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# OLD DIOCESANS UNION



*Caelim Parkes (1990O), James Deane (1990B), Choppy Bands (1990K), Haydn Hammond (1990B), Nicholas Ackerman (2004S), Francis Elliot (1996F). For the full story please read the UK Branch Report.*

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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

**O**n the 13th August President Raymond Ackerman opened the Mitre. Much of what he said in his opening address is contained in this article. The building was blessed by the Bishop of Cape Town, Bishop Garth Counsell who is a member of Council and the father of two ODs. The event was attended by members of the Committee and their spouses, Vice-Presidents of the OD Union and their spouses, members of Council and their spouses, the School Executive and the many individuals involved in the project.

The Mitre is the combined efforts of many volunteers in what has been the biggest project

the OD Union has been involved in for many years, if not the biggest ever – it has also been one of the most exciting – and finally after 166 years, we have a home of which we can be proud.

Five years ago in 2010, the finance sub-committee proposed that we make a significant contribution to the school in the form of a building or bursaries. This was as a result of us being “too efficient at managing our finances” and thereby putting our non-profit status at risk. At the time we were looking to refurbish our existing offices. To the committee it seemed logical to combine the two initiatives and build a custom made office for the OD Union whilst giving the school a valuable asset. We did realise that it would be a bold project and one that would demand time and energy from committee members.

At the time, in an attempt to convince members of the committee, I quoted American architect Daniel Burnham, “Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men’s blood; and probably themselves will not be realised. Make big plans; aim high in hope and work remembering that a noble, logical diagram once recorded will not die, but long after we are gone be a living thing, asserting itself with ever-growing insistence. Remember that our sons and grandsons are going to do good things that would stagger us. Let your watchword be order and your beacon beauty.”

We can all be proud of the way these men threw themselves into the task, the fruits of which are now visible as you enter



*The Mitre at night*



***Martin Versfeld (1977S), Douglas Green (1947O),  
Robyn Versfeld, Brian Barends (1945S)***

Bishops, and which will be seen for many generations to come. Bruce Jack and his young son were driving down the Avenue the day the Mitre opened. He asked, “Dad what is that?” Bruce replied, “that is the home of the OD Union”, “I can’t wait to be an OD” came the reply. This leads me to believe that we have achieved our objective to create a welcoming home for ODs and future ODs.

Prior to briefing Luke Scott, we travelled to a number of similar school’s alumni offices. In my personal capacity I travelled to many of the great schools in the UK as part of a cricket tour. We combined our thoughts, sent a survey to ODs, and circulated them amongst the committee before project manager Phil Calothi briefed Luke Scott.

In the brief we made it clear that we wanted a building that was functional, suiting our requirements, aesthetically pleasing and welcoming to all ODs. We wished to preserve our heritage in a contemporary manner using the latest most appropriate materials. We wanted to invite the school into the building looking outward and embracing one of the world’s great natural wonders. Much of the Bishops architecture is based on the cold

climes of England and is inward looking and protective, very few look onto the mountain, we wanted the mountain to be as much a part of this building as it is to every Bishops boy who has ever spent a long summer afternoon dozing at fine-leg or OD and parent who has spent a winters morning sipping coffee from a steaming polystyrene cup in the shadow of this magnificent mountain.

Furthermore it needed to be sensitive too and line-up with the other buildings on the campus in no way detracting from them. The golden mean (Fibonacci Spiral) gives a pleasing proportion to the building, and with a slight offset lines-up Devils Peak, the Founders Clock tower, and the School House bell-towers.

Mark Thomas OD and architect described the building to me as follows, “as the first building on campus, it indicates to all that



***Standing: Craig Watson (1979S), Guy Lanfear  
(1979O) Sitting: David Burton (1979G),  
Brian Robertson (1979W), Simon Peile (1979F)***



*John Gardener (1948G), Brian Robertson (1979W)*



*Bishop Garth Counsell*



*Raymond Ackerman (1948S), Tim Hamilton-Smith (staff)*



*Back: Luke Scott (1990G), Mica Naumann, Morne de Villiers. Front: Paul Murray (staff), Phil Calothi (1968W), Jonathan Holtman, Gavin Smith*

enter that our old boys are both sensitive to their heritage yet open minded, progressively looking towards a bright future bravely”.

For Luke to have achieved this is no mean architectural feat and we are indebted to him for this fine structure. But what of the interior?

The 15th century Venetian architect Palladio said architecture has a clear purpose “to make us all better people”. It must encourage good states of minds in ourselves and others. It must help us with three virtues:

**Calm:** it must be centred, balanced and symmetrical. The walls must be plain and simple without too much furniture. The serenity of the space is designed to calm us down, not to surprise and excite, they invite us to focus and concentrate being less distracted.

**Harmony:** every element of the building must fit perfectly with every other element. A fine building must appear as an entire perfect body creating comfort and stability to our disordered lives.

**Dignity:** it must be aware of its surroundings and compliment them.

What better assistance could we have had than an OD Chris Weylandt CA, regarded as one of South Africa’s foremost interior decorators who helped merge the past, the present and encouraged us to welcome the future with optimism?

Thank you to all who have been involved in the project. Thank you for helping us endow both Bishops and her old boys with a truly remarkable home – The Mitre.

*Brian Robertson, Chairman*

# UK BRANCH REPORT

On Friday 5th June, just under 100 ODs (with seventy years separating our oldest and youngest OD present) were delighted to welcome to the annual UK OD Dinner, wives and partners and especially Jane Everard, former President of the Old Haileyburian Society and her husband Doug (also an Old Haileyburian). A special welcome was extended to Jim Pettit, the deputy head of the Rondebosch Boys High School UK Old Boys'



*Trevor Torrington (1978S), Malcolm Brown (1978G), Tom Baigrie (1978F), Chris Anderson (1978F)*



*Gareth Penny (1980F)*

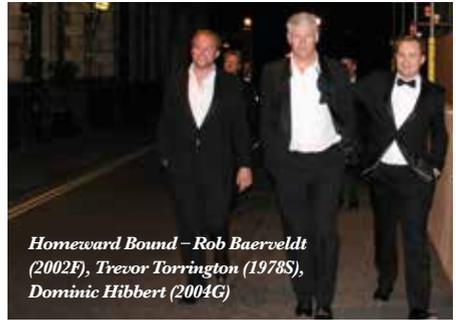


*Guy Whitfield (2010F), Nick Boswell (2010S), George Hutchins (2009W), Rob Johnston (2010G)*

Union and his wife Jane.

We also extended a special welcome to our guest of honour and speaker, Gareth Penny (1980F) and Brian Robertson (ODU Chairman) who had made the trip from Cape Town to be with us. Special mention was made of our lady-OD-in-her-own-right, Katie Hofman (1981G).

Once again we were in the wonderful RAF Club, Piccadilly through the kind auspices of John



*Homeward Bound – Rob Baerveldt (2002F), Trevor Torrington (1978S), Dominic Hibbert (2004G)*



*John Fairweather (1948G), Bruce McKenzie (1943F)*



*Haydn Hammond (1990B), Nicholas Ackerman (2004S), Ian Currie (2005F)*



*James Johnston (2012G), Richard Montgomery (1976F), Rob Johnston (2010G), Nicky Bicket (1973F)*

Fairweather (1948G).

Matthew Golesworthy (2011K), Organ Scholar at Trinity College Oxford said the Trinity Grace (in Latin!) to commence the dinner and Chaaba Jangulo (2012W) who has just completed his Masters at St Andrews proposed the toast to Bishops.

Brian updated us on the developments at Bishops and the ODU. Gareth spoke passionately on the need for the School to accommodate the growing demand for entrepreneurial skills to be included in the curriculum to recognise the shift away from traditional corporate jobs to those where individuals would be relying much more on personal resilience and initiative.

The dinner was a great success and old and new relationships were rekindled and formed respectively and networks strengthened.

Wednesday 1st July was the opening day of the Royal Henley Regatta. Although at the last minute slightly reduced in number, we more than made up with Pimms, lunch and racing. Rob Johnston (2010G) had ensured ODs and wives entry into the legendary Leander Club (where he's a member and rower) which provided a fabulous platform for pre- and post-lunch drinks

and for the rich and famous to rub shoulders with us. We were very pleased to be joined by Rob's younger brother James (2012G) who was over with his Harvard rowing team to train for some European competitions. Through Nick Heesom (1961W) we were also invited to a function given by the Master of Trinity Hall Cambridge who is very keen to build ties with Bishops, especially Bishops' rowers. Also there was Kate Grose, former TH student and GB Olympic rower who with Nick had arranged this rendezvous.

Considered one of the toughest courses in England, the Royal Ashdown Forest Golf Course (Old Course) is not for the faint hearted. Undaunted by its reputation, our golfing warriors teed off there against the Old Tonbridgians on Sunday 12th July and acquitted themselves rather well. Under the inspiring leadership of Alex Price (2008M), Robert Simpson (1968S), Zandy MacDonald (2007F), Doug Mallett (2007M), Greg Baldwin (1975O) and Steve Suckling (1976F), took on the cream of Tonbridge School Old Boys. A barnstorming morning round in which the ODs came out well on top was followed by a prematurely celebratory lunch which somewhat took the edge off the afternoon's



**Marching as to war. Top - Alex Price, Tony Monteuuis (OT), Ali Taylor (OT), Robert Simpson Bottom Greg Baldwin, David Walsh (OT), Fraser Yarnold (OT) and Zandy MacDonald.**

play. The OTs were allowed back in the game and narrowly emerged as worthy winners 4½-3½.

