



BISHOPS ODU NEWS

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Dear ODs

How is this for a coincidence? The artwork for the “Bish Bosch” logo used to advertise the Bishops Rondebosch Derby this past weekend, was originally painted by Keith Farquharson’s (1984S) son, Ben. Ben painted the label for American artist Scott Walker’s 14th album in 2012. Ben studied art at Goldsmiths University in London. See design attached.

Antarctica on a Tall Ship - Diary of a ship’s surgeon

On 18 August Bob Baigrie (1974F) gave a talk at The Mitre. He is a wonderful story-teller and this presentation was illustrated with spectacular photos. 'Dr Bob' had the trip of a lifetime down to Antarctica during last summer, as Ship's surgeon on the 105 year old "tall-ship" Bark Europa. The piece was well received by all in attendance. A full write up and photos will feature in our September magazine.

Serve to Lead

Last night, The Mitre was bustling with ODs and guests, attending yet another successful event. Andrew White (1993W) spoke about his 9 year career in the British Army as a Royal Engineer Officer. He has served on operational tours in Kosovo, Belize, Iraq and Bosnia, is trained in bomb disposal and high risk counter terrorism search, and achieved the rank of Army Captain. The audience were amused and engaged after hearing about his near decade-long experience, containing rich tales of excitement, challenge, and conflict. This event write up will appear in our December magazine.

Original Swimming Party

Original Swimming Party members, Jeremy de Tolly (1988O) and Tom Glendinning, are set to become one of the first bands to collaborate with Watson, IBMs super computer. They are the first people on the planet to collaborate musically with an A.I. computer. The electronica outfit is an audio-visual group from Cape Town who define their music style as a mash-up of Western electronic, with African influences from genres like kwaito and house. Recently, OSP began working with supercomputer Watson Beat, which is based in Austin, Texas. The band sends through chords of an original song with a "mood", and the supercomputer then uses the same notes to create an entirely new piece according to the mood. Watson is meant to be artificially intelligent and emulate human intelligence, so it is like working with any other artist. See document attached and view more at <http://www.fin24.com/Tech/News/sa-duo-to-break-ground-in-co-production-with-supercomputer-20160829>

A 60th Music Birthday Celebration

Grant McLachlan (1974F) is an award-winning composer of music for film and documentaries, and is well-known amongst choral circles for the Christmas carol “Come, Colours Rise”, and for the soundtracks of “City Slickers”, “The Jammed”, and “Faith Like Potatoes”. Grant will be performing his works at the Baxter on 1 October. For more

information or to book your ticket visit <http://www.baxter.co.za/shows/the-music-of-grant-mclachlan/>

WooCommerce - No Limits!

Mark Forrester (1999G) has spent the last 8 years building a business, WooCommerce, with a co-founder in Norway and a remote, distributed team scattered around the globe. Their flagship product empowers anyone to sell products online via an e-commerce toolkit, and is used on over a million websites. Last year, the company attracted international technology news as WooCommerce was acquired by the web publishing powerhouse behind WordPress.com - Automattic. Visit <https://woocommerce.com/>

'Putt'-ing the fun in golf

"The Hole Truth and Other Mostly True Stories" is a collection of short stories, experiences and anecdotes from Dale Hayes, Denis Hutchinson (1948O) and Simon Hobday (1957S), written and edited by former Compleat Golfer editor Brendan Barratt. Dale, Denis and Simon are three of the great characters of South African golf. They hail from a time when golf was less serious and, as such, players got up to a lot more mischief both on and off the course. In "The Hole Truth and Other Mostly True Stories", Dale, Denis and Simon invite you inside the ropes to relive their funniest golfing moments. Follow them on <https://www.facebook.com/HoleTruthBook/>

Accomplishment

Antony Osler (1965W) was awarded the Chancellor's Medal at a graduation ceremony of UFS in Bloemfontein on the 30 June 2016 for 'Exceptional service to South Africa.' This award was bestowed on Antony for a combination of his human rights legal work in the years preceding the first democratic elections, local pioneering work in Zen Buddhism, and the trilogy of books on a Zen life in contemporary South Africa.

History Tour to Delville Wood

In my newsletter of 24 June, I informed you about the History tour, to Paris, which would take place in June/July this year. Our French teacher Warwick Richter and History teacher Rodney Warwick, along with 19 schoolboys attended a service on 10 July to lay a single symbolic to commemorate those who lost their lives in the battle of Delville Wood. Little white crosses, bearing the names of those remembered, in our case, there were over one hundred names to honour, were marked and set out in an appropriate location, near the Thiepval Memorial. The full write up and photos are on our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/ODUnion/photos/?tab=album&album_id=10154378917403592

Social Up-Liftment

Lawdon Holmes (2009W) is most grateful that he obtained a bursary to attend Bishops. He said that Bishops set him up for a successful university career at UCT, where he recently graduated with his Masters in Architecture. Aside from his day job, he has been working on a social up-liftment initiative. The initiative looks to build a skate park in the middle of three much divided communities in Hout Bay. The park seeks to create a truly South African public space for all, but especially to foster unity between Hout Bay's Youth. Please visit Lawdon's website at <http://eyethuskatepark.org.za/>

Villager Old Boys' Sevens

Last night the Villager Old Boys' Sevens took place at the historic and famous rugby club venue of Brookside in Claremont. Wynberg beat us in the final 14-12! The biggest attendance of old boy spectators was from Bishops. Well done to all ODs that took part.

Hockey

OD hockey games took place on Wednesday 31 August. Games were played in brilliant spirit and it was a lovely run around for some of the older guys. The 2nd XI game ended 2-

2 and the ODs won their 1st XI game 4-3. A festive function was held afterwards in The Mitre, to give the boys some motivation ahead of their knockout final game tonight against Rondebosch. Pierre de Voux (2004O), capped many times by SA, spoke to the boys and gave them some advice going forward. We wish them the best of luck for today. The photo gallery can be viewed at

https://www.facebook.com/ODUnion/photos/?tab=album&album_id=10154378943703592

A reminder that the final games of the season culminate in the Knock out Cup finals being played at WPHC today. The U14A at 4:15pm and the U19 at 6:45pm.

Bishops Prep – Inter-house Rugby

Inter-house rugby takes place at Bishops Prep on 10 September from 8am until noon. See poster attached.

Waterpolo - Clifton Tournament 2016

The Bishops waterpolo team will be taking part in the Clifton Tournament in Durban from 22 to 25 September. ODs in KZN are encouraged to go and support the boys. Fixture list is attached.

Keeping Fit

WP van Zyl (1997K) and Arthur Mngxekeza (1997F) ran the Khayelitsha 10km Road Race which started at the Mandela Park Stadium on Sunday 28 August. Pic attached: left to right: Sandile Myeki, WP van Zyl, AJ Spieringshoek, Andiswa, Arthur Mngxekeza, Arthur's daughter and in front, Arthur's son.

Boland OD Dinner at Waterford Wine Estate

Date: 16 September 2016

Time: 19h00

Dress: Jacket and tie

Guest speaker: Brian Robertson (1979W)

Costs: Students R150 and adults R300

RSVP to Yvonne@rowancapital.co.za or martin@rowancapital.co.za

Old Quad Shield

The Annual Golf Competition for the "Old Quad Shield" between Bishops, Rondebosch, SACS and Wynberg takes place at the Westlake Golf Course on Friday 16 September. There are a few more spaces available. If you would like to play please contact Brian de Kock 082 577 0811 or bdekock@iafrica.com

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader" - John Quincy Adams

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best regards

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