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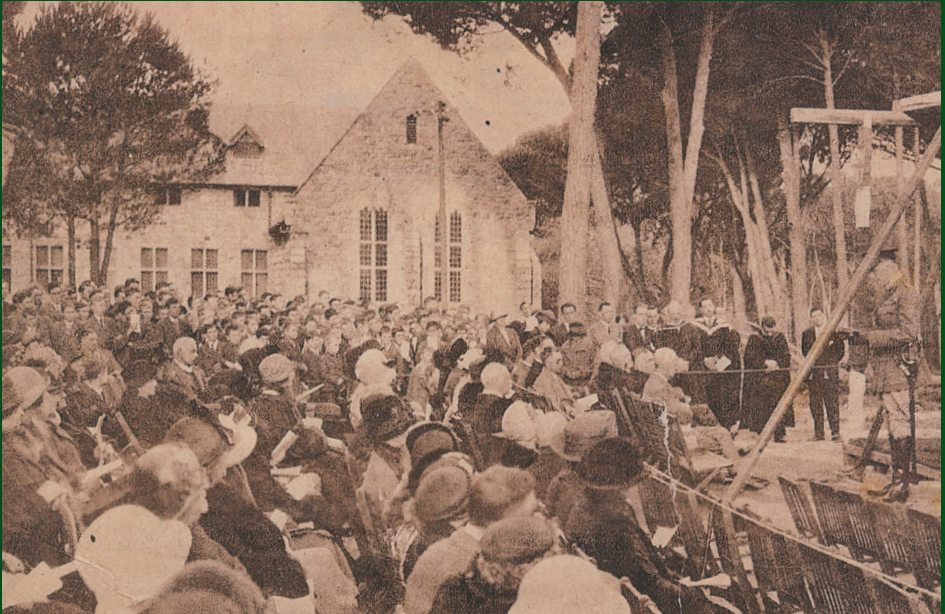


*One & a half hours drive from Cape Town, **Penhill Manor**, has recently been fully restored & refurbished to the highest international standards, providing accommodation & facilities, including:*

- *An historic, 1850's Manor House*
- *Four two-bedroomed en-suite lodges*
- *A converted old winery for functions*
- *A tennis court*
- *Pools & dams for swimming*
- *A boule court & croquet lawn*
- *Fruit, vegetable & rose gardens*
- *Extensive walking & mountain bike trails; and*
- *Many nearby places of interest*



OLD DIOCESANS UNION



The Governor-General delivers his speech at the laying of the foundation stone of the War Memorial Chapel.

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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*

NOTES FROM OD UNION OFFICE

OD UNION COMMITTEE

When we met in late 2013 to draft our strategic plan for 2014/15 we did not imagine that we would spend the year engaged in disputes of a legal nature.

I wish to thank ODs for their patience and support as the committee attempts to finally bring this matter to a dignified and fitting end.

ODs will want to know of some of the more constructive matters we are currently engaged in.

The OD Union Offices, which form part of the Woodlands Precinct, are due to be completed by February 2015. We have appointed the MD of Weylandt Interiors, Chris Weylandt OD, to ensure that the interior reflects the heritage and ethos of the OD Union whilst accommodating the modern design of architect and OD Luke Scott's building. ODs can view the plans at the current OD Union Offices.

The success of this project has been due to the strong relationships currently enjoyed between the OD Union, Council and the School. The project is ultimately the responsibility of Council and is run by Alan Taylor of the Grounds and Building Committee in conjunction with Mr Sean King of the School and Mr Phil Calothi of the OD Union. To this end we have not incurred management costs nor have we paid for the land. Furthermore, the running costs, maintenance, rates, taxes, electricity, water, cleaning, IT support, security and more will all be borne by the



school. In essence this is a very good deal for the OD Union, for which we are grateful. We would be wise to acknowledge, as John Donne urges us to, that no man is an island and maintain these excellent relations between the bodies.

The successful London dinner, the energetic and vibrant Boland function in Stellenbosch, the restructuring of the OD Union Offices and the successes of the many ODs catalogued elsewhere in this edition of the magazine remind us as a committee just how much has been achieved but also how much more we need to do to achieve our objectives of establishing an OD Union Business Network, a Mentoring Programme, a new and exciting range of memorabilia fitting of our union and our desire to use the new building as an appropriate and welcoming home for ODs.

Brian Robertson

SOCIAL REGISTER

CLASS REUNIONS IN THE PLANNING STAGES

12-14 December

CLASS OF 1994 (20 YEAR)

Organizer: James Durrant james@durrant.eu
and Gavin Muller gavinmuller@yahoo.com

11-15 March 2015

CLASS OF 1955 (60 YEAR)

Organizer: Don Rowand rowand@capeleisure.co.za

CLASS OF 1960 (55 YEAR)

Organizers: Alan Ramsay aramsay@iafrica.com
and Syd Cullis sydneyc@suricare.co.za

CLASS OF 1965 (50 YEAR)

Organizer: Bruce Risien brisien@sabiomedical.co.za

CLASS OF 1970 (45 YEAR)

Organizers: Leif Eriksen leif@eriksen.co.za,
Mike Olds molds@bowler.co.za
and Jeremy Wiley jwiley@iafrica.com

CLASS OF 1985 (30 YEAR)

Organizers: Bovain Macnab bmacnab@mweb.co.za
and Duncan Cruickshank duncan@sunshinetour.com

VISITORS



Alan Bamford (1954)
visited on
1 August 2014.

OD UNION GATHERINGS



SEEN AT THE UK ODS LUNCH

Choppy Bands (1990), Graham Thomas (1984) and John Fairweather (1948) enjoying the UK ODS lunch at the RAF Club in April.

UK OD UNION DINNER

London – June 27th, 2014

The ODU is an alumni association. The word *alumnus* comes from the Latin *alere*, to nurture or nourish and if ever there was an example of Bishops and ODU nourishment and nurturing in action, Friday 27th June 2014 at the London RAF Club was it.

In the company of our guest of honour, Guy Pearson, Principal of Bishops, Raymond Ackerman, ODU President, Mike Bosman, Chairman of the College Council and Brian Robertson, ODU Chairman, just over 90 ODs and their partners got together in the Club Bar en route to the Ball Room for a truly splendid dinner.

2014 is the centenary of The Great War. Steve Hofmeyr asked everyone to stand to remember the 112 ODs who gave their lives in the terrible conflict. He spoke The Lament and then the Grace.

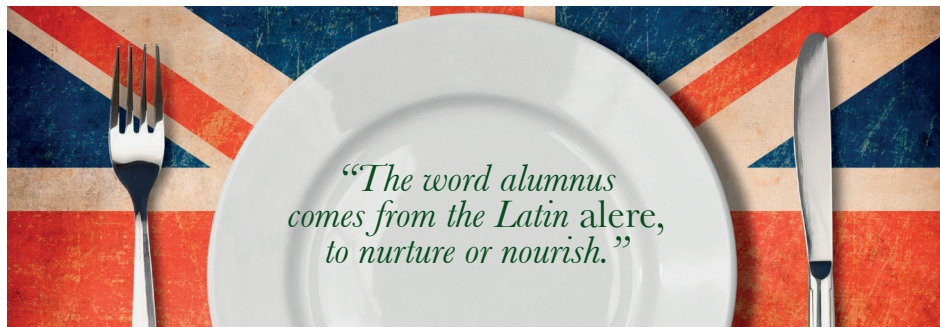
We watched a short but comprehensive video of Bishops. We in the UK, 6,000 miles away from our school in Rondebosch, need to have the School brought to us. This video did the job splendidly and notwithstanding some of the more partisan cheers it is Bishops in the end that is the star of the film.

Our youngest OD present, Joe Kahn (who

having matriculated last year, is on his way to Harvard – good luck, Joe) said a few words and then proposed a Toast to Bishops. He spoke eloquently and fondly about the school he has just said goodbye to.

Your secretary then welcomed everyone and in particular made special mention of David Walsh, former Second Master of Tonbridge School and now Chairman of the Old Tonbridgians who has been particularly helpful and generous with his advice to the UK ODU. John Fairweather, our RAF Club member was

1 One of the nine dinner tables in the Club Ball Room. **2** Charles Schelpe, Chris Ibell, Mike Bosman (all 1978) helping out at the pre-dinner drinks in the Club Bar. **3** Our youngest OD present, Joe Kahn. **4** Steve Hofmeyr. **5** ODs and partners drinking to Bishops. **6** ODU Chairman Brian Robertson. **7** ODU President Raymond Ackerman. **8** Bishops Principal Guy Pearson. **9** Brian Robertson (1979), Nick Heesom (1961) and Andrew Jackson (1983). **10** Patrick Rourke (2003), Douglas Mallet (2007), Devan du Plooy (2007) and Adam Pickard (2004). **11** Rupert Hill, Trevor Torrington, Mike Bosman, Chris Anderson, Chris Ibell, Charles Schelpe and Tom Baigrie (all 1978).





“The School is a happy place. A very recent independent assessment of Bishops found that 98% of the boys said they were both proud of the School and that it was a happy place to be.”

thanked for his continued kindness in letting the ODU have the use of the Club.

After the starters, Brian Robertson, Chairman of the ODU introduced our first speaker, the ODU President Raymond Ackerman.

Raymond focused his address looking at Bishops from the perspective of the effect and influence his life at the school had on him later on. Not all his Bishops experiences were necessarily happy, but most were. But even those that were not so, he had learned a great deal from. Referring to the current issues facing the school, he explained his role, as the newly-appointed President, was to work with all the parties to try to mediate an agreement which would reflect the right thing, preserve reputations and create a new standard for how such matters were dealt with in the future.

He felt confident that in Guy Pearson and Mike Bosman the School was in strong and decisive hands and the ODU, with its fresh outlook on its role in the greater Bishops experience was starting to take hold.

In all, he urged all ODs, present and absent, to reflect on and build on the positive, learn from the negative and be proud in assisting the School and ODU fulfil its purpose.

He closed, simply, with “Floreat Bishops”.

Guy Pearson resplendent in an OD bow-tie began his tenure as the 14th Principal of Bishops at the start of 2013 after 11 highly successful years as Rector of Michaelhouse. He talked to us about the Bishops from within. The School is in outstanding shape; both academically and on the sports’ fields, the achievements are spectacular. But over and above the wins and top grades, Guy

said, the School is a happy place. A very recent independent assessment of Bishops found that 98% of the boys said they were both proud of the School and that it was a happy place to be.

Infrastructure development is in place and boys, parents, ODs, and academic and non academic staff are passionately involved in and committed to the direction the school has taken.

Referring, as did Raymond, to the current public issues Bishops is facing, he assured us that there is a zero-tolerance policy of abuse of any nature now in place in the school. In environments such as ours, it is impossible to guarantee that abuse will not take place, but boys, staff and parents are now confident that exposure of such activities will be dealt with sensitively and extremely firmly.