In a short thank-you speech during lunch at which he presented the OTs with a copy of Richie Ryall's *A Brush with Bishops*, Alex, on behalf of the team, expressed his appreciation to the OTs and in particular, David Walsh (former Second Master of Tonbridge, and a great friend of Bishops and now Chairman of the OTs) and Tony Montuuis (the OT Golf secretary) for a wonderful day of friendship and fun. And the ODU thanks the OD golfers who turned out and in especially to Alex who worked so hard to bring this event to fruition.

The UK OD Mentorship Program is gathering momentum and has now been "advertised" to the ODs at large. If you would like to offer yourself as a mentor please e-mail [nbicket@katala.co.uk](mailto:nbicket@katala.co.uk) or if you would like to take advantage of some mentoring.

The Clerkenwell Priory was set up just outside the City of London over 900 years ago as the English headquarters of the Order of St John.



**Zandy MacDonald, Doug Mallett, Alex Price, Steve Suckling, Greg Baldwin, Robert Simpson.**

The Order itself was established to care for the sick pilgrims on their return from Jerusalem in the 11th century. Today the Order is famous for its modern-day role with St John Ambulance, the international first aid charity. The Museum of the Order of St John houses the Order's long and venerable history and also provided the beautiful and stylish venue for Simply Blue, Bishops' a cappella choir who themselves were returning from a highly successful (and less dangerous) pilgrimage to the Edinburgh Festival.

On Friday 14th August, the UK ODs were delighted to be able to host the families and friends of the choir and in particular the staff, music and pastoral, who made up the touring party. We experienced first-hand why the choir is so highly regarded around the world, not just for its astonishing musical ability, but for the charming and intelligent way in which it engages the audience.

The concert was preceded by drinks and canapés in the Museum Galleries where our guests were able to wander through the exhibits and exhibitions which includes Caravaggio's 1594 "The Cardsharps" - insured for a paltry £10m.

The UK ODU would like to thank Stephen Carletti, Marion Bradley, Rosemary Wilke and Simply Blue for a memorable and enchanting evening. And to all the parents for the support and encouragement they give to the choir and to the championing of Bishops.



*Simply Blue Concert in the UK*

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

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*Wednesday, 9th March 2016*

*OD Union Dinner*

The OD annual dinner next year will take place on Wednesday 9th March at Kelvin Grove with Guest Speaker **Guy Pearson** (Principal).

*Thursday 10th December*

**ODU Christmas Drinks** (venue to be advised)

## NEWS OF ODs



*L to R: Peter McMorland (1964F), Wayne Tucker (staff), Terry O'Donovan, Dalene Swanson (1996 staff), Mitchell Christy (Grade 11 2015), Graeme Irvine (Matric 2015), Jordan van Tonder (Matric 2015) and Robert Murray (1968S)*

### NEWS FROM EDINBURGH

There was a full-on invasion of Edinburgh's Grassmarket Quarter by a highly talented crowd of Bishops Boys. The street singing by Simply Blue was an excellent idea - standing in the crowd I could see the onlookers thoroughly enjoying themselves and quite a few of them turned up later at the show.

For those who have not been to the Edinburgh Fringe, just check Wikipedia: "The world's largest arts festival, spanning 25 days and featuring over 3,193 shows from 51 countries in 299 venues". For outsiders, this makes the fringe difficult to break into. There is just so much choice, and so many well known local acts with big names, that you

really have to have something different and outstanding to attract attention.

Herman Charles Bosman is quintessentially South African. Even as a lifelong fan of Bosman, I find it difficult living in Scotland to relate his stories to locals - you need to know the people and mores of all South Africans to appreciate his wit, language, and incisive thinking. I was pleasantly surprised, therefore, to find that the way Cold Stone Jugg was presented was easily understood by all. Even the few Afrikaans words and lines were obvious by their context, and the moments of wit generated a good volume of audience laughter - the ultimate test.

I have always admired Bosman for his



*From left, Robert Murray (1968S), Carol Steyn, Peter McMorland (1964F), Dalene Swanson (1996 staff), Terry O'Donovan, and Conrad Steyn. (Only 3 actual Scottish ODs)*

dispassionate and engaging description of prison life. Never does he try to get your sympathy - unlike the modern day prison diarist Lord Archer. And the Bishops Boys' portrayal of Bosman's experiences certainly captured the audience's attention - without dragging out sympathy. We laughed with them, and at life, in only the way that Bosman could have created.

The same evening we were back for Simply Blue, the greatest example of collegiate *a capella* around. After a preview in Grassmarket, outside the performance venue, they put on a superbly talented show of tremendous variety. Glancing around the audience, I could see that we had a good spread of all age groups, so the oldies from the sixties went down just as well as the more modern numbers. There is something about the pure voices of an a capella choir that creates an intimacy between performers and audience - with no instrument sounds getting in the way. Well done chaps - Bishops pride shone that night!

I had emails of regrets and good wishes from Dr Tim Rideout, Cdr Chris Hunneyball,

Joe Carson, The Rev Michael Bands, and David Bowie.

Thanks for all that went into getting to Edinburgh - and haste ye back!

Best wishes

*Robert Murray (1968S)*



### **Robin Cox (1972G)**

Robin Cox was awarded an Australian Council for Educational Leaders (Queensland) Honorary Branch Fellowship for 2015.

The award aims to recognise Queensland educational leaders, who are not ACEL members, but who are acknowledged as outstanding leaders in practice and/or theory of educational leadership. Robin writes "I regard myself as one who works quietly in the background, so this Award came as a bit of a surprise. When I attended the Award Ceremony, I decided to wear my 'special' OD tie made for our 25th Class reunion in 1996, as a way of identifying Bishops and the impact of the School on my life, most especially many wonderful Staff who shaped, refined, encouraged and mentored me both when I was a student and then for the couple of years I taught at the School. They will never be forgotten and I see this Award as a tribute to those special people, too many to mention."



### **Alan Ramsay (1960F)**

Royal Cape Marshalls Alan Ramsay and Grant Nupen (staff) marshalled the 7<sup>th</sup> Hole at the Open Championships at St. Andrews on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July.

### **David Cross (1989O)**

David Cross wrote in to tell us of the superb service and incredible warmth he received at the South African Embassy in Lisbon. What really makes the story worthwhile was that while chatting with the ambassador, it turned out that she was in fact a former Bishops parent.

“20th May 2015

For the last few days I have been in two minds about emailing you after suffering a misfortune abroad, which resulted in a story of some entertainment value. Not to bore you with the details but the keel fell off my yacht off the Moroccan coast and after a short desperate



attempt to save the vessel it sank. I was forced to call the Spanish NSRI equivalent, who were outstanding. (Well apart from accidentally sinking my boat they were great, but that could have happened to anyone. And to be frank, by then it was pretty determined to sink itself.)

Spanish rescue services are excellent. (On a previous occasion I was given ride in two ambulances and was fussed over by a gaggle of charming student nurses).

Melilla is a Spanish enclave, but geographically part of mainland Morocco (hence a nasty altercation with a Moroccan gunboat as we waited for several hours for my boat to finally sink after capsizing, sans keel).

Since Spain closes on the weekends I was a guest of the Spanish Maritime Social Services, who gave me clothes, toothbrush, etc, a large, clean hotel room (shipwreck survivors tend towards claustrophobia) three square meals a day and tons of kindness.

My rescuers personally escorted me around town to hunt down various official documents to enable me to travel home and people kept wanting to offer me cash and feed me.

Like many ODs I have dual citizenship that facilitates travelling within the EU. I was quick to contact the nearest consulate and an official was very helpful.

For me the quickest, cheapest trip home from



*David Cross (19890) and  
South African Embassy  
staff in Lisbon.*

Melilla was via Madrid, Lisbon and Dubai. This other consulate had kindly printed a document in Spanish. It looked pretty good to me.

At Lisbon airport my luck came undone. Although Emirates did their utmost to get me on the aircraft, and with nine minutes to board (please remember that Lisbon's security checks are very possibly the slowest and most thorough in Europe, so allow an extra 30 minutes there, plus an extra twenty minutes for the slowest baggage handling machinery in the developed world) a particular customs officer denied me access, not the slightest bit impressed with my various photocopies, my official letters nor my heart-warming story of gutsy determination and ineptitude. (Nor of course my crusty scruffiness, the OD tie having gone down with the boat.)

Not wanting to lose my penknife I had had to book my small bag into the hold. The bag was sent to Lost and Found. Without a valid passport I was denied access to my Sea Rescue issued tooth brush, t-shirt, change of underwear, etc.

So suddenly unexpectedly in a foreign city in the shorts and the ugly shirt I had been

shipwrecked in (and sea rescue issued sandals) with only the cash gift from a paramedic in my pocket I headed across the city to an embassy I assumed would be sympathetic to some degree.

At three minutes to four the embassy was closed to the public, but one of the security officers, an extremely large, fit and intelligent individual, clearly a former senior NCO, was empathetic to my plight. Once inside I had my first drink of water in nine hours. (There had been no time, and I hate paying for water on short flights).

This other embassy gave me water and helped me make a phone call, but that was about it. I had been wrong to assume a cup of tea and a biscuit.

So after swiping one of their cheap ballpoint pens (they evidently don't stock better ones because lowlife citizens steal them) I was out the door.

On the other hand a South African Embassy official was at home cooking supper for her family when I called their emergency number. She was very sympathetic and made a number



*L to R: Les Masterson (1963O), Richard von Hoesslin (1964S), Colin Boyes (1965G), Paul de Wet (1964S), Peter Berry (1964W), Stephen de Wet (1964W), John Brimble (1965F), Rohan Vos (1964S), Derek Stuart-Findlay (1964O), John Smuts (1969S), Tony de Smidt (1964O), Derek Wollaston (1964O). Hoogie van Hoogstraten (1964F) also attended but missed the photo-op.*

of calls that night and a few hours later she was exchanging WhatsApp messages with my family.

