Send your Facebook profile to Cape Town’ of which Andrew was also a contributing member.

Andrew received bronze for his role in *Volkswagen’s* ‘Street Quest’. This marks another contribution to South Africa’s Cannes wards tally.

Matthew and Andrew have been at *Ogilvy & Mather* for five and three years respectively, and have managed to gain recognition from their peers for various projects, (including Loerie and Silver Eagle awards) both in the digital and traditional spheres.



**Richard and Kathie von Hoesslin**

Many congratulations go to **Richard (1964)** and Kathie **von Hoesslin**. Their Guest House, *La Fontaine*, in Franschoek has just been awarded a GOLD classification by the Greenline Heritage Environmental body; and has been awarded, by Tripadvisor, a winner “Certificate of Excellence” by being in the top 10% of the world based upon guest reviews.

Richard and Kathy have been most generous supporters of the ODU. Each year they provide prizes at the annual dinner in the form of free accommodation at their wonderful guest house. *La Fontaine* is well placed in the very heart of Franschoek within easy walking distance from many restaurants and shops.

**André du Plessis (2006)**, has now moved to the family farm in Hopetown in the Northern Cape. Indeed he is kept very busy looking after the interests of the five family farms which specialise in sheep farming for wool production.

We were delighted to receive a visit from André, who told us that after reading law at UCT he went to Grootfontein Agricultural College to study all aspects of sheep farming and wool classing in particular. The classing award is recognised internationally as the gold standard in wool production.

He extends a warm welcome to any OD who may find themselves in the area, which is about an hour away from Kimberley.

**Thaheer Mullins (2003)** wrote with a suggestion:

‘I’m not sure how far the records stretch with regards to school-time achievements of ODs, but it may be a good idea to look into providing old apparel (on-demand) for ODs such as cadet jerseys, distinction ties etc. Some of these designs may have been outdated, or the gear out of production, so I’m not sure how that would work. I’ve seen at least two ODs wearing their cadet jerseys in the past week (entirely separate generations), so I know that there is an interest in the old gear.’

Let us know how you feel.

On June 6 at a gala dinner at the Zimbali Resort Hotel *GvH Landscapes*, which is owned by **Richard von Hoesslin** and his son **Graham von Hoesslin (1995)**, with headquarters in Franschoek, was presented, for the third year in a row by SA Landscapes Institute, with the National Trophy Award, namely “The Best Use of Colour in the Landscape” for House Mc Kenzie in Plettenberg Bay. This is a hat-trick and first for all of the seven National awards; and in the citation at the ceremony it was clearly noted as such.

In addition to this National award, Graham was presented with GOLD for the three projects submitted, namely House Dippenaar, House Allan and House McKenzie, all from Plettenberg Bay, and all in the category ‘Landscape Construction with In-House Design’. It is the most hotly contested category, and to win three Golds was a huge achievement! This brings to date, over the

past five years, a total of 12 Golds awarded to *GvH Landscapes*.

Graham has been busy since October 2012 with a very complicated project in Somerset-West on the property, *Spanish Farm*, situated high up against the Helderberg Mountain. Besides the steep gradient of the property, there are roof gardens on all four units and on the garages, and with the variance in temperature, strong winds and above average rain fall for June, it has been an enormous challenge. This should be completed by the end of September 2013.



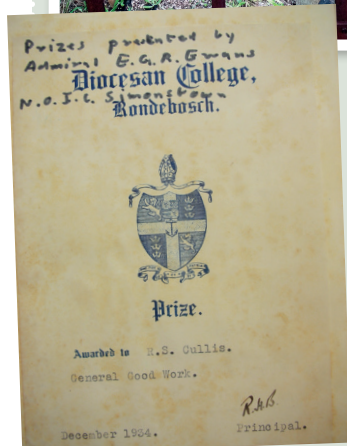
**Syd Cullis (1961)** was recently featured in the *Cape Times*. 'City surgeon traces SA links to Polar expeditions'.

Syd first became interested in Arctic History when his son James chose Sir Ranulph Fiennes's attempt to cross Antarctica on foot in 1993 as a topic for a talk he had to give at school. Syd says that the more he read about the early Arctic and Antarctic explorers the more interested he came in them and the more SA and Bishops connections he found. Syd's quest has led him to the grave of Frank Oates deep in the bush on the Botswana-Zimbabwe border. Frank was the nephew of Lawrence Oates who was the brave man, who realising that he was slowing down Captain Scott's race to the North Pole, sacrificed himself by going out into a blizzard and certain death. Syd continues:

'In addition my father was presented with a General Good Work prize in 1934 by Admiral Teddy Evans, then Office Commanding South Atlantic at Simon's Town but who had previously been Scott's second-in-command on his ill-fated attempt to be first at the South Pole – the book was Scott's account of that expedition.

'Thirdly, when I was in Matric "Skip" Kidd went on long leave for a term and a Mrs James took us for Latin. I only later discovered that she was the wife of Professor Reginald James, professor of Physics at UCT but who had been the physicist on Shackleton's *Endurance* expedition – and had been one of those stranded on Elephant Island for four

months in winter when the *Endurance* sank after being crushed by the ice. His three sons and at least one grandson are ODs.'





## GAUTENG

OD Branch Secretary **Richard King (1974)** is to be warmly thanked for organising the inaugural OD Pub 'n Quiz evening

Richard reports:

'Just over 30 ODs met at Johannesburg's oldest bar and grill, *The Radium* in Orange Grove, for our first Pub 'n Quiz night.

'Teams comprising a mix of years and houses soon settled into a form of rivalry reminiscent of the meanest house-matches of old. Fortunately a good spirit prevailed and finally it was *The Lutgen-svale Lions* who were triumphant. Comprising **Brendan (2005)** and **Nic Raubenheimer (1999)**, **Dillon McEvoy (2005)**, **Charl Alheit (1999)**, **Adam Griffin (2001)** and **Dean Smorenburg (2005)**, they demonstrated a sense of teamwork and intellectual capacity (not) that saw them first across the line.

*The Good Natured Gorillas* won the special Bishops category due in no small measure to the collective talents of **Pete Strasheim (1974)**, **John Campbell (1974)**, **Phil Voget (2004)**, **Fraser Montandon (2008)**, **Alex Madden (2006)** and Leigh King.

'Excellent pub food prepared by *The Radium's* resident Portuguese chef and plenty of cold beer courtesy of Phil Voget made for an entertaining evening that was enjoyed by all.

'Strong representation was made to ensure we do it again and we plan on extending invitations to a few kindred schools.'



*Dean Smorenburg, Richard King  
and Dillon McEvoy*



*Dillon McEvoy, Brendan Raubenheimer,  
Dean Smorenburg, Adam Griffin,  
Charl Alheit  
and Nic Raubenheimer*

It was good to hear from **Luc du Plessis (2003)**:

'I thought I would just inform you of my latest whereabouts and exploits. I was unfortunately not able to attend the 10 year reunion a couple weeks ago but was involved to a certain extent in the organizing, although much credit must go to **Mathew Born**. I am currently based in small town called Neuchatel in the French-Speaking part of Switzerland.