The passion and confidence with which Guy spoke and his history of transformative leadership at Michaelhouse, filled us with confidence that the running of the School is in good hands and that, 6,000 miles away, we can be confident that Bishops will go from strength to strength.

Thank you so much, Guy.

And so the formal part of the evening ended, although the extended opening hours of the Club Bar ensured a lively and participative attendance until midnight (and beyond, so your secretary is informed).

Thanks to my wife Karen and to Brett Ormrod for acting as the official photographers.

My personal thanks to Guy, Raymond, Mike, Brian and all the ODs and their Partners who made this such a memorable and “Bishopsy” event.

Nicky Bicket

Just to let you know that bookings for **Carols with Richard Cock (1966)** are already open at Computicket.

CAROLS WITH RICHARD COCK

On Tuesday, 16 December 2014 at 18.00

Bishops Memorial Chapel

Cost of Tickets: R 120 for adults and R80 for children under 12.

Richard donates a portion of takings to OD Union Bursary Fund. Richard says there will be an orchestra and we'll be singing Carols old and new.

Wine and mince pies (kindly donated by Pick 'n Pay) will be served at interval.

ODs who would like to sing, please contact Hennie: Hennie@inknet.co.za

We look forward to seeing you there – this is one of the highlights of the year.



ZIM OD UNION LUNCHEON

We assembled at the home of Jim and Ann Sinclair at midday on the 15th June for a delicious lunch which was served at the complex Club house, where Jim has refurbished both the tennis court and the pool!

Jim is a retired farmer, Rupert still resides on his banana farm though not actively farming, also runs a fleet of trucks out of Mutare. John Twiggs junior works in Mozambique with IT, Dave Mills has since resigned from his post as Pick and Pay consultant in Zim, Peter Quinton also a retired farmer, as is Len Thomas. John Twiggs snr still works as locum in a dental practice. Richard is a retired Estate Agent, Bob the most senior lives with Sue, one of his daughters. Stu Irvine, the youngest OD, runs his own outlets selling chicken products in the high density areas! Nick Winskill another retired farmer as is Ross Hildebrand.

Absent were, Dave Scott,
Lindsay Cook, Peter Glennie,



Back row (left to right): Jim Sinclair, Rick Arkell (deceased), Rupert Hildebrand, John Twiggs (nephew of John Twiggs snr) Dave Mills, Peter Quinton, Len Thomas. Front row (left to right): John Twiggs, Richard Chappel, Bob Scheirhout, Stuart Irvine, Nick Winskill, Ross Hildebrand.

Doug Dryden (since deceased), Andrew Francis and not forgetting the sad loss of Malcolm Francis who, together with his daughter, was brutally murdered on his farm, earlier this year.

Leonard Thomas



CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE *Bishops Memorial Chapel at 08:30.*
All welcome!



Andrew (1994) and **Lindsey Hopewell**, son **Capsian Charles Hopewell** on 3 February 2014. His older brother **Anderson** and sister **Aibreann** were thrilled to meet him.

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



Jonathan (1987) and **Nicole Louw**, daughter **Angelina Elizabeth Louw** born 4 June 2014.

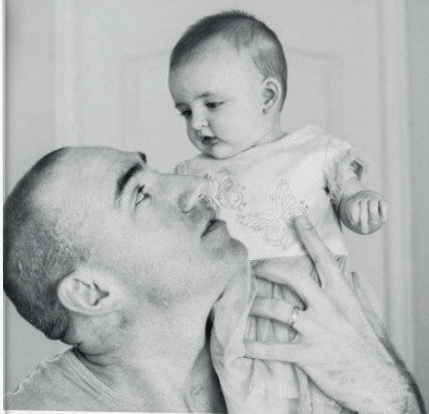


Karl was named after his great great grandfather, the last Habsburg Emperor of Austria Hungary, King Charles, who was exiled to Madeira after the end of WW1.

Alistair (2000) and **Lioba Hayward**, son **Karl Alexander John Christian Hayward** born on 23 May 2014 in Seicheim Munich.

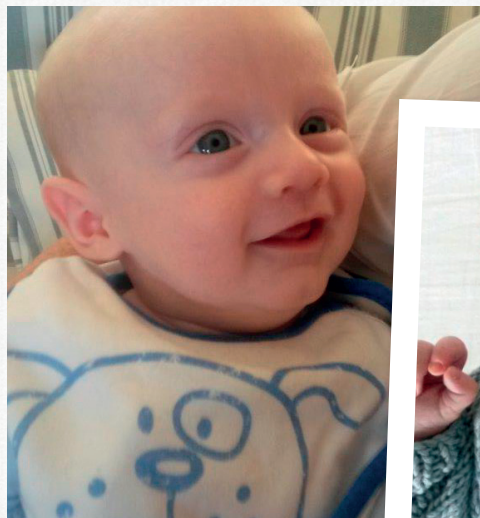


Mark (1988) and **Tess Holland**; and proud sister Anna Fern Holland (6) were delighted to welcome daughter and sister Lucy Snow Holland born 7 August 2014.



Neil (1996) and **Bridget Wilson**, daughter Victoria May Wilson born 2 December 2013.

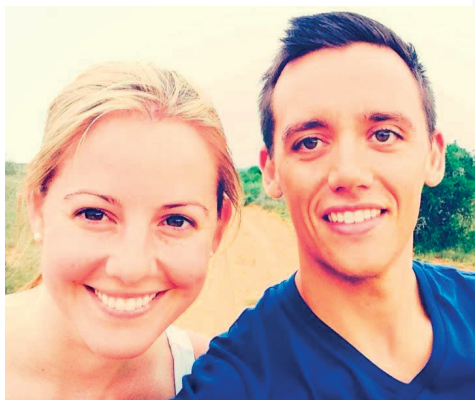
Michael (1996) and **Jessica van Rooyen** gave birth to their first daughter, Lily Henrietta van Rooyen, on Wednesday 6 August in Malmö, Sweden.



Damon (2003) and **Hayley de Boor**, son Julian de Boor was born on 22 May 2014.

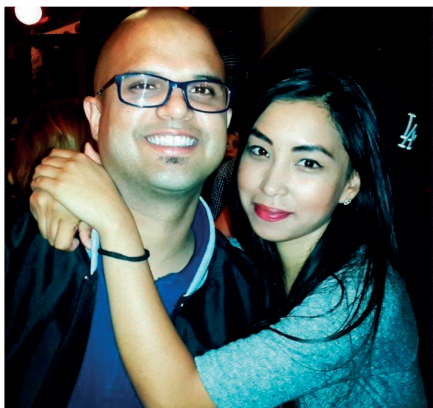


Jeremy and **Megan Andrews**, daughter Olive Charlotte Andrews on 7 July 2014.



ENGAGEMENTS

Jan van der Bergh (2005) and Meaghan Blackwell got engaged in January this year under the African sun in the Kwandwe game park. They are living in Angel, London.



Rayhaan Desai (2006) and Nuhaa Davids got engaged on 15 May 2014 at a small, intimate ceremony with loved ones.



WEDDINGS

Simon Richman (1992) married Sharon Boonzaier on 25th January 2014 in Betty's Bay at the Harold Porter Nature Reserve.

There were many other ODs in attendance. The Groomsmen photo has from left to right **Tim Richman, JP Du Plessis, Owen Meredith, Simon**

Richman, Jon Roberts, John Botha, Rupert Butler. The following ODs were also there. **Stuart Worrall, James Blanckenburg, Stuart Cooper, Mike Cooper, Jon Burnett, Chris Warncke, Ed Durrant, Matt Nielsen, Robert Frater and Ian Macdonald.**



Andrew Duvenhage (OD 1989) and Emma Lindberg were married on the 28 June at Björkholmen near Jokkmokk in Sweden.

DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

John Michael (1945) and Margaret Gibbs celebrate their Diamond wedding anniversary on 14 August 2014. While John was an OD and taught at Bishops, after doing a degree in English at Oxford, he achieved some standing at cricket as a bowler and played for South African schools.

In the photo below: from L to R Peter (youngest son), Margaret his wife, Michael (eldest son), John Michael, Dominic (second son) and Caroline (daughter). All his children are married with children so quite a tribe!



GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Hugh and Biddy Brathwaite (below) celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary this year on 10 January. There were strong

OD connections in their family. Biddy's twin sister of the late **John Nicholson (1957)**. Her younger brother is **David Nicholson (1965)** now in Surfers Paradise Australia. Her father was **Reg Nicholson (1926)**. My brother **Neil Brathwaite (1957)** and my late father **Guy Brathwaite (1934)**.



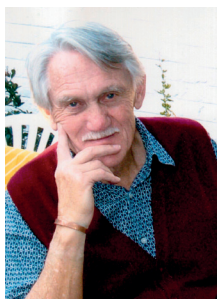
Tommy (1957) and **Chris Mickle (left)** were married at the All Saint Church Cologne Germany on 4th April 1964. They celebrate their Golden wedding anniversary this year. Tommy and Chris just returned from

a cruise from Cape Town to Southampton to celebrate the occasion with their children living in the UK.



Hugo (1957) and **Helen Leggatt** were married on 17th September, 1964 in All Saints' Church, Kampala, Uganda. They now live at 523 Waterside Road, Wilderness, 6560.

OCTOGENERIANS



Rowland Newton Thompson (1951), born 14 July 1934.



Humphrey Worthington-Smith (1952), born 12 August 1934.



Charles Lipp (1953), born 31 August 1934.



Storm Langdon Reilly (1951), born 2 September 1934.



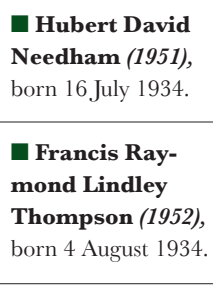
Geoffrey Robin Sanderson (1952), born 18 September 1934.



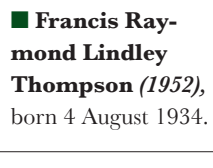
Phillip Stuart Marx (1952), born 25 September 1934.



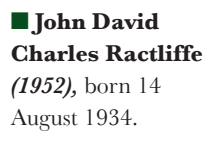
Peter Gibbs (1952), born 30 September 1934.



■ **Hubert David Needham (1951)**, born 16 July 1934.



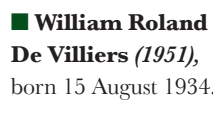
■ **Francis Raymond Lindley Thompson (1952)**, born 4 August 1934.



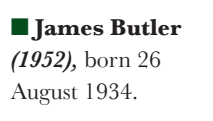
■ **John David Charles Ractliffe (1952)**, born 14 August 1934.



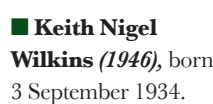
Theodore Heye (1952), born 23 September 1934.
Picture taken outside School House proudly presenting his grandson Sjard Simons.