South African Embassy staff were at work by 8am and happy to let me in the door. Two further officials were waiting to help. By lunchtime I had my emergency passport and had received immeasurable warmth and kindness. At least twelve staff members stepped in to help me. Where else do you get a sincere hug from your ambassador? There was a bun fight over who was going to buy me lunch. The South African Lisbon Embassy staff made it clear that until my problems were resolved, they would look after me, up until the moment they escort me to the airport and see me onto a plane home.

Please if anyone finds a small yacht three miles off the Moroccan coast, about sixty metres down with a Proteas cricket hat, OD tie, about twelve cold beers, one bottle whisky, one bottle rum with a blue stripe down the side, its mine. Thanks.”

### **ODs FROM 1960's VISIT THE MITRE**

ODs who left Bishops in the 1960s met for lunch at the Mitre. They were all most impressed with the new home for ODs. They remarked that the setting and the panoramic views are indeed spectacular.

#### **Dr Tim Rideout (1978W)**

The picture below is of what ended up being a 75% OD hike up Waaihoek ascent and down the Witels River in March/April this year.

As in the event none of my teenage nieces and nephews (for whom I originally managed to get the booking after trying for the past two years) came along so in order to fulfil my late brother's wish of taking his children I will have to arrange another. Trying for the Dec / January school holidays has been impossible as UCT only allow a little over 300 people per year access, but the eldest finishes school this year so it will become easier to get a date they can make.

Anyway, if I do another trip I will invite the



***William Dicey (1988F), Prof Bob Baigrie (1974F),  
Dr Tim Rideout (1978W), Mark Fairbairn***

group I used to go with many times between 1979 and 1984, pretty much all of whom were from the 1978 Matric year. Sean McGovern (1978W) used to be chief organiser, but could not make it this time. He is also in Edinburgh, but with the Tibetan Buddhist community.

We all had a great time with fantastic warm weather; every day was around 30 degrees by early afternoon, the water nice and warm and the sky a deep cloudless blue. Folk may remember that Nick Penny (1978F) died in my favourite river because he went in May without a permit and in violation of the winter closure, got trapped by heavy rain and drowned trying to get through the resulting rapids. He and I used to fight it out over the Geography prize each year. For anyone interested the Witels upper gorge is a good example of stream rejuvenation, complete with nick point in the shape of the Barrier Falls. This was brought

about by the middle river breaking through the hard Nardouw quartz arenite (sandstone) into the much softer Cederberg Shale / Pakhuis Tillite, thus bringing on some rapid down cutting and this then extending up the normal V shape upper kloof to create the present 100m deep gorge. I was always paying attention in Trader Hunt and then Tim Hamilton Smith's classes! Never, though, the slightest bit interested in cricket, rugby or hockey, and in fact I devised a method of dodging rugby and hockey totally for my entire 3 ½ years. I started in August 1975 and when it came to selecting sport nobody explained the rules about 'Major' and 'Minor' sports to me. So when I first got presented with a list and told to choose, I picked the least offensive for the winter (running). Four days later or so I got it back saying this was invalid as I had to have either rugby or hockey because I had only picked a minor sport. However by then the staff had all been allocated their teams and I fell through the cracks of the admin office. Worked like a treat every year after that!

One thing that does please me is that my father (John Rideout) started the Bishop's Rowing Club in 1976 and if he were still alive, he would be very pleased and proud that it has gone from strength to strength. Also that his grandson, my nephew Andrew McAdam, is now doing so well in the Under 16 Four and Eight. When my father asked Mallett if he could start a rowing team (because he wanted me to do a sport and realised I was never ever going to do things like rugby), the answer was yes, but as long as it didn't cost the school a cent! At least to 1979 it didn't as all the costs were paid either by my father, or the parents (e.g. as an extra transport cost for getting to Zeekoevlei). I am not sure John Rideout has had the credit and appreciation he should have had as without his efforts there would almost certainly be no rowing club.

**Team Libromat**  
 (Nicholas Dowdall  
 second from right)



## **BISHOPS RHODES SCHOLAR REACHES FINALS IN THE HULT PRIZE COMPETITION**

Nicholas Dowdall (2008G) was elected as the Bishops Rhodes Scholar for 2014, and is presently in the process of completing his M.Sc. at Oxford University prior to embarking on his D. Phil degree there. Nicholas spent a year in South America after leaving school, studying Spanish at the University of Buenos Aires for three months and then travelling and working in different countries in South America to consolidate his spoken Spanish. In 2010 he began a B. Soc. Sci degree with majors in Spanish, Psychology and Economics, graduating with distinction in Spanish, Psychology and the degree overall. In 2014 he completed his Honours degree in Psychology, being awarded the Class Medal and the J. G. Taylor Award for the top research project, before beginning at Oxford in the field of Social Policy and Intervention in October 2014.

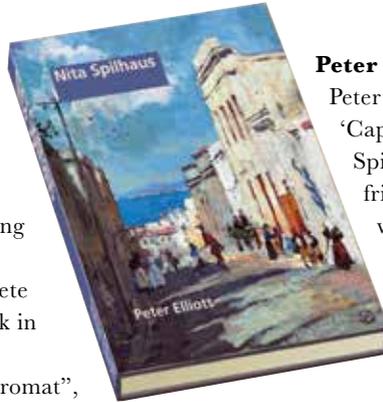
Nicholas also decided to enter the Hult Prize Competition late in 2014, eventually putting together a team of five Rhodes and Chevening Scholars and submitting a proposal based on research in early childhood education that he is doing for his M.Sc. and D.Phil degrees.

The Hult Prize is awarded by Hult International Business School in Boston, USA, in collaboration with the Clinton Global Initiative. The Hult Prize is the world's foremost and largest student competition for social good - an annual, year-long competition for MBA or other postgraduate students, open to students in universities across the world to present an entrepreneurial approach to a social problem. The prize, awarded by President Bill Clinton, is a million US dollars in start-up capital. It is intended to focus the minds of creative and socially concerned students on different social problems each year. This year the topic is "Early childhood education" particularly in situations of

poverty. Over 20,000 teams applied from different universities this year, progressing through local and regional selections leading up to the six regional winners, who will compete in the finals in New York in 2015.

Nicholas's team, "Libromat", proposed a strategy of using Laundromats in township settings to train mothers in "dialogic book sharing" with toddlers, developing foundations and positive attitudes for the development of literacy. They won the Oxford bid for the Hult Prize, and by February 2015 had won the London regional round (which includes the UK, Europe and Africa) to go on as one of the six teams competing in the finals. These six teams have just completed an "accelerator" training of six weeks at Hult University in Boston, and are now preparing for the finals of the competition in late September in New York.

Nicholas said, "It has been incredibly stimulating to progress through the rounds and go through the accelerator program, but it hasn't been easy. Many of us in the Oxford team have had to balance completing their dissertations with the Hult Prize work. My hand-in date for my M.Sc. thesis was the same day that the accelerator finished. We were involved in the accelerator program during the day, and on weekends and evenings I was writing up my thesis." His feeling was that regardless of the final outcome, progressing this far with all of the experience and exposure involved was a huge learning experience.



### **Peter Elliott (1967W)**

Peter Elliott is launching his book 'Cape Impressionist artist Nita Spilhaus and her circle of artist friends in the Cape.' There will be a related exhibition held in the Cape at Sanlam Art Gallery, Bellville, 8 September to 23 October 2015. The exhibition will include about 60 works

drawn from the Sanlam Art Collection itself, museums across South Africa, and from private collectors in the Cape, including works from Prowse, Wenning, Naude, Kottler, Zerffi and Caldecott. Peter would like to offer ODs a lunchtime walkabout on 10 September. Anyone wishing to attend the walkabout can email Peter Elliott at: [peter.m.elliott@btinternet.com](mailto:peter.m.elliott@btinternet.com)



### **Philip "Taffy" Lloyd (1953O)**

Philip "Taffy" Lloyd was appointed to the Ministerial Advisory Council on Energy. He is off to Delhi for the

Academy of Engineers to talk about the technical possibilities of transiting to a lower carbon world. Then off to Ghana with the International Standards Organisation whom he is helping draw up a standard for clean biofuel stoves.



*Nick Leggatt receiving the prize for first overall in Classic Class Zero on behalf of the owner and crew of Wings from HRH Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex, at the end of the 200th anniversary regatta of the Royal Yacht Squadron.*

### **Nick Leggatt (1984B)**

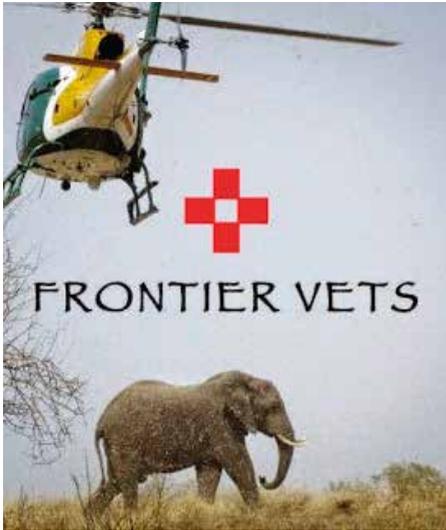
On 1st June 2015 the Royal Yacht Squadron, based in Cowes on the Isle of Wight, celebrated the bicentenary of its founding in 1815. Celebrations included a review of the RYS fleet by Prince Philip as Admiral of the Royal Yacht Squadron, as well as a three day intra club regatta. Nick Leggatt helmed the 1937 12 metre yacht “Wings” to victory in the Classic Class.