'My dream was always to go to Oxford to study PPE and play rugby for the University (I often

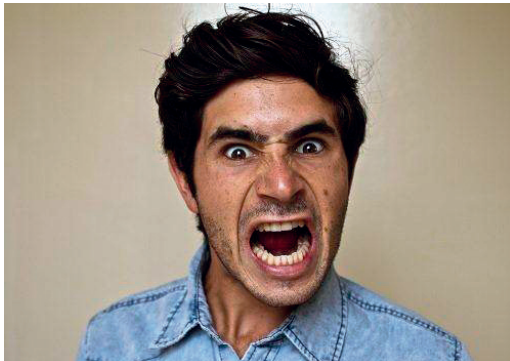


discussed this with Tim) but this took a slightly different turn when I embarked on the FIFA International Master in Management, Law and Humanities of Sport, a world-renowned graduate programme developing all-round managers to cope with the increasingly complex world of sport and endorsed by the *Fédération Internationale de Football Association* (FIFA).<sup>9</sup>

*“The FIFA Master takes its graduates on a unique journey through three different European countries to study sport. Three distinguished universities in England, Italy and Switzerland, which are among Europe’s most sports oriented countries, have come together to provide a ten month programme that combines top-class academic teaching and practical case studies supplemented by guest lecturers and field visits. The course focuses on three key and inter-related aspects of sport humanities, management and law.” (<http://cies.ch/education/fifa-master/about-fifa-master/about-fifa-master/>)*

‘So far it has been an incredible experience and has changed my outlook on the industry completely. In amongst the full-time lectures, we have managed to visit some remarkable sporting institutions such as Wimbledon Tennis, Lords, Twickenham, AC Milan, San Siro, FIFA, IOC and UEFA, to name a few. I have just under one month remaining, after which I plan to enter sports industry using my legal background to ultimately contribute to the professionalization and continued development of the business of sport in South Africa.’

## SHOW BUSINESS



### 25-YEAR OLD ACTOR SWITCHES SHAKESPEARE FOR STAND-UP

**Glen Biderman-Pam (2007)**, a 24-year old actor from Killarney, has become the first ever winner of Comedy Central’s (DStv Channel 122) stand-up comedy talent search.

Comedy Central’s Evert van der Veer, comedy legend Joe Parker and Nicholas Goliath of *Goliath&Goliath* unanimously chose Glen as the winner at the Grand

Final of the open-mic contest at the POP Art Theatre, Maboneng Precinct, Johannesburg on Sunday 2 June. The charismatic Glen won over the judges thanks to his confident and animated delivery, and his well-developed narrative and consistent train of thought which saw each sequence linked to the other in a clever way. The judges also rated him for his high JPM (jokes per minute) quotient, which included hilarious riffs on his life as a struggling actor, his surreal encounter with a mosquito who impersonates Bob Dylan and his own take on what might really have happened in Oscar Pistorius’ bathroom.

Glen won the chance to appear alongside South Africa TV legend Joe Parker and other top comics at live stand-up gig *Comedy Central Presents Joe Parker Live at Parker's*, which took place at Parker's *Comedy & Five* on Wednesday 26 June. The show was subsequently broadcast across Africa on *Comedy Central* on Friday 16 August.

A graduate in Theatre and Performance from UCT, Glen is a classically-trained actor with theatrical, movie and advertising experience. At the tender age of 14 he interpreted the role of Johnny in Discovery Channel's historical shark gore-fest "*12 Days of Terror*". In 2005, he played Hamlet in "*15 Minute Hamlet*" at the Memorial Theatre before going on to play romantic leads Lysander in "*A Midsummer Night's Dream*" and Romeo in "*Romeo & Juliet*", as well as the title role in "*Agamemnon*". In 2011, he played David Levitt in South African anti-war classic "*Somewhere on the Border*" at the Grahamstown Festival, a role he reprised at the Market Theatre, Johannesburg in 2012. In 2011, he made his international theatrical debut at the UNESCO International Theatre Institute, Boston, Massachusetts interpreting the role of The Professor in "*The Lesson*" by Ionesco, a leading exponent of the "theatre of the absurd" movement. Most recently, Glen has been seen in the role of The Duke in Shakespeare's "*Othello*" at the POP Art Theatre, Maboneng Precinct. Among his other claims to fame, Glen has the honour of appearing in the fastest film ever made, Team Best's "*Shotgun Garfunkel*". Speaking about his victory, he said, "Stand-up comedy is such a difficult profession to get into and it's a great opportunity to have competitions like this for up-and-coming comedians who want to give it a shot. I'm extremely excited about my upcoming appearance at Parker's and to being on the bill for *Comedy Central Presents...Live at Parker's*: I've watched every single show on *Comedy Central* and I am a total fan! The comedy is always of such a high standard, so I'm really looking to raise my game and develop some new material."

Evert van der Veer, Head of *Comedy Central*, Africa said, "Glen's victory and the efforts of all our contestants show that the future of stand-up comedy is truly alive and kicking in South Africa. Glen has a real gift for comedy that the world needs to know about and we hope that this win will help him give him the platform he needs to further his ambitions in the stand-up comedy sphere."



**Paul du Toit (1992)** has been starring in 'An Affair to Remember' at the Kalk Bay Theatre. It is the story of a classic love affair set against the background of social changes in the years 1951 to 1975.

Watching the filming of the third Spud movie at Bishops during the recent holidays reminded us of **Ed Jordon (1986)** who has written the music for the first two spud movies. In the first film the music was 'very emotional and orchestral and the issues that are dealt with are very adult. It is a coming of age piece so there is a real depth to the music. The music in *Spud 2* is pacey and more youthful and energetic, more guitar driven and modern.'



## KWAZULU-NATAL

**Conrad Geldenhuys (1982)** our branch secretary is so busy with his consultancy which involves extensive travel in Africa and South Africa that he is finding it difficult to give his role in the ODU his full attention.

'I will try and send out e-mails to gather information for the magazine on ODs in KZN. I am not sure if there is an OD in KZN who has a secretary who can take over this position from me and do it more justice than I currently am. Unfortunately it is just my wife and I that work in our consultancy and we do everything from quoting to making travel arrangements, to actual compliance auditing reporting writing and so forth. We have not had a dinner for years now'.

We have over 50 ODs living in this region and it would be great to organize a function. Is there anyone who might like to take up the challenge?



## THE GARDEN ROUTE

We received this information from **Blyth Thompson (1946)**:

### PATRON OF GARDEN ROUTE CARDIAC SUPPORT GROUP HONOURED IN USA

Professor Doctor **Robert Frater (1946)** a born and bred South African educated at Bishops and the University of Cape Town Medical School, who is the patron of the Garden Route Cardiac Support Group, has recently been accorded the singular honour of being invited to deliver "The Conclave Honoured Lecture for 2013" to what is known as the Mitral Conclave in the United States of America.

To heart surgeons, the mitral valve is a fascinating subject. Every two years about 60 world experts on the mitral valve from some 30 countries around the world gather to set up a scientific meeting to present and discuss the latest developments in the field. The title of Prof Frater's paper, heard by over 1,000 delegates, was "Thinking about the Mitral Valve 1959 to 2009". Among the highly qualified cardiac surgeons, engineers and the like, who pressed forward to congratulate Prof Frater on his remarkable lecture, were many who were not yet born when he made headlines in cardiac surgery with a number of firsts in the field. Some older readers may recall Prof Frater assisting Professor Christiaan Barnard in early achievements with heart patients before he was enticed to go to the United States and set up a now famous heart unit in the Bronx. He was perhaps the first to successfully insert pigs valves in people who had developed previously fatal defective valves. Nowadays he owns a manufacturing unit in Irene, South Africa, that makes biologic repair patches used by cardiac surgeons to repair defects in cardiovascular structures including heart valves.

However, Professor Frater, who with his wife Elaine, has a house in Glentana, is perhaps best known in the medical fraternity for the introduction of Goretex material for replacing cords of the mitral valve that have been broken, leading to severe leakage. This invention has changed the whole subject of repairing the mitral valve rather than replacing it and is used worldwide.



## UNITED KINGDOM

**Andrew Willis (1987)** has been a Special Constable for two years in the Metropolitan Police based in Wimbledon London. He serves on a 999 response team responding to all kinds of calls involving life and death situations anything. He writes:

‘From Saffas fighting in Wimbledon on a Friday night to foot chasing robbers or arresting wanted criminals. One Saffa said “*Oppas hier kom die Boere praat net die Taal!* Whatever lol’.

‘I donate 40 hours a month to the Met it is very rewarding and confidence building. I did various shifts at the Wimbledon Tennis Club during the Olympics seeing all the stars. Saved Andy Murray from Chinese and American tourists. Guarded the Queen and Prince Philip during a visit to Wimbledon and was stopping traffic on Hammersmith Bridge during the Oxford/Cambridge Boat Race when the protester jumped in the water! What 42 year old gets to travel in a BMW patrol car with blue lights and siren on doing 210 kph in 60kph zone.’

