



BISHOPS ODU NEWS

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MESSAGE FROM THE MITRE

We would like to wish all ODs and family a wonderful long weekend. We ask that tomorrow (Youth Day) you remember those school children who lost their lives in Soweto in 1976. For those celebrating Father's Day, may it be filled with many happy memories and safe travels to all.

BLITZ BOKKE WORLD CHAMPIONS TO VISIT BISHOPS (WOODLANDS)

The Bishops Rugby Supporters' Club in association with Asics will be hosting a once off event with the Asics sevens rugby ambassadors on the 22nd June 2017 at 18:30 in the Woodlands Pavilion. Four players from the current Blitz Bokke that won the HSBC World Championships will be in attendance. All ODs and rugby enthusiasts are welcome to attend. Please see attached advert for more info. [Please see attached advert for more info.](#)

THE GLOBAL ODU MENTORING PROGRAMME

Nick Koster (2007F): "The OD mentoring programme has been invaluable in my transition between rugby and life after. It has highlighted the fact that Bishops gives you so much more than an education. **Vince van der Bijl (1965F)** and I chat biweekly and I'm immensely thankful for his influence so far. We're catching up for a glass of red wine soon, which will be even better than Skype."

If you would like to get in touch with a Mentor - or become a Mentor - please click [here](#).

VUSA RUGBY ACADEMY

Brendan Fogarty (Prep Staff) reports: "VUSA is a programme initiated and run by Bishops (Diocesan College) that seeks to uplift underprivileged children in the Langa community by offering rugby coaching and extra English and Mathematics tuition. We are looking to create links and partnerships that are able to help in various forms; financial, equipment, clothing and or expertise. All of these add significant value to our programme and enhance the learning experience for the learners."

Read more [here](#).

BISHOPS ENTREPRENEURSHIP NETWORK

The long-awaited Bishops Entrepreneurship Network will launch at the Mitre at 18:00 on Thursday 24 August 2017. The event will be hosted by the Chairman of Council, **Mike Bosman (1978O)**, and guest speaker will be **Stephen Larkin (1990F)**. Stephen will be telling the story about how the Class of 1990 rallied around him to seed what has since become Africa's biggest crowdfunding raise. He will describe the desperate attempts to save

his company in the 2008/9 financial crisis, which could have sparked a Northern Nigerian sectarian war and the assassination rumour that caused the loss of his best friend's piano. And how an OD parent ended up naked in an Accra zoo chimpanzee cage after Barack Obama stopped a private jet from taking off.

WP van Zyl (1997K), the OD Executive Manager will set out the aims and objectives of the network which include:

- Enabling members of the network to share business opportunities
- Giving senior ODs an opportunity to mentor younger entrepreneurs in the same sector
- Enabling entrepreneur-run businesses to give internship opportunities to young ODs and work experience to boys at College

The event should be of interest to younger ODs, as well as established entrepreneurs as Stephen Larkin will talk about how the first two ODs fared in the Africa New Energies Internship Program. His company is looking for two young OD graduates to work on start-ups in his London-based innovation hub in 2018.

ODs AROUND THE WORLD

George: Simply Blue Concert

Blyth Thompson (1946S): "A Bishops Simply Blue concert is going to take place in the main hall at York High on Sunday 2nd July. Tickets can be reserved with Blyth Thompson on telephone: 0448735254. Proof of payment of R50 per ticket into the FNB, George account: 210114 6270 1811 855 or obtained for cash at a business known as "the Office" near the smaller Pick and Pay in Courtenay Street, George. Enquiries by phoning Blyth Thompson. There will also be a cocktail party with a cash bar for ODs and their guests in the York High pub known as the Quarry at 5 p.m. after the concert. The Principal, Guy Pearson and the OD Executive Manager, **WP van Zyl (1997K)**, have accepted to be present to meet ODs."

