



## BISHOPS ODU NEWS

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### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

#### Update on the ODU Magazine

As has been extensively reported, the ODU magazine, as we have known it, is no longer to be. In its place will be both a school and an ODU publication. An annual magazine will be published by the school and focused mainly on the school, although there will be a small section at the back of about 15 pages which will highlight ODs and some OD news which the school feels will be of interest to the students and parent body. This magazine is available to ODs in hardcopy at a cost to be confirmed.

To collate the huge amount of annual OD news, the ODU will publish a separate magazine that focuses on mostly OD matters, with a small amount of space set aside for pertinent school news. We hope to publish this twice a year, with the first publication coming out early next year.

As one would expect, your committee's intention is to make this a brilliant publication – indeed, a significant step up in terms of quality. To that end I would like to thank committee member **Anton Taylor (2005B)** for taking on the role of chairing the ODU Magazine sub-committee. Anton has a veritable wealth of publishing and media legends at his disposal, and we are extremely fortunate to have **Alan Ramsay (1960F)**, **Tim Richman (1995B)** and **Brandon de Kock (1986K)** serving on this sub-committee, with the indispensable input of **Nicky Bicket (1973F)** from the UK.

We are very grateful to **Mike Bosman (1978O)**, Chairman of College Council and **Guy Pearson (Principal)** for continuing the practice of supporting the ODU magazine financially, as has happened in the past. This will allow us to produce a publication we can all be really proud of.

### BISHOPS TRUST

*“Education breeds confidence. Confidence breeds hope. Hope breeds peace.”*

~ Confucius

Thanks to the generosity of wonderful families and businesses who annually pay an extra term's school fees, we are currently able to offer 9 deserving boys a Bishops education. We particularly call on OD year groups to participate in the extra Term Initiative. Our vision is to treble the amount of boys being supported through the extra term initiative by the Hamilton Mvelasi Bursary Fund within a year.

To pledge your support for Extra Term 2018 please follow this link: <http://www.bishops.org.za/BishopsTrust/Pledge.aspx>

For more information please click [here](#).

### **VISITORS TO THE MITRE**

This past week we had the pleasure of welcoming various ODs and past staff to The Mitre. Among these were **Kenny Williams (past staff)**, currently coaching gymnastics full time, **Peter Philips (past staff)**, visiting from Botrivier and relocating to Somerset West soon, **Unathi Diniso (1999W)** who went to Michaels with **WP van Zyl (1997K)** to celebrate the birthday of White House and **Mark Shuttleworth (1991W)**. **Anthony Davies (1956W)** and **Arthur Mngxekeza (1997F)** were also seen in and out of The Mitre this week. Please see photos [here](#).

### **DONATIONS**

This week we had the pleasure of welcoming **Robin de Kock (1956O)** to The Mitre. Robin came in to drop off some wonderful artefacts from his time at Bishops. These donations included gorgeous water colour paintings of the Bishops campus by W.J. Woodman in 1980, the 1965 badminton team photo, the program for the Centenary Celebration, the program for "An Evening with Tim Rice", a score card from the Bishops 150 Anniversary Golf Event in 1999 and a photo of the Prep School play which featured an extract from "The Merchant of Venice" (where **Justice Craig Howie (1956G)** played the Judge!) and "The Little Man". Please see photo's [here](#).

### **BUILDING LINKS**

**SACS:** Last week the ODU was represented at the Investec SACS Old Boys Annual Dinner, celebrating the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their Old Boys Union. The event was held at Kelvin Grove and the guest speaker was the new headmaster of SACS; **Brendan Grant**, who came from Queens College in Komani (formerly Queenstown). Also seen at the Dinner was **Anthony Lister (1973G)** currently on the SACS staff. It was also lovely to meet **Nick Mistlon** who was the SACS head boy in 1997. The ODU would like to thank the OBU

chairman, **Alan Footman** and **Sandy Edwards**, the OBU secretary, for a successful dinner and for extending the invitation to Bishops.

**Wynberg:** It was lovely to sit next to **Karl Westvig** (Chairman of the Wynberg Old Boys Union) at the SACS dinner last week. Karl was head prefect of Wynberg in 1988 and his predecessor was **Neil Eddy (past staff)**. Neil's leadership advice to Karl was: "You must earn respect for who you are, not because of your badge/title and to speak to the three F's – Firm, Fair and Friendly."

We also had a lovely visit from **Carol Ramsay (OBU Secretary)** who came in to sign our two Wynberg Books (*The Story of a School* by D.H. Thomson and *Brothers In An Endless Chain* by Neil Veitch). Carol also brought us the Wynberg recipe book (*Wynberg Family World Kitchen*) and a bottle of Shiraz from the first harvest of Oude Wynberg. All of their gifts are on display in The Mitre. We thank them for these lovely gestures! Please see photos [here](#).