**Robert Simpson (1968)** writes: ‘I was at Kings College Canterbury to watch my godson, Ben Simpson captain of the Kings Tennis team. He and his partner haven’t lost a set all season and this was his last game representing Kings! They went down 6-4, 6-4 to the Bishops no 1 pair. I was there representing the ODs and delighted to report the boys all played great tennis and were all very chatty and well-mannered. This was commented on by the Kings parents which is a credit to the school.’

**David Jordan (1962)** was also interested to hear that Bishops were playing tennis in the UK and offered to show them some of the sites in London. David works as a London Tour Guide and has special access to various sites. He writes: ‘If you are going to the Tower you may need me to you get past the crowds. Or the Changing of the Guard – in which case you will need me even more and Westminster Abbey needs a guide in a big way! I would of course waive any Guide-fee. On Monday morning one could do all three of those and be done by lunchtime!’



## GERMANY

Never has the tiny village of Starnberger See near Munich seen such an invasion of Founders ODs. The invitation to attend the wedding of **Alistair Hayward (2000)**, son of **John (1960-67)** and Fiona Hayward to Lioba, daughter of Gabriela von Habsburg, Archduchess of Austria proved irresistible. From the Karoo to German royalty – what a fairy-tale! The big question asked of course was whether Lioba and Alistair would soon be moving to Aberdeen! This picture had to published!



*Crispin Inglis, Andrew Calothi, Christopher Rawebone Viljoen, Pieter Vincenz van der Byl, Eon de Quelen, Christian Hageman, Jerome Mitchell, Alistair and Lioba, Christopher Galloway, Peter Inglis, Stuart Hayward, Dominic Ridley, Valerian van der Byl, John Hayward*



## GHANA

**Philip Green (1995)** is currently in Ghana. He writes:

'I am doing a six month contract here improving all things IT' as well as general operations. The job itself is very interesting as the company is the second largest Tilapia Farm (Tropo Farms) in Africa and is looking to be number one. The growth phase is of course always a challenge and hence a fun place to be. Ghana reminds me a great deal of my home country Zambia and so I feel quite at ease here. Their variety of food is distinctly greater than Southern Africa and of course it is a lot hotter with two rainy seasons' here. The people are exceptionally friendly and the whole place seems a lot more peaceful than the rest of West Africa. I will keep you updated if that changes!'

■ [philip.m.green@gmail.com](mailto:philip.m.green@gmail.com)



## AUSTRALIA

**James Thom (1976)**, who was previously living in Hermanus, has been in touch:

'Great to hear from you. I am still living in the tropical paradise of Darwin. We are slowly moving into the 'dry' season which gives us a break from the heat, humidity and monsoonal rains for the next six months. My wife, Vanessa, and my daughter, Tamsin, joined me permanently in August 2011 after they experienced an unsettling house intrusion at 2:30am in August 2011. We are all very happy here – no more commuting. Vanessa works for TIO, an insurance and banking company and Tamsin is in Darwin High School and excelling in all areas of sport and academics. Our eldest son, Justin, graduated from Stellenbosch University in 2010 and works in Johannesburg for *Galetti Commercial and Industrial*. Timothy graduates from Stellenbosch University this year also with a Management Sciences degree. We visit family and friends in SA as often as possible and always enjoy spending time at our house in Hermanus where the sea water is a little cooler than the 32/33 degrees in Darwin!' ■ [jambo1@mweb.co.za](mailto:jambo1@mweb.co.za)

The following email, from **Joc Forsyth (1948)**, now living in Victoria, may jog a few memories!

### THOSE WERE THE DAYS

I received an email from a distant (distinctly remote) relative about the family of the husband of one of my aunts. The email sought information which I might have on the topic – not much. However, the email had, attached, an image of a Bishops cross-country team of 1935. It had been provided by Basil Bey. In the middle of this excellent picture was the face of the team captain – my uncle Lionel Chambers Forsyth. He was a pretty good middle distance runner on the track. Lionel was killed in June 1944 – he would have been an observer in a SAAF Liberator bomber. This was his third tour of operations. His second name came from a family in Northern Ireland which was linked to the Forsyths in a couple of ways. My father (who did not go to Bishops) told me that Lionel was concerned when he went to Bishops that he would be teased about his second name (and its



association with chamber-pots) so he changed the name to Chalmers. I have since learned that a few generations back Chambers and Chalmers were pretty well interchangeable. After all, 'a few generations back' illiteracy was the norm.

As I ramble along, you may not know that that Mr Hunneyball, vice-principal of Bishops in the mid and latter '40s, and also in charge of the cadet corps, had a fascination with names. For my sins and general incompetence, I was appointed while in post-matric (1948) as 'Hunney's stooge'. As a warrant-officer I was in charge of the armoury, which was staffed by cadets who had medical certificates to state they were unfit for 'active service' – in the cadets. (I remember, to my combined amusement and shame, having to march out this motley crew to some parade of the whole 'battalion' of about 340 others. The undisciplined chorus of derisive calls, which met this version of Dad's Army, sticks in my memory. It was definitely a Shakespearean episode. I had numerous other responsibilities including accounting for the vast number of rounds of .22 ammunition, which was expended on the range. The ammunition, of course was supplied by the military and they demanded to know what happened to it. I also was in charge of the stores of hats, belts, badges, shirts, trousers, hackles and so on – of which there is another story and, pride of the place in Hunney's office, was a large ledger which contained a roll of attendance of cadets. I had to keep this. Clearly the name of each cadet, ie each boy in the school, headed the row. Hunney's delight in names showed up here. He pointed out to me the oddity of two unusual sets of names George Alfred Skerton (Innes) [the cricketer] and George Alfred Skelton – AN Other, I can't recollect. The book might be in the archives still. Some wit pointed out that 'From dawn of day to set of sun, the work of Hunney's stooge is never done!' Not far wrong. That's why a post matric was drafted.

The story about the equipment was as follows. Hunney had managed to accumulate, by some odd means, extra numbers of each item of equipment, beyond what he thought was his entitlement. When an official inspection by the army was due we were told to get all the extra items packed in boxes and secreted in the rafters of the armoury. In fact, the 'records' showed that there was one less hat than cadets. When the army came round I think they were well aware of such 'verneukery' and carefully avoided looking upwards. Hunney accounted for the odd hat by claiming that a boy from Rhodesia had brought his own hat! The army inspectors tactfully pointed out that the regulations allowed an excess of 10% of equipment items over the roll of cadets. Oh golly!

I also had to see that the .22 range rifles – rather good – were carefully stowed and locked away in Hunney's office. For the cadets of the 'infantry companies' – A and B – there were arms. B company had to make do with wooden replicas. A company had falling breech model late 19th century carbines (I guess that they were Martini-Henry but my memory is imperfect.) These were not for firing and no ammunition, blank or otherwise, was available. During 'cadet week' – and you can ask people like John B Gardener about 'cadet week' – .303 carbines were issued to the appropriate platoons and blank ammunition was provided. I can't remember the details of these carbines. I think that they might have been SMLE Mk III Lee Enfields. (Remember, I never ever had armoury training). I don't remember them having magazines and these might have been blocked off. The blank ammunition was used during manoeuvres with which cadet week was terminated. It was as a member of the ambulance platoon in 1946 that an accident occurred. After the actual activities (and the ambulance people (cadets) were principally there to cope with snake bite cases (fortunately

all sensible snakes kept well clear). Anyhow, the relevant platoon was standing at ease when there was a shot. “Bundu” Fiander staggered away. A blank cartridge had gone off while his hand was over the muzzle. We had to improvise a stretcher using the rifles to carry him to transport. (Can you imagine the whoo hah if this happened nowadays!!!) The unfortunate cadet officer in charge of the ambulance platoon got a roasting by Hunney because a stretcher wasn’t available. The fellow went onto a distinguished career despite this incident.