UK: Nicky Bicket (1973F) reports:

"Dear ODs

What a 31 days it's been. Since the last newsletter we have been through a general election, horrific terror attacks in England, SA ejected from the ODI competition, we've felt for our friends in the Cape who have endured - and in some cases lost - much in the coastal fires. And, most recently and calamitously, the ODs were beaten at golf by the Old Tonbridgians at the RAC last Saturday.

By the end of *this* month we will have enjoyed another annual UK OD Dinner. This is the first time I can recall that the dinner has been sold out more than a month in advance. We now have a waiting list! So if you have said you're coming and know that you no longer will be able to make it, please let me know as soon as possible so I can reallocate your seat. For those who have booked, thank you for your support.

Once again, I have enjoyed meeting ODs in-between newsletters and a highlight was a very kind invitation from **Nick Heesom (196W)** to the third ODI between England and South Africa at Lord's. **Jos Cunningham (2003F)** Nick and I clearly had a huge impact on the Proteas who had almost won the game by the time the three of us returned from a leisurely, liquidy pub lunch. I enjoyed a very interesting and amusing lunch with **Simon Draper (1967F)** earlier this month and hope to persuade him to chat to ODs about his early illustrious career in the music recording world and now high-end publishing focused on his passion for high-performance motor cars.

It was a real pleasure to have attended a superb piano recital at 22 Mansfield Street with **Bob Trew (1952F)** and his wife Ann.

Lastly, **Natale Labia (2001S)** held a drinks reception to share his experiences of his trip to the Eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo in February. His slide and video presentation described an utterly spectacular yet overlooked part of the world. After decades of civil war and instability, peace has finally returned and the area is opening up to foreign visitors. Amongst other experiences, they sought solace, deep in the rainforests, with the gorillas of the Virunga National Park, climbed the active volcano Mount Nyirangongo to camp beside the world's largest lava lake, and caught a ferry across the ethereally beautiful Lake Kivu to the wonderful town of Bukavu, where they explored the almost unknown wilderness of the Kahuzi Biega National Park which attracts only a handful of visitors a year. I am really keen that Natale present this to ODs - if you'd be interested, [send me an email](#) to let me know so I can gauge the support.

Please do let me know if you have any news or other items of interest you would like to share with me so I can get it to the rest of the almost 700 UK-based ODs who receive this letter.

Kind regards

Nicky Bicket"

To view the UK newsletter and pictures click [here](#).
To sign up to the newsletter click [here](#).

ODs vs Old Cranleighans

Richard Duck (1964G) captain for the Senior Team reports: "The OD team gathered together on Thursday 11th May for the second match against the Old Cranleighans at Walton Heath. The teams were both slightly depleted with two "borrowed" players on the OC's team and one on the OD team. Our vacancy was filled by Bill Barratt whose claim to fame was a few years schooling in his youth in Sea Point whilst his father was temporarily working in Cape Town!

The match got off to a delayed start as the society playing in front of us was very late in teeing off so we switched courses and played foursomes on the other course which worked out fine.

It was a very pleasant day and enjoyed by all but the result was the same as last year! Two matches were lost and one drawn.

This was followed by a splendid carvery lunch followed by a relaxed coffee in the lounge."

The team was made up of: **Richard Duck, Peter Arthur (1965W), Bob Trew (1952F), Rob White-Cooper (1961S)** and **John Wyatt (1963W)**.

Any ODs finding themselves in England and wanting a game with the Seniors (roughly, those that are or feel 55 or older) please email [Richard](#).

2017 OD Vs Old Tonbridgian Annual Golf Match

Alex Price (2008M): “On Saturday 10th June, the ODs played their third consecutive fixture against the ever-formidable Old Tonbridgians.

The ODs participating were **Alex Price (2008M)**, **Zandy Macdonald (2007F)**, **Martin Calder (1991B)**, **Steve Suckling (1976F)**, **Doug Mallett (2007M)** and **Stuart Commins (2006F)**. The OTs in attendance were David Walsh, Tony Monteuuis, Richard Marle, Robert Butlin, Chris Pettman, Martin Colvill, Richard Dalzell and Robin Berkeley.