■ **William Roland De Villiers (1951)**, born 15 August 1934.

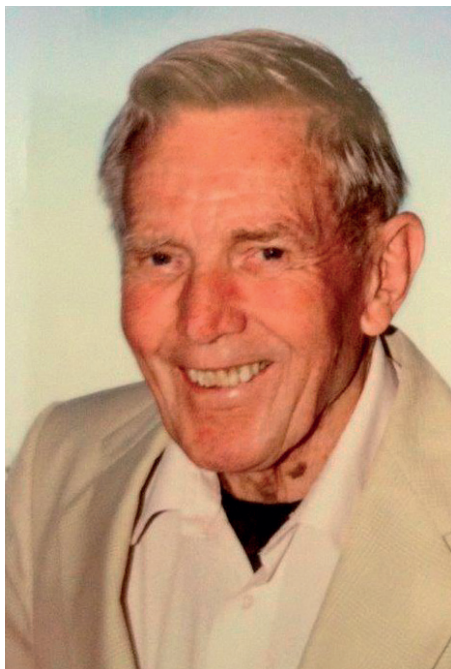


■ **James Butler (1952)**, born 26 August 1934.



■ **Keith Nigel Wilkins (1946)**, born 3 September 1934.

OBITUARIES



BANKS. Brian Wright Banks was born on 26 November 1921, and passed away in the early hours of 30 March 2014, at the venerable age of 92. Brian was born in Claremont, and was the eldest son of four children born to Roland and Elizabeth Banks. Roland, his Dad, had recently emigrated from England, and was practicing as an Anglican minister in Claremont.

As a youngster, Brian moved with his family to various diocese in the Cape, and was living in Wellington when he became a boarder in Founders House at Bishops in 1930. His attendance there was facilitated by the fact that his Dad was an Anglican pastor.

Brian spent eleven happy years at Bishops,

making many lifelong friends, to whom he was known as “Monty”. In his good friend, Geoff Kilpin’s fascinating diary, which his family has recently published, there is much mention of “Monty”, and all the wonderful boyhood experiences they shared over the years, both at Bishops and later in the air force.

Brian was a Founders House prefect, and excelled especially at Maths, continuing to solve “Killer Sudoku” problems until a month before he died.

On leaving school, Brian joined the South African Air Force.

On returning from service overseas, Brian married Marcia Webber, and they became parents to Lorna, David and Kevin. During this time Brian left the air force and became a structural engineer – a very successful career choice for his logic and mathematical skills.

He spent the last fifteen years of his life happily retired at Rosedale in Rosebank, where he very sadly lost his wife Marcia to Alzheimer’s Disease. He was, however, fortunate to spend his last few years with his loving partner Blanche, who eased his departure with her devoted care.

He is survived by his brother Ian, (Colin having passed away many years ago), his sister Alison Van As, his daughter Lorna, his son Kevin (sadly David was killed in a car accident in 1968), and his partner Blanche.

He was fondly remembered by so many loving family and friends at a memorial service at Rosedale on 4 April 2014.

(Extracts from Obituary delivered by Lorna Dryburgh, nee Banks.)



MCCALL.

Ian

William

McCall was born on 19 December 1933, and passed away on 21 July 2014. A husband, brother, father, grandfather and

friend left us unexpectedly in July. We can be comforted in knowing that he spent his last day enjoying what he loved most, gardening.

He was an old schooled gentleman something often lacking and absent today, however he was so much more, a private patient caring man, a mentor and a provider to his family and friends. By no mistake he was also mischievous at times.

Ian was a loving and thoughtful husband, testament to the long-standing marriage to Maureen. To his children he was a doting and supportive parent. Dedicated to furthering the interests of his daughters and son, Susan, Wendy and Robin. His kind gentle disposition meant his grand children gravitated naturally towards him.

His was an impartial, fair and charitable man, qualities that were recognized in his position as President of Rotary in Swaziland. He worked hard to improve the quality of peoples' lives.

Ian was an active member of the Endangered Wildlife Trust. He imparted this incredible knowledge of wildlife, specifically birds, trees and animal spoor on the many trails he was involved in. In addition, Ian was key in starting the Natural History Society in Swaziland. This interest and his creative

artistic ability was embedded in the perfection of his photographic work.

In his later years, not wanting to lose touch with nature, he discovered the pleasure of trout fishing which he once again, involved family and friends. His unreserved patience and gentlemanly language, was haphazardly broken in the art of, tying knots with the dreaded McCall shakes. This was resolved over one, maybe two glasses of fine red wine.

In his retirement years Ian spent many happy hours using his carpentry skills and love of model electric trains, designing and developing a network of railway tracks meandering in an architectural landscape of mountains and villages

Ian quietly enriched the lives of his family and all those he came into contact with. His legacy and our cherished memories of him will live in our hearts forever. It is therefore encumbering on us to instill his values, morals and love of nature on future generations

He has left a void in our lives and will be sorely missed.



ARKELL.

Richard

Thomas Arkell

was born on 19 March 1945 in Salisbury, Rhodesia, and died on 22 July 2014 in Harare, Zimbabwe.

After leaving Bishops, Richard graduated in Mechanical Engineering at Durban, and then did a post-grad course in Agricultural Engineering at Silsoe in the UK.

He came back to the then Rhodesia and designed irrigation equipment. The opportunity came up to lease a family farm in the Mazowe District. Richard and Sue were married in 1974 in England and together they built up a totally undeveloped farm. They started life in a pole and dagga (mud and pole house) with no utilities at all, but slowly, with hard work and determination, they ended up with a highly productive farm and a beautiful home where they brought up their three children, James, Victoria and Anthony.

Sadly, along with thousands of other farmers, they experienced being dispossessed of their farm and home and a lifetime's hard work and dedication and they had to conquer an unexpected new chapter in their lives. They moved to a beautiful tea estate in the Eastern Highlands where Richard worked for three years as the Engineer.

Richard never ever showed any bitterness in what had happened to him – he always saw the best side in people, believing that basically, we are all good.

Richard and Sue then spent three years (on and off) in Australia, where Richard's family now live, and two of their children, but circumstances meant that they came back here – a place where Richard had always wanted to be.

Richard always said that he didn't have a very good singing voice whilst at school. However, the opportunity arose on their return from Australia to join the Phoenix/Harare Male Voice Choirs and they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They were both in Durban and Cape Town recently where they took part in several concerts, including at Rondebosch.

Whilst at University Richard ran the Comrades Marathon and took up rowing in the harbour in Durban. Whilst farming he enjoyed a regular game of squash. He took part in many community projects, including building a school for all the farm children from our farm and neighbouring farms. He built a Clinic which was named after his parents who died tragically in 1984. He also served on the Rural Council for many years and was President of the LIONS Club at one stage.

He was very well respected by his workers and had a wonderful rapport with almost everyone that he met.

A real tribute to him was at his Memorial Service where the church was full to capacity. The Phoenix Choir were there to sing to him. They then had a gathering in the Botanical Gardens, a place where Richard and Sue had both spent many happy hours walking in and a place where Richard had recently taken on as his own project to open up new pathways for the enjoyment of the many people who walk there every day with their dogs.

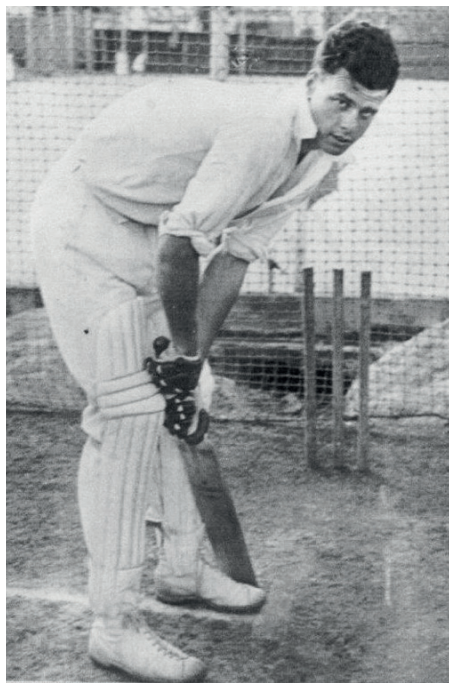
To end off the story really beautifully – His youngest son returned to Australia just in time to be there for the birth of his first child – a SON!

(Adapted by tribute written by Sue Arkell, with thanks.)

ROY.

Hugh Noel Priestley Roy was born in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Northumberland, England on 28 September 1935, and passed away in Knysna, Western Cape on 23 May 2014 aged 78.

Hugh went to Bishops Preparatory School



in 1944 where he came to love cricket and rugby. Even at that early age he showed outstanding all-round cricketing ability. In his final years at Prep the 1st XI was coached by the Headmaster, Pieter van der Bijl, who played in the Timeless Test in Durban in March 1939. After five years at Prep he was delivered as a boarder in January 1949 to School House up at Diocesan College. Here he came to love life and made many lifelong friends before matriculating in 1953.

He was an outstanding left-hand batsman and right-arm medium pace bowler in the Bishops 1st XI for many years and represented Western Province in the 1952, 1953 and 1954 Nuffield Weeks. In the last two Weeks he was selected to play for the SA Schools XI. At rugby, he was an excellent place-

kicker and played for the 1st XV in 1952 and 1953. On the tour to Natal in 1952 his skills were such that he could play loose-forward or full-back. In the game against Maritzburg College (who were unbeaten until then) Hugh scored all the points in the Bishops win, including the only try of the match, besides being successful with the conversion and two penalty kicks.

Until they both went their separate ways, one of his great schoolboy friends was Paul Cannon. They both went to Bishops Prep and Bishops at the same time and played in the 1st XV team together. Paul commented: "My school memories of Hugh are only positive; he was a character of note who made us laugh with his dry, sometimes slightly ribald comments; he was a kind and generous friend to many, always considerate, often quite naughty, invariably fun to be with. There was nothing underhand about Hugh – he really was what he seemed to be and if something needed saying he said it straight."

Hugh made 14 first-class appearances for Western Province which comprised ten Currie Cup matches, a game against the touring New Zealanders in February 1954 and three inter-provincial friendlies.

His first-class debut, when aged just 17, was against Orange Free State at Newlands in December 1952. After being picked for Western Province, when he was still in Standard 9, nobody told him about how or when to report to Newlands. So, at home, he changed into his cricket clothes and Bishops blazer. He walked down to Claremont station and took the train to Newlands. On the way, a man on the train said "So you're going somewhere to play cricket" and Hugh replied "Yes, just along the

way...". On arriving at the ground he had to talk his way past the guard at the gate to get in!

He proceeded to score 18 and with the ball took 2-60 and 1-23 in Western Province's comprehensive innings win (OFS 235 & 159; WP 484-8 dec). He made 50 and 42 in the following game, a hard fought 21-run win over Natal, at Newlands (WP 255 & 279; Ntl 169 & 344) and then took a career best 2-9 in the following match against Eastern Province at Newlands. Western Province's eight wicket win saw them finish top of the Currie Cup log, just one point ahead of Natal and Orange Free State.