At this point I must add that at the school, with the .22 rifles, range discipline was strict and excellent and we all learned a great deal about handling of firearms from this. It shows how different strategies are needed for ‘active service’ training’. While in charge of the armoury and during cadet week a cadet was sent by an officer (I think a schoolmaster) to the armoury to get a stuck cartridge case removed. I don’t think we had a ram-rod in the inventory – at least for the .303 weapons – different for the .22s. I grasped to old rifle and thumped the stock on the floor. The cartridge fell out and status (undeserved) was maintained.

What do they say about ‘those were the days!’



## NEW ZEALAND

**Angus Emslie (1965)** has written to say that he has been thinking for some time that the branch secretary should really be based in Auckland which is where most of the ODs are. *There are very few ODs around Hamilton where I live and most people don't like travelling here because it's such a one horse town (a bit like Bredasdorp on a bad day). It makes organising get-togethers quite difficult.* **Michael Currey (1975)** has offered to take over and we will provide his contact details on the back cover.

The ODU would like to take this opportunity to thank Angus for looking after the ODs in the North Island for the past six years.

**Peter Welham (1983)** wrote: ‘Angus Emslie contacted NZ ODs saying that the ODU is looking for news from this part of the world. I’ll tell you a bit about the last couple of years of living and working through the earthquakes. While the disaster struck over two years ago now the after effects still continue and will continue for years to come.

‘When the second earthquake hit at 12.51pm of 22 February 2011 I was working as the Business Manager at St Margaret’s College. St Margaret’s College is a private girl’s year 1 to 13 school in sub-urban Christchurch with a roll of 750 and with 150 boarders. Most people were on guard following the previous tremor that happened about a month earlier but no-one would have anticipated this disaster that shook the country to its core and claimed 185 lives. It was extraordinary experience on every level as the staff worked to clear the school buildings, aid the injured and essentially account for 700 students and 100 staff without any reliable communications, all amidst continuing mayhem and aftershocks. It was humbling to see teaching and support staff alike selflessly assisting the students while at the same time not knowing either where their own loved ones were or whether or not they were safe.

‘Once the dust had settled, literally, it became apparent that in a matter of seconds 80% of the schools building stock had been rendered unusable. The school faced the prospect of not having

sufficient facilities available to continue operating unless a plan was hatched and hatched fast. Over the next three weeks the students were sent home and I remember sitting with the Principal and the Insurers Loss Adjuster contemplating a solution to a situation that was unprecedented, never experienced before and quite scary. To make matters worse the entire infrastructure of the city was in ruins as were many of the residential homes so many of the school community were living in damaged homes without electricity or sewerage.

‘Fortunately the school had a well-developed IT system. As more services came back on line the teachers were able to continue lessons online and remotely, which provided some normality for the students. The school was richly insured particularly in business interruption and over the next three weeks temporary buildings were erected on the sports grounds, a marquee was erected to serve as a chapel and another as a sports gymnasium. Buildings were torn down and the motel next door was leased for two years to provide boarding capacity. Normally a disaster is confined to a particular area or building but in this instance the entire city was facing a similar challenge and transportable buildings and generators became in short supply very quickly. So for the next two years a temporary school sprouted up and last month the first new buildings, a gymnasium and chapel/auditorium, were completed. This particular building required 173 twenty-five metre screw piles to be driven into the ground as foundations so as to mitigate the structural risk of further earthquakes. It was an extraordinary time and many lessons were learned particularly around insurance, emergency planning and health and safety. It was a challenging time work wise although ultimately very rewarding and I learned many things far removed from my Chartered Accountancy training. For many the lasting memory will be the resilience and fortitude of the staff, students and wider community and the determination to just somehow carry on – there simply was no alternative. There is much work still to be done but in the face of adversity St Margaret’s College has maintained its’ position as one of the countries’ leading private schools both in the classroom and the sports field. Just a reminder that it’s the soul of an educational institution that endures rather than the bricks and mortar around it.

‘Towards the end of last year we moved to Hamilton in the North Island where I have a similar job at St Pauls Collegiate School, also a private day and boarding school with 700 students. The earthquakes had taken their toll on everyone particularly Heather and our kids and our desire to move closer to family and an environment with more certain prospects was strong. In time Christchurch will rise again thanks to those who remained to see the rebuilding process to its’ conclusion.

‘So here we are in Hamilton in the central rural north Island – Waikato Chiefs country. It’s been 18 years now since I arrived in NZ and this country has given us and our four children a great life with many opportunities. Both my brothers Neil and Richard live with their families in Auckland which is just over an hour drive north along the motorway. You may be interested to know that twelve of our staff here at school are South African. I played for the staff cricket team last summer and fill in as 2nd fifteen rugby team manager/coach from time to time. Locally I am still in contact with Andrew Burns OD, also 1983 matric, who is now a medical specialist in Hawkes Bay on the east coast.

‘I hope things are going well at Bishops. I read the OD magazine with much interest and am in contact with many ODs in SA and other parts of the world – Facebook is a wonderful thing!’



## FRANCE



*Charles McGregor and Simon Burrow*



*Simon Burrow and William Mellor*

**Simon Burrow (1968)** reports:

‘After a wet spring, summer finally arrived in France and with it the usual influx of visitors and amongst them a sprinkling of ODs.

‘We were very happy to entertain **Richard Pyott (1956)** and have seen them at a number of subsequent functions. **Charles Mc Gregor (1969)** came down from London for a long weekend and enjoyed touring and seeing the sights. Charles is heavily involved in many *pro bono* projects in London, including sitting on the board of St Mary’s Hospital.

‘**Simon Draper (1956)** called to say that he and his son were driving two of their vintage McLarens down from the UK on a rally and were spending a few nights near Menerbes. Unfortunately, we were away and could not see Simon. He owns a successful niche publishing company Palawan Press ([www.palawan.co.uk](http://www.palawan.co.uk)), specialising in high end books on luxury sports cars.

‘We bumped into **David van Reenen (1962)** at one of the local hostelrys frequented by ex-pats, and there was a further unconfirmed sighting of **Robbie (Bertie) Simpson (1968)**, but we could not verify it!

‘**Will** and Samantha **Mellor (1994)** made their annual visit to Provence and spent part of the time exploring Saint Tropez, Monaco and the French Riviera. Mellor is a partner with **Bruce Good (1993)** in a company called ‘*Name your Hood*’ which has just been voted in the Top Five Neighbourhood companies in a world competition.’

■ The Global Neighbourhood Challenge  
(<http://global.maker.good.is/projects/NameYourHood>)



## MONACO

We were delighted to hear from **Nick Winearls (1970)**:

‘Hope all well in the Cape. I understand that the winter hasn’t really arrived yet! I celebrated my 60th birthday in the Cape in March and was very pleased that **James McGregor (1962)** was able to attend. He was in excellent form, notwithstanding his health issues.



James McGregor

‘There was another Bishops link in that **Ross Johnson’s (2001)** AmaAmbush marimba band played at Buitenverwachting to entertain our guests.

‘Sadly, one of my most longstanding Bishops friends, **Keith Balchin (1970)**, was not able to attend. My partner Rosemarie Saunders’ twin sons, Richard and Graham were there as was **Andrew Gilder (2001)** and **John Eloff (2001)** – a much younger generation!

‘We had a blast – three parties in three days, Buitenverwachting, Harbour House and Evita se Perron in Darling.’



## UNITED STATES

News about **Charles Atkins (2002)**: After doing Actuarial Science at UCT, Charles left for the United States and worked for *McKinsey & Company* in San Francisco. While working for them he applied to three Universities to do an MBA. After being accepted at two he chose Stanford and graduated in the top 10% of the 2013 class. Charles has now returned to McKinsey in Palo Alto.

News on **Colin Jeffery (1994)**, who is currently the managing partner and executive creative director of *David&Goliath* in Los Angeles. The agency was named 2011 Ad Age Small Agency of the Year.