### **Robert Slingsby (1973F)**

Robert Slingsby will be exhibiting drawings at the Royal College of Art, London from the 8th – 13th October inclusive. The show titled ‘I am’, depicts Kara and Mursi people of the Omo Valley in Southern Ethiopia. Robert writes “‘I am’ is not about me, but represents my relationship with the tribes.

Through this relationship, the quality of his photographs and as a result the art, speak for themselves.” The tribes in the Southern Omo Valley are recognised for their body art, body piercing and scarification. Robert felt compelled to meet these people who take time each day to decorate their bodies, as the iconography they use is similar to rock engravings; which has been a lifelong obsession of his. The Kara and Mursi tribes are considered to be on the brink of cultural obsolescence. By focusing on their creative contribution, Robert invites one to consider how these remote communities, can reconcile much needed development while conserving their traditions and cultural legacy. Robert’s art is passionately involved in the voice of the marginalised communities, whose cultural legacy is struggling to resist the modern colonization by Anthropocene man. Robert welcomes OD’s to join him at the opening with guest speaker Sir Richard Demarco. He can be contacted at [slingsby@slingsby.co.za](mailto:slingsby@slingsby.co.za) for further details

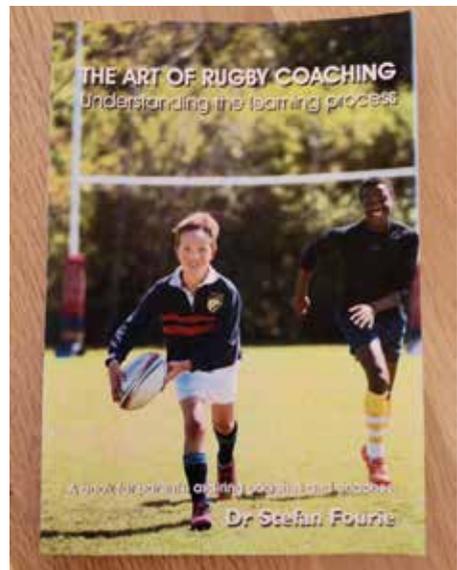




### **Jonty Acton (1991F)**

LFS graduate Jonty Acton has sold his new international 13-part TV series which he created, produced and directed called Frontier Vets. Frontier Vets will follow the journey of 8 final year vet students from around the world, unknown to each other, who embark on a life changing journey of professional and personal self-discovery over 4 weeks as they take on the responsibility of running an animal clinic in a remote community surrounded by the Kruger National Park in Africa. The idea was initiated by Dr Greg Simpson (1991W), who is a veterinarian who runs a remote vet training clinic on the border of the Kruger Park. Greg approached Jonty about the potential for a TV series based on the clinic and the students who run it. They developed it together and Jonty directed it. With no practical experience this international group of vet-students will leave the safety of their university behind to manage animals of the African frontier. So far it has been sold to Spain, Thailand and Brunei.

There are negotiations with SABC 3 and it should be shown on local TV near the end of this year. The idea behind making the series was to expose South Africans to vet science as a profession in the hope of attracting young people into the profession. Jonty writes “The ODs from our year really got behind the project. Two of our main investors, Ryan Bluck (1991W) and Damon Crowhurst (1991F), along with Dr Greg Simpson, provided a lot of the finance and we ran a crowd-funding campaign. It began sluggishly, but thanks to Anton de Waal (1991O), we had reached our target within two days. The OD’s from our year really gave generously, and it gave us momentum at a point in the process when we really needed it. Thank you.”



### **Dr Stefan Fourie (1986K)**

Dr Stefan Fourie recently released his new book “The art of rugby coaching - understanding the learning process”. The

book is published by LV Com Publishing and promotes a more balanced perspective to rugby at a schools and university level, in linking coaching to learning.

The book acknowledges the Bishops rugby philosophy, and draws perspectives from Professor **Tim Noakes (1966W)** and **Basil Bey (staff)**. The book is also dedicated to **Basil Bey** who coached the Bishops 1st XV from 1972 to 1998.

### **Richard von Hoesslin (1964S)**

Richard von Hoesslin was elected as President of the Groot Drakenstein Games Club: Bishops has had a very long relationship with the Groot Drakenstein Games Club (Groot Drak) dating back to the early 20th century. The most prominent OD was Jack Manning who, as General Manager of the then Rhodes Fruit Farms, now Boschendal Estate, was a cricketer, groundsman, club captain, chairman, president and patron. During his reign the Bishops Prep cricket under 13 leavers and masters played the Club annually at the end of the fourth term, and most recently against Groot Drak's Fathers and sons. This game after 66 years is still the longest standing game played enthusiastically by Groot Drak. The College Stags have regularly played against Groot Drak too. At the Club's AGM on 21st June 2015, another OD representing a five generation lineage of OD's starting with Richard Brooke (1932F), Principal from 1888 to 1902, has been elected the new President of Groot Drak. Richard von Hoesslin was Chairman during an exciting period of the Club's life encompassing its centenary in 1995. After standing down from the committee after 25 years, Richard

was elected as a Trustee, which he still holds; thus maintaining a strong link created over the past 120 years with Bishops. At the same AGM **Robert Frater (1992F)** was elected as a committee member.



*Fourie Pieterse adjudicator Graham von Hoesslin (1995S)  
Doreen Aukamp SALI Chairlady*

### **Graham von Hoesslin (1995S)**

Graham von Hoesslin was awarded Golds by SALI: At the recent SAGIC (SA Green Industries Council) convention at Monkey Valley, Noordhoek. Graham, on behalf of his business, GvH Landscapes, received three GOLD Awards from SALI (SA Landscapers Institute) for work done in Plettenberg Bay, namely House Dippenaar and House Ross for Landscape and Turf Maintenance, and House Ross for Landscape Construction with In-House Design. Graham recently visited the Principals' office and was pleasantly surprised to see one of Graham's Matric paintings, still hanging in the reception area. This, together with his Great-Great Grandfather's picture (Richard Brooke) as Principal of Bishops hanging opposite it, amongst others, made me very proud of our family contribution to Bishops over more than a century.

# REUNIONS

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## **CLASS OF 1986 – 30<sup>TH</sup> REUNION** *MARCH 2016*

ODs from 1986 wishing to join an Organizing Committee for the 30th Re-Union in March 2016, please get in touch with Julien Rumbelow at [julien@castlerock.co.za](mailto:julien@castlerock.co.za) / 082 806 5222. Consensus is on relaxed Summer Festivities to coincide with Founders Day on 11 March 2016. Family festivities will be over the weekend of 11 March with some additional extra outings the following week for the intrepid sport, culture and out-door enthusiasts. Trust you are well despite the bruises that come with 3 decades ex DC. Looking forward to a catch up. Book your flights early, you will be called!

## **CLASS OF 1976 – 40<sup>TH</sup> REUNION** *MARCH 2016*

The Class of 1976 is excited to announce that we will be holding a series of events to celebrate our 40th Reunion in Cape Town from the 9th - 13th March 2016. A web page has been created so that we can stay in touch with all of the 76-ers and keep you updated on the plans and arrangements as they develop. The webpage can be accessed at: [www.76ersODReunion.co.za](http://www.76ersODReunion.co.za) The events and activities are being planned around the OD Dinner and Founders Day, with a few additional functions arranged so we can relax, catch up and see Bishops as it has continued to develop. We truly hope that as many of our classmates

as possible, wherever you may be in the world, will be able to join us in March.

Please feel free to send us any suggestions that you may have for the events and activities. You will be able to make contact via the webpage with enquiries.

See you in 2016!

## **CLASS OF 1966 – 50<sup>TH</sup> REUNION** *9 TO 11 MARCH 2016*

### **Organizers:**

*Donald Fraser Bett (F) 021 531 3789 (e)*

*51913009@mweb.co.za*

*Mick Reid: (S) 023 313 3391 [mjreids@kingsley.co.za](mailto:mjreids@kingsley.co.za)*

*Phil Biden: (O) 021 671 2788 [javelin@javcap.co.za](mailto:javelin@javcap.co.za)*

*John Waller: (W) 021 794 5712 [waller@afrika.com](mailto:waller@afrika.com)*

Please diarise the dates. A full programme will be emailed to class of 66.

## **CLASS OF 1956 – 60<sup>TH</sup> REUNION** *4TH TO 6TH MARCH 2016*

The reunion will be held from Friday 4<sup>th</sup>

March to Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

Details can be obtained from Russell Peters e-mail: [Coolbay@iafrica.com](mailto:Coolbay@iafrica.com)

## **CLASS OF 1990 – 15<sup>TH</sup> REUNION** *17 OCTOBER 2015*

The Class of 1990 are celebrating their quarter century reunion in Cape Town and the UK on the weekend of 17 October 2015.

### **Cape Town Reunion**

Contact *Luke Scott* - [luke@lukescott.co.za](mailto:luke@lukescott.co.za)

**UK Reunion** Contact *Murray McPherson* - [murraymcperson@hotmail.com](mailto:murraymcperson@hotmail.com)

## NORTHERN PROVINCE OD DINNER



*Raymond Ackerman (1948S), Roly Thompson (1951S)*



*Phillip Pare (1975F), Mish Middelman (1975G), Charles Milward, Anthony Stacey (1975O)*

*Mark Jones (2007K) Tom Horne (2007B) Jason Mitchell (2007M) Andrew Clarkson (2007K) David von Broembsen (2007O)*



A group of 40 Northern Provinces ODs enjoyed the Annual OD Dinner at the Country Club of Johannesburg on Thursday 5th June 2014.

