



**BISHOPS**  
**ODU NEWS**

## **ODU NEWSLETTER 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017**

### **BISHOPS TRUST UPDATE**

#### **Why should ODs support the 175 Campaign?**

The School has, does and will continue to produce boys who go on to make a difference and do so because of their Bishops journey.

Our role in South Africa is to provide boys with the skills, principles and values needed to lead South Africa in a transformed society. We must ensure they are equipped with the tools to do so.

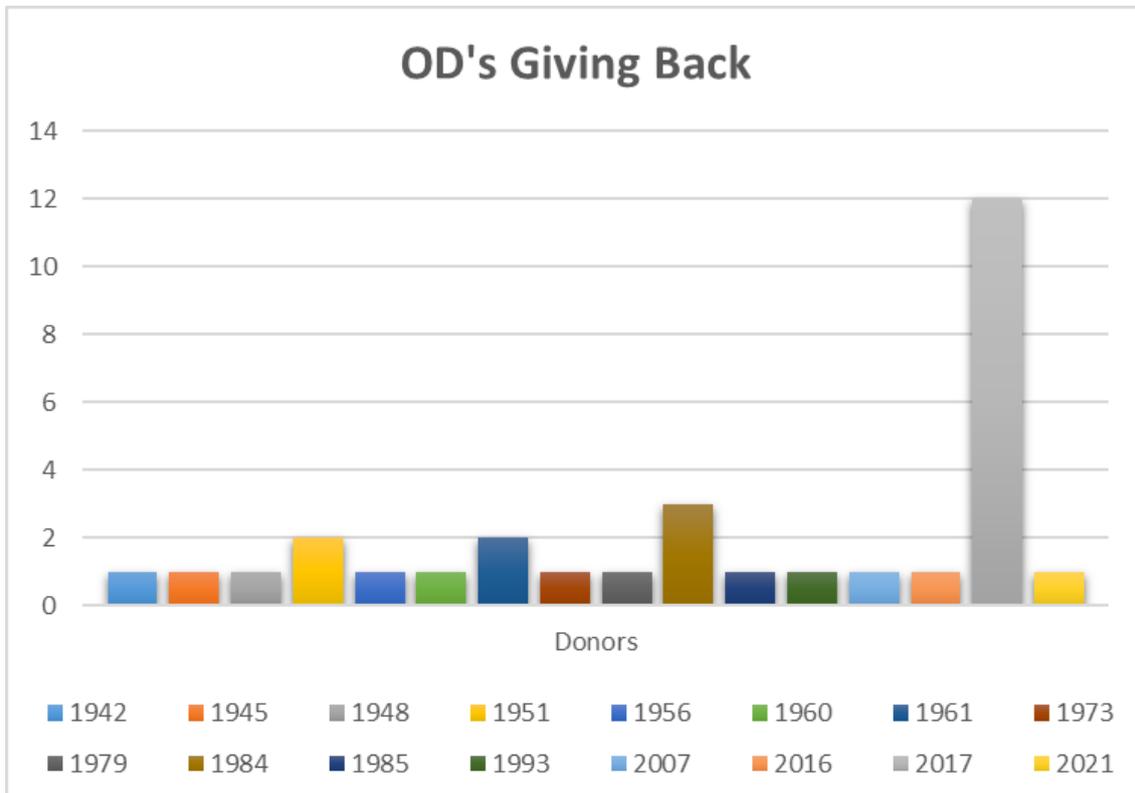
The primary source of income for Bishops is generated through fees. These fees cover the school's running costs (staff, technology, operations, maintenance). But these alone do not provide sufficient funds to provide bursary opportunities to deserving candidates or to provide upgraded and new facilities required for modern education.

The required fee increase to make this possible would financially cripple most of our fee paying families and thus the only remaining avenue is donation income. Bishops is appealing to the entire community to give back so that future generations may benefit just as those who have before them.

Old Boys are called upon to invest in the future. The benefits you derived from facilities when you were at Bishops were not made possible from the fees you paid. The classrooms you learned in, the Chapel you worshipped in and the dining halls you ate in were all available because of investments from previous generations of Bishops boys who understood the need to "pay forward" - who invested in a future they wouldn't benefit from themselves, in a way that other benefactors (ODs) before them had invested in you.

From the graph below, it is clear that our 2017 Matrics already see the benefits of 'giving back'. These boys have pledged support of R50, R100 even R150 per month. As you will see, as a percentage, more boys have contributed from this leaving year than any other year.

It is clear to them, as it is to many, that we need to give, and give generously.



### **BISHOPS NEW LOOK MAGAZINE**

Please see [here](#) for a preview of the new-look magazine being produced by the school. This is separate from the OD Magazine and will cover the year that was in the College, Prep and Pre-Prep, as well as include a small section from the OD Union. A glossy celebration of all aspects of Bishops, it will sport larger photographs and more comprehensive content.