Since moving to *David&Goliath*, Colin has helped *Kia Motors* become the fastest growing car brand



Colin Jeffery

in the world. He developed the popular *Kia Hamsters*, which were inducted into the Madison Avenue Advertising Walk of Fame last year. Recently, ‘Obama’ ranked the Hamsters as the 13th most powerful thing in America. Before joining *David&Goliath*, Colin was a VP creative director at *Arnold Worldwide* in Boston where he oversaw the Volkswagen, Timberland and ESPN business. Colin spent time at *Saatchi & Saatchi* Singapore before moving to the US. He started his career in South Africa with tours of duty at *TBWA HuntLascaris* in Johannesburg and *King James* in Cape Town. Colin was responsible for the *VW Passat* Feature Films campaign, which was the most awarded digital campaign in the world in 2006. He has also served on many local and international award show juries. Colin co-wrote ‘The Check Up’, a short film starring Joe Pantoliano and Kevin Connolly. It premiered at the Sundance Film Festival and was also selected for the LA Film festival.



Anthony Fox

We were delighted to read that surf photographer **Anthony Fox’s (1994)** work has been snapped up by Jennifer Lopez and two of his photos are now on display at her home in the Hamptons on Long Island. One of the photos was of a pipeline in Hawaii and the other was taken along the Skeleton coast in Namibia.





## THE NETHERLANDS

It was wonderful to hear from **David Wilkinson (1943)**.

‘This is just to thank you for those kindly birthday greetings. I’m sure that there must be many more of us senior members who are most grateful for his sort of attention. I think once you are in your 80s, you begin to lose good friends just a little too often, and there are fewer to talk to or write to, and fewer to write to you! At any rate that is very much my position, and being far from Cape Town, one notices it all the more. I’ve been here in the Netherlands for more than 50 years, but you never get Cape Town or Bishops really, out of your system – much as I love this place.

‘I might add that I did indeed have a ‘nice sunny day’ – beautiful, in fact – sitting in our lovely garden, having tea with the family.’



## INDIA



**Russell Adams**

**Russell Adams (1987)** was in Cape Town for a while and we took the opportunity to find out what he has been up to. He wrote:

‘After spending the best part of 18 years at Newlands Cricket Ground working for WPCA and WCC in various roles, I ended up taking the challenge when I was approached to join the *International Management Group (IMG)* in working on the inaugural Indian Premier League (IPL) in 2008. Two years later I was offered a position at the *Kolkata Knight Riders*. During this time I commuted to India while my family remained in Cape Town. Eventually a decision had to be taken in terms of getting the family together again and we decided to relocate to Bangalore in January 2012 after I was offered my current job (Vice President: Commercial, Operations and Cricket Academy) with *Royal Challengers Bangalore*. My sons (Liam – grade 12 and Kieran – grade 9) are attending the Greenwood High International School. Ironically, cricket is not offered at the school but I am

working on that. Personally the experience and career growth has been rewarding and an absolute adventure. India is indeed incredible. It is worth visiting at least once in your life-time. From sport to business (especially IT) to spiritual, India has much to offer and economists say that it is likely to outgrow America’s economy by 2050. My focus though is RCB, overseeing its commercial viability and opportunities, it’s operations on and off the field and its cricket academy. RCB became the world’s first carbon positive cricket team this year. Our green initiatives are globally well received. Managing world class cricketers such as Chris Gayle, Virat Kohli, AB De Villiers, Muttiah Muralitharan etc has its joys but also its challenges (excuse the pun). Winning the IPL trophy is top of strategy. We have come close but in recent years we have failed to qualify for the Champions League by the narrowest of margins.

‘The Adams family, thus are enjoying life in India. On a recent visit to Cape Town, I was lucky enough to attend an OD ’87 luncheon arranged by **Bruce Jack**. It was great to be able to catch up with friends I had last seen 26 years ago.’



## THAILAND

### FANCY A GOLFING HOLIDAY IN THAILAND?

Contact the OD Branch Secretary **Stuart Lucani (1968)**. He writes:

‘Things are going very well here in Thailand, seeing quite a bit of **Alec Lockhart (1975)** a great lad. We are always happy to show any ODs around Thailand and surrounds, life here is very hectic as I have now been appointed to the board of our Rotary Club and am Hon. Secretary of the Londoner Golf Club so quite busy. Manage to play twice a week which is great.

‘Last weekend I played on Black mountain the no 1 golf course in Asia, it truly deserves the accolade, can’t wait to go back there for a weekend soon.’



## SCOTLAND

Branch Secretary **Robert Murray (1969)** has been in touch. Distances involved in trying to round up ODs for a function is a problem faced by many of our Branches and the ODU really does appreciate all that they do. Robert writes:

‘At last I’ve started to do something about an OD lunch. We’ve had a few annual lunches over the years I’ve been here, and one OD in particular has never been able to make it but has always sent cash for the kitty. This is **Major Ian Gordon (1945)**, who is about to celebrate his 86th birthday. He lives in Gatehouse-of-Fleet, in a rather remote part of SW Scotland. What I plan is to get local ODs together. There are only two others near there – Michael Bands (College Chaplain 1987-1994) and **Joe Carson (1987)**, both of Lockerbie and have a lunch with Ian, and hopefully his twin brother, also an OD, who will be visiting from SA.

‘Edinburgh and Glasgow have a few ODs, but they are 140 and 110 miles away, respectively, so I’m not anticipating a big turnout, but even if there are just a few of us I think it would be worthwhile.’



## HONG KONG

### Hong Kong is ‘on the move’

When he is not flying Cathay Pacific airliners around the world **Bruce de Jager (1994)**, our man in Hong Kong, is extremely keen to organise an OD function. He writes:

‘I hope all is well in Cape Town, and that you all enjoyed your short break to the Karoo for the 50th OD Dinner. I do miss the peace from the busy life in this part of the world. I’m planning to



arrange an OD gathering in Oct/Nov. It's approaching our end of academic year and long summer holidays. So that'll mean the write up would need to wait until the following magazine.

'Our kids Amelia (2006), Chloe (2008) and Luke (2006) are an enthusiastic bunch and growing up so fast. Come September they will all be in school. Lauren and I are the head under Sixes rugby Coaches of our community club – DB Pirates. We have over 50 players in this age group alone. So rugby is alive and well in the junior ranks in Hong Kong for which there are about 15 clubs.'

## HONG KONG GET-TOGETHER

**SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2013**

Venue to be announced

**Bookings:** Bruce de Jager

[brucedejager@netwigator.com](mailto:brucedejager@netwigator.com)

Some news of other Hong Kong residents:

**Robert Baigrie (1988)**, is now based in Hong Kong. ■ [robert.baigrie@citi.com](mailto:robert.baigrie@citi.com)

**Tor Stewart (2003)** and **Stratos Laskarides (2004)** are also working in SE Asia.

Tor is currently based in Singapore and Stratos is being posted to Hong Kong for five months from 1 September. Both are very keen to be looped in for any Asia OD events. ■ [torstewe@gmail.com](mailto:torstewe@gmail.com); [stratlask@gmail.com](mailto:stratlask@gmail.com)

Further thoughts from ODs in SE Asia:

'There is no doubt that this region is only going to see more ODs in the years to come and I think, especially for the younger guys coming over for the first time, it could be an important first port of call from a networking point of view. Another big advantage of having a regional OD branch in Asia hosting more regular events is that with many locations being so close to each other and, with regional budget air travel being as big as it is, someone based in Bangkok/Singapore/Jakarta etc. may well consider getting a cheap Air Asia ticket (sorry Bruce!) and popping over to HK for a weekend if there was a proper function set up. Bruce I think your idea of advertising a formal event (i.e. decent venue, speaker etc.) a few months in advance is a great way to get the ball rolling and would allow people like Tor, myself and others who are a bit further South to make a plan to get up to HK. Another thing to consider is that there is also a fair amount of OD traffic

through HK with guys on work/leisure travel and a formal OD function with a decent speaker could provide an incentive for them to plan around this. A case in point, which is something that could be looked at for next year, is the Hong Kong Sevens. This draws loads of guys into HK and if we set something up for next year over this weekend I reckon we could get some fairly decent numbers. Given our wealth of OD rugby stars we could probably also get an OD rugby dignitary in as a speaker which would certainly up the ante! Ultimately I think there are some very exciting opportunities to grow the branch out here and I'm more than happy to assist in this endeavour.'