Our guest of honour was OD Union President, Raymond Ackerman. He produced an inspiring and thought provoking speech that made all those present pause and reflect on Bishops, some of his lessons from business and the opportunity of establishing a mentorship programme similar to that recently started in London. Any OD in the Northern Provinces who would like to assist in establishing such a programme for young ODs taking up careers in the area is asked to contact Richard King [richard.king@mweb.co.za](mailto:richard.king@mweb.co.za)



**Back row:** Sean Hulscher (1974O), Justin Elvin-Jensen (1988G), Bruce Cowie (1985W), Neil Philcox (1987K), Tim Newton (1960S)  
**Front row:** Angus Simpson (1959W), Ted Allen (1947F), Conrad Guelke (1954G), Ian Simpson (1959G)

## WESTERN CANADA OD DINNER

The annual OD Union (western Canada) potluck dinner was held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at Ian and Lynn Simpson's house in North Vancouver, British Columbia. In addition to the hosts, the following ODs and spouses were in attendance: Ted and Ursula Allen, Conrad Guelke, Angus and Gilly Simpson, Wendy Peterson, Bruce and Vikki Cowie, Sean and Gesa Hulscher, Tim and Karin Newton, Justin and Keitha Elvin-Jensen (and their children, Marin and Bjørn), Neil Philcox and Judith Law (and their children, Acacia and Bryce).

## OD BOLAND DINNER

The OD Boland dinner took place on Friday 31 July at Waterford Wine Estate and turned out to be a wonderful success with almost 100 ODs attending.

Mr Raymond Ackerman, our OD Union President, was our guest speaker.

Thank you to Martin Versfeld Senior for his remarkable effort in putting everything together and Craig Wilson for the photos. Of the more memorable photos was one with Bob Bolus with his twin sons and brother Mike Bolus.



**Kane Riley, Reece Bolus (2011O), Nick Schooling (2011M), Mike Weaver (2011O)**



**Dom Walsh (2012O), Reid Falconer (2012M), Dom Bodenstein (2012O)**



**James Downes (1991W), Arne Cedervall (1991S)**



*Reece Bolus (2011O), Bob Bolus (1974F), Mike Bolus (1976F), Brad Bolus (2011O)*



*Laurence Hill (2014F), Ant Austin (2011S), Che Prins (2011S), Michael Foxcroft (2012W), Emilio de Graca (2011M), Richard Hill (2009S)*



*Richie Ryall (1977F), Raymond Ackerman (1948S), Martin Versfeld (1977S), Guy Pearson (Principal)*



*Mike Bayly (1983S), Gus Allen (1982F), Brian Robertson (1979W), Andre Jacobs (staff), Kevin Arnold*

### **BISHOPS VS PAUL ROOS**

On Saturday 1 August 2015, the ODs supported Bishops vs Paul Roos at the Markotter fields, Stellenbosch. After the main game, all ODs had drinks and snacks

at the Paul Roos Rugby stadium. Mr Guy Pearson (Principal) addressed the event and presented the Principal of Paul Roos with a copy of Richie Ryall's book, A Brush with Bishops.



# SOCIAL REGISTER

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



**Thomas Brown (2001G)** and his wife Sue were thrilled to welcome Joshua Darcy Brown into their family on the 1 April 2015 in London. Thomas' father is an OD and his late grandfather was also an OD. Hopefully Joshua will be the fourth generation at Bishops.

Congratulation to Julie and **Tim Richman (1995B)** on the birth of Nicholas Robert Richman, born on 26th June 2015.



*Oliver William Cunliffe, second son to Stephen Cunliffe (1993W) and Katherine arrived on 31st May 2015 at Vincent Palotti. Photo is of Ollie with his brother Charlie, whose names are already down to attend Bishops!*



## ENGAGEMENTS

Congratulations to **Michael van Breda (1991S)**, who got engaged to Dr Melissa Charles on the 9th August 2015. The photo was taken at his river cottage on the Heuningnes River.



*Stuart Commins, son of Gail and Gavin Commins got engaged to Lisa Karstel, daughter of Rosemary and Peter Karstel (1970F) in Hermanus in January 2015.*



## WEDDINGS

**Cameron McRae (2003M)** married Tahlia Thompson at Christ Church, Constantia on 2nd May 2015. The reception was held at Buitenwervachting. Groom's parents are the late Nick McRae and Susie McRae and bride's parents are Dr John Thompson and Mrs Anita Thompson. They now live in Melbourne, Australia.

The following ODs attended the wedding: Ross Horak, Richard Carris, Peter Vester-Cohen, John Thuysbaert, Clive Shonfeld, Andrew Mackie, William Stubbings, Luc du Plessis, Adam Bilton, Ryan Faull, Nick Gorman, Craig Abernethy, Dale Owen, Tim Eccles, Nick Bailey, Nick McGee (all 2003)

This was quite a Bishops' gathering and everyone so enjoyed seeing each other again.



## GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



**Pat Foster (1958O)** and Penny celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on June 5th. The photo takes them back to 1965 when they got married

in the Bishops Chapel before setting off for South America where they spent 14 years in Brazil and then 7 years in Venezuela, in the cattle business. They returned to Cape Town in 1984, spent 5 years in Monaco from 1992 to 1997 and are now settled in Rondebosch. There are close OD/Bishops family connections: **Keith Foster (1961F)**, **Paul Heinemann (1959O)** brother in law, **Sean Foster (1990B)** son, **John Macey (1979O)** son in law, **Paul**

**Neill (1986W)** son in law; followed by grandsons Liam and Aidan Neill currently in Founders, and two nephews **Craig Foster (1985F)** and **Damon Foster (1988K)**.

In 1965 **Jim Sinclair (1956W)** married Ann married in Salisbury on the 17th of July 1965. A Golden Wedding Celebration was held at his son and daughter in laws house in Harare. ODs present at the party were **Len Thomas (1957S)** and my wife's cousin **Oliver Purcell (1953O)**.



## OCTOGENARIANS

We warmly welcome the following ODs who have become Octogenarians during the third quarter of 2015.

**Jeremy Peter Alderson Ouvry (1953F)** 3rd July

**John Richard Blackman (1952G)** 6th July

**Ludovic Henri Marie Van Essche (1953G)** 13th July

**Edward Charles Louis Jordan (1952S)** 16th July

**Barrie Robinson (1945)** 20th July

**Anthony Patrick Stephen Ainslie (1953G)** 25th July

**Nigel Richard Payne (1953O)** 11th August

**Neville Hugh Hare (1953G)** 12th August

**Brian Leonard Smith (1953O)** 20th August

**John Hugh Brettell (1952S)** 23rd August

**Paul John Dobson (staff)** 11th September

**Frederick John Sawkins (1953S)** 15th September

## VISITORS



**Peter Sauerman (1954W)**  
Vice president OD Union



**Matthew Crutchley (1999G) and wife**  
**Jinsil Kim**



**John Twiggs (1952O)**



**Michael Irving (1983G)**



**Colin Chaplin (1992O)**

## OBITUARIES



### **David Shearing (1952F)**

David was born at Graaff Reinet on 8 February 1935 and spent the first 10 years of his life on the family farm at Nelspoort in the Beaufort West district. From a very early age he wandered the veld, observing and assimilating nature into his very being. As it was war time and distances were vast, my parents managed to obtain the services of Mr Harry Heath-Smith, the Cheltenham educated second son of some minor British aristocracy, who came to the farm as tutor for David and took him through the sub-standards and standard one in a matter of 6 months. David went to D.C.P.S in 1945 into standard 3 and as a boarder at Stanmore. He played rugby for the Prep 1st XV and up to College and Founders in 1949, matriculating in 1952. He captained the College 2nd Tennis Team. One

of the enduring marks he made at Founders was when Piley Reese decided that the boys should lay the stone paved paths in the Quad and informed David that as a “practical farm lad from the Karoo” he should know all about this kind of stone masonry and so put him in charge of the whole operation! It has (with) stood the test of time.

The next 10 years were spent learning practical farming on the home farm, gaining his Springbok Head for wool classing amongst other things. All the while he was very interested in the local veld types and especially in any bush that had been used by indigenous peoples for medicinal purposes.

In 1962 he married Hilary “Taffy” Lloyd and they moved to a farm on the borders of the B/West and Fraserburg districts. This farm he renamed Layton, after the farm settled by

his great great grandfather Alfred Murray in the Salem district near Grahamstown. Shortly after this move he realised that although he had no academic background in Botany, he was really a bush and grass farmer and that the sheep and goats that he farmed were actually the harvesters that produced the product of his income. He needed a textbook on the plants of the region and as he couldn't find a comprehensive one, he decided to compile one, the result, the Botanical Society's Wildflower Guide No 6 which was launched at Kirstenbosch in 1994.

David was very public spirited and served on many community based undertakings. He was chairman of the Beaufort West Farmers Association, as well as district chairman of the Farmers Union. He served for many years as church warden at Christ Church Beaufort West. On retiring to Sedgfield he served as chairman of the ARP&P, of the local Police Forum as well as the Simon van der Stel Foundation.

And finally at Santos Haven in Mossel Bay he served on their committee and chaired the house and grounds committee. A veritable lifetime of public service.

David's final work, one might say his "grand opus" was to complete our family tree, started so many years ago by our late mother Marge Shearing. Fortunately David was descended from one William Clowes, who was the Surgeon General on the *ArcRoyal* at the battle of the Armada. Queen Elizabeth I commanded that the family trees of all officers be researched making so much more material available now. All this allowed David to trace our family line back to one Matthew deWallop, a family that came to England with William the Conqueror (1150). The name denotes a galloping horse and is said to come from a

Germanic phrase meaning "run well". Now nearly 9 centuries later it can be said that David has done full justice to his ancestors: he has run the race of life full well for his 80 years, battling with ill health for the past year or more, and always living up to his motto: "I shall pass through this world but once. Any good thing I can do, or any kindness I can show any human being, let me do it now and not defer it, for I shall not pass this way again."