The first edition of the new magazine will be available in March 2018, and will cover the events of 2017. The magazine will be accessible online, but as it will be a fitting memento for your sons, yourself, or others, hard copies will also be available at R350 a magazine. Please see order form [here](#).

Alternatively, please send an email request to [marketing@bishops.org.za](mailto:marketing@bishops.org.za) who will invoice you with payment details and let you know once the magazine has arrived so you may collect your issue.

## FOUR ODs TAKE ON THE ATLANTIC

**Cole Barnard (2014B), Grant Soll (2014W), Lee Gordon (2014M), Matthew Boynton (2014W)** are preparing to row across the Atlantic Ocean in December 2018. Through their transatlantic row, they will also be raising funds to pay for a boy's education through Bishops, but they need your help in order to achieve their dream! Please see full article [here](#).

## ANECNOTE WIN SOUTH AFRICA'S GOT TALENT!

"A capella vocal group 'Anecnote' walked away as SA's Got Talent winners for 2017 after a highly contested finale, which saw their fellow-competitors going tooth and nail to impress the public for their votes. But Anecnote, whose members are all based in Cape Town, lived up to all expectations in the live finals, which took place at Johannesburg's Soweto Theatre on Sunday.

Group member **Kevin Smuts (Matric 2004/5)**: "We're all in a state of shock, and I don't think it has quite sunk in yet. At the same time, we're so excited about the result and want to work super hard to keep the dream alive," he said... Read full article and view videos [here](#).

In Tuesday's *Cape Times* there is a photo of the group arriving back at CT Airport on Monday. They even received a congratulatory message from Patricia De Lille!  
Well done, Anecnote! We are so proud of you all!

## UK NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

The final UK 2017 Newsletter is out! This month's edition includes a report on the recent OD Oxfordshire Lunch, a historic account of Bishops and Tobacco, various UK based event invitations and much more. To read it, click [here](#).

## NEWS FROM ODs

**Nicky Bicket (1973F)**: "Our last event of the year is a very relaxed and informal get-together at The Hollywood Arms in Chelsea/Fulham on Friday 1st December from 6.30pm-midnight. Come and go as it suits you. We are in the Blanchard Room - a private room with its own bar. There is no entry charge, but it's a cash bar. The ODU will provide endless platters of whatever it takes to absorb the endless glasses of whatever you are drinking in what will be a good way to close off the ODU year. Please come. And for a rare insight into the dark world of ODs, wives and partners are most welcome. **Spread the word; other ODs may not know of this function.** For security and catering purposes you do need to RSVP which can be done [here](#).

Let's make this big!!"

**Miguel Da Costa (2010B):** “Just as a brief update, the business that I co-founded, [Uthini](#), has been selected as one of 8 EdTech (Educational Technology) companies to participate in Africa’s first EdTech incubator, [Injini](#).

Injini provides all the usual incubator services (workshops, office space, advisory and mentorship) along with R500 000 in direct funding per start-up in February 2018. Most importantly though, in my opinion, we will all be clustered together along with other more established EdTech businesses such as [Siyavula](#) and [Hyperion Development](#). Furthermore, the incubator has strong ties to other educational businesses and institutions both locally and internationally.

Some coverage: [EdSurge](#), [DisruptAfrica](#), [Venture Burn](#).”

**Alan Ramsay (1960F)** wrote in to inform us of an award received by **Geoff Davies (1959W)**, former Bishop of Umzimvubu. Geoff was awarded the *Archbishop’s Peace with Justice* award for his extraordinary contribution to the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, and to the Broader Christian and Interfaith world, for the role he played in mobilising churches and communities to act for ecological justice. Please read full article [here](#).

**Paul Cannon (1953S):** “I am forwarding this article to you only because there are a number of references to Bishops therein. There was a strongly edited version of the article published in the December edition of the Country Life magazine. But the Bishops connections might be of interest to some. For all its drawbacks, the edited version won me 'best letter' in the Dec edition - and a very welcome prize as stated therein!” Please see Paul’s article [here](#).

**Northern Province – Simon Grose (1977F):** “Please see photo [here](#) of our bi-monthly get together last night at Rockets in Bryanston.

Front - **Paul Cohen (2009F)**, **Kennedy Jimba (1983S)**, **Craig McKenzie (2006O)**, **Brendan Raubenheimer (2005F)**.

Back- **Rob Manning (2009F)**, **Dillon McEvoy (2005S)**, **Graeme Steen (2005M)**, **Keba Mothoagae**, **Theo Louw (2005W)**, **Vaughan Harries (2006O)**, **Nic Raubenheimer (1999B)**, **Dean Smorenburg (2005B)**.”