### **OD BLAZERS**

Exciting news – **Jamie Pike (1998F)** has generously offered to tailor our OD blazers at cost. Being far more affordable, there is now no excuse for an OD not to own a magnificent OD blazer. Once we receive a sample we will give more feedback. Please contact [Nicole](#) for more information and to place your order.

### **ODs AROUND THE WORLD**

#### **UK Newsletter**

A MUST READ - To read the typically dynamic and exciting UK OD newsletter please click [here](#). Thank you, **Nicky Bickett (1973F)**, for all your sterling work!

### **THE ODU MENTORING PROGRAMME**

**Nicky Bickett (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](#).

### **CONDOLENCES**

### **Rex Pennington (Past staff)**

Rex Pennington died peacefully on Saturday morning (9<sup>th</sup> September). He was 94. The family will be holding a memorial service for him at Bishops on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

### **CAPE TOWN MARATHON**

Well done to all ODs who participated in this character building race! OD Committee members seen participating were **Dugald Robertson (2010F)**, **Guy Lanfear (1979G)**, **Arthur Mngxekeza (1997F)**, and **Anton Taylor (2005B)**, who was the master of ceremonies for the event. Congratulations to you all!

### **REUNIONS**

#### **1967 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Weekend**

The class of 1967 will be hosting their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion weekend at Bishops, kicking off with a cocktail evening in the Heatlie Pavilion on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September, followed by a dinner in The Mitre on the Saturday (30<sup>th</sup> September) and finishing off with a casual braai at the Frank Reid on the Sunday (1<sup>st</sup> October). Please contact [Ross Kelly](#) for more information.

#### **1957 60<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **1952 Reunion Weekend**

The class of 1952 will be hosting their 65<sup>th</sup> reunion over the weekend of 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2017. Starting with a meet and greet on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> at The Mitre. We look forward to hosting the class of 1952.

#### **1987: 30 Year Reunion**

The year of 1987 will celebrate their 30<sup>th</sup> Reunion in September between Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>. The main reunion dinner will take place on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Please contact your house representatives to book your place at the dinner, or email Catherine on [Catherine@thedrift.co.za](mailto:Catherine@thedrift.co.za)

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **Greg Mills TRILOGY 2017: featuring Haroon Bhorat: 26 September**

We've brought you **Greg Mills** with Adv. Thuli Madonsela (March), then Greg Mills with past president of Nigeria, Olusegun Obasanjo (May). Now to complete the Trilogy for 2017 we

bring you Greg Mills with **Prof. Haroon Borat (1986G)** featuring “Betrayal of the Promise” – the report on the anatomy of the State Capture!

Prof. Borat together with his colleague Vicky McDavid will unravel their report on state capture. Greg Mills will facilitate the discussion. This is a wonderful opportunity for ODs to understand the current scourge of this systemised form of corruption we are facing

**Date: 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**Time: 07:30 am to 09:00 am**

**Venue: The Mitre**

Please note: this is the morning after the Public holiday (Heritage Day). Please RSVP to [Nicole](#).

### **Walk Home With Us: 24 September (Johannesburg)**

**Warren Handley (2010G)** and **Tom David's (2011B)** journey is coming to an end!

Please join them at FCB Africa · Johannesburg to welcome them home as they complete the last steps in their 6 000km journey. Warren and Tom are expected to arrive between 11:00 and 12:00. Thereafter they will have a relaxed braai in the Spring sunshine.

Please go to [www.generosity.com/community-fundraising/walk-with-us-2017](http://www.generosity.com/community-fundraising/walk-with-us-2017) and choose a “Walk Home With Us” perk to sign up. Your payment confirms your booking!

See [here](#) for more details.

### **Young OD Evening: 27 September**

Please see invitation [here](#).

With the idea of creating a permanent fixture in the monthly calendar, the YODs (and those that consider themselves ‘young’) are cordially invited to a symposium of networking, entrepreneurship and other relevant insights into what contributes to success and fulfillment after school.

The evening will consist of a panel discussion, with various ODs who have all made significant strides since leaving Bishops, revealing their trials, tribulations and tips for life after school. The panel will be interviewed by **Anton Taylor (2005B)** who will look to coalesce all the interesting stories out of them. Drinks and food will be served on arrival and YODs will have ample time to catch-up with old and new friends of the Mitre.

**Please save the date of the 27th of September 6pm at The Mitre. Tickets will be R100, to be paid on arrival. We look forward to welcoming you all to the Mitre.**

Please RSVP to **Nicole**.

