



**BISHOPS**  
**ODU NEWS**

## **ODU NEWSLETTER 16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2017**

### **BISHOPS TRUST UPDATE**

Another year has flown by too quickly and as the school wishes the 2017 Matrics farewell, the ODU welcomes their newest recruits.

At a welcome tea held for the 'Class of 2017' Matrics, Trustee of the Bishops Trust, **Paul Burton (1984K)** challenged the boys to give back to their school; a school that has not only been a part of their identity for the past 5 years but will continue to be for the rest of their lives. He encouraged the boys to pledge support in whatever capacity they could afford and for this pledge to increase as they progress in life. He advised that the fees already spent at Bishops, primarily covered teaching and operational costs and emphasised that little was left for the extras; extras that will continue to generate excellence for future generations; extras that will ensure that we produce leaders for a transformed society.

We are extremely grateful to our newest ODs who have pledged monthly contributions to the 175 Campaign:

Michael Burton

Faheem Goolam Mahomed

Robert Jack

Joseph Hughes

Ayden Labuschagne

Blair Phelan

Matthew Norton

Dylan Evans

Dayaan Cassiem

Ghaalieb Kenny

The Bishops Trust also wishes to sincerely thank Debbie Coombe and the Grade 11 parents for their fundraising efforts which raised R80,000. We thank the following parents who generously pledged contributions towards the Hamilton Mvelase Bursary Fund:

George van Niekerk  
Elmien de Kock  
Louis Stassen  
Wendy Rohrer  
Jan and Karen Newman  
Neil Warren  
Rob McDonald  
Lyndon/Sally Burt  
Anne Diggle  
Rob Coombe  
Anonymous  
Karen Lupini  
Mark Alexander  
Beth Barty  
Kevin Aron  
Za Halle  
Lisa Comitis  
Toni Bowker  
Grant Nelson  
Helena Janisch  
Clyde Rossow  
Archie Bell  
Anonymous  
Gwenhwyfar Burton  
Kathy Leslie

Please see photos [here](#).

### **VISITORS TO THE MITRE AND ODs OUT AND ABOUT**

Last week we had the pleasure of welcoming various ODs to The Mitre. Representatives of the class of '57 - **Don Nelson (1957G)** and **Sam Sterban (1957W)**. We also met with **Dr Robert Campbell (1972F)** and his wife Margit who popped in for a visit. Rob's brother is a teacher at the Prep School and his wife is a teacher at the college – small world! **Charl Smith-Symms (1968F)** also popped in to purchase an OD tie. Please see photos [here](#). OD **Tony van Ryneveld (1942G)** was spotted at the Ysterplaat Airfield 10km Silver Queen Run

on Wednesday evening. Tony addressed the runners before they set-off. Please see photo here of Tony with the winning runner, Heinrich Wagener [here](#).

## **OD BLAZER**

Our gorgeous blazer samples have arrived! They are timeless items that are beautifully tailored. ODs have the option of choosing between two different styles – regular or slim fit. We will be processing an order soon and they should arrive within the next few weeks. Please see photos [here](#). ODs wishing to tailor their own blazers can purchase a “Blazer starter kit” from the OD Union Office. The kit includes 3m<sup>2</sup> material, 3 large buttons, 8 small buttons and an OD badge and will cost R500. We will keep ODs in touch as soon as the blazers arrive.

## **CONDOLENCES**

We regret to inform you of the passing of **Howard Gird (1976F)**. Howard passed away last week Friday at the age of 59. Our thoughts and prayers are with his friends and family during this time. Details regarding a memorial service will follow soon. You are welcome to contact his friend, [James Sedgewick \(1976F\)](#) for more information.

We will be hosting a memorial service for **Rex Pennington (past staff)** who passed away peacefully on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> September. The service will be at Bishops on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 12pm in the Brooke Chapel, with tea and coffee thereafter in the Mitre. To read his obituary, please click [here](#).

During the school holidays we were incredibly saddened to hear of the passing of **John Arenhold (1949O)** who was an integral part of the OD Union and Bishops for many years. A memorial service was held in the War Memorial Chapel last Thursday. A full Obituary will follow soon. To read more about John’s life please click [here](#).