**My Police Record and how it came to this by James Stewart (1986B)**

Emmy Nominated, SAMA Award winning, chart-topping songwriter, singer & music entrepreneur, **James Stewart (1986B)** writes a column for a local newspaper. The

columns are always music related with a twist. Here's a piece from one of his latest publications:

“Beethoven sonatas drifting up the staircase to my bedroom on school nights. Little Richard wailing at whoever was on the other side of the door. Elvis soulfully sobbing 'Love me tender'.

For me these seminal aural interventions were trails of crumbs leading to doors behind which secrets and mysteries lay. To enter was to submerge myself in the discovery of how this magic worked, becoming a musician...” Read the full article [here](#).

To read a biography of James click [here](#).

## **CONDOLENCES**

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of **Richard Todd (1956G)**.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday 18 November at 11 am at the St. Francis Chapel, Twist Street in Betty's Bay. A memorial service will also be held the following Saturday, 25th November in the Memorial Chapel at Bishops followed by a gathering in The Mitre.

## **OD BOOKS**

### **Tim Richman (1995B) - *50 People Who Stuffed Up the World***

Tim is happy to report that his new book, *50 People Who Stuffed Up the World*, will be published next week simultaneously in South Africa (by his company, Burnet Media) and the UK and Australasia (by Little, Brown). Tim's co-author is Alexander Parker, a future Bishops parent, and the two will be speaking about the book at a launch event at the Mitre on Thursday 23 November.” Please see flyer [here](#).

### **William Dicey (1988F) – *Borderline & Mongrel***

This week we welcomed renowned author, **William Dicey (1988F)** to The Mitre. William came in to do some research for his next book, and needed past DC magazines for some insight on life in the 80's. William kindly donated a signed copy of his one book, *Mongrel* to the OD Union. Another book by him, *Borderline* was donated by **Brian de Kock (1952/3F)** earlier this year. See photos [here](#).

*Borderline* - “Readers are taken on a fascinating journey down the Orange River in South Africa in this travelogue that interweaves historical detail from the places the author visits with the history of South Africa as a whole. Augmented with the author's own photographs, this is a document of discovery, much like the source material that Dicey himself quotes from-the first European explorers of the South African interior. But unlike early depictions of

outlandish animals and men, Dicey's travelogue investigates the waves of human occupation-the San, the Nama, the Griqua, and the Basters-and the subsequent fallout as the indigenous people were moved off their land around the Orange River..." Read more [here](#).

**Mongrel** – “From a carcass competition in the Karoo to a shambolic murder trial in Cape Town, William Dicey’s essays freewheel across an open terrain of interests. Dicey is curious and inventive, weaving strands of essay, journalism, fiction and self-reportage into something uniquely his own.

*Mongrel* investigates a range of topics – radical environmentalism, the faultlines between farmer and farm worker, the joys and sorrows of reading – yet drifts of concern and sensibility draw the collection together. Several essays touch on how books can move, and sometimes maul, their readers. *Mongrel* is idiosyncratic, witty, potent..." Read more [here](#).

### **Mike Bruton - *What a Great Idea***

Mike Bruton, author of *What a Great Idea* wrote in about the launch of his new book:

“Several ODs are mentioned in the book that will be launched, including **JLB Smith, Mark Shuttleworth (1991W)** and **Rob Adam (1972F)**. Please see launch flyer [here](#).

## **PAST EVENTS**

### **1959 Reunion Lunch**

A lively lunch was held at The Mitre on Friday 03 November.

Please see photo [here](#).

Very Back: Some folks from a few years before 1959!

Back row: **Paul Heinemann, Chris Metelerkamp, Robin Borden, Dave Evans, Angus Quail, Tim Wisdom.**

Middle row: **Ridgeley Hall, Anthony Coombe, Gerald Robertson, Graeme Wares, Mick Cherry.**

Sitting: **Geoff Davies, Graham Parkhurst, Mike Shand, Peter Fiske.**

**Anthony Coombe (1959S):** “The lunch was one of an occasional series of events that we hold for local 59’ers in and around Cape Town. At this gathering, we were particularly pleased to welcome **Tim Wisdom** from the UK. **Gil Joyce** also attended but had to leave before the pic was taken. There was some healthy discussion about the format of our 60-year Reunion which will be held in March 2019 to coincide with Founders Day weekend that year.”

## **THE ODU MENTORING PROGRAMME**

**Nicky Bicket (1973F)** reports: “The Mentoring Programme is one of, if not *the* most important initiative the ODU has implemented since the OD Rolodex in 1904. It has been and continues to be a great success, valuable and valued by younger ODs looking for advice and guidance as they make their way in the world. The feedback from OD mentors is also overwhelmingly positive. I received a gratifying endorsement of the programme from one of our mentees - see [here](#).”

More details on the progress and future of the programme can be read [here](#).