David was laid to rest from St Peter's Anglican Church, Mossel Bay on 18 May 2015. He leaves his wife Taffy, daughters Eleanor and Michelle, son-in-law Mike Muller and grandsons Gregory and Luke, also his brother Andy Shearing, sister-in-law Colleen and many, many family members and close friends.

*Andy Shearing (1954F)*



#### **Brian du Toit (1954S)**

Before going to Bishops, Brian attended Western Province Prep School for 4 years and Tara Prep School in Durbanville. Brian started at Bishops in 1951 in Gray House, when his parents moved to Rondebosch. He

joined School House as a boarder in 1952 and matriculated in 1954. He received colours for athletics being on both the Top House and school athletic teams.

On joining Bishops he became an enthusiastic ornithologist, spending many hours bird watching at Kirstenbosch with friends Peter Steyn (1954O) and Peter Zoutendyk (1952O) and tagged to this was his interest in photography, both hobbies which he maintained for the rest of his life. Academics were never his strongest suit so much time was spent in Saturday morning detention which he claimed played havoc with his principal distraction which was sports.

A further lifelong passion Brian had was for most things motorised with a major focus on sports cars. From the 1940's he and his brother, Andre (Junie) du Toit (1956S) worked on cars starting with their 1930 Chev which is still in the family and runs today, and still severing its axle shaft from time to time. Brian was never far from a sports car, owning an Austin Healy and several MGs, one of which is still parked in his shed today. And in recent years, when he set off for an auction to buy a bakkie, he returned with a Maserati. He sold that but was convinced by the salesman at Viglietti after a few months to buy another. He delighted his grandchildren in this old man version of a sports car, (it had four doors) and he played chauffeur to his one granddaughter's recent matric ball.

In 1955 his father bought an apple farm, The Valley, in Elgin, where he has lived and farmed ever since. In that time he had procured other farms and properties in the district. In 1965 he diversified into broiler poultry production. This ensured that there was a steady income stream (every two months) as opposed to the one off crop that

deciduous fruit produced each year. He also tried his hand at being an inn keeper owning a boutique hotel in Stellenbosch called Dorpshuis.

After selling Dorpshuis he purchased the neighbouring farm to The Valley called Kromvlei with two neighbours who took other portions of the property. Incidentally, Kromvlei had belonged to the father of Charles Molteno, who had shared a study with Brian in matric.

He successfully subdivided his portion of Kromvlei into a number of portions creating three farms, two of which he has sold, and doing a consolidation of another portion with one of his neighbours. This has proven to be a very lucrative endeavour and although he was seventy at the time he started this venture, when most of his contemporaries from school would have been enjoying their retirement, not Brian; up until a few weeks before he passed away, he could be found on the bulldozer scraping dirt into large mounds or repairing roads on his farms.

He was a lively member of the Groenland Water Association, being one of the first farmers to participate in the building of the Eikenhof dam which provided summer irrigation water to farmers in the district

He was actively involved in the Elgin community serving in Round Table and was a founding member of several clubs (Applethwaite Water Sports Club, the Squash Club, and the Elgin Grabouw Country Club). He served as chairman on all of these clubs and Round Table at one time or another.

In 1960 he married Jose Lombardi daughter of a pioneering farmer and founder of Appletiser, Edmond Lombardi who mentored Brian when Brian started farming in the late 50s. Brian and Jose had four children.

He passed away peacefully sitting next to the fire on the evening of Monday 27 July after dozing off to sleep at his home Highrising on The Valley where he had spent the past 60 years since leaving Bishops.

He is survived by his wife Anna whom he married in 1988, his four children, Paul (1979S), Michael (1980S), Carol Anne and Jennifer and his two step children, Graham and Caroline. *Paul du Toit (1979S)*



**Walter Alfred Böttger (1960S)**

Walter was born in Windhoek in the former

South West Africa, now Namibia, on 12th March 1943. He passed away peacefully in Swakopmund on 21st June 2015, having never fully recovered from a massive stroke he suffered 5 years ago. He was the second son of Herbert (Piet) and Marianne Böttger. From 1949 until 1955 he attended the St Georges Diocesan School in Windhoek and thereafter Bishops from 1956 until 1960, where he became Head boy of Top House, and matriculated with distinction. Walter's older brother Peter (1956S) and younger brother Manfred (1963S) also attended Bishops, which was to be the start of a "family" tradition to send further generations of sons to Bishops.

Walter was known for his prowess on the rugby field as a star winger for the first XV. Many of the "old timers" will remember his 60 yard dash in the school's ruby match at Newlands, as a curtain raiser for the test match between the Springboks and the All Blacks in 1960. Only injury kept him from a promising rugby career at the highest level.

After school he spent a year in Germany as a student in Tübingen at the Leibnitz College. Thereafter he returned to SWA and completed his compulsory military service, eventually rising to the rank of Captain.

From 1963 until 1967 Walter attended the University of Stellenbosch where he obtained the degrees B.Comm and LLB. He was later admitted as an Advocate of the Supreme Court of South Africa. Subsequently he attended the UCT Graduate School of Business obtaining his Master of Business Administration (MBA).

From June 1969 until the end of April 1970 Walter worked for the Shell Oil

Company in Munich, and Hamburg in Germany. It was during this time that he met and married his wife Karin Elizabeth Rostock. In 1971 they he returned to his native Namibia.

Walter and Karin have two sons, Michael (1984-1990) and Frank, (1986-1992) who subsequently also attended Bishops pursuant to the family tradition.

Walter joined the family business in Windhoek together with his brothers and engaged himself in community service, firstly with Round Table and later Rotary where he remained a member until his passing. Walter, as an astute and successful businessman, was in great demand as a non-executive director and he sat on many boards in Namibia, inter alia, on a Building Society, Pension Funds, and a few large commercial companies.

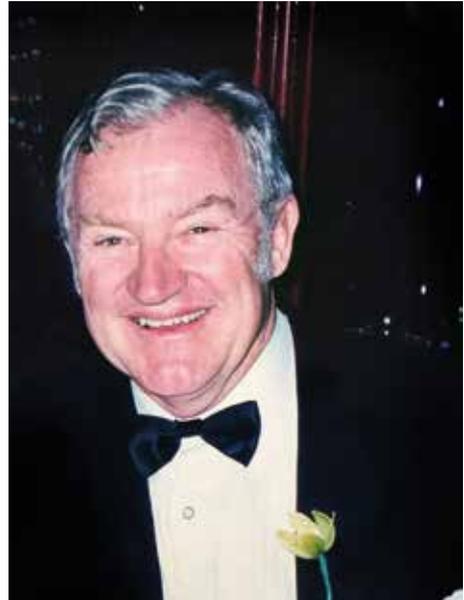
Walter was a passionate conservationist, spending much of his time travelling around Namibia in furtherance of various conservation projects. He became an honorary Game Ranger in Etosha, was on the Boards of the Save the Rhino Trust, Namib Rand Reserve, the Scientific Society, the Cheetah Conservation Fund, just to name a few.

His passion for the conservation of flora and fauna in Namibia affected his family who have all now become involved in this aspect of life in Namibia.

Walter leaves behind his wife Karin and sons Michael with wife Yolande and Frank with his wife Liesl as well as their daughters Daniella and Georgia.

He is sorely missed by his family and many friends.

*Michael Böttger (1990S)*



### **Peter Jeffery (1961F)**

Peter Jeffery (1961F) died in Cape Town on 10th April 2015 having battled with complications after cardiac surgery for over six months.

Peter and I met in 1952 at Bishops Prep but as he was in Rossall and I was in Stanmore I really only got to know him well at College when we were both in Founders.

At school he excelled academically (1st Class Matric with distinctions in Maths and winner of the Maskew Miller History Prize), in leadership (he was a School Prefect), and on the sporting field – he was a typical corner-flagging number eight, was awarded his Full Rugby Colours, was vice-captain of the 1st XV and took over the captaincy when Pete Swift left (1960W). He was Captain of Fencing and came second in the High Jump.

And it was on a Bishops rugby tour to St

Andrews and Natal, when walking the dusty streets of Idutywa in the then Transkei that he met Muffy – she had been playing hockey for Western Province Schools in Grahamstown. They were married in 1967 with Colin (1994O) born in 1976 and Lucie in 1980.

We were at Medical School together and spent one July vac at St Mathews Mission Hospital in Keiskammerhoek - also in the Transkei - where we started our surgical careers by doing circumcisions - in the non- traditional way – and as far as I know without significant mortality and morbidity!

He qualified with an M.B.Ch.B. at UCT in 1968, did his internship at Groote Schuur Hospital, his Surgical Primary in Dublin and while working as a Senior Registrar at Groote Schuur in Professor Jannie Louw's department obtained his Surgical Fellowship in South Africa in 1974 and in Edinburgh in 1975 together with his great friend, Mark Charnock (1962O).

In 1976 he and I joined two established surgeons, John Gasson and Garron Caine (1948G), in private practice in Wynberg. He was also appointed as a part-time consultant in the Department of Surgery at GSH/UCT and was the first surgeon to become actively involved in the world-renowned Gastro-Intestinal Unit at GSH and a pioneer of endoscopy in private practice. Having trained mainly under Ed Immelman, his chief surgical interest was, however, vascular surgery and he was a pioneer in vascular ultrasound and endovascular surgery in South Africa. Despite a busy private and academic practice he became increasingly involved in the leadership of surgery in South Africa – becoming the President of the Association of Surgeons of South Africa in 1998 and Honorary Life President in 2011. In addition

he was elected President of the Association of International Vascular Surgeons in 2006 and in 2008 an honorary member of the Vascular Association of Great Britain and Ireland “for services rendered to vascular surgery”. His final accolade was receiving the Distinguished Service Award of the Vascular Society of South Africa in 2011. In 2000 he was invited to become Head of Vascular Surgery at GSH/UCT, a rare honour for an individual in private practice, and led the department with distinction until 2004. During his time he had a profound influence on several trainees who were destined to become prominent vascular surgeons and heads of department throughout the world. He was the author of multiple articles in peer-reviewed journals.