He appeared in only two first-class matches in each of the following two seasons but in 1955/56 played in five, out of six, Currie Cup games which saw Western Province finish top of the log nine points ahead of Natal. His finest batting performance was on 6th January 1956, at Newlands, against Natal. His career best 146 in the first innings, which included 20 fours, was made against an attack which included Test bowlers Trevor Goddard (39-14-78-3), Hugh Tayfield (58-19-170-5) and Ian Smith (29-4-79-0). What impressed those present was the confident way he batted against such a formidable bowling attack (eight-ball overs). The game produced exhilarating cricket of the highest order as Natal made a gallant attempt to overcome a first innings deficit of 36. The final margin was 69 runs (WP 401 & 203-9 dec; Ntl 327 & 208). His ten innings in the season produced 293 runs (avg 32.55) and he also took five wickets (avg 28.00).

He wasn't selected for Western Province's two matches against the MCC tourists in the 1956/57 season and played in just the two away friendlies, against Border (scoring 75 and 25) in East London and Natal in Durban, before he retired from the first-class game.

In 1957 he moved to Natal where he met his future wife, Valerie Hill, who worked for his father's publishing company, Shuter & Shooter, in Pietermaritzburg. In 1960 they moved to Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, where he joined Cooper Brothers. He and Val got married and Hugh qualified as a Chartered Accountant. In 1964 they returned to South Africa, to Benoni, and the start of a fifty-year relationship with the global company I.T.T. In 1968 they moved to Cape Town where Hugh joined Maister Directories (Yellow Pages) as financial director.

In 1972 they went back to the Transvaal after Maister Directories moved their head office to Johannesburg. They lived in Rivonia for 17 years before "surprising themselves and many other people" by transferring to Istanbul in Turkey again with the World Directories division of I.T.T. Three years in Turkey were followed by five years in Holland with the Dutch arm of World Directories. Returning to South Africa in 1997 they lived in Parkhurst, Johannesburg, for a while and finally retired to Knysna for the remaining years of their life. Hugh continued his association with I.T.T. on a part-time basis, finally calling it a day at the end of 2012.

Hugh died peacefully, after a long illness, at his home in Knysna and is survived by his wife of 53 years, Val, sons Michael, Gordon and Justin, daughters Nicola and Rosalind, brother Teddy who lives in the United Kingdom, half-brother Peter Walton, step-brother David Walton, ten grandchildren and his adopted Italian sister Dee.

■ In 14 first-class matches 1952/53-1956/57: 24 innings, 1 not out, 658 runs (avg 28.60), 146 highest score, 1 x 100, 2 x 50s; 8 catches; bowling 11 wickets (avg 42.63), best 2-9.

(Our thanks to the Roy family, Paul Cannon, OD, and Robin Isherwood, cricket historian, for this obituary.)



VAN DER BYL. John Henry van der Byl (1940) was born on 19 December 1921 and passed away on 27 July 2014. John was born in the village of Irene, Transvaal (now Gauteng) to Alexander Henry and Evelyn van der Byl. At the time his father and grandfather were running the farm, Irene Estate (established in 1895).

John went to Bishops in (1936), followed by his brother, David, the following year. They travelled back and forth by train from Pretoria to Cape Town. John did well in the academic and sports arenas and in his post matric year was Head Boy. In his speech at his final prize giving the theme was "You reap what you sow". The last time John saw Bishops was at his 70th Matric reunion in 2009.

The Second World War was in full swing by the time John left Bishops and he immediately joined the Royal Navy. He first served in the Mediterranean, but after becoming ill in Malta was sent home to recuperate. He then served on HMS *Dragon* which escorted convoys to and from Singapore, including the last convoy to leave there. He remembered the *Dragon* with great fondness and enjoyed reminiscing about his time in the navy.

After the war John attended Pembroke College, Cambridge where he read Agriculture. Fortunately he was in England in 1948 to be best man at the marriage of his friend **Geoff Kilpin** to Dee in Yorkshire.

After graduation from Cambridge, John returned to join his father farming at Irene. In 1950 he married Diana Marion Walsham How. General Jan Smuts, whose farm, Doornkloof, is next door to Irene Estate gave the speech at their wedding. John and Diana had four children; Antoinette (married **Richard Lomberg** (1967)), Yvonne (married **David Leslie** (1968-1971)), **Henry Richard van der Byl** (1970 – 74) and Frances.

Besides running Irene Estate, John's interests included pig breeding. He became Chairman of the Standards and Judges Committee of the Pig Breeders Association and was invited to judge at shows all over the country including The Rand Show, Johannesburg, The Royal Show, Pietermaritzburg, the Goodwood Show, Cape Town, the Pretoria Show and The (then) Salisbury Show, Rhodesia. He served on the board of the Baynesfield Estate near Richmond, KwaZulu-Natal for many years. He also served on the committees of the M.O.T.H.s, the Smuts House Foundation and Irene Country Club where he was Life Chairman. He was a keen golfer and a member of Nomads for many years.

John and Diana lived together on the farm for 64 years. They both died in June within 16 hours of each other. They were buried at a joint funeral on 4th July 2014, at St Martin-in-the-Fields, Irene, a few hundred yards from where John was born and where they had been married.

John will be remembered by all who knew him as a man of great talent and integrity who served his country and the community of Irene with dedication.



BALL. After a long illness fought bravely and with fortitude, **Peter Ball** passed away on 3 July in Surrey, England, 2 weeks before his 78th birthday.

Here taken from his own words in the 2013 reunion brochure of the Matric Class of 1953, is a brief summary of his full and varied life.

“Four very happy years from 1950-53 at Bishops in Ogilvie House with a great bunch of pupils. Sport was the highlight of many good and lasting friendships. I managed to put in enough work to pass matric. Lunches on the matric lawns were a social must, weather permitting. Touch rugby in the evenings was highly popular except with my parents who were convinced I had left home.

Time at the UCT School of Architecture followed, studying Quantity Surveying, gradu-

ating in 1958. During this time badminton was my Sport which I shared with my girlfriend Deni Hall, who I subsequently married.

My first professional position was as a rookie Quantity Surveyor in Cape Town. Not long afterwards, decided to see the world, starting with England and joined a professional firm in London before accepting a position in the Bahamas where we stayed for 10 years. Happy times were had working and playing there. Learned to play golf, water ski, scuba dive and fly light aircraft. Left the Bahamas when the political scene changed and returned to England, joining Philips Electronics in London, eventually becoming the property manager of the UK corporate and pension fund portfolios.

I married Maria (Mo), inheriting her three lovely children. Living in Surrey life became good again enjoying lots of sport and friends. Visited SA regularly, for OD reunions and family get-togethers and discovered more of SA than I had seen before, including game reserves.

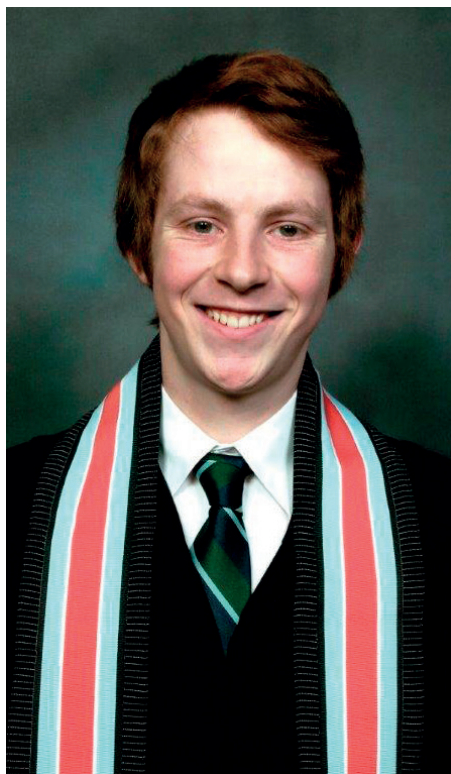
Post retirement in 1996, I joined my wife's business in complementary medicine, which was eventually closed.

Diagnosed with Non Hodgkin's Lymphoma in 2003, life took on a new turn. Chemotherapy put the cancer into remission.”

From then on Peter was faced with recurrences of the cancer and further chemotherapy.

Given his varied abilities, ongoing genial disposition, Peter was highly popular, admired and respected by all who knew him in all his walks of life.

Peter is survived by his second wife Maria, his three step children, Caroline, Gillian and Charles and their families, and his brother **Donald (1953 to 1957)** and family, all of whom are united in sadness at his passing and will miss him dearly.



DEACON. Andrew Michael George

Deacon was born on 7 May 1991 and passed away on 25 July 2014. Andrew was born in Johannesburg in 1991 and his early years were spent at The Ridge in Westcliffe. He went to WPPS when the family moved to Cape Town in 2002 and was at Bishops from 2005 until 2009.

Andrew enjoyed his school career, playing soccer, cricket and hockey. He had a particular aptitude for shooting and was a leading shot in the Bishops shooting team. He was an enthusiastic Birt man and participant in the annual Eisteddford. Academically he always did well, winning the Pierneef art prize and finishing with three A's in matric for English, Maths and Art.

After school he blossomed academically, finding the ideal niche in which he could combine and use his particular academic talents and creativity. He attended Vega achieving a BA degree in the new discipline of Communication Management and Creative Brand Communications. He thereafter took what he had learned to a higher level with a post graduate course in the digital arts. His lecturers at Friends of Design commented "Andrew you are a talented individual, provide great concepts in the class. You have a rare blend of a technical mind and creativity, you learn fast and must keep it up." There is little doubt that he would have gone far in his career.

His hobby was computer gaming where his BFB team, which received commercial sponsorship, did well in competitions all over the country, and where his extraordinarily fast eye hand coordination resulted in his team mates referring to him as "a legend".

Andrew hugely valued his friends, often sharing in the pleasure of their achievements as much as he did in his own. It would seem from his Facebook wall, and comments by the many that knew him, that they in turn greatly valued him. Adjectives like witty, humorous, great friend, generous, loyal, a gent, speak of a rare and inherent decency. His loss at such an early age from cancer, that he was unable continued to benefit and brighten the lives of all those who he came into contact with, was tragic.

A very moving funeral service was conducted by Rev. Terry Wilke in the Bishops Memorial Chapel on 1 August, well-attended by the Bishops community as well as family and many friends from South Africa and abroad.

He is dearly missed by his parents, Mike and Jacquie and his brothers Charles and James.

Mike Deacon



MELCK. Charles Theodore Melck, died on 15 July 2014, aged 77. Charles was a 7th generation South African Melck and spent his early years on the farm Kersefontein, along the banks of the Berg River near Hopefield in the Western Cape. He was farm schooled until his parents retired to Darling, after which he went to Bishops as a boarder. He was a keen rugby player at Bishops and went on to play several seasons for Worcester RC 1st team, winners of the Boland Men's Senior league on a number of occasions in the early 1960's.

