



BISHOPS ODU NEWS

Dear ODs

After reading the write up about Rev Clarke in the latest magazine, **Philip Hazel (1961F)** wrote in to say. "Rev Clarke lived in White House and had a study lined with books. He was known for his catchphrases in class "nice big picture" and "poor old thing." His Evensong sermons were always spread over two successive weeks, and there was a tale that when, in a Divinity class, he asked for suggestions as to how to start a sermon, one cheeky boy offered "As I was saying last week..." When I came to Cambridge as a Research Student in 1967 I visited him in Eastbourne. I was not surprised to find a book-lined study. He took me for a day's walk to Beachy Head, Birling Gap and on to Alfriston, where we had an excellent lunch at the pub. He was a large man and liked his food. I was in my early twenties and had been in the Mountain Club at UCT. He was in his seventies, but still managed to walk me off my feet. We continued to exchange Christmas cards until his death."

On Tuesday evening we held a "**Celebration of Service**" to acknowledge the contribution **Brian Robertson (1979W)** has made to the OD Union. Brian has filled this position since 2009. John Macey (1979O) paid tribute to Brian: "Today was Brian Robertson's last day as Chairman of the ODU. Like a new groundsman who brings a fresh approach to the forest, Brian set about dealing with what he perceived to be the areas where the ODU needed help to flourish. Some of his notable achievements include: our expansion into our beautiful new premises, "The Mitre", the substantial growth in our funds under management, the first OD dinner address by a black OD, the launch of our mentoring program and the steady increase in the number of functions and reunions. He has, like a good groundsman, fostered respect between the ODU, the school and the greater Bishops community."

Your ODU Committee has elected **Bruce Jack (1987G)** as Brian's successor. Bruce was at Bishops from the Pre-Prep. He is a parent at the school and has previously served on the Bishops Parents' Association and the ODU Committee.

A comment from the new Chairman:

"Brian Robertson is a tough act to follow. And I fear anyone taking over the Chair from him will inevitably appear less able, less effective and less visionary. Brian leaves a remarkable legacy of innovative ODU initiatives that were begun under his leadership. It will be a focus of the committee to drive these onward.

Initially, our ODs can look forward to a new website, the strengthening of our mentoring structures and a new entrepreneurial forum. This (still to be named) forum will facilitate communication between ODs, act as a further bridge between the school and the Union, and will be linked to our mentoring program.

I am very fortunate to have inherited a committed and experienced committee, and effective administrative support in Delré. And of course it is a huge privilege to serve alongside our President, Raymond Ackerman."

Our first XI will be playing in the Nomads Hockey festival which is being held at Wynberg Boys High school, celebrating their 175 years. It runs from 30 April to 2 May. Please see fixtures and details at <http://www.wbhs.org.za/explore/sport/hockey/nomads-hockey-festival-2016/>

All College sports fixtures can be viewed at <http://college.bishops.org.za/sport/Fixtures.aspx>

Here is the link to our UK newsletter <http://us6.campaign-archive2.com/?u=7b5bd99f91896bec2e1ae7f9d&id=0450db392a>

Please keep sending me any significant news and photos for the June 2016 magazine dorourke@bishops.org.za

I have attached the My School Card flyer again this week. We are currently ranked 4 in our category for raising funds for Bishops, last week we were ranked 2. We are being beaten by Rondebosch! If you have a My School Card please don't forget to swipe it.

An invitation will be sent out shortly about our next big event taking place at The Mitre. Watch this space!

I will be on annual leave from Thursday 28 April to Monday 16 May. During this time I will unfortunately not be contactable on my cell phone. Sonia Worthington-Smith will be assisting at the ODU during this time. If there are any urgent matters, please contact me before this time. Wednesday 27 April and Monday 2 May are public holidays.

"A man can fail many times, but he isn't a failure until he begins to blame somebody else." - John Burroughs

Enjoy your weekend.

Best regards

Delre

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