History will reflect that Peter's greatest contribution to medicine was probably not as a vascular surgeon, manager or teacher but as a developer of computers in medicine. He started teaching himself computer skills with his first generation home computer in 1983 and already then saw the potential for it revolutionising medical practice. He dreamed then of a world where there would be no paper patient folders and where every patient record would be digital. He achieved this in our practice in 1989. The programme that to-day is called Medscreen has become one of the most powerful and versatile practice management systems ever written. Peter continued, after his retirement from active surgical practice in 2008, to contribute to its development right up until the time of his operation in 2014.

One of my most vivid memories of Pete has been his love of literature – he always had a book to read – and his inability to do so during his illness must have been very hard to bear. His favourites were historical themes – together with

Beatrix Potter and Winnie the Pooh - which he used to quote verbatim.

He also had a love of poetry – Longfellow’s *Hiawatha* was a favourite as were many of the poems in *The Dragon Book of Verse*, which was our poetry Bible throughout our school careers.

The year after leaving Bishops, Peter played rugby for the Navy Gym but then changed to hockey, representing UCT at the Hockey Intervarsity Tournament in 1967 – but his real sporting passions were skiing and sailing. He became an accomplished and intrepid skier, skiing for the last time only six months before his operation. On the water he graduated from dabchicks to wind-surfers to Hobie Cats and represented South Africa at three Hobie World Championships – this achievement is recorded on the Honours Board in the Old Gym. He later completed his sailing career in keelboats from Royal Cape and Langebaan Yacht Clubs.

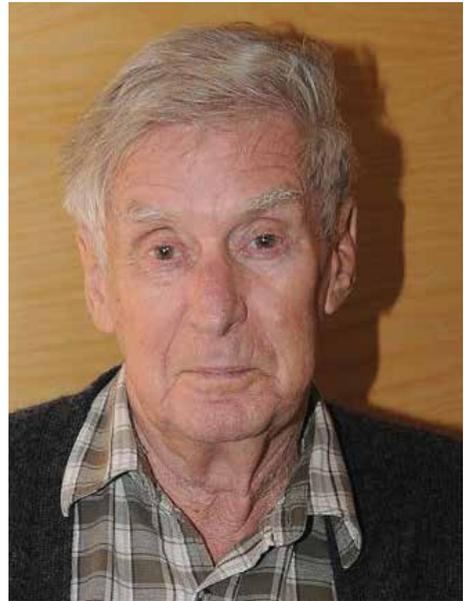
He was also a keen and knowledgeable spectator of many other sports and a member of Western Province Cricket Club for over 50 years.

We, his friends, colleagues, patients and extended family salute Peter not only for his multiple achievements but for his enthusiasm and generosity, his wise guidance and integrity, his vision and perseverance, his genuine concern for his patients and colleagues and as a prime example of what an OD should be.

To Muffy in Stellenbosch, Colin in Los Angeles and Lucie in London we extend our condolences.

As a reminder of his love of the sea, and especially when down at their house at Cape Agulhas, as my “bon voyage” to Peter, at his funeral in the memorial Chapel, read John Masefield’s “Sea Fever”

“I must down to the seas again, to the lonely sea and the sky,  
And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by;  
And the wheel’s kick and the wind’s song and the white sail’s shaking,  
And a grey mist on the sea’s face and a grey dawn breaking.  
I must down to the seas again, for the call of the running tide  
It is a wild call and a clear call that may not be denied;  
And all I ask is a windy day with the white clouds flying,  
And the flung spray and the blown spume, and the seagulls crying,  
I must down to the seas again, to the vagrant gypsy life,  
To the gull’s way and the whale’s way where the wind’s like a  
whetted knife;  
And all I ask is a merry yarn from a laughing fellow rover,  
And a quiet sleep and a sweet dream when the long trick’s over.”  
*Sydney Cullis (1960F)*



### **Robin Barr (1944O)**

The shock of Robin Barr’s passing still reverberates with me. Just a month or so ago we were laughing together at the OD reunion in Oakville, he in his OD blazer and tie. He was so proud of his school like me and would reminisce frequently about teachers

and rugby etc. He had led a remarkable life really when one considers the transition from South Africa to Scotland where he studied Medicine in Glasgow. Then coming to Canada and working as a GP at Merrickville before deciding to Specialize in Pathology and would later become Head of Cellular Pathology at the Civic Hospital. Here he was greatly respected and admired as a Pathologist and teacher.

Of course more than that, like his courageous father who the Presbyterian Minister at Mowbray Presbyterian Church in Cape Town for many years, Robin was a committed Christian who loved the Lord Jesus. We both belonged to a Bible study group led by Jack Archibald at Woodroffe Presbyterian Church, Ottawa. This group met every Thursday at 7am believe it or not. Robin never missed a session and was a meaningful contributor to the discussions.

When Jean his beloved wife slipped into dementia he stood by her faithfully to the end and never left her side. He subsequently decided to move to Toronto to be near his only daughter Ailsa and her family. Sadly for us, their gain was our loss as we missed him greatly. While in Toronto he kept up his phenomenal skills in building model galleons with all the requisite detail required. Happily he did make use of his time while there and travelled extensively with the family back to his beloved Scotland and the Caribbean. Recently he had become engaged to a lovely lady he had met at this residence and they were to be married shortly. Alas this was not to be.

And so I am bereft of a dear friend once again. I rejoice that Robin is in the Lord's presence and am happy that he died in full

possession of his faculties rather than being crippled in some form or another or with chronic pain.

*Sholto Cole (1949G)*



### **Henry Naudé (1963S)**

Henry passed away at the age of 70 on 3 April 2015 after a short illness. Henry was at Bishops from 1957 to 1963 where he was a boarder at School House. Always unassuming and modest, his claim to Bishops fame was unexpectedly winning the annual school cross country race in his final year! Henry studied at Elsenburg and Grootfontein Agricultural Colleges before taking over the family farm, Prinskraal, in the Bredasdorp district of the southern Cape, from his father Chris (1930S). He very successfully steered this enterprise through good times and bad, until consigning the active management

of the business to younger hands in 2010. He retired to the nearby village of Napier, where he happily immersed himself in community activities and his garden. Henry's integrity, generosity and good humour will be greatly missed by his family and a wide circle of friends.

Henry is survived by his wife Marion, sons André (1991S) and Christian (1992S), and granddaughter Anna.

*André Naudé (1991S)*



### **Charles Pierre Regnier (1961O)**

Peter was born in Hampshire in 1944. After the war the family moved to Cape Town where his father ran an engineering

company and Peter went to Bishops. When South Africa left the Commonwealth in 1961 his family moved back to London. Peter crammed for his A-levels, having left school before completing his education, and was accepted at Lincoln College, Oxford to study Engineering. After Oxford he went on to graduate in Economics from Brussels University and started work as an Economic Advisor at the Belgian Oil Industry Association (FPB), his first step in a lifelong career in the oil industry.

Dr Paul Frankel, one of the world's leading oil economists, lured him to work in London in 1973 to set up a new venture called Oil Price Assessments Limited. This business, which Peter subsequently went on to run, focused on developing a deep understanding of the economics of oil refinery margins. Its monthly and quarterly publications quickly became essential reading for the oil majors, and the business expanded from there into consulting, flourishing until Peter's retirement.

Peter had an encyclopaedic knowledge of a huge range of topics and was passionate about sport - cricket in particular - and music, which featured heavily throughout his life. In retirement he especially enjoyed membership of the Beaujolais Old Friends Society and Chairing the local Branch of the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies.

He married in 1970 and, after putting up a brave fight for two years against Acute Myloid Leukaemia, leaves his wife, Claire, two children and four grandchildren. He was a generous, infinitely patient and kind man.

*Mike Regnier (son)*



### **Michael Gordon Sillars (1961O)**

Michael Gordon Sillars died unexpectedly on 4th March 2015. He had recovered from triple bypass surgery in December 2013 but was diagnosed with lung cancer in December 2014. He fought hard, but on this occasion he was sadly defeated. He is very deeply missed by his wife Sheila, his two daughters Amanda and Emme, and by his grandchildren, Alfie and Athena.

Mike was born on 2nd August 1943 in Surrey, England. After the war his family moved to Rondebosch, Cape Town, where Mike attended Bishops from 1952 until his matriculation in 1961.

His sporting prowess was recognised from a very early age, starting with boxing, where he won paper weight, light weight and feather weight titles for Bishops, and was captain of the boxing team in 1961. Andy Robinson, his boxing coach, once remarked to his mother “he boxes with his head Mrs Sillars.”

He was a sporting all-rounder; he also played tennis and rugby for the school – and always sought to meet the rigorous standards set by Bishops. He was a prefect in Ogilvie and helped at the Silver Tree Boys Club while in standard nine. He remained a keen and talented

sportsman throughout his life, playing golf to a handicap of 7, as well as tennis and cricket to a high standard. He was still playing golf until a few months before his death.

In 1962 he returned to England to train as a chartered accountant. He articulated to Peat Marwick Mitchell in the North East of England and qualified as ACK in 1964. He moved back to South Africa where he worked for Peat Marwick Mitchell in Johannesburg until 1974. He then joined Haggie Rand as an accountancy manager, remaining with them until 1977. He returned to the UK as a partner in an independent firm of CAs, where he was extremely well thought of and was particularly renowned for his people management skills.