After matriculating from Bishops in 1954, Charles completed a Degree in Civil Engineering at Stellenbosch University – it was here that he met his future wife, Marina Buchner, and after a brief time spent in Worcester, they moved to Milnerton where he lived until his recent death. Marina passed away 16 years ago in 1998. Charles worked

on many Civil Engineering projects around Cape Town, including the approach roads to the Du Toits Kloof tunnel and the Century City development.

Charles found his true sporting passion relatively late in life when his canoeing career kicked off in 1980, at the relatively old age of 43. At the time of his death, he was one of only 6 people to have done more than 500 President's trophy races in the Western Cape – Charles is 5th on that list with 558 races completed. Charles completed 26 Berg Marathons, 29 Breede Marathons and 19 Fish Marathons in his canoeing career which spanned 32 years. He won endless age-related President's trophies, and after he had turned seventy and they no longer had an age classification for him, some-one at a prize giving commented that he was simply a "Legend" – a very fitting compliment.

Charles's involvement did not stop with being on the water and he gave endless support to the sport administratively, being involved at Club level for Milnerton Canoe Club and served on the committee of the Western Province Canoe Union for many years, tirelessly giving of his time to the sport he loved.

Charles is survived by his 3 children.

CLEGHORN. Willoughby Bruce

Cleghorn (1920-2014) passed away peacefully on the morning of 19 May 2014 with family by his side at Peers Village in Fish Hoek. He was 93.

Willo was born in St. James on 24 November 1920 and attended Prep School and then College as a boarder. While at school, he learned to shoot and won his colours for musketry. In 1939, Willo became one of the earliest volunteers to join the war effort



as part of a mounted regiment, one that was eventually integrated into the army's armoured and tank units and deployed to North Africa. Indeed, Willo saw action in North Africa and later in Italy. It was while stationed in Italy that he had a narrow escape when the house from which his team was operating was hit by a shell. Although he and his fellow soldiers were buried in rubble, he survived the attack largely unscathed.

After the war, Willo earned a B.Sc. in Agriculture at the University of the Witwatersrand and moved to Rhodesia in 1949. During his annual summer holiday to the Cape in 1951-52, Willo joined his cousin Harold Mills for regular games of mixed doubles. When, on one occasion, Willo's partner was unavailable, Harold invited his friend Gwen Thorne, then a sister at Rondebosch Cottage Hospital, to make up the foursome. The two were instantly smitten

with each other, and Gwen became a regular on the tennis court for the remainder of Willo's time in the Cape. They were married on 12 December 1953 at Holy Trinity Church in Kalk Bay, and Gwen moved to Rhodesia shortly afterwards.

Willo worked in pasture research at the Grasslands Research Station in Marandellas until 1960, when he began working on land assessments for another branch of the Department of Research and Specialist Services. He also served as head of the national herbarium in Salisbury before his retirement in 1975.

He and Gwen returned to the Cape, living in Somerset West and Pringle Bay before settling for a number of years in St. James. He spent the last few years of his life at Peers Village in Fish Hoek.

Willo loved the outdoors. He tended a fruitful home garden and spent many hours searching for and photographing new grasses and other interesting indigenous plants, especially the fynbos. When their daughters Anne, Blanche, and Bonnie were young, Willo and Gwen would travel from Rhodesia to spend the April school holidays at Plettenberg Bay, where Willo spent much of his time spinning for elf off the rocks at Beacon Island. On shorter trips to Inyanga, he fished for rainbow trout. He meticulously documented his experiences in nature as well as family events, as evidenced by the vast archive of photographic slides he produced during his life. He also had a knack for mending things – ornaments, toys, china plates, and other fragile objects. His inclination towards thrift was not only practical, as he used common household items to entertain his children and grandchildren.

He moulded small owls, cats, and dogs out of Prattley's putty; constructed little horses from a wine cork, matchsticks, and a piece of cardboard; and turned an ordinary serviette into a squirrel that he would make scurry up his arm.

Willo was a careful and caring man – a stickler for manners and routine but still always found joy in the unexpected and undiscovered corners of life. As his cousin Harold described him in tribute: “Willo was one of nature's true gentlemen – quiet, everlastingly courteous with a keen sense of humour, and a smile that lit up the world. He was invariably kind and helpful and was never too busy to do anyone a favour. Willo was a model husband, father, and grandfather with a wide circle of friends who all have the fondest memories of him.”

A memorial service for Willo was held at Holy Trinity Church in Kalk Bay on 30 May 2014. He is survived by his wife Gwen; his daughters Anne Bourne (USA), Blanche Stephenson and Bonnie Hillary (both of Cape Town); his six grandchildren Claire (USA), Robyn (UK), Alyson (USA), Jaclyn (Cape Town), Ashleigh (Cape Town), and Graeme (Cape Town); and one great-granddaughter Ivy (UK).

Claire M. L. Bourne

McGREGOR. James (Jamie)

McGregor, philanthropist and family man, was born on 11 April 1945. His death on 20 July 2014 has deeply affected countless individuals and organisations. His service to family, his old school, his local and extended community, to South Africa at large and to his Church, was exceptional.



Born in Cape Town, the eldest of four siblings, Jamie's childhood was spent in Tokai. He entered Bishops Prep School as a boarder in Rossall at the age of seven, going to School House in the College where he became a prefect. He matriculated in 1962, graduated at UCT, and qualified as a Chartered Accountant. He subsequently completed an honours degree in computer science at UCT.

Jamie loved the outdoors, both in Africa and abroad; spotting birds, walking or driving through the veld or the Highlands of Scotland, and visiting remote corners of the world, including two trips to Antarctica and one to the Arctic. Recently he had clocked up 8000 kilometres walking with Walk for Life. A life-time of social sport and hiking in various countries was enhanced by following sport on television

and, where possible, attending matches.

Jamie enjoyed the Class of '62 Reunions throughout the years. He was a familiar figure at Bishops on Saturdays during the rugby season. He held a number of significant offices at Bishops: Committee of the OD Union (1981 to early 2000s as Committee Member, Treasurer, Vice President); School Council (1991 to 2005 – Chair of Finance, and later as Chairman). He was involved in several major strategic planning exercises at Bishops in the areas of spirituality, diversity, transformation, governance and the introduction of a bursary scheme. Jamie was a Trustee of Bishops Trust attracting funds to the school, and ensuring awareness of the school amongst the public at large. As a founding trustee of Bishops Ditukeni Empowerment Trust, his work was pivotal in securing investments in



terms of the requirements of the Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, and distributing dividends to Bishops Diversity Trust and Diitkeni Trust.

Profoundly concerned with the future of South Africa, Jamie worked indefatigably for the Progressive Federal Party and its antecedents during the 1970s and 1980s. The Wynberg Constituency benefited from his leadership, long hours of canvassing, reasoned discussions and observations, quiet determination and optimism, and exceptional organisational ability. He gave hours of his time to peaceful change in South Africa.

Jamie spent much of his professional career at the Board of Executors in Cape Town, where he served as Financial Director before deciding on early retirement in 2000, remaining a non-executive director of BoE Ltd until 2002. He played a large role in founding two BoE Foundations – one directed towards children's homes, and the other established for secondary school education.

By the 1990s Jamie was dedicating a large portion of his time, energy, personal resources and business acumen to the upliftment of community and individuals, in particular through grassroots intervention and education, both of which he saw as indispensable to the sustainable future of South Africa. In 2013 he received the Inyathelo Award for Life Time Philanthropy in recognition of Leadership and Excellence in personal South African Philanthropy.

During the last twenty five years of Jamie's life there were times when he was simultaneously holding leading roles in nearly twenty Non-Governmental Organisations, Trusts and Foundations. His characteristic clear-sightedness, governance at the highest standard, perseverance and integrity ensured that he was

in demand. Moreover, his extensive experience in this field meant he was well qualified to comment on relevant Government legislation.

Bishops is a beneficiary of Molteno Brothers Trust, owners of Glen Elgin fruit farm in Grabouw – the HA Molteno Library at Bishops being one of the facilities funded by this Trust. Jamie served Molteno Brothers as a trustee and ultimately Chairman of the Trust for several decades, translating the aims of the Trust into 21st century best practice for social development in South Africa – furthering education in many spheres throughout South Africa as well as ensuring upliftment within the Grabouw farm community.

In 2003, when the first LEAP Maths and Science School was founded in Cape Town, Jamie was Chairman of Bishops Council and a working connection was made between the pupils of the two schools. Once his term of office at Bishops was complete in 2005, he joined the LEAP Board, and in 2011 was appointed Chairman, retaining that position until a few weeks before his death. During his tenure a further five LEAP campuses opened in South Africa, providing secondary school opportunities for an increasing number of disadvantaged youngsters.

Leliebloem Child and Youth Care Centre in Athlone, Cape Town, enjoyed the benefit of Jamie's professionalism for thirty years. He didn't just serve on a committee, he worked to ensure the future of organisations. So, with Leliebloem he engaged with the Anglican Diocese of Cape Town under whose auspices it falls, as well as with complex legislation in this field, ensuring the highest standards, commitment, and interaction.

As Chairman of Westlake United Church Trust, Jamie's vision was to empower the south-



James McGregor with his life partner, Dee Watson of Tokai, at the 2013 Inyathelo Philanthropy Awards.

ern peninsula village of Westlake, through projects addressing poverty, health, early childhood development and unemployment. Today there are diverse capacity building exercises within the Community, employing several hundred people – a preschool for up to 200 children, a large home-based care team of qualified medical staff, an advice office, hand-craft workshops, youth activities, IT training, gardening, sales of second hand goods within the community, preparation for work interviews, and more. Above all it was Jamie's guidance on self-governance that will be his greatest legacy there.

Jamie was certain that South Africa's future



as a world player lay primarily within the quality of the education it offered. As treasurer of the Board of the Independent Quality Assurance Agency (IQAA), that provides quality assurance through evaluation of schools within South African and further afield, he was able to pursue this vision. He also served the ASSET Educational Trust, whose development programme for pupils from disadvantaged communities produces candidates for the Cape Times Bursary Fund of which he was Chairman.

Jamie's service to community was executed with love and quiet passion and so it was that he enjoyed his visits, meetings or strategy sessions to Moltenos, Leliebloem, Leap, Westlake and other organisations, where he was received as 'Father' to so many; and where consequently his death is deeply mourned.