### **Parent Party Time: 29 September**

One of the responsibilities of the Bishops Grade 11 Parents each year is to organise a fundraiser for their boys' Matric Dance the following year as well as a charity. This year, the Grade 11 Bishops Parents Party Committee are committed to raise funds for both The Bishops Bursary Fund (as part of the 175 Campaign) and the Matric Dance in 2018. An important part of the fundraiser is the on-line auction which is open for bidding and has many wonderful items generously sponsored by the Bishops community and beyond. Go to [www.bishopsparentsparty.co.za](http://www.bishopsparentsparty.co.za) to bid. Tickets are on sale to all grades for the Bishops Parents Party on 29 September which is always a magnificent affair. Please click here for the invitation. For bookings email [bishopsparentsparty@gmail.com](mailto:bishopsparentsparty@gmail.com)

### **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 6pm in the Bishops Memorial Chapel - Diocesan College. Please find more information and to book tickets [here](#).

### **Glen Gibbon Farewell: 17 October**

Please invitation for Ogilvie ODs to attend [here](#).

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017 18H00

Venue: La Parada, Constantia Nek

### **UK Dates**

#### **Lunch with Roland Rudd**

Friday 27 October 2017

The Carlton Club

[RSVP HERE](#)

#### **Oxford Pub Lunch**

Sat. 4th November 2017

The Bell, Kidlington

[RSVP HERE](#)

### **COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD**

**David Dallas (1951O): CJ – A Remarkable Life**

**David Dallas (1951O):** “CJ, as my grandfather was universally known, was a headmaster in Natal who founded the Durban Primary Schools Cricket Union and upon retirement in 1931 established the *Natal Schools Week* for high schools. He was later appointed the first Organising Secretary of *Nuffield Week* - the annual inter-provincial cricket tournament for high schools. It was a position he filled for the ensuing twenty years until he finally retired at the age of eighty. Many ODs participated in those weeks and indeed Bishops produced significantly more Western Province representatives than any other school. In addition, by 1957 Bishops had also produced 23 South African School representatives with the next school on 15. Many ODs will have very happy memories of their participation in those weeks. Please see [here](#) for a flyer together with a review by **Clive van Ryneveld (1945G)** on *CJ - A Remarkable Life*.

Copies may be obtained from the author at [dbdallas@pac.com.au](mailto:dbdallas@pac.com.au) for R180 plus postage.

### **Grant Muller (2011M):**

“I am a proud old boy of Bishops Diocesan College.

I have started a business manufacturing eco roof tiles in Cape Town and am looking for any builders and architects to help me move forward and sell my product.

Alternatively I also sell off modular plants to manufacture eco building products in South Africa and Africa. I hope to have great success in finding OD's who are willing to help me. I am eliminating plastic waste from our environment and using it in my product.

More details and video of my process can be viewed on [www.plastitrade.co.za](http://www.plastitrade.co.za)”

### **Early Hours Band Tour Crowdfunding**

Early Hours Band consists of ODs: **Adam Rothschild (2014O)**, **Jake Bennett (2014O)**, **Benson Joubert (2014K)** and **Adrian Fowler (2010M)**. Following three packed-out showcase events and a strong interest from North American industry star-makers, the Early Hours band has been invited back to Canada to perform another three sets at Indie Week to be held in Toronto in November, as well as an invitation to be part of a high profile panel alongside leading American and Canadian songwriters. An added bonus for the Bishops boys is the opportunity to play two accompanying shows in New York City - the Mecca of the indie music scene - on the same trip.

Contributions of any amount will go a long way in helping the band reach their goals. Any referral to company sponsors will be greatly appreciated. Generosity will be returned in kind. Thank you for your kind consideration.

**To read the full write-up please click [here](#).**

For further information, contact the band at: [earlyhours@live.co.za](mailto:earlyhours@live.co.za)

## OD SPORT

The UCT Internal Rugby League Final was held at the Green Track on Wednesday evening. The Cobras won 36-10 against the Turtles (5 tries to 1). The Cobras consisted mainly of ODs and the Turtles also featured five ODs among them. With so many ODs in the mix it was a wonderful display of running-rugby played in a hard yet fair manner. Thanks to all the ODs who came out to support and congratulations to all the players. For pictures please see [here](#).

## QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

The quote for this week is taken from the DC Magazine of March 1952 pg 3 under *A Sermon Preached by the Principal (Mr H. J. Kidd) in Chapel on 9<sup>th</sup> December 1951:*

*“A just man is one who can see and do things straight, without fear or favour. It’s not easy. You yourself know quite well how tempting it can be to twist the facts to suit your convenience or to quiet your conscience...The greatness of a people consists not in the aggregate of its wealth and power, but in the quality of the individuals that are the citizens and in the spirit which they contribute to its life.”*

Warm regards,

WP and Nicole

The Mitre, Bishops, Cape Town

Contact the OD Union