The match took place at the RAC in Epsom, and, as hoped, the weather turned out to be near perfect – taking into account the stiff 17mph wind that blew throughout the round. The ODs were slightly disadvantaged from the get-go as there were a couple of last-minute dropouts which had the ODs playing 6 on 8. These sorts of situations have never stopped us digging deep and trying to salvage a win.

The Mallett/McDonald combination were rock-solid, despite Doug’s wildly errand tee shot on the first. The pair successfully brought home the only win for the ODs on the day. Martin Calder and Stephen Suckling valiantly went out on their own and were both beaten with a few holes to spare. A fight well fought. The Price/Commins match also resulted in an unfortunate loss, even though they both carded a pair of 38’s on the back 9. A world-class 19 handicapper was simply too much to shake off, as he made some solid birdies coming home. There was some respite, however, in that Stuart Commins collected 3 of the 4 “Longest Drive” and “Closest to the Pin” challenges that were running throughout the round.

The Old Tonbridgians now hold the lead and will go into next year’s fixture 2-1 up. It’s safe to say that the group had a fantastic day out. With our usual thank you speeches and drinks outside in the sun after the round, we concluded that we would be back next year with a full team to take on the OT’s again – and many more to come. All to play for!

We are very grateful for the tremendously friendly and supportive relationship we have with the Old Tonbridgians and look forward to growing this (and improving our golf).”
Again, ODs who would like to play with the younger side are asked to email [Alex Price](#).

All the pictures from the OD v OT match can be viewed [here](#).

As a matter of interest, Bishops and Tonbridge have another very strong connection: one of Tonbridge’s more famous old boys was the renowned architect Sir Herbert Baker. He designed for Bishops the north-east wing of Founders (1896), the porch to the Brooke Chapel (1896) and School House (completed in 1902). He didn’t design anything for Tonbridge - a source of great irritation to them!

Nicky Bicket (1973F): “David Walsh is leading a party of ODs to the Western Front in October where they will be dedicating a memorial plaque to the memory of the 112 ODs who died in WW1).”

Zambia: 1Zambia MTB Race

The 1Zambia MTB race is held annually on the 1st weekend of June and 2017 was the 4th edition of the event. The 1Zambia MTB is one wild three-day African mountain bike stage race, where riders navigate 250km of remote and scenic terrain in teams of two using only GPS navigation to find their way. The route is brimming with unexplored routes in the African bush and ends with a magnificent island prize giving on the banks of the mighty Zambezi River. The 1Zambia MTB race is a unique experience in the African mountain bike scene and previous participants include the likes of Corne Krige and the Garmin SA team of Yolandie Du Toit and Ben Melt Swanepoel as well as **John Stanford (1998T)** as part of his

epic 15 000km journey from London to Cape Town in aid of rhino conservation. Read more [here](#).

This cycling event is run by **Owen Green (1996T)** and Ilke Green (husband and wife). Their four kids help out where they can even if that is only just to "test taste" the nougat in the rider goody bags. **Philip Green (1995T)** and **Sebastian De Romijn (1995T)** participated again this year and shared a few video diaries [here](#).

Australia:

Edward King (1963S): "Like many ODs and sports lovers around the world the untimely passing of **Dan Vickerman (1996O)** had a profound impact on me and once again highlighted the sad reality that mental illness is closer to us all than we'd probably acknowledge. Dan's Father Les and some of the members of his Rotary Club have launched an appeal to raise money to fund an Australian Rotary Health PhD Scholarship to investigate the causes and look for solutions to a problem that has plagued sporting heroes for decades. Australian Rotary Health is the largest non-government mental health research funding organization in Australia. ARH also support local initiatives in the treatment and support of those suffering mental illnesses. To read more on the Australian Rotary Health click [here](#). Australian Rotary Health will issue tax-deductible receipts to all Australian based donations received through the online facility [here](#). I believe that through supporting this initiative ODs can well and truly honour Dan's memory in a most fitting manner."