Jamie's profound and active Christian faith led him and upheld him in all he did, providing the basis for all his decision-making. His Christian engagement is reflected in his social contribution, and his life's work is epitomised by the marriage of Biblical and social gospel; but what informs all his work is his fundamental understanding that serving society with commitment and good governance is of the highest order of endeavour. He served the Anglican Dioceses of Cape Town over several decades in various enduring and strategic ways, his experience, advice, focus and leadership, proving invaluable. A charitable trust was established by Jamie, specifically to 'grow the church', with a mandate to support the work of spreading the Christian gospel within Southern Africa. The beneficiaries are projects or individuals who are 'sowing' into the 'kingdom of God', often enterprising projects that are not yet fully developed and are in need of encouragement. The fund supports those who go out on a limb,



James McGregor (centre) flanked by siblings (from left) Mea Lashbrooke, Mim Haggie and (right) Bruce McGror. The McGregor family grew up in Swaanzwyk Road, Tokai.

often at high personal cost, to make a significant difference in the lives of others.

Jamie made this difference himself in so many ways, not only in his community work, but also within his own extended family circle of siblings, nephews, nieces, and numerous grand nephews and nieces and many cousins. His quiet authority, insight into family dilemmas, his commentary on current events, his peaceful company at family gatherings, his quiet humour, and stimulating conversation on so many subjects, his generosity when he saw a need, all this and much, much more is greatly missed. In the last six years of Jamie's life he found deep and lasting joy in his relationship with Dee Watson. And it was Dee's hand that was there to support and guide him at the end, that held him trustingly and lightly, as he crossed over in faith to his next life.

Jamie is greatly missed by Dee and his many, many families.

Mea Lashbrooke

NEWS OF ODs



Regan Adams (RCS COO), Anita Gulwa and Thobile Ndzube (Chairperson).

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GUGS

Gladwell Ndzube (1988) has been the main force driving the development of the Gugulethu Athletics Club which aims to improve the awareness of health and fitness through running in the local community. ODs are encouraged to take part in this year's annual Gugulethu 10KM Road Race on the 16th December.

Gladwell recently launched the RCS Gugulethu Educational Bursary Fund for club members. The fund supports students from primary school to tertiary education. This is our way of making sure that the club does not just concentrate on running alone but ensures that future leaders are groomed through education.

BISHOPS LIFE LONG NRF AWARD TO LHO

Lionel Opie (1949) is still active at UCT, currently being one of 12 Research Scholars drawn from all faculties at UCT. This position requires that the holder must publish five new research papers every year, so he is kept busy at the Hat-

ter Institute for Cardiovascular Research of the Medical School, which he founded in 1977, and is now academically very strong.

The award for Life Long Scientific Excellence will be bestowed by the National Research Council in Pretoria in September 2014:

The successful nomination by Professor Danie Visser, Vice-Principal of Research at UCT, is as follows:

"It is an honour and pleasure to nominate Emeritus Professor Lionel H. Opie for the NRF's Lifetime Achiever award. Professor Opie is among the world's foremost scholars of heart disease and remains an active researcher in the Department of Medicine at the University of Cape Town (UCT). With an NRF A1 rating, and an H Index of 74, his enclosed curriculum vitae tells the story of his illustrious career, his exceptional quality of research, the impact of his work, and his commitment to student training, all of which continues to this day.

He is committed to the betterment of the lives of the South Africans who suffer from heart disease, for which he was bestowed the Order of Mapungubwe, Silver, 2006, given by President of South Africa for "excellent contribution to the knowledge of and achievement



in the field of cardiology". In 2011 he won the award of the National Science and Technology Billiton forum for showing that damage to the cardiac muscle caused by heart attacks could be dramatically minimised by the simple act of blowing up and down a blood pressure cuff around the patient's upper arm thereby activating the protective SAFE molecular pathway.

His earlier work was particularly relevant to the appallingly high incidence of heart attacks in this country, and his more recent work has focussed on relief of heart failure and the consequences of hypertension. The latter is now a major cause of mortality among black South African's, and heart failure is increasingly common in all ethnic groups."

THE SCHOOL MUSEUM EGG COLLECTION

Peter Steyn (1954) writes: During the course of our 60th reunion events in early March 2014 we made a tour of the school led by Paul Murray and on our walkabout we visited the school museum. For most of our group this was their first visit and they were fascinated by the

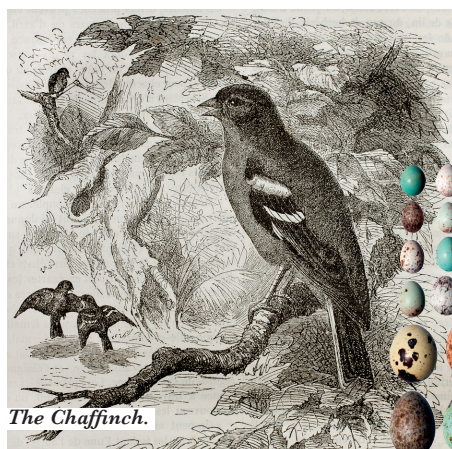
wide range of memorabilia assembled in a very confined space.

I had been to the museum on previous occasions and after our visit I decided to return for a detailed examination of the egg collection which had been presented to the school's Biology Department by R.W.Hazell in 1943. When I was at school the cabinet was kept in the back corner of the lecture room where 'Uncle' Syfret had taught us zoology. As a youthful zoologist (a little known term for egg-collector) I had looked at the large array of eggs with envy, but never found the time to study them in detail.

On 15 April I arranged with Basil Bey to visit the museum for an in depth look at the collection. An interesting feature was the names used in those days, for example a Cape Wren-Warbler is now known as a Karoo Prinia, and a Backbari Shrike is now a Bokmakierie. It was sobering to realise that when I began bird watching at Wet-pups these names were still in use.

Some of the contents were especially interesting and a clutch of eggs labelled English Chaffinch was probably obtained from England. The Chaffinch, along with the European Starling, was introduced by Cecil Rhodes and became established on the Cape Peninsula, but to date no nest has ever been found. There were also a number of eggs from unknown localities in the Southern Ocean, for example Rockhopper Penguin, Yel-

low-nosed Albatross, Sooty Albatross and Subantarctic Skua. My guess is that they probably came from the islands of Tristan da Cunha, but how they were obtained remains a mystery.



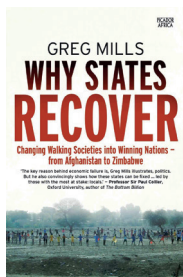
John Bewsey (1957) Pr Eng, Pr Sci Nat, CEng, CSci is the director at chemical engineering technology company Trailblazer Technologies (Pty) Ltd. They have patented the KNeW process for treating acid mine drainage (AMD). The KNeW process is able to remove most mines and underground water pollutants using Trailblazer Technologies' revolutionary continuous ion-exchange process and converts the concentrated regeneration solutions to valuable fertilizers. The recovered income is sufficient to cover all the costs of the operation to create a sizeable profit making it a novel and unique process.

Greg Mills (1979) launched his new book, *Why States Recover: Changing Walking Societies into Winning Nations – from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe*.

The launch was held at Villa Arcadia in Johannesburg, with many distinguished guests in attendance and an amazing ambience.

Greeted at the door, guests walked in to find themselves well catered for, with attentive staff offering snacks, and there was happy chatter while guests explored the spacious venue.

The crowd settled into the main hall, which was decked out with chairs and



ample place to stand. The first speaker and MC of the event needed no introduction as he walked on stage; Nicky Oppenheimer, South African billionaire businessman, introduced former Nigerian president and a hero of Mills', Olusegun Obasanjo.

Obasanjo praised the instructive value of the book and said: "I vehemently believe that if there's one book that can change Africa in this world, then surely this is the book."

Mills thanked Obasanjo, the Oppenheimer family and his own family before delving into how the book came about. He described *Why States Recover* as essentially a travel log, written as a story, which fundamentally captures his personal experiences over the last decade of working for the Oppenheimers on various deployments as a presidential advisor across Africa. His eloquent presentation was accompanied by an easy flow of laughs and captured the audience's attention, as well as reeling them into the book's many facets.

Singer and anthropologist Johnny Clegg was the next big name to hit the stage and joked about being the "entertainment part of the evening". He explained how walking societies, such as the Zulu people, differ from non-walking societies, in that they have "a different notion of time and social duration and that also affects politics". Clegg believes that walking societies have a more "cyclic" understanding of time, and are at ease with events taking longer to occur, unlike Western societies, who have a more linear understanding of time. The evening ended on a high note with Clegg performing some songs concerned with the act of walking.

TWO OCEANS 2014

John Brimble (1965) alongside **Chet Sainsbury (1959)**. They were competing respectively in their 35th and 32nd 56km Two Oceans marathon.



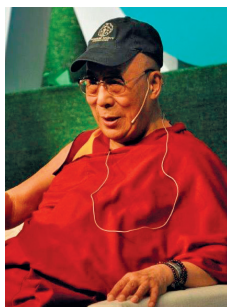
John Brimble and Chet Sainsbury.

Good friends, and running partners, they have trained together over thousands of kilometers, run hiking trails, as well as racing numerous marathons and half marathons .

Seen here as they crest Chapmans Peak, with personal best times for the race of 3hr 25 and 3hr 58 they could afford, to relax and enjoy the scenery.

Andrew Rowan, PhD (1963)

Human Society International, Washington



I have no startling news but here are a few photos that might amuse. The one with me was taken four or five years ago in Dharamsala (I had just had rotator cuff surgery hence the sling). A few years later, we held an event in Mumbai that featured His Holiness, the Dalai Lama. He is wearing a baseball cap with the Humane Society International logo on it.



Chad and Cole Cruickshank.

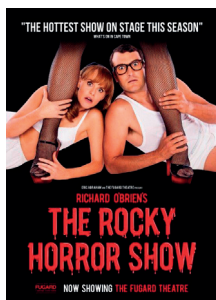
Chad (2006) and Cole (Grade 11) Cruickshank won the annual Clovelly Foursomes Open in July this year. The 36-hole event, open to golfers from all golf clubs, is played in the format of alternate shot. This can be particularly troublesome when you partner isn't pulling his weight. The pairing shot rounds of 71 and 75 to win by a single stroke, luckily escaping a bizarre triple-bogey on the last.



Prof **Charles Parry (1976)** has been serving as the Acting Vice President for Intramural Research of the South African Medical Research Council since November 2012. His term comes to an end at the end of September

when he will return full-time to his position as Director of the Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Research Unit at the SAMRC. On 11 September he will be speaking on the topic of the evidence in favour or against restricting or banning alcohol advertising at the Kettil Bruun Society conference on alcohol policy in Melbourne and on 16 September at the Owl Club in Cape Town (Kelvin Grove) on the topic

“Is the medical use of marijuana justified?”. The Owl Club was established in 1894, and previous speakers include Sir Robert Baden-Powell, Mark Twain, Capt. Robert Scott, Dame Sybil Thorndike, Field Marshall Jan Smuts, Lord Kitchener, Rev Wm. Spooner and more recently, Premier Helen Zille.



