



BISHOPS ODU NEWS

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Dear ODs

Build-Up to “The First World Champions”

I have received a few remarkable e-mails from ODs, leading up to Michael Charton’s talk, taking place next Thursday 29 September at The Mitre.

Waine Lawton (1965F) wrote in to say “I read with interest about the talk Michael Charton is giving on the 1937 Springbok tour, as my father Dendy was a member of the team. Indeed my existence is a result of the tour, as he met my mother, a friend of the well-known NZ journalist, Terry McLean, during the tour when skiing in the region of the Fox Glacier. I have a few small photographs of the team, with some, no doubt experiencing snow for the first time. I kept his large book of the tour, compiled of newspaper cuttings that I think someone presented my father at the end of the tour.”

I also heard from Joc Forsyth (1947G), who had this to say. “Well, that sounds an amazing experience that is being served up. There is a little, partly related, anecdote. Many years ago - it might have been 1957 or 1958 - I was invited to a dinner at Stellenbosch by a, then, sporting official at the University, Jan Kelder. I had an empty seat beside me and, rather late, Danie Craven slipped into it. At this time he was perhaps the major rugby guru in the country. He was a very busy man and had to travel extensively. He confided that he had an abiding phobia of flying. What an awful plight for a person in his position! He told me of flying across the Indian Ocean en route to New Zealand - and a pretty disastrous rugby tour - at least for the Springbok team - who got walloped; even from the first game. Anyhow, Danie was submitted to total agony as the SAA airliner plugged along and, first one, and then a second piston engine flaked out. Fortunately for him, the team and South Africa, the other two engines survived and the crew managed to nurse the stricken aircraft to a safe landing. It must have been a journey from hell!”

There are still a few seats left for Michael Charton’s talk next Thursday 29 September at The Mitre at 7pm. The cost is R100. If you would like to reserve a seat please see invitation attached.

Response

Douglas Greenshields (1968F) was saddened after hearing that Tim Rands had passed away. Douglas writes, “My brother Alastair (1969F) and I were both at school with Tim. I was also at Stellenbosch University with him and after university I continued to deal with him during his time, at Holiday Inns, in particular.”

Wickedly Funny

Brilliantly innovative, the iconic rock musical, *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*, is the story of a fictional rock band, fronted by an East German transgender singer called Hedwig, played by Paul du Toit (1992W) (*The Rocky Horror Show*, *‘Same Time Next Year’*). The musical explores Hedwig’s life and complex gender identity, and is steeped in the androgynous

70's glam rock style of David Bowie as well as the work of John Lennon and Iggy Pop. Niall Griffin (2001B) is the brilliance behind the set and costume design (after starring in many a musical himself, 'Evita,' 'Hair' and 'Beauty and the Beast'). The show opens at Gate69, Cape Town's newest theatre venue on 87 Bree Street, on 15 September and runs until 27 November. Bookings are via www.gate69.co.za

Boland Dinner

Another successful Boland OD Dinner was held at Waterford Wine Estate on Friday 16 September. The owners, Jeremy Ord and Kevin Arnold, are very supportive of hosting our dinners and supporting our OD initiatives. There was a good mix of 'young' and 'old.' Michael Foxcroft (2012W) spoke about the planned activities ODs had in mind for 2016/2017. Guest speaker, Brian Robertson (1979W), touched on the ODU Mentoring programme and his personal mentoring experiences, which were well received by all. See photos at <https://www.facebook.com/ODUnion/>

Mentoring Programme

We urge ODs anywhere in the world, looking for a mentor to sign up as a mentee by clicking <https://form.jotformeu.com/61863512428356> There is a wealth of knowledge within our Union waiting to be shared.

Matric/Post Matric

All ODs who did post matric, please would you send me your matric year and your post matric year. I will adjust this on my system.

The Mitre

The ODU Committee have reviewed The Mitre Venue Hire policy. The amended hiring documents and terms and conditions are attached for your perusal.

ODU Clubs

We would like to encourage ODs to send me ideas of what sort of clubs you think the ODU should start up, and if you would like to get one of these running. dorourke@bishops.org.za

Birding Club

So far our Birding Club is being established. More info on the walk that Peter Steyn (1955O) will be conducting in October will go out shortly.

GIN Club

The Global Issues Network group will have been active in College for 10 years in 2017 and we think it is time to start an ODU GIN group for networking and support around issues of sustainability, and to mentor the GIN boys at College. In the spirit of GIN this needs to be led by ODs who will determine the direction of the association. If you were a member of the GIN group and are interested in being part of this group please email Cheryl Douglas (staff) cdouglas@bishops.org.za and copy me.

Drinks Professionals Club

We appeal to all ODs in the wine, beer, spirit producing industry, who would like to be involved in forming a Drinks Professional's Club to please contact me. De Villiers Graaff

will be heading up this club.

Happenings in UK

If you do not live in the UK but travel there from time to time, please subscribe to the UK newsletter at <https://form.jotformeu.com/62625993969376> and join in at a function or event.

Announcement

Sadly, Vernon Wood, our Deputy Principal, leaves us at the end of September. Please see his address made to the assembly on Friday 16 September attached.

Sport

During the October holidays the u14A cricket team will be taking part in the Charl van Rooyen Cricket Festival hosted by Pretoria Boys High, while the u15A team will travel to PE to take part in the Grey High Cricket Festival. For more information please contact Willem Steyn wsteyn@bishops.org.za

Respects

I regret to inform you that Ross Hildebrand (1956S) passed away on 14 September. We extend our wholehearted condolences to his wife, Christine, and the rest of the Hildebrand family.

Christopher Phillips (1953G) passed away peacefully on 21 September at 81 years old. We send our warmest condolences to his wife, Elaine. You are in our thoughts at this time.

"Most great people have attained their greatest success just one step beyond their greatest failure" – Napoleon Hill

Have a fantastic weekend.

Best regards

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