



BISHOPS ODU NEWS

7th October 2016

Dear ODs

I apologise for this newsletter reaching you one day late. An IT gremlin crept in yesterday!

More Rugger Mention

In my newsletter on 23 September, I wrote about Waine Lawton's (1965F) father, Alfred Dendy Lawton, one of the 1937 Springbok members. Waine was kind enough to scan and send me some of the significant photographs and newspaper clippings from the tour. Please see pics at <https://www.facebook.com/ODUnion/posts/10154483379243592>

Howard Hugh (Sparkle) Watt was the last surviving Springbok from the 1937 Springbok tour and is Ross Wilson's (1992W) Grandfather's (Roy Wilson 1927F) cousin. Howard was a wonderful raconteur and an all-rounded brilliant guy. He spent a lot of time with Ross, Kyle Wilson (2002G) and Greig Wilson (1995G), telling those stories about the tour to Australia and New Zealand. Howard was unfortunate to not get a test cap. Ross writes, "Apart from his success in rugby, he was a very talented cricketer. His favourite cricket story was the one about him getting Donald Bradman out in both innings in an exhibition game in the States in the early 30's, a feat very few men can boast about. I remember the last time I was with him, we went down to Newlands Cricket Ground to find the ball that he got signed by The Don after the game. He donated it to the WPCCC museum where it can be found at their new clubhouse."

Crispian Standford (1968S) sent in a photo of his father Walter Power Stanford (1935O) in the Ogilvie senior rugger team in 1934 (attached). Walter is the OD with colours cap on, in the middle, in the back row.

Remembering ODs who fell at the Somme

On 6 October John Wyatt (1963W), Graham Thomas (1984K) and Nicky Bicket (1973F) attended the Commemoration Service at Thiepval to lay a wreath to remember and honour the 18 ODs who died in the Battle of the Somme. They were accompanied by David Walsh, Chairman of the Old Tonbridgians and former Second Master and Head of History at Tonbridge (and a great friend of the ODU). Photos can be viewed on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ODUnion/posts/10154483395288592>

OD Western Front Tour

50 ODs around the world and their friends have registered their interest for this three-day tour taking place 3 to 5 October 2017. I encourage you to do the same at: <https://form.jotformeu.com/60634303077349ea>

The Mentoring Programme

The Mentoring Programme continues to grow as ODs across the world volunteer their time, skills and experience to mentor younger (and not so young) ODs who are facing career challenges and choices. The mentoring programme goes to the heart of what the ODU stands for, which is ODs helping ODs. Should you wish to be a mentor or are looking for support and guidance, please click on: <https://form.jotformeu.com/61863512428356> Mentors and Mentees are usually "matched" within 5 days, so especially if you're *looking for* a mentor, do sign on now.

UAE OD Get-Together

ODs will be getting together on 3 November at 7pm at the Lakeview Restaurant at the Dubai Creek Yacht and Golf Club. Please RSVP by no later than 20 October to Dirk van Doorn at dirk_van_doorn@yahoo.com

Christmas Carols with Richard Cock (1967O)

Bookings at Computicket are now open for this *not to be missed* event which takes place in the Memorial Chapel on Friday 16 December at 6pm. Drinks and Christmas mince pies will be served. ODs who would like to sing in the choir, please e-mail Hennie van der Merwe at hennie@inknet.co.za

Step-Up

Due to the Events that have been held at The Mitre growing in popularity and being a raging success, we are implementing ticket sales via Webtickets.

Our next event takes place on Wednesday 2 November. Scott Ramsay (1993F) will be presenting "*South Africa's Wildest Places*." An official invitation will be sent out shortly.

'Foodies'

Eats are provided at every event. ODs in the culinary industry interested in catering at our events, please e-mail me your details dorourke@bishops.org.za

ODU Clubs

ODU Birding Club

All keen birding ODs can join Peter Steyn (1955O) on Tuesday 11 October on a Cape Bird Club walk around Kirstenbosch. Please e-mail Peter on peregrine@mweb.co.za The walk starts from the Information Centre at Gate 1 at 8am.

ODU GIN Club

Cheryl Douglas (Staff) has set up an ODU Global Issues Network group. Cheryl has received a valuable response and ODs are on board. If you are interested in becoming a member of the GIN group please email Cheryl at cdouglas@bishops.org.za

ODU Drinks Professionals Club

If you would like to join De Villiers Graaff (1988F) and Brian Robertson (1979W) to form a

Drinks Professional's Club, please e-mail me dorourke@bishops.org.za

ODU Hiking Club

Any ODs who would like to start an ODU Hiking Club, please e-mail me at dorourke@bishops.org.za

College

Peter Westwood has been appointed Deputy Principal, to replace Vernon Wood, from the start of the new term. We congratulate Peter who we know has all the experience and attributes to fill this very important role.

The debating team will be attending an International Independent Schools Public Speaking Competition at Collingwood School in Vancouver from 20 to 23 October 2016.

'Investigating'

ODU Website - Any OD designers?

We are planning a redesign of the ODU Website. If there are any ODs that have skills in website design, please get in touch with Nicholas Durrant nick@bluegrassdigital.com

Authors

If you have written a book, please e-mail me dorourke@bishops.org.za the details of your book i.e. name, short description, year published.

Keeping with books...

Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu turns 85 years old today.

Taken from his book, No Future Without Forgiveness: -

"A person with ubuntu is open and available to others, affirming of others, does not feel threatened that others are able and good, for he or she has a proper self-assurance that comes from knowing that he or she belongs in a greater whole and is diminished when others are humiliated or diminished, when others are tortured or oppressed, or treated as if they were less than who they are."

Enjoy a worthwhile weekend.

Best regards

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