



Dear ODs

With all the upcoming reunions I thought it fitting to enlighten you on the following. **Ulick Brown (1940G)** visited the Mitre recently and spoke to me about how class reunions began. "I received The Golden Book of English at Bishops Prep in 1933. It contains the Harrow School song "Forty Years On" which inspired me to organise the very first of the now well established OD reunions. It was held by our 1940 matric year when we reached our 40 year anniversary in 1980. I was able to bring together 37 of some 70 ODs for a dinner at Kelvin Grove. I subsequently organised our 50th, 55th, 60th and 65th gatherings. The 1941 ODs joined us for our 60th whilst our 65th reunion included the class of 1939. I would always pay tribute to those who had died followed by the reading "Forty Years On."

*Forty years on, when afar and asunder
Parted are those who are singing today,
When you look back, and forgetfully wonder
What you were like in your work and your play,
Then, it may be, there will often come o'er you,
Glimpses of notes like the catch of a song –
Visions of boyhood shall float them before you,
Echoes of dreamland shall bear them along,
Follow up! Follow up! Follow up!
Till the field ring again and again,
With the tramp of the twenty-two men.
Follow up! Follow up!
Routs and discomfitures, rushes and rallies,
Bases attempted, and rescued, and won,
Strife without anger and art without malice, –
How will it seem to you, forty years on?
Then, you will say, not a feverish minute
Strained the weak heart and the wavering knee,
Never the battle raged hottest, but in it.
Neither the last nor the faintest, were we!
Follow up! Follow up! Follow up!
Oh the great days. In the distance enchanted,
Days of fresh air, in the rain and the sun,
How we rejoiced as we struggled and panted –
Hardly believable, forty years on!
How we discoursed of them, one with another,
Auguring triumph, or balancing fate,
Loved the ally with the heart of a brother,
Hated the foe with a playing at hate!
Follow up! Follow up! Follow up!
Forty years on, growing older and older,
Shorter in wind, as in memory long,
Feeble of foot, and rheumatic of shoulder,
What will it help you that once you were strong?
God give us bases to guard or beleaguer,
Games to play out, whether earnest or fun;
Fights for the fearless, and goals for the eager,*

*Twenty, and thirty, and forty years on!
Follow up! Follow up! Follow up!*

On Saturday 6 February it was the Bishops Charity Race Day at Kenilworth. There was an incredibly strong Bishops connection with one of the winning horses at the event: "Five Star Rock." This horse was originally owned by **Jack Mitchell (1964F)** and the late **Chris Foulkes (1985W)** and **Oscar Foulkes (1984W)** has taken over the ownership from his late brother. The winning horse was lead in by Oscar Foulkes and Daniel Foulkes (Bishops Prep – grade 4) who continues to pursue his late father's interests in horse racing. Ironically Daniel was interviewed after the win on a live television broadcast by **Stan Elley (1968W)**.

Next Event at the Mitre – Book Launch by Jeremy Lawrence (1952F)

Jeremy Lawrence was born and educated in Cape Town and then Pembroke College, Cambridge. He has worked in journalism and publishing, in London, Johannesburg and Cape Town and has published three books. Jeremy will be discussing these books and do a reading. This event will take place at the Mitre on Thursday 25 February at 7pm. Books will be on sale. Please RSVP to dorourke@bishops.org.za

An **OD Union Business Breakfast** is being held on Monday 7 March at 7:30am in the Woodlands Pavilion. Our guest speaker will be **Gareth Penny (1980F)**. Gareth Penny, Chairman of the Board of Directors of PJSC MMC Norilsk Nickel recently won the 10th National Award Director of the Year. The award was granted in the nomination "Chairman of the Board of Directors: Contribution to the development of corporate governance." Gareth has worked in various forms of mining over the past three decades, and for 22 years he was with De Beers and Anglo American plc, the last five of which he was Group CEO of De Beers. During his tenure, Gareth was instrumental in reshaping not only the world's largest diamond company, but also the diamond industry. I have a few seats available. Please RSVP to dorourke@bishops.org.za

OD UNION ANNUAL DINNER

I am aware that the T20 takes place at Newlands on 9 March, the same evening as our annual dinner. However Kelvin Grove have assured me they have ample parking inside and I will send through a list of all ODs attending the dinner beforehand to security. Please see invitation attached for more details if you would like to reserve a seat/table.

A Water Polo Parent's initiative meeting will take place on 22 February 2016 in the Woodlands Pavilion at 6pm. Drinks and snacks will be served. Information regarding the vision for Water Polo will be shared. Please RSVP to marketing@bishops.org.za

For all upcoming College sports fixtures please go to <http://college.bishops.org.za/sport/Fixtures.aspx>

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever" — Mahatma Gandhi

Have a great weekend.

Best regards

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You are cordially invited to the

Annual Dinner of the OD Union

On Wednesday 9th March 2016
At The Ballroom, Kelvin Grove
6.00 for 7.00pm
Dress: Black tie or suit

Guest Speaker: Guy Pearson (Principal)
MC: Anton Taylor

Cost: R350
Bookings: odu@bishops.org.za
EFT: Standard Bank
Branch: Rondebosch 025009
Name: OD Union
Acc: 274 927 187
Reference: Your full name and matric year

Please send proof of payment to: odu@bishops.org.za

There will be pre-dinner drinks served on the lawn at 6.00pm
and thereafter it becomes a cash bar.

Looking forward to a significant evening!