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Peter Henkel (2003G)** and **Adam Barnard (1997B)** who just graduated from Yale University with a Masters in Advanced Management! Please see photo attached (*Left: Adam Barnard; Right: Peter Henkel*).

LATEST OD SPRINGBOK

Michael Owen-Smith (1966O) reports: "**Dillyn Leyds (2010S)**, who played his test debut last Saturday against France (37-14), is our 11th rugby international since unity (8 Springboks and one each from Wales, England and Australia). He is our 46th international over all (pre-and post-unity).

The full list of the 11 internationals are: **Guy Keble (1983KS)**, **Christian Stewart (1983W)**, **Selborne Boome (1992S)**, **Robbie Fleck (1993O)**, **Dave von Hoesslin (1992S)**, **Francois Louw (2003W)**, **Nizaam Carr (2009M)**, **Dillyn Leyds (2010S)**, **Haldane Luscombe (1999W)** (Wales), **Stuart Abbott (1995S)** (England, including a World Cup winners medal) and **Dan Vickerman (1996O)** (Australia)."

CONDOLENCES

Andy Selfe (1968F) reports on the passing of **Andrew Bremner Jackson (1948F)**:
"Sorry to hear of the passing of Brem Jackson, or ABJ as we all called him. I worked for him, running Bremco Fuel Injection Department (taking over from **Jeremy Hogg (1967F)** who was in Founders a couple of years ahead of me), from 1976 to 1980. At the time he had a parallel business in Bellville called IC Motors. Our work in Paarden Eiland was mainly servicing the shipping industry, repairing injectors needing two strong people to pick up! ABJ cajoled me into converting his Mercedes to run on sunflower oil. It wouldn't start on it, but once running on diesel, it would run happily on sunflower oil without any further modification than a change-over tap and a tin of oil in the boot! He said it would be a good advertisement for the business, and we made it into *Die Burger* and the *Cape Times*!"

Please see attached articles.

EVENTS AT THE MITRE

LIVE AT THE MITRE: Thursday 15 June Final Call!

James Stewart (1986B), Rosemary & **Cameron Bruce (1987G)** will be performing tonight at the Mitre at 19:00 pm. Last chance to book tickets. For a taste of what to expect click [here](#). Book tickets [here](#).

SPORT FIXTURES

The Bishops 1st X1 Hockey result against Paarl Boys' High School last week was a great win of 3-1 to Bishops. They go up against Edgemean High School today at 16:30 (home).

The Bishops 1st XV were beaten by Paarl Boys' High School in a 0-27 loss last Saturday. This weekend is a bye as it will be a long weekend but 24th June will be the ever exciting clash against Rondebosch Boys High (Home) (Time to be confirmed).

For all other sports fixtures and results click [here](#).

REMARKABLE OD: REMEMBERED ON YOUTH DAY

An Afrikaans children's book called *Suid-Afrikaanse Avontuur Verhale* by Phillida Simons, opens up with a story in which one of the leading figures is an OD. In the December 2009 DC Magazine this figure is described as "A True Hero". He was assumed killed on 16 June 1942, whilst in his mid-twenties, and it is therefore appropriate that we remember **Major John (Jack) Frost (1933-35)** on Youth Day. To read more click [here](#).

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

This week's quote is taken from the March 1976 (Please note the significance of this year in tomorrow's public holiday) Vol. LX No.1 Diocesan College Magazine in The Principal's Annual Report).

"The modern world is no place for the mediocre man; he will be rapidly overtaken. The answer lies in a far greater degree of self-criticism. We must exchange the falsely palliative, 'We haven't done too badly', for the less pleasant admission, 'We haven't done well enough.'

~Mr A. W. H. Mallet

Warm regards,

WP and Nicole
The Mitre, Bishops, Cape Town

[Contact the OD Union](#)