## **ODs AROUND THE WORLD**

### **UK**

**Nicky Bicket (1973F)** reports from the October UK newsletter: “...October has been a busy month and it is probably fair to say the highlight has been - among many highlights - last week’s OD Tour to the Western Front. 44 ODs from around the world and friends, with **Mike Bosman** (O, 1978 and Chairman of the College Council), **Guy Pearson** (Principal) and **Paul Murray** (Head of History and School Archivist) representing Bishops, visited the historical sites and memorials which make up the Western Front. Importantly, we dedicated a plaque

(see above) to the memory of the 112 ODs who died in the Great War in the St George's Chapel in Ypres, a service which was conducted by **Michael Bands** (Bishops Chaplain from 1985-1992). That evening, Bishops and the ODU laid a wreath at the Menin Gate Memorial Ceremony. The trip, led by **David Walsh**, Chairman of the Old Tonbridgians, was informative and fun, and provided closure to the memories of our fallen ODs. Bishops was the last school to have a commemoration plaque in Ypres....”

The full Tour report and photos can be seen [here](#). The Tour booklet, full of historical detail and Bishops anecdotes, can be seen [here](#).

“I was delighted to have spent time with **Bruce Jack** (G, 1987) Chairman of the ODU as he passed through London during the middle of last month. Naturally we discussed OD matters and the developing sense of purpose the association is finding for itself....”

To read UK OD newsletter please click [here](#).

### **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 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](#).

### **HONOURS BOARD UPDATE**

The honours boards are due for updating soon. If any ODs have acquired national or international colours and wish to have their name listed on the boards, kindly let us know [here](#).

### **REUNIONS**

#### **1957 - 60 Year Reunion Weekend**

The class of 1957 will have their 60<sup>th</sup> reunion over the weekend of 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October starting with a drinks evening on the Friday and a dinner on the Saturday.

#### **1960 - 57 Year Reunion**

**Richard Eastwick (1960F)** has organised a visit to the new Zeitz MOCAA Museum in the Clock Tower precinct of the V&A Waterfront, followed by lunch at Harbour House in the waterfront on Thursday 2 November. If you wish to participate please let **Richard** have your name and cell phone number.

### **ALL BLACKS ON THE PILEY**

During the school holidays we had the pleasure of witnessing the New Zealand-bred team training before their test match on the Piley Rees. It was incredible to gain perspective on their sheer size and power up close. They played an incredible match the following Saturday against our Springboks who fought tooth and nail till the very end. Well done to them both and we look forward to hosting them again. Please see photos [here](#).

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **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 are [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. Please find more information and 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](#) .

## **Guided Tour Of The National Gallery**

21st October, 2017

**David Jordan** (W, 1962) leads his third walking tour of the iconic sights of London on Saturday 21st October. This time it's the National and National Portrait Galleries at Trafalgar Square.

Family and friends most welcome.

To register, click [here](#).

## **Oxford Pub Lunch**

Sat. 4th November 2017

The Bell, Kidlington

[RSVP HERE](#)

## **COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD**

### **My School Card 2017**

The use of the MySchool Card has been very positive, and many members of the Bishops community have either applied for a new card, or have started using their old ones again. Please remember that you may have more than one beneficiary listed on your card, and we hope that Bishops becomes one of them. Please see [here](#) for more information.

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Prise Giving/Valedictory**

Last week a prise giving and valedictory ceremony was held at the college where incoming head boy for 2018, Tim Sharples gave an inspiring and emotional speech to the audience. To view the speech and photos from the event please click [here](#).

## **OD SPORT**

**Cricket Golf Day** - Monday 23 October 2017 at 12noon

There are still a couple of 4-balls available for the Bishops Annual Cricket Golf Day at the Royal Cape Golf Course.

A good game of golf followed by drinks, snacks and a chat with **Vince van der Bijl (1965F)**. For further information please contact Rosemary Wilke at [marketing@bishops.org.za](mailto:marketing@bishops.org.za). To sign up please fill in the form [here](#).

## **QUOTE FOR THE WEEK**

This week's quote is taken from the September 1918 DC Magazine VOL. XII., NO.28 pg. 14 under the Role of Honour for who died during WW1:

*"...When the beast broke loose, and Belgian mothers cried*

*In anguish, did'st thou hear the call*

*For the faith for which our fathers fought and died,*

*Though gladly gav'st up thy all.*

*Not in vain, brave soul, have these scarlet rivers run,*

*Nor the seas of widowed mothers' tears;*

*Inspired by thy life and death we'll end the fight,*

*Begun and fought by thee these weary years.*

*On the altar of the world's peace lies thy youth-*

*A sacrifice. With thy God we leave thee;*

*Proud are we to say: "He lived and died for Truth;"*

*Slain in battle, Pro Fide Patriaque!"*

*~ Unknown*

Warm regards,

WP and Nicole

The Mitre, Bishops, Cape Town

[Contact the OD Union](#)