He took semi-retirement in 2004, taking up a position as financial director of a company operating care and nursing homes in northern England until 2013.

Some of the highlights of his life include: -

- Being commissioned as an officer in the Royal Signals of the Territorial Army.

- Being elected Chairman of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in 1989.

- His involvement with many charitable and honorary treasurer ships.

- Being church warden for many years.

- Being an active and enthusiastic member of the Amateur Dramatics, where his facility with accents is fondly remembered. He performed in over 20 productions.

- Attending the 50 Year Reunion 11 to 13 March 2011 and meeting many of the class of 1962.

Mike particularly enjoyed spending so much quality time with these long-time friends. He will be remembered for his love of South Africa and Bishops. They were always close to his heart.

*Sheila Sillars*

## OD UNION SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS



Richard von Hoesslin (1964S) played in a match for the Groot Drakenstein Games Club.

### RUGBY

■ Nizaam Carr (2009M), Oliver Kebble (2010S), Dillyn Leyds (2010S) and Johnny Kotze (2011S) on representing the Western Province in the ABSA Currie Cup. John Dobson (1986K - Head Coach) and Paul Day (1977F - Scrum consultant) were part of the management team. Nizaam Carr also captained the side on occasions.

■ Robbie Fleck (1993O) on coaching the WP Under 21 side in the ABSA Under 21 Currie Cup

■ Martin Muller (2006O) on representing the Lions in the 2015 Currie Cup.

■ Richard Stewart (2008K), Paul Cohen (2009F), James Kilroe (2009K), Nathan Nel (2010F) and Keenan Jacobs (2014W) on representing UCT. Morgan Newman (2003W) (Hamiltons), Mike Muller (2009O) (Maties), Wesley Chetty (2006O) and Graeme Knoop (2005O) (False Bay) and Ashley Clarke (2000K), Daniel Clarke (2004M), Stephan Buerger (2010B), Cameron Doyle (2010M), Trent Jenkinson (2007S), Neil Docking (1998B) and Andrew Jones-Davies (2011F) (all Villager FC) in the Western Province Premier League in 2015.

■ Samuel Lane (2009S) on getting a contract to represent the Sydney North Harbour side in the Australian National Rugby Championship.

■ Gerard Pieterse (2014S), Justin Heunis



*Sam Lane in action for Manley in the Shute Shield Final (Sydney Domestic Club Rugby final) - Photo via Manley Facebook page.*

*Nizaam on his 50th Stormers Cap. Seen here being flanked by fellow ODs Dillyn Leyds and Oliver Kebble.*



*Francois Louw is pictured here with fellow OD and Supersport Commentator Matthew Pearce ahead of the New Zealand Rugby Championship International.*



*Zandy MacDonald (2007F) playing for Oxford Penguins.*



*Gerard Pieterse, Mervano De Silva and Justin Heunis on their way Port Elizabeth for a Currie Cup Under 19 Fixture vs the Kings in August.*



*Keenan Jacobs (seated left) and Nathan Nell (seated right) in the Change Room before the UCT v St Georges fixture.*



**Martin Muller (ball in hand) in Currie Cup action for the Lions - Photo by Neville Bailey**

(2014O), Mervano da Silva (2014F) and Saud Abrahams (2014B) on representing Western Province in the ABSA U19 Currie Cup, Samuel Mitchell (2014W) represented the Blue Bulls in the same competition.

■ Mathew Turner (2006W) on being named the Sri Lankan National Sevens rugby coach for the 2015 Asia Sevens Series and Olympic qualifier.

■ Tahriq Allen (2013B) on making the Western Province Emerging squad for the Provincial Amateur tournament.

■ Zandy Macdonald (2007F) was awarded the Blues Player of the year 2014/2015, and also named the Club Man of the Year 2014/2015 at the annual OURFC dinner.

Zandy completes his two year Master's Degree in a month's time before setting out for the real world. In the meantime, he has been selected to play for Penguins against the German national team in June.

## HOCKEY:

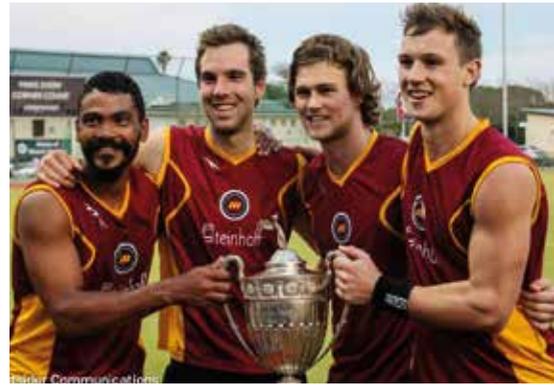
We would like to congratulate the following on being selected to participate in the 2015 IPT Hockey Tournament -

Western Province: Jean-Pierre de Voux (2004O), Callum Buchanan (2008G) and James Drummond (2012W).

WP Peninsula - Sebastian Golding (2011F).

SA Under 21 - Ryan Julius (2013K) and Alex Stewart (2013O).

Jean-Pierre de Voux (2004O), Robert Edwards (2010O), Alex Stuart (2013O) and James Drummond (2012W) on representing the 2015 Western Province Grand Challenge Champions.



**Pierre de Voux, Rob Edwards, Alex Stuart and James Drummond - Photo Credit Outsider Communications**



**Pierre de Voux seen here holding the Western Province Grand challenge league trophy, that Maties won for the third year in a row.**



## ROWING

Matthew Cooke(2005G), a former 1st VIII rower and Rhodes Scholar, is starting graduate school at Stanford University where he plans to row at club level.

All ODs in the North eastern US are invited to cheer on the Bishops crew at the Head of the Charles Regatta taking place in Boston on 18 October.

James Johnston (2012G) recently competed at the U23 World Rowing Championships for Great Britain. He raced in the three seat of the Heavyweight coxless four. After taking an early lead over the field and being a few feet up at 1000m, they were passed by Romania in the last 500. They did manage to hold off very fast Canadian and USA crews to win the

Silver Medal. The world Champs were held in Plovdiv Bulgaria, the same course where James finished 9th in the single in 2012 while rowing for South Africa at the Junior Worlds while still attending Bishops.

Robert Johnston (2010G) finished this season as Captain of Reading University Boat Club (UK). He again competed in the Henley Royal Regatta in the Prince of Wales Challenge Cup. They were knocked out by the ultimate finalists from Leander and Oxford Brooks University composite quad.

The annual SA Universities Boat Race will take place in Port Alfred on the 10-12th of September. UCT has three ODs in their squad Cole Barnard (2014B), Lee Gordon (2014M) and Matthew Boynton (2014W) while Stellenbosch has one Murray Corbett (2013G).

## OTHER

Nicholas Gorman (2003) on participating in the K1 Cape Fight League representing Takedown MMA Gym. Nic participated in two bouts, going down to the wire on both occasions, unfortunately he went down on points difference on each occasion.

The Harlem Globetrotters are synonymous with sensational ball-handling wizardry, rim-rattling dunks and superb trick shots that defy gravitational limits. What makes their performance so mind-blowing is the seamless integration of athletic excellence, smart humour and plenty of on-court fan



*Nic Gorman in action in the Cape Fight League - Photo by Pretography.com*



*Harlem Globetrotters: Buckets, David Wilke (20110), Handles.*

interaction. These natural entertainers visited Bishops and the boys eyes were glued to the action. The players are known as international goodwill ambassadors and, since their founding in 1926, they've entertained audiences in over 120 different countries. From S.P.I.N, which encourages active playtime for children, to The ABCs of Bullying Prevention, which focuses on qualities of Action, Bravery and Compassion to combat victimisation in schools, the team is dedicated to doing good.

# MUSEUM & ARCHIVES

## 'FATHER 'AGAPE' 60 YEARS AGO

Sixty years ago, in 1955 much loved Father Leslie Irving, school chaplain, teacher and friend returned to his home country, England, after teaching at Bishops for fourteen years. Those whom he left behind were left with a heavy heart. He came to Bishops as the appointed school chaplain in 1936 and in 1943 he was appointed as the Housemaster of Gray House under Mr H J Kidd at the same time that he was appointed the Principal. Father Irving will be remembered by those who were at school at the time, for many things, but above all for his work in establishing the Night School, 'for Native pupils'. He conducted the management of this school himself. Mrs Irving taught dancing to her classes and knew the boys well and she loved having the boys to tea in their home, providing home-made scones and cakes. According to those who knew him, Father Irving had a special gift for 'understanding a boy and a boy's problems; and the ability, despite his quietness and apparent gentleness to win their whole-hearted confidence and respect.' Father Irving was known as 'Agape' and perhaps those who will still remember him and who read this article could say why he was given this name — was it because of the first ever sermon he delivered when he first arrived at Bishops, referring to I Corinthians Chapter 13, which speaks of God's love (in Greek, agape)? At the time of departure a poem was especially composed by P Gregorowski, to commemorate the departure of a great friend and school teacher, but it is too long to reproduce here. This is the final stanza:



*Photograph of 'Agape' by D L De Beer (1940).*

"Not again will you walk along this colonnade,  
Sequestered with coolness and shadow;  
Not again intone the service from the altar  
Or pronounce the final blessing;  
You will pass, like Spring from the earth, and these buildings  
shall see you no more.  
But we who have known you, and know your greatness,  
Can never forget.  
And you shall remain in your hearts,  
Praised, unforgotten, forever."

Please write in sharing your recollections and memories to the College archivist Dr Paul Murray. Any photographs you might have, of Fr Agape will gratefully be received, to add to the archives. I remember Fr Irving's visit to Bishops in 1991 when he came back to visit the school he served. Does anyone have a photograph of this occasion, please? (pmurray@bishops.org.za)

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*By Paul Murray*