**Chase Watling (2004)** writes: 'I have actually been posted to KL from Hong Kong since March but will be moving out to Jakarta from end-Aug. I am currently on an Executive Training Programme with the Jardine Matheson Group, attached to Jardine Shipping Services, and as part of our training we get sent around quite a bit. Although I will be in Jakarta, our company is HQ-ed in HK and so I go back a few times a year- ideally I would want to try and coincide a trip back with the OD gathering. My personal preference date-wise would be end-Nov but I will obviously try and plan around whatever date is chosen. Venue-wise it might be nice to have it at HK Football Club or HK Cricket Club if there are any OD's who are members and can book a table/tables for the group.

'Just something else that came to mind re: the venue. I assume the ODU has a close relationship with Kelvin Grove Club considering the number of events hosted there. Kelvin has a reciprocity arrangement with both the HKCC and HKFC so this may be something to bear in mind should the need arise.'

**John Wixley (1982)** has also been in touch with Bruce.

'Just to let you know we are relocating back to SA in July so won't see you at the OD gathering. I'm still with *Standard Bank* and my son is on the waiting list to go to Bishops next year – the school is completely full at the moment. Anyway hope you guys continue to do well in HK and see you at the Sevens or somewhere else on a plane at some point!'

**Martin Abert (1981)** writes: 'I'll be in Hongkers around Oct 14-25 and then all of December and into start of Jan 2014. Of course getting the bulk of the other ODs who are still genuine full time HK residents to be able to attend is going to be your top priority, but it would be really cool to be able to join the event.

'Please keep me posted. My only real newsworthy item for the year would be having taken part in the Great Wall half marathon event just a few weeks ago. I did it as a bit of a charity gig. Not quite up to our efforts when we summited Kili in 2005 and raised over HK\$2mn in the process for CNCF (but that was significantly more of a longer term planned event). But I did still manage to raise HK\$175,000 for post cancer rehab. I decided fairly late in the day to get involved. Actually for a bit of a laugh read some of my rather weak efforts at training in a blog I was trying to maintain pre-event on our NZ website at [www.functioneight.co.nz/event-blog](http://www.functioneight.co.nz/event-blog).'

■ [tmartin@functioneight.com](mailto:tmartin@functioneight.com)



*Les Masterson and John Hebbert*



*John Hebbert*



## SWAZILAND

**John Hebbert (1963)** received a fairly unexpected visit from **Les** and Jenny **Masterson (1963)** and Tim and Carolyn Hamilton-Smith.

John and Ruth live in the Melane district in Northern Swaziland on an agricultural estate which specialises in the production of bananas and citrus. John is the financial manager of the massive farm and is also involved with many aspects of this impressive agribusiness. He took us on a most enjoyable and informative tour explaining many details of production from conservation, quality control, processing and power production.

## SPORT



Bishops is justifiably proud of **Nizaam Carr (2009)**. Nizaam was our first *Vital* rugby bursary boy and arrived at the school in time to play under 15 rugby. 2013 has been a wonderful season for Nizaam. We asked Nick Mallett how he felt about Nizaam's strengths and future prospects. He replied:

'Nizaam Carr is a young rugby player with tremendous potential. He has great pace, excellent passing skills, both before contact and out of contact and he has a good understanding of

when and when not to pass. He has an incredible work rate, both on attack and defence, but it is particularly on defence that this is noticeable. Nizaam has managed to make close to 30 tackles per game in the *Stormers* games that he has played a full part in this season. These stats rival Richie Macaw's and there can be no greater reference than that.



'He is without doubt one of the most exciting young players making his mark in Super rugby. With Siya Kolisi, he is very much the future for the Stormers in the loose forward department, but which is his best loose forward position?

'Nizaam Carr's skills, in my opinion, are best suited to playing no 8. However he may suffer from some SA coaches' fixation with size and weight and could be seen as too light for that position. He is not an out and out "fetcher" and that would be the weakest area of his game in my opinion, so he does not entirely fit the specialist open side no 7 loose forward role either. He is also not enough of a line out option nor a big ball carrier and a hitter of rucks and that what the no 6 loose forward position requires.

'A balanced WP/ Stormers loose trio would have Deon Fourie at 6, Siya Kolisi at 7 and Nizaam Carr at 8. They may be a bit lacking in height for the line out, but they would be devastating in a New Zealand style rugby game plan, which hopefully WP and the Stormers will move towards in the near future.'

Nizaam Carr is Cape Town's newest rugby 'super'-talent and was the first Muslim to play for the Stormers. Nizaam grew up in Mitchells Plain and moved to Crawford, while educated at Alexander Sinton High School before Bishops. He is now in demand as a guest speaker. Asked to give an inspirational message to the youth, he said:

'To me it's always been about dedication and hard work and if you are not in the system, it's never too late. Don't try and be cool amongst friends and stay off the streets to finish your education.'



### DAVID AND GOLIATH!

We could not resist printing this picture which shows the toss being made at the start of the recent Paarl BH and Rondebosch BH **U14 A teams!** It may explain why our junior teams in the southern suburbs are finding it difficult to beat our traditional rivals in the Western Cape.

**James Baikoff (2012)** is playing Club cricket in the UK for Beacon CC near Wolverhampton and has a contract for the season. He is playing for the 1st X1 in the 1st division. He started batting at six and has been promoted to three and is having a good run, getting a 100 last week as well as three 50's and is the team's leading run scorer. It was initially difficult getting used to the swing and pitches and he found the bowling quite tough initially as length is critical but has 13 wickets with a five wicket haul. It has been very cold and taking a catch with frozen hands is quite a challenge.

James went to Lords recently and met Michael Vaughan, also note Bishops touring jacket!!





*Calvin Clack (K1 200m), Alasdair Glass (K2 1000m), and Stuart MacLaren (K2 1000m)*

Many congratulations go to **Alasdair Glass (2005)** who has recently been participating in the the Universiade. This is an International multi-sport event, organized for university athletes by the International University Sports Federation. The name is a combination of the words “University” and “Olympiad”. The Universiade is often referred to in English as the World University Games or World Student Games.

Alasdair writes:

‘It was a great honour to be selected to represent South Africa in the K2 1000m Kayaking event at the Universiade in Kazan, Russia, as this is the second biggest multisport event behind the

Olympics. There were a total of 13,500 athletes from 160 countries participating in 27 different sporting disciplines. Helping the event run smoothly were 19,970 volunteers from around Russia. All the athletes were housed in a village which consisted of 30 blocks of flats, entertainment areas, a food hall, fully equipped gym, banks, a supermarket and various other facilities. The events took place in 64 world class sports venues, 30 of which were specially constructed for the 2013 Games. The sprint Kayaking took place over 13, 14 and 15 July. We arrived in Kazan on the evening of 9 July this allowed time for us to recover from our flight sort out our equipment and get to know the course that we would be racing on. The organisers had made all the popular boat brands available for participants to hire, we were lucky enough to get the exact boat that we had been training in.

‘The racing would consist of a heat, semi and final. In our heat we came up against some very strong opposition in the form of the Russians, Lithuanians and Hungarians. We ended 4th beating the Ukraine and Mexico just missing out on direct qualification to the final but making the cut for the semi-finals. In our semi-final we were faced with a strong head wind which would make for a very tough race. We raced the Italian crew all the way to the line with them coming in 0.5 of second ahead,



*Training on Eikenhof dam*



*Closing ceremony*

but second was still good enough for us to qualify for the final with Australia, Mexico and Singapore missing out.