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **Garden Route OD Party!**

The end of year Garden Route O.D. party will take the form of a cash bar and snacks at the York High School Pub (Corner of Cradock & Union) at 5 p.m. on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. R.S.V.P. please to Blyth Thompson ([blyth@computerbird.co.za](mailto:blyth@computerbird.co.za)) Tel: 083 288 7288 and 044 873 5254. Wives and sweethearts welcome.

### **Summer Celebration Concert**

2017 was truly a fabulous year for the Cape Town Male Voice Choir. Playing to capacity audiences in Uruguay and Argentina was the stuff of dreams. Hearing the applause follow us down the streets of Buenos Aires after a performance was an experience that none of our members will forget.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December, we will be sharing the culmination of our year in the Memorial Chapel at Bishops where we will be singing traditional and new repertoire, with items inspired by our experience in South America, tango by Astor Piazzolla and others, with the exciting accompaniment of Stansilav Angelov, Cape Town’s master of Tango, who will also perform solo.

We are also thrilled to be sharing the programme with the Gentlemen’s Ensemble from Gugulethu who are building a devoted following across Cape Town with their unique sound, energy and stage presence.

This promises to be an exciting start to the holiday season.

Please see flyer attached [here](#).

### **Founders Day 2018**

We can now confirm that Founders Day takes place on Friday 16 March 2018.

We urge ODs to please consider taking leave for that day, and joining in the festivities held at Bishops. We will be meeting with the school to plan the program, and relay it to ODs in the near future.

### **Life Healthcare Medical 10 - 26 November**

The Life Healthcare Medical 10 is a 10 kilometre fun-run/walk for health professionals. This year's event will start at 06h30 on Sunday 26th November and is open to all health professionals. Please see entry forms [here](#).

### **Christmas Carols with Richard Cock (1966O) 15 December**

The annual Christmas Carol performance with **Richard Cock (1966O)** will be held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 18h00 in the Bishops Memorial Chapel - Diocesan College. If anyone wants to join the choir they can contact Hennie van der Merwe at [emsie@pixie.co.za](mailto:emsie@pixie.co.za). Please find more information and how to book tickets [here](#).

### **UK Dates**

#### **The Thames Hare & Hounds Alumni Cross Country**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 17 – 14.30pm, Wimbledon Common

The UK ODs are competing for a top ten place this year (last year 14/33) in this the oldest alumni cross-country event in England.

To run, please email James Deane (B, 1990), please click [here](#).

#### **UK OD Year-End Party**

Friday 1st December 2017

In the Blanchard Room at The Hollywood Arms (SW10 9HX) from 6.30pm.

Dress is casual and partners are most welcome. **There is no cost to attend**, but drinks are via a cash bar. Food will be provided by the ODU. For catering and admission purposes, please RSVP .

### **OD SPORT**

Good luck to **Dasch Barber (2006M)** who will be representing Germany in three Internationals (rugby) in the coming weeks vs Brazil, USA and Chile.

Congratulations to **Sean Paterson (2009F)**, who recently made his international debut (rugby) for Israel three weeks ago in two European Cup games vs Andorra and Croatia.

Well done to **Richard Baikoff** in grade 12, the son of **Nikolai Baikoff (1978G)** and grandson of **Geoff Arenhold (1955G)** and the grandnephew of the late **John Arenhold (1949O)**, who recently completed taking 100 wickets for the 1<sup>st</sup> X1.

**Wynberg Old Boys Union presents: Open Mic-Night with Vincent van der Bijl (1965F) and Denys Hobson (past Wynberg staff)**

**Venue:** Bill Bowden Pavilion

**Date:** Wednesday, 15 November 2017 at 7.00 pm

As 2017 comes to an end, *Open Microphone* in conjunction with our title sponsors, *Remax Premier-Claremont*, have secured two cricketing legends, both the victims of sports isolation – **Vincent van der Bijl (1965F)** and **Denys Hobson (past staff)**. This will be a fun-filled evening with **Keith Richardson (1968O)** as MC. We will hear about the amateur days of cricket, when there was fun and laughter, and where the love of the game was the most important thing, besides a good party and friendship. Please email Paul Barichiev (mailto:paulcheryl@cybersmart.co.za) and Carol Ramsay (mailto:cramsay@wbhs.org.za) to book your ticket! **Closing date for ticket sales: Friday, 10 November 2017.**

**QUOTE FOR THE WEEK**

This week's quote is taken from DC Magazine December 1911 Pg 14 from the College Song:

*"...Bishops had her tale of heroes who sprang forth at duty's call,  
And some emerged unscathed, while some, alas, were doomed to fall;  
Their names we proudly cherish on the Chapel's hallowed wall,  
Pro fide et patria!..."*

Warm regards,

WP and Nicole

The Mitre, Bishops, Cape Town