



BISHOPS ODU NEWS

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Dear ODs

MENTORING PROGRAMME MERIT

With nearly 300 OD Mentors covering over 90 occupations and disciplines, ODs looking for advice and guidance have a broad array of help to leverage. ODs are encouraged to make use of the support and experience of mentors as they navigate the challenges and complexities of their world of work and careers. Whether this is about a change of direction, making a decision about which opportunities to explore or even about relocation, OD mentors stand ready to assist. Both mentors and mentees who have made use of this programme have nothing but praise for the benefits. To request a mentor - or volunteer as one - please use this link: <https://form.jotformeu.com/61863512428356>

Any OD who finds himself in London on Thursday 1st December is invited to join the UK ODU year-end drinks. This party is being hosted and part-sponsored by Hamish Sinclair (1992S) a partner at Stonehage Fleming. Please RSVP: <https://form.jotformeu.com/62702030344341>

COMMUNIQUE

WP van Zyl (1997K) now has an e-mail address which is wpvanzyl@bishops.org.za and his direct telephone number is 021 659 1995.

RETORTS

Recollection

Simon Poole (Staff) wrote in to say, "It is great to hear news of ODs, particularly ones I knew. After seeing last week's newsletter, I realised that I taught WP van Zyl, Paul Burton, Stef Rohrer and Scott Ramsay Biology and coached them in either Rugby or Basketball."

Sad to hear...

Liz and John Ackerman (1954O) were very sad to hear that Sam Sawkins had died. John and Sam were at school together from kindergarten to matric. They had lost touch with him over the years, and his two children. John writes, "Sam was a most entertaining person and we will miss knowing that he is no longer in Virginia, sailing his boat on the Chesapeake Bay."

John Midgley (1952G) wrote, "I am extremely sad to hear of Sam's passing as he always gave the impression of being a survivor. He was an excellent all-round sportsman. We played together in the backline and a notable effort was to win the Newlands inter-varsity

against the Maties in 1965, during varsity's lean years. I wish his family well."

FEAT

Stuart Bristow (2014K) has been very busy competing internationally for the South African Sprint Canoeing Team. Following on from receiving his U18 SA Junior Protea Colours whilst in Matric, he was awarded U23 Colours in 2015 and now Senior Men SA Colours in 2016. He competed in the World Marathon Championships in Oklahoma in 2014, the World Marathon Championships in Portugal in 2015, the World Cup Canoe Sprints in the Czech Republic and the European Canoe Sprint Olympic Qualifier in Duisberg this year. Stuart has set his sights on Tokyo 2020 so that is keeping him focused!

GIVING BACK

From the 7th to 14th April 2017, Adrian Kritzinger (2006F) together with a number of others will be running from Johannesburg to Cape Town in a 24/7 relay covering over 1520km's, in 7 days, with the final leg being the Two Oceans marathon in Cape Town. This is in aid of supporting the MAD Leadership Foundation which selects amazing, talented and underprivileged students with leadership qualities and funds them from Grade 8 to the end of their tertiary education. Most importantly, the programme also acts as a mentorship programme with the end goal of these young students being that they too are able to give back and inspire in a similar way. Adrian is inspired by this initiative, and having been fortunate enough to attend school at Bishops, he would like to 'give back.' For more information see www.mad2run.co.za and www.madleadership.org

LUNCH DATE

On Thursday the 20th October the HOTS (House Masters on The Shelf) were delighted to meet for lunch at The Mitre. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. In the photo attached are: - Standing left to right: Margie Dobson, Brian de Kock, Gill de Kock, Georgie Douglas, Alan Douglas, June Clark, Melvin Wallis-Brown and Ed Milne. Seated left to right: Paul Dobson, Basil Bey and Steyn Fourie.

NEW BRANCH – Langeberg/Overberg

Patrick Henderson (1958G), Chris Versfeld (1958S) and David Carter (1958G), with the help of the ODU have begun a new branch – Langeberg/Overberg. The inaugural meeting and dinner took place on the 15th October at the Montagu Country Hotel. Brian De Kock (1953O) was the special guest and (due to your Chairman unfortunately being in Australia on business) WP van Zyl (1997K) represented the OD Union. A full write up will be in the December 2016 edition of the magazine. Please see photo attached. Left to right: Julian Lloyd, Gillian Lloyd, Barbara McDonald, Alec McDonald (1958G), Peter de Wet (1995W), Amanda de Wet, Peter Micklem (1958F), Petra Micklem, Chris Versfeld (1958S), Brian de Kock (1953O), Gill de Wet, Patrick Henderson (1958G), WP van Zyl (1997K) and Maria van Zyl.

GIN (Global Issues Network) Club

Rupert Rink (2008O) will be coordinating the ODU GIN Club. Over 15 ODs have joined up. If you would like to learn more about the aims of this dynamic and important club, or become a member, please e-mail Rupert at rinkrupert@gmail.com

HAPPENINGS

True Voices Sung Evensong

The next Sung Evensong will be conducted in the Brooke or Memorial Chapel (TBA) on the 2nd November at 18H00 and will be in the 1662 Book of Common Prayer format. This service is supported by True Voices, a vocal ensemble which specialises in sacred music. All are welcome.

VOX

John Woodland (2005K) directs the city's newest singing group, VOX Cape Town. Their next performance takes place in the Memorial Chapel on the 5th November at 20H00, partly to celebrate the 90th anniversary of its dedication which took place in October 1926. Other ODs involved with this group are Damian Newell (2006G) and Brent Johnson (2000B). Please see flyer attached for more information.

Christmas Carols

Carols with Richard Cock (1967O) will be held in the Memorial Chapel on the 16th December at 18H00. To book your tickets go to http://online.computicket.com/web/event/christmas_carols_with_richard_cock/1075370625/0/75325410

“South Africa’s Wildest Places”

There are around 20 tickets left for Scott Ramsay’s (1993F) talk at The Mitre on Wednesday the 2nd November at 19H00. Tickets can be booked on Webtickets at <https://www.webtickets.co.za/event.aspx?itemid=1465392805>

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

OVERLOOKED

In last week’s newsletter I omitted to announce that the Deputy Head of Boarders and Head of School House for 2017 is Bulelani Ngqukuvana. Congratulations Bulelani.

NOMINATION

Emily van Heerden has been nominated for the 2016 Diocesan College Rhodes Scholarship. Please see Emily’s biography attached.

GRADE 12 SHOWCASE

Peter Hyslop invites you to view the 2016 Grade Twelve Art Exhibition on Friday the 28th October at 18H15 in the Memorial Theatre. Please see invitation attached.

RESPECTS

I regret to inform you that Russell Morse (1981S) passed away on the 23rd October. We send our heartfelt condolences to his father Thomas, (1951G), his brothers, Greg and Bryn and his sister Kathy. Russell loved coming back to Bishops and attended many functions at The Mitre. His funeral will be held at Bishops in the Memorial Chapel on Thursday 3rd November at 16H00.

It is with sorrow that I inform you of the passing of Dr John Forbes (1944S) on the 15th

September. Our thoughts and prayers are with John's wife Audrey, children, Jennifer, Anthony and Caroline and his 9 grandchildren, Chelsea, Alison, Robyn, Michael, Courtney, Kurt, David, Bradley and Kim.

It came as sad news to hear that John Denis Callow (1950F) passed away on the 29th September. We extend our warmest condolences to the Callow family.

"Develop an attitude of gratitude, and give thanks for everything that happens to you, knowing that every step forward is a step toward achieving something bigger and better than your current situation" - Brian Tracy

Have a blessed weekend.

Best regards

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