‘The A-final was always going to be a very tough race coming up against some crews that have been competing successfully at the senior World Cups for a number of years. Once again there was a head wind blowing down the course which would make the racing tough. It was tight racing with all the boats staying close together until the 500m mark, this was where Poland, Russia and Hungary made their moves for the medal positions. We finished the race in 8th position once again being narrowly beaten to the line by Italy.

‘The closing ceremony was unbelievable, each countries team was lead around the stadium whilst being cheered on by a 45 000 strong crowd. There were amazing fireworks and performances to keep us all entertained. The final event was the handing over of the Universiade torch to Gwangju, Korea for the 2015 games.’



## HORSE RACING

We were delighted to read that **John Koster's (1979)** horse, Ebraya, is part of the “royal blood line”. Ebraya is the half-sister to the Queen's mare, Estimate, which won the Ascot Gold Cup recently. This is the first time that the Queen has ever won the Gold Cup - exciting news for John and Klawervlei Stud. Ebraya has already produced a foal – who knows the filly might be a future Ascot Gold Cup winner!

## LATEST NEWS: OD SPORT

**Steven Riches (2003)** reports:

The ODU congratulates the following ODs who are making their mark in the sporting world. Many congratulations to:

## CRICKET

- **1. Craig Kieswetter (2005)**, Somerset and **Chris Cooke (2004)** Glamorgan, on participating in the English Domestic County Championship.
- **2. Herschelle Gibbs (1992)** on representing the St Lucia Zouks in the Caribbean Premier League
- **3. Andy Pycroft (1974)** on being a part of the Match Officials panel for the Sri Lanka v South Africa One Day Series in July.

## RUGBY

- **1. Paul Cohen (2009)** on representing Team South Africa in the Maccabiah Games. South Africa won Bronze in the Sevens Rugby event.
- **2. Richard Stewart (2008) and Wes Chetty (2006)** on representing UCT at the 2013 USSA week.

- **3. François Louw (2003)** on being selected for the Springbok squad for the Rugby Championship.
- **4. Nizaam Carr** on being selected for the DHL Western Province squad for the Currie Cup. **Ashley Clarke (2000)** has also been training with the squad.
- **5. James Kilroe (2009)** on representing the University Barbarians in a Curtain Raiser before the 3rd British Lions Test.
- **6. Timothy Swiel (2011), Dillyn Leyds (2010), Oliver Kebble (2009), Jonny Kotze (2011)** on representing DHL Western Province in the 2013 ABSA Under 21 Cup.
- **7. Jason Morris (2012)** on representing DHL Western Province in the 2013 ABSA Under 19 Cup
- **8. Joshua Bassingthwaighte** on being selected for the DHL Western Province squad for the 2013 World Club Cup Sevens taking place in England.
- **9. Nick Koster (2007)** on representing Bath in the 2013 JP Morgan Sevens.

## HOCKEY

- **1. Pierre de Voux (2004)** on representing the South African Men's hockey team in the World League hosted by Malaysia.
- **2. Matthew Golesworthy (2011)** on being part of the on-field umpires panel during the Under 18 Inter-Provincial Hockey tournament and Cape Town schools festival.
- **3.** The Following on being selected to participate in the 2013 Men's Inter-Provincial tournament: **Pierre de Voux** and **Callum Buchanan (2008)** Western Province, **Craig Hall (2001)** Western Province Disa's, **James Drummond (2012)** South Africa under 21, that took place in Cape Town in August.

# MEMORIES

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## “THEIR NAME LIVETH FOR EVERMORE”

*During the Autumn we like to remember and honour our war heroes – lest they be forgotten*

### Three brave OD soldiers

What follows appeared in 1919. It was written by Lieutenant **William Nimmo-Brown**, killed in action in France in July 1916, to his parents, who lost both their sons (in the 1st World War):

‘Some people think that the Army makes one irreligious. According to their simple idea of religion, perhaps it does. To me it is different. What can be more wonderful or develop more religious inspiration than to go to bed in a beautiful night under a starry sky? As the ancient poet said: “Day unto day uttereth speech; night unto night sheweth forth knowledge.” Again in attack one drops down with one’s face a few inches from the ground and there is a little flower looking

up at one. One knows the little beggar is trying to tell one some secret truth but one has no time (nor perhaps the education) to get it. Perhaps it wants to say: "Why worry about the future? The father of life brought me into being and even here in the desert He feeds me. I cannot move from place to place to search for food but I shall not die until I have performed the function for which I was created." Thus the soldier, with the flower's message still vibrating in his inner being, leaps to his feet and carries on with a happy heart. The flower's message seems to drive away all fear of death. One thought, only, disturbs him – the thought of those who wait for his return. Will the flowers answer this? I don't know, but will ask the little beggar next time I see him'.



CAPT. CYRIL BROOKE, 6th Somerset Light Infantry.  
Killed in action in France, 22nd August, 1917.

Captain **Cyril Thornwaite Brooke** ("Bubbles") of the 3rd Dorsetshire Regiment, attached to 6th Somerset Light Infantry, was killed in action in 1917. He was the youngest son of Archdeacon and Mrs. Brooke and was born at the Diocesan College on February 14th, 1891. He was at the College School from 1901 – 1908 when he matriculated, and was in the Intermediate Class in 1909. He proceeded to the South African College where he took a course and diploma in Analytical Chemistry (1910-1912). From 1912-1914 he was at De Beers' Explosive Works Laboratory as Analyst.

At Rugby football he was a magnificent forward; he played for "Bishops" 1st XV in 1909, "Sacs" 1st XV 1910 and 1911 and Somerset West 1st XV, 1912-1914. At the outbreak of the war he enlisted in the Cape Town Highlanders and served with them in South West Africa 1914-1915. He then went overseas and was given a commission in the 3rd Dorsets; subsequently attached to 6th Somerset L.I. in France where he saw a great deal of fighting, he was promoted to Captain shortly before he was killed in action. "Bubbles" Brooke was a

splendid type of manhood, morally and physically; the type of man that Bishops is proud to produce, the type of man to whom this College is indebted for its great traditions - it is not necessary, after saying this, to enumerate his many virtues. No details are yet available as to the circumstances of his death, but we may hold the certain conviction that he met death, when it came, like the brave and gallant gentleman man we knew him to be.

We publish a short poem, evidently written by one who knew him well, for it epitomises his whole character and personality.



**CAPTAIN CYRIL T. BROOKE (BUBBLES)**

*The Hun can take no credit for the taking of your life;  
 You gave it, and you gave it gladly, too.  
 Your manly spirit led you to the thickest of the strife,  
 And you died as you had lived-just true.  
 You didn't seek vain-glory: You marched and took your place;  
 In point of fact, 'twas all that you could do.  
 Because you were yourself, and you were loyal to your race;  
 And to yourself you could not be but true.  
 "Killed in Action" is a tribute to the noble part you bore.  
 We, who knew you, know you simply played your role.  
 You've given up your life - what can a man do more?  
 God rest and keep your Simple Gallant Soul!*



Lieutenant **Arthur Shirley Ball (1901-1907)** killed in action 16 August 1917.

The following is an extract from a letter written by **Shirley Ball**, describing the battle of Messines, 14th June, 1917:

"The battle I spoke of is now over temporarily, and the Salient (Ypres) is nearly straightened out. No one, who has not been in this living hell, can realise what this means to us, but it is finished now, thank God. I think that, leaving out the 'Pushes', 75% of the British casualties in France have been in this Salient. We had a pretty hot time, shells pouring in all the time. Major Frank gave orders to clear the position. I got everyone away, and was just about to leave, when I was knocked down by a shell with one of my best gunners. I jumped up and picked up poor Elliott, but he had a large hole right through his chest, so I took him to what shelter there was at the gun,

and he died in my arms ten minutes later.