Paul du Toit (1992)

is an actor and television producer. He has recently returned to Cape Town after an eight year stint in Johannesburg where he played one of the lead characters in Mnet and Kyknet's

Binnelanders. During that time he also established his production company, Fanagalo Films along with SACS old boy Terence Bridgett. One of their shows *Rof of Spog* (which we also produced in English, Rough or Smooth, for Mnet) is currently being broadcast on SABC 3.

Paul is currently performing in the 2nd season of *The Rocky Horror Show* at the Fugard Theatre. He and indeed grateful to the audiences who have come to watch nearly 300 sold out performances so far! The Cape Town run ends on 2 November after which it's back to Jozi.

He will be presenting a workshop, for high school learners, in musical theatre at the Fugard Theatre during the school holidays (6 - 10 October). It would be wonderful to see any Bishops boys interested in theatre there!

Simon Rees (1990) recently met up with **Raymond Wepner (OD 1991)** in Hong



Luke Rees (son, 6), Tracy Rees (wife), Simon Rees and Raymond Wepner.

Kong whilst on holiday and writes: It was great to catch up and talk about the good old days at Bishops. It was nice to see that Raymond is still keeping up with his running. (I remember him always winning the Avenue Mile, which I tried to avoid at all costs and then when forced to do it, would spend all my efforts of trying to find a sneaky short-cut, but to no avail!)

Anton Taylor (2005) played the lead role in a short film that won the Best South African Short Film at the recent Durban Film Festival. The City Press gave it 5 stars.

Keys, Money, Phone, the winner of the Durban International Film Festival's award for best South African short, follows a Cape Town oke called Seb who loses his keys, money and phone.

Played convincingly by YouTube funnyman



Anton Taylor, Seb is the Cape Town boytjie all (white) people know – pink, collared Polo shirt, likes having “mares” (crazy parties) on Long Street, swears at people when he doesn’t get his way, behaves appallingly to his girlfriend and women in general, and looks at black people as just part of the scenery – they drive your taxi home, stand guard at your complex, or put petrol in your tank.

What makes it great is it’s subtle look at white male aggression and that sense of entitlement.

It shows how this archetype reacts when they’re put in the position too many black South Africans live in – homeless, penniless and no help on the horizon.

Here we see a white director turning the lens on his fellow white South Africans – and delivering a slick, fierce sociopolitical critique.

Matthew de Klerk (2008) and **David Wilke (2011)** were both members of the cast of the production *Oklahoma* staged recently at Artscape. Matthew, standing middle wearing a peach shirt, was cast as Will Parker and David, kneeling centre wearing a pink scarf, was cast as one of the lead dancers and a chorus member. They enjoyed a spectacular run and thank all the audience members for their support.



John Koster (1979) John Koster and his team from Klawervlei Stud were crowned Champion Breeder in South Africa on Wednesday evening at the Equus Awards (horse racing’s Oscars). They also received the prestigious “International achievement award” for their South African bred horse Vercingetorix who won the GR 1 Jebel Hatta in Dubai.



Special International Achievement – Anton Shepherd and John Koster.



Horse of the Year – Gayle and Dennis Evans, Gaynor Rupert, Justin Snaith and Vaughan Koster.



Champion Breeder of South Africa – Klawervlei Stud. John and Lana-Anne Koster.

At the same event, **Vaughan Koster (OD 1999)** of Cheveley Stud, bred the Legislate who was crowned “Horse Of The Year”, Equus champion 3 year old colt and Equus champion middle distance horse. 2014 has been a fabulous year for the Koster family as they bred the winners of the J&B Metropolitan with Hill Fifty Four and the Vodacom Durban July with Legislate, the two most prestigious races in the country.

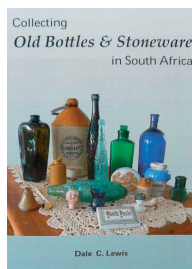


Garmon Ashby (Director of Music 1987-2000) will direct the Choral Summer School of the Royal School of Church Music which will be held in Cape Town at Rustenburg

High School for Girls from 29 December 2014 - 5 January 2015, with services in the Bishops Chapel and at the Cathedral. **Richard Haigh (1996)** (Claude Brown Organ Scholar in 1996) will be the Organist for the course. ODs who sung in the chapel choir under Garmon who wish to be in residence or participate in the summer school at a reunion service and work with Garmon again are invited to contact Richard Haigh at drhaigh@hotmail.com for further information.



Declan Manca.



Dale Lewis (1962)

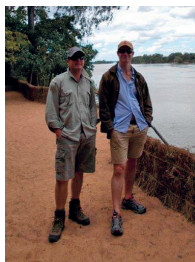
writes: My wife & I have published a book called “Collecting Old Bottles & Stoneware in South Africa”. This was a natural sequel to my hobby & later business of digging up, collecting and trading in old bottles & other artefacts since 1982.

UCT ‘SHOTTIES’ COMPETITION

On the 6th of August 2014 the UCT Film Society held its annual short film competition, called ‘Shotties’. The top ten films out of over thirty entries were screened at the Nu Metro cinema in the V&A Waterfront, with awards being given for best film, best director, best actor, and more. Two of these films were directed by **Declan Manca (2012)**, and featured Bishops talent both on and off the screen, including camerawork by **Landon McClure (2011)** and performances from **Thomas von Zahn (2011)**, **David Wilke (2011)**, **Tabile Raziya (2012)**, and current matric **Simon Thompson**. The film to take home the best picture prize was one of Declan’s, and the winner of the best actor award went to Simon Thompson.



Simon Thompson.



Richard Bottger (1993) and **Charles Serrurier (1992)** on Safari in July this year. The Selous: Last of the great frontiers. There are still some very remote places in Africa that are acces-

sible but still are real wild Africa. With the right preparation and organization, these areas are still there to be explored safely.

Pictured: us on the banks of the Kilombero River, Selous game reserve, Tanzania. We spent 10 days this July in this spectacularly remote camp. The hospitality and operational organization of Pierre van Tonder Safaris made this once in a lifetime trip echo of the safaris of yesteryear.

Jean-Eric van der Elst (Brooke 2008-2009, Ogilvie 2010-2011) emigrated with his family to Spain in 2012 and recently obtained his International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma from SEK International School in Madrid. He has been accepted and has commenced studying for a Bachelor in Engineering in Aerospace at the Florida Institute of Technology (FIT) in the United States, thanks to being awarded an academic scholarship as well as a Scout bursary. In



addition to his degree studies, he will earn his pilot's licence through the University and have the unique privilege of doing academic work in conjunction with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in Cape Canaveral. Jean-Eric has also joined the Old Red Eyes Rugby Club in Cocoa Beach, Florida, where he will continue having fun on the rugby field after obtaining his provincial rugby colours in Spain. He remains forever grateful for the wonderful education and incredible opportunities he was afforded at Bishops and looks forward to visiting the College in the near future to share his journey with his teachers and friends.



After leaving school, **Christian Banguli (2001)** went on to study at the Kogod School of Business in Washington DC where he obtained both his BSBA in Finance & Business IT and his MBA in Finance. He started a career in Financial

Services in the U.S. in 2004 where his foundations were put in place at Citibank. After three years of service he decided to broaden his experience by going international in 2007. His method of client management coupled with a broad Industry knowledge quickly saw his client base develop, and today he enjoys providing financial planning expertise to both private clients and large corporations, including Barclays Bank PLC, Baker Hughes, Emirates Airline, Etihad, Jumeirah Group, Nokia Siemens Networks, SAS, Brinks Global Services and CEMEX to name a few.

TIM FARRELL (1961), FRCO, ARCM

by **Nicky Bicket** (1973)

When, as a new boy in 1970, your present UK ODU Secretary decided to take music as one of his matric subjects, the instrument he chose was the organ. Almost immediately he was exposed to name of Tim Farrell.

Tim matriculated from Bishops in 1961 where he was an organ student of Claude Brown. Word on the music street was that Tim was a prodigy and by the time his feet could reach the pedals was already something of an organ legend.

While in his matric year, he received a scholarship to the Royal College of Music in London. After he'd finished there he was variously organist at St Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey and The Chapel Royal. (At The Abbey, he succeeded Simon Preston and preceded Stephen Cleobury, two giants of British choral music and organ playing).

In 1975, Tim was appointed organist at the Liberal Jewish Synagogue in St John's Wood, London (opposite the entrance to Lords Cricket Ground for those with a more sporting than music – or Jewish – bent). He's been there ever since.

So to an organ busker like me, being able to catch up with Tim recently was a very exciting moment. Tim was kind enough to give me tea at the Synagogue, showed me around the place and explained how the music worked

and how it is different to the Anglican tradition. Recklessly, he offered me the chance of trying out the large four-manual Copeman Hart which at full throttle, makes the Bishops Chapel organ sound very timid.

Meeting Tim was, for me, a circle closed. Hearing his stories of Bishops was delightful, peppered as they were with his wry and mischievous smile at memories from way back. His memories compared to my experiences showed how little had changed. Pretty much nothing really other than the fact the console has moved from midway down the side of the Memorial Chapel to the choir stalls and morphed from a ropey old console to one resplendent with “proper” drawstops. Evensong was, for both of us, every Sunday evening and the choir repertoire pretty much as it is today. Of course, what has changed at Bishops is the amazingly wide variety of music which is offered to the boys. Wonderfully, almost everyone is involved in music in some shape of form – very different to “those” days. We agreed that that is a very positive change.

Tim makes a weekly pilgrimage down from East Anglia, where he lives with his wife Jane,

to London to play the Friday and Saturday services. Without wishing to embarrass him, I can say that from observing him with the Synagogue staff, he is much loved and revered.

Not too dissimilar, I am told, to his days at Bishops.

Nicky Bicket



OD UNION SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to:

RUGBY

■ **Nizaam Carr (2009)**, **Oli Kebble (2009)**, **Dillyn Leyds (2010)** and **Johnny Kotze (2011)** (all Western Province) and **Tim Swiel (2011)** (Sharks) on being selected for their respective Currie Cup squads. **Tim Swiel** and **Wesley White** are both representing the Sharks at Junior Level at the moment, while **Johnny Kotze** is in the WP U21 squad.

■ **Roddy Grant (2002)** on representing Scotland in the 2014 Commonwealth Games Sevens.

■ **Martin Muller (2006)** on gaining a contract with French club Oyonnax RFC.

■ **Mathew Turner (2006)** on representing the English sevens squad in the European sevens series. He also participated in the Carton Cup Sevens event in Sri Lanka.

■ **Francois Louw (2003)** on his selection to the Springbok squad for the Rugby Championship.

HOCKEY

■ The WP U21s Hockey Team this year won the Interprovincials and there were a number of Bishops boys involved. The Bishops ODs in the team are **James Drummond (2012)**, **Sebastian Golding (2011)**, **Ryan Julius (2013)** and **Charlie Plimsoll (2011)**.

