



## BISHOPS ODU NEWS

### ODU NEWSLETTER 23 JUNE 2017

#### MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

##### Richard Smith (Staff)

It is with great sadness that we convey the official statement from the Principal, Guy Pearson, on Tuesday this past week:

“This morning we received the terrible news that our 1st XV rugby coach and teacher, **Richard Smith**, had been attacked during a robbery at his home in the early hours of the morning. Richard suffered severe brain trauma and underwent surgery in the Vincent Pallotti hospital this morning. The operation was a success and Richard is currently in an induced coma and on a ventilator.

We are extremely thankful that his wife Nina and children Laura and Sebastian were not harmed during the robbery, although they are extremely traumatised by the event.

It will be a long road to recovery for Richard and he and his family are in our thoughts and prayers during this time.

Kind regards  
Guy Pearson”

At the moment there is no further official news. We will keep ODs updated as we receive updates ourselves. Richard is in his 11<sup>th</sup> year of teaching at Bishops which makes him an OD, and an integral part of our community. If you would like to support the Smiths please contact [Dean Sudding](#).

#### Apologies

Our apologies for incorrectly referring to the Sharpville Massacre as being related to Youth Day in our previous newsletter. Sharpville is remembered on 21<sup>st</sup> March (1960) as Human Rights Day. The Soweto uprisings are remembered on Youth Day (16<sup>th</sup> June 1976).

#### THE GLOBAL ODU MENTORING PROGRAMME

**Luke Ressel (2012M):** “Thank you very much for the referral to a mentor. It is these types of initiatives that really make Bishops and its Old Boys unique.”

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

#### MICKLEFIELD TURNS 90!

Micklefield School is turning 90 years old next year. They are having a celebration weekend in March 2018 and are looking for past pupils to attend. Some ODs are past Micklefield pupils! In order to help the school, we would like to ask any ODs that are past pupils, past

parents, or families who had siblings at Micklefield, to please contact [Nicole](#), (herself a past pupil (2005R)). We are putting together a Micklefield - OD connection database.

## **1997 & 2007 REUNIONS**

This weekend we welcome the 1997 and 2007 year groups back to Bishops for their respective 20 year and 10 year reunions. The 1997 group will be hosted in The Mitre after the 1<sup>st</sup> XV game, and the 2007 group in Woodlands Pavilion. We would like to invite any staff members who were around during those periods to please join us after the game and reminisce about the good old days! It would be wonderful for us to have an opportunity to thank you for the wonderful influence you've had in our lives.

## **ODs AROUND THE WORLD**

### **United Kingdom**

**Dr Tim Rideout (1978W)** reports: "EARTH Blue is a huge 580 page, cased and jacketed World Atlas, with over 400,000 words, 750 photos and 160 pages of maps, including 1.8m wide gatefold images. The Atlas is 610mm x 469 mm and weighs 35 kg including the leather case. There were 2,000 copies printed and each Atlas is individually numbered. I was a contributor to the Europe maps section and am included as a contributor on the Imprint page.

The price for EARTH is £3,500, but the last four copies are on offer to ODU members at a discounted price of £2,100. For each copy sold we will donate £150 to the Bishops 175 Campaign.

This is not just a normal atlas, since it clocks in at about 35 kg with its leather-bound wood case, is very large format and around 600 pages, and includes a number of gatefold pages which open out to nearly 2 metres across for truly stunning photos. Interested? Read more about it [here](#) or contact Tim by emailing him at [tim.rideout@xyzmaps.com](mailto:tim.rideout@xyzmaps.com)

Shipping and Insurance to a UK address is £70. Shipping by DHL to South Africa including Insurance is about £520. We can obtain quotes for other destinations. (Please note you may be charged import duties, etc. for destinations outside the EU).

There is also a palette of several thousand gloss laminated A1 size (841 x 594 mm) Cape Peninsula SkyView posters (City, Hout Bay, Southern Suburbs, Simonstown / Muizenberg, Cape Point and Northern Suburbs air photo views) going free if collected from the warehouse in Cornwall, UK or for the cost of the shipping if anyone has any use for them."

### **George - Simply Blue Concert (reminder)**

**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."

### **Northern Province – ODU Dinner**

The Northern Provinces ODU Dinner is set for Wednesday 26th July 2017 at 7 for 7:30pm in The Terrace Room at The Country Club, Johannesburg, Auckland Park.

Dress: Black tie or suit

Guest Speakers: **Anton Taylor (2005B)** (OD & Raconteur) & **WP van Zyl (1997K)** (Executive Manager of the OD Union)

Cost: R450 (includes limited table wine and cash bar)

Banking Details:

OD Union

Nedbank

Acc. No. 1990214959

Benmore Gardens Code: 197-305

To reserve a seat or table please RSVP with your name, year and proof of payment to Simon Grose [simon@graphica.co.za](mailto:simon@graphica.co.za)

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Following a 5 month stint at the U20 SARU rugby academy, **Keanan Alexander (2015K)** is currently playing for the Valke U20 team participating in the U20 Currie Cup. Well done, Keanan! Please see photo attached.

## **EVENTS AT THE MITRE**

### **Craig Hinds - 3 August 2017**

Frontman of the multi-platinum selling, SAMA-award-winning acoustic rock band Watershed, will be performing a few of the band's biggest hits as well as unreleased songs and some new material taken from their latest album 'Watch the rain'.

Book Tickets [http://bit.ly/Craig\\_Hinds\\_Mitre](http://bit.ly/Craig_Hinds_Mitre)  
[www.watershed.co.za](http://www.watershed.co.za)

## **SPORT FIXTURES: RONDEBOSCH DERBY WEEKEND**

**Rugby:** This Saturday the Classic Clash against Rondebosch 1<sup>st</sup> XV begins at 12:00 onwards (this is due to the game being televised on Supersport 1).

**Please note: For all ODs attending the game, we urge you to please sit in the designated Bishops OD section nearest the Southern post (side nearest the Chapel). This has been a request by Warren Wallace (Deputy Head Sport & Discipline), and Richard Smith in order to create a unified supporting group.**

**Also: OD memorabilia will be on sale at the OD offices on the day. For the latest booklet please click [here](#).**

**Hockey:** Our 1<sup>st</sup> XI boys beat Edgemoed High School with a great win of 3-2. They go up against our classic rivals (Rondebosch Boys' High School) tonight at 18:30 and we wish them all the best!

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

## **QUOTE FOR THE WEEK**

This week's quote relates to the upcoming 2007 ten year reunion. It is taken from **Nick Koster's (2007F)** head boy's speech which was published in the 2008 March magazine pg. 32.

*“We are Bishops boys, and that is what unites us. What a wonderful security that is, as that is the way it should be. Men of Bishops, you are the master of your destiny and the captain of your soul. Strive every day to give back and repay the school for the blessings it pours upon you. Realise that there is blue blood running through your veins, and that this place has stitched a spirit firmly in your soul that will never leave you.”*

*~Nick Koster (2007F)*

Warm regards,

WP and Nicole  
The Mitre, Bishops, Cape Town

[Contact the OD Union](#)