"Towards evening the 'Bosch' fire grew weaker, but our troubles were not yet over, as he had succeeded in setting our ammunition dump alight. This was the worst job I have ever struck; the only chance was to separate the part which was burning from the rest. We have moved forward, and are now in action with our 4- guns under a hedge. It is a delightful position, well concealed, and the weather is glorious. We are happier than I can tell you to be clear of that ghastly ruined town of Ypres, which is one heap of ruins, holes, dust and graves. Here we are under a green hedge with beautiful green fields all round, and it's just heaven. The battle is still going on as I write, but has passed

away out to the right, and for several days we have been very quiet, except that the Hun is terribly nervy, and on the least movement on our part, he puts up a terrific fire, thinking we are making a fresh assault. The battle here on the 9th was the biggest artillery concentration of the war. It beat the Somme into nothing. It was just magnificent. First of all Hill 60 (which was held by the Bosch) was blown up with nearly 600 tons of high explosives, and the Huns and their trenches on Hill 60 just disappeared for hundreds of yards. The detonation was terrific, and the earth just trembled and shook in an appalling manner. This was the work of the Canadian tunnellers, and I think all these men deserve a V.C. Nineteen other mines were blown up at 3.10 a.m. and simultaneously our artillery opened fire. It was simply magnificent and clearly heard in England. Of course we could have gone right through, but our Staff have learnt the danger of doing this on a narrow front. It is extraordinary how little this show has affected me, in fact I have never been stronger and as free from nerves in my life.

**16/8/17** "To-day is my day at the wagon line. I can't tell you how I love it.

"I'm so delighted as last night I met Captain Bathhurst, to whom the Jumping Cup was given. He tells me that it was a clerical error on the part of the judges, who mistook him for me, and he offered me the Cup. Of course I would not take it; but we have arranged to have another competition between the two horses for possession of the Cup. I would have loved winning it, and I actually had. You see they were post entries, and as he came after me they got our names mixed. I don't know when we shall have the chance in these strenuous times. The battle of the 9th was only a flea bite to what we shall do this summer. Since last writing we have been found again. Indeed I seem to bear a charmed life. A shell came into the little weather-proof shelter I had erected for myself, and burst, and yet I was untouched. Earlier the same day I was wounded in three places during some heavy shell fire, and most of the men with me were hit, two mortally. However I got them all clear and attended to my own; being so slight, I did not even bother about being inoculated, as I did not wish to appear in the Casualty List."

Here is an extract from a letter from Major Spencer, commanding Battery Royal Field Artillery regarding Lieut. **Shirley Ball** whose death in action during the attack on Langemaerck, near Ypres, on the 16th August, 1917:

**23/8/17** Shirley was particularly popular with the men, and his loss to me is irretrievable. He was always the same and revelled in any operation where there was a spice of danger. As Forward Observation Officer, he was extraordinarily quick at picking up all the points in a zone, and would have the details of a difficult bit of country at his finger ends in no time. Often, when taking up a new position, I used to leave him (after pointing out the general zone) to work out the details himself, while I went off to do something else. He was absolutely fearless and many a time set a splendid example of coolness under fire. He continually volunteered for dangerous jobs which I would not let him go on. He did good work at Beaumont Hamel on the Somme, when he volunteered to go out and bring in the body of a brother officer. He was extraordinary with wounded men. Since May this year we have had heavy casualties, and it was always Shirley who looked after the wounded and got them away. A better Subaltern I never wish to see. He was a splendid rider, a good horse-master, and a thoroughly reliable officer all round. I need not say how we miss his cheery face at the mess. A more gallant soldier never lived, and I was very proud to have him under my command.

# **OLD DIOCESANS UNION – ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

## **INCOME STATEMENT for the year ended 31 December**

	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
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<b>OD Fund Income</b>	<b>101,542</b>	<b>245,355</b>
Income from investments	130,481	191,150
Dividends	157,481	111,924
Interest from portfolio and related money market accounts	113,283	124,833
Investment management fees	(146,605)	(45,607)
Sundry income	6,322	-
Surplus (loss) on Old Diocesans' colours	4,466	15,752
Sales	29,776	37,326
Cost of sales	(25,310)	(21,574)
Surplus (loss) on sporting and social functions	(33,406)	38,453
Proceeds	97,501	192,423
Costs	(130,907)	(153,970)
Sundry income	-	-
<b>OD Fund expenses</b>	<b>473,490</b>	<b>408,030</b>
Bank charges	3,831	3,942
Depreciation – furniture and equipment ( <i>note 2</i> )	2,795	2,851
Donations	42,718	8,000
Motor vehicle and travel expenses	16,520	16,273
Magazine costs and magazine postage	102,016	136,319
Printing and stationery	2,361	8,010
Professional fees	20,283	20,681
Refurbish OD offices and framing exhibits for Heatlie	37,296	190
Secretarial costs	195,128	181,580
Subscriptions	6,112	6,369
Sundry expenses	31,556	9,666
Telephone e-mail, postage and website costs	12,875	14,149
<b>OD Fund operating surplus (deficit) for the year</b>	<b>(371,948)</b>	<b>(162,675)</b>
<b>Bursary Fund operating surplus (deficit) for the year</b>	<b>(131,634)</b>	<b>(14,960)</b>
Income from investments	108,366	125,975
Dividends	130,788	82,628
Interest from portfolio and related money market accounts	94,083	89,502
Investment management fees	(121,755)	(46,156)
Sundry income	5,251	-
Bursary fund – Bursaries awarded	(240,000)	(173,710)
<b>Capital inflows</b>	<b>1,210,920</b>	<b>496,022</b>
OD Fund – Life membership fees received – current year	424,700	310,000
OD Fund – Donations and bequests received	19,320	7,099
Bursary Fund – Donations and bequests received	766,900	178,923
<b>Gains and losses on investments (<i>note 3</i>)</b>	<b>2,495,405</b>	<b>1,157,209</b>
OD Fund	1,363,236	659,591
Bursary Fund	1,132,169	497,618
<b>Net surplus for the year</b>	<b>3,202,743</b>	<b>1,475,596</b>

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**BALANCE SHEET at 31 December****2012****2011****FUNDS****R****R****O D Union Fund****9,661,024****8,225,716**

Retained operating surplus (deficit)

(1,181,141)

(809,193)

Accumulated capital inflows

3,677,171

3,233,151

Accumulated investment gains – realised and unrealised

7,164,994

5,801,758

**Bursary Fund****8,584,510****6,817,075**

Retained operating surplus

(56,124)

75,510

Accumulated capital inflows

4,038,302

3,271,402

Accumulated investment gains – realised and unrealised

4,602,332

3,470,163

**Total funds****18,245,534****15,042,791**

Represented by:

**NET ASSETS****Fixed assets (note 2)****16,318****19,113****Investments****17,167,765****14,451,699**

Alpha – Fixed income blend of funds

728,706

676,608

Alpha Lynx global diversified fund of funds A1

3,089,090

2,642,554

Bateleur

4,337,744

3,603,607

Brait – Class A – Lead

4,102,666

2,474,402

Brait – Class A – 0211

-

1,172,360

Bullseye Financial Services

4,909,558

3,882,168

**Current assets / (liabilities)****1,061,451****571,980**

Stock

70,528

67,207

Debtors receivable

-

7,099

Bank balances and cash

990,922

499,658

Creditors and accruals

-

(1,984)

**18,245,534****15,042,791**

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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 and fittings	Furniture and equipment	Computer equipment	Total
Cost	25,698	22,167	15,043	62,908
Accumulated depreciation	(7,710)	(21,042)	(15,043)	(43,795)
<b>Book value at beginning of year</b>	<b>17,988</b>	<b>1,125</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>19,113</b>
Additions		–		
Depreciation	(2,570)	(225)	–	(2,795)
Cost	25,698	22,167	15,043	62,908
Accumulated depreciation	(10,280)	(21,267)	(15,043)	(46,590)
<b>Book value at end of year</b>	<b>15,418</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>16,318</b>

#### 3. GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS

	OD fund	Bursary fund	Total
Gain on investment	1,497,932	1,244,034	2,741,967
Performance fee	(134,696)	(111,865)	(246,562)
<b>Net gain/(loss) on investments</b>	<b>1,363,236</b>	<b>1,132,169</b>	<b>2,495,405</b>