■ **Jean-Pierre De Voux (2004)** on representing TeamSouthAfrica at the 2014 Commonwealth Games. Pierre also made his 50th appearance at that event.

■ The following on being selected to Represent Western Province at the Mens IPT - **Jean-Pierre De Voux (2004)** (WP), **Callum Buchanan (2008)**, **Ryan Julius (2013)** and **Rob Edwards (2010)** (all WP Peninsula squad)

ATHLETICS

■ **Stephen Farrell (2000)** on ending 4th place in the Knysna Half Marathon.



Steven Farrell following his 4th place at the Knysna half Marathon.

CRICKET

■ **Christopher Cooke (2004)** on representing Glamorgan during the English domestic season.

■ **Craig Kieswetter (2005)** was a regular member of the Somerset team before he suffered a facial injury. The OD Union would like to wish him well in his recovery.

SAILING

Nick Leggatt (1984) took part on a Class40 yacht named Swish in the Sevenstar Round Britain and Ireland Race. In difficult conditions they broke the World Record for Monohulls 40 feet and less, by over 18 hours.



Brothers in arms: Ashley Clarke (2000), Morgan Newman (2003) and Daniel Clarke (2004) following the traditional derby – Villager v Hamiltons. (Photo by Action Pix Event Photography.)

Francois Louw in action for the Springboks.



Jean-Pierre de Voux (right) celebrating his 50th Cap at the Commonwealth Games.



Tim Swiel in Super Rugby Action for the Sharks.



Chris Cooke in domestic cricket action for Glamorgan.



Roddy Grant in Commonwealth Games action at Ibrox.



Western Province U21s celebrate.



Paul Pegg, Nick Legatt, Roderick Knowles and Ian Munslow on Swish.

MUSEUM & ARCHIVES

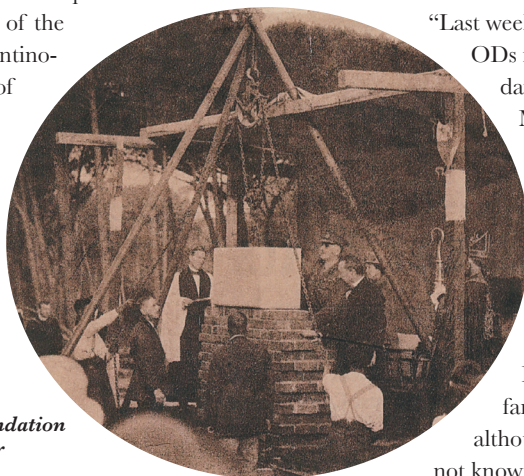
The decision was taken at the time of the tenure of the Principal at the time, Revd Harold Birt to build a chapel to seat 750. The present Memorial Chapel was consequently erected by Subscriptions, as a memorial to the war-dead Bishops boys who had gone on to fight pro fide et patria in WWI. His Excellency the Earl of Athlone at the time Governor-General of the Union of South Africa, laid the Foundation Stone on 10 June 1925. The Chapel was dedicate by His Grace Archbishop William Marlborough Carter on the Eve of All Saints, 31st October 1926. The War Memorial Bronze with its 110 names was unveiled on 6 November 1927 by Genl the Right Hon J C Smuts. The Sermon at the Dedication Service was preached by by Rev J C H Brooke (OD). The Architect was Mr C P Walgate and the Building Contractor Mr Joseph Rubbi. The plan and interior of the Chapel was based on the Church of the Theotokos at Constantinople (today Istanbul), of the 9th century AD. This was innovative as it saw the intersection of the basilica by transepts, thus creating a Nave, Crossing and Sanctuary, in which is the Balda-

The laying of the foundation stone of Bishops' War Memorial Chapel.

chin covering the Altar, an architectural feature dating back to the earliest years of the Church. There is nothing closely resembling this unique building and Bishops is highly fortunate to have it as its central building. On this day, 4 August, one hundred years ago, war was declared by Britain on Germany. 112 is the number of Bishops boys who went to fight in WWI, and who never returned. Dr Rodney Warwick of the History department at Bishops, delivered a talk in Chapel on 4 August 2014, explaining Bishops's role in the war and the response one day we as individuals, and collectively, might have to make, in the face of prospects, even of war.

Dr Paul Murray, History Department

EXTRACT FROM CHAPEL TALK delivered by Dr Rodney Warwick, History department, on 4 August 2014



"Last week I attended two ODs funerals: Wednesday's was that of James McGregor, a 69 years old philanthropist – someone who committed to devoting much personal time and money in the service of humanity. It was an impressive farewell to a good man, although I had personally not known James McGregor





Building the War Memorial Chapel, 1926.

and do not recall ever even speaking to him. On Friday it was Andrew Deacon's funeral, a 23 year old OD and the victim of an incurable illness. Now Andrew I had known; I had taught him matric history in 2009 and for several years he was part of my shooting squad. I worked out that the last funeral of an OD of Andrew's age, which I had attended, had been that of Duncan McWilliam five years earlier. Now what if I had been a Bishops teacher one century ago, at the time of the First World War? With 110 OD dead over four years, I would have been attending funerals like the above, for young men mostly in their late teens and early twenties, virtually every week, over four years and this in a school which back then fitted into the Brooke Chapel.

On this very day, 4 August 1914, 100 years



ago – one century ago, the British Empire went to war with Germany. A century ago yesterday France and Germany were already at war; these were some of the biggest belligerents in what we historically refer to as the First World War. This is a topic familiar to all of you because you covered it during grade 8 history. South Africa as a then member of the British Empire was at war too, and as most of you know, in 1927 this chapel was completed using funds donated by ODs, built in honour of the ODs who will died while serving in the military during those four years. They believed, as it was assumed in the 1920s, that

*General the
Right Honourable
J C Smuts unveiling the
War Memorial Bronze.*



Bishops Centenary Celebrations



**FIELD MARSHAL
J. C. SMUTS
proposes the
toast**

"And to all Schools and Universities grant the light of thy Spirit, that the world may be filled with the knowledge of thy Truth."

D. F. Malan, and from the Superintendent General of Education, Dr. de Vos Malan. There were more than 1,500 guests.

General Smuts's Toast

"Kelvin Grove," at Newlands, was the venue for the Old Diocesan Dinner on Friday, February 25th. The chair was taken by the Coadjutor-Bishop of Cape Town, and 420 Old Diocesans, many of whom had travelled considerable distances in order to be present, sat down to dinner. The toast of "Bishops" was proposed by Field-Marshal the Right Honourable J. C. Smuts, who spoke of the great contribution the school had made to the life of the country. He referred in particular to the school's proud war effort, and stressed the importance of men with a sane and fair outlook in the future destiny of South Africa. He received a tremendous ovation both before and after his speech, and again when the time arrived for him to leave the hall.

Mr. H. J. Kidd, the Principal, replied to the toast in a brilliant speech which made reference to some of the more important developments, particularly of the past 25 years. He showed how the school aimed at training boys to become not only good citizens of South Africa, but conscious of an even higher loyalty to the City of God. The toast of "Our Sister Schools" was proposed in an apt and witty speech by the Archbishop of Cape Town, Visitor of the College. Mr. Leonard Thompson, in replying, said that he was proud to share with General Smuts the letters O.M. after his name, though in his own case these referred to the fact that he had been at Michaelhouse. Sir Alfred Hennessey had no very difficult task in proposing the toast of the "O.D. Union," which now numbers over 2,200 members on its roll. Advocate

Frank Reid, whose work as Secretary of the Union has been inestimable, ably replied to the toast.

Saturday, February 26th, was the day set aside for the Centenary Fête, which was opened by Mr. A. B. Macdonald. The Fête realised the phenomenal sum of approximately £8,000, which brought the total of the Centenary Fund up to £122,000, and still growing.

Service of Thanksgiving

And so came Sunday, when the large chapel of the School was to prove much too small to accommodate all those who wished to join in the great services of thanksgiving. In the morning the Archbishop was celebrant at the Holy Communion service, and he came again in the evening to preach at Evensong. The chapel had been filled in every corner with additional seating, and outside the West door the service was relayed to those who were unable to obtain admission. The old chapel, now the School library, was used as the Vestry, from which the procession made its way on the stroke of six o'clock to the great Byzantine chapel to build as a memorial to those O.D.'s who gave their lives in the 1914-18 War. Behind the choir in the procession walked two Old Diocesan Clergy (the Rev. A. G. le Sueur and the Rev. Foster van der Byl), then the Rectors of St. Paul's and St. Thomas, Rondebosch (the Rev. C. H. S. Runge and the Rev. A. R. Hampson), Canon R. H. C. Birt, formerly Principal of the College, Canon J. C. H. Brooke, O.D., Archdeacon F. L. Sugget, the Very Rev. Michael Gibbs, Dean of Cape Town, two Canons of St. George's Cathedral (Canon H. Earp-Jones, O.D., and Canon W. G. Webster), the Coadjutor Bishop of Cape Town with his Chaplain, the Bishop of Damaraland (the only O.D. Bishop, who had come to the Cape especially for the centenary) and the Archbishop, preceded by the Primal Cross and attended by two Chaplains. Evensong was sung by the Assistant-Chaplain of the College, the Rev. Geoffrey Turle, and both lessons were read by the Principal, Mr. H. J. Kidd. All the music for the service was most beautifully rendered, and the choir achieved that standard which places music high among the cultural attainments of the school. In his sermon the Archbishop, in expounding the Christian doctrine of man, showed the immense importance of education conducted under the auspices of the Church. At the conclusion of the service the Te Deum was sung to a fine setting specially composed for the occasion by John Joubert, an Old Diocesan at present studying in London. And so with hearts and minds directed towards God, in thanksgiving for the past and with resolution for the future, Bishops goes forward to the second century of its life infused with true zeal and blessed with great tradition.

great-grand parents or your great-great grandparents' period – at least five to six generations have passed.

We can read and try to understand the history, but for you teenagers it is very far way. How can we bring the memory closer and why?

You are all proud of your school and it is worth knowing some significant WW1 details: Like that of all South African schools of the time, Bishops and Maritzburg College had the most former pupils serving in South African and British Empire forces. Bishops however had the most war dead of any other South African school: 110. Still these events stand at such a great distance. We could try and close the gap with intellectual explanations. We could refer to the impact of the First World War during the subsequent decades. Few historians would disagree with what were the unpredictable

this conflict had been the "War to end all wars" – the "Great War".

The carnage of 17 million people dead in one conflict was then unprecedented in world history.

There could never be another like it. But for you guys and all of us, living so long after the Great War, we know that hope was in vain. World War One was your

consequences of the war: The beginning of the dissolution of European Empires, the temporary retreat of faith in liberal democracy and the free market; the Russian Revolution and thereafter Stalinism; the rise of Nazism, World War Two, the Cold War and its consequences; so we could go on. Historically the First World War centenary is a very, very important anniversary.