



## BISHOPS ODU NEWS

### **ODU NEWSLETTER 29 JUNE 2017**

#### **MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE**

##### **Closure During School Holidays**

Please note the OD Union offices in Cape Town will be closed from the 30<sup>th</sup> June till the 14<sup>th</sup> July during the school holidays.

#### **OD MAGAZINE EDITOR**

Please see attached advertisement for an Editor of the OD Magazine.

#### **THE GLOBAL ODU MENTORING PROGRAMME**

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

#### **THE RACE AGAINST POACHING**

##### **Team Africa debut at the July Imola 12-Hour and Misano 24-Hour Races**

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July, Team Africa Le Mans will make history by being the first African motor-racing team to enter the Creventic 24-hour endurance race in Misano, Italy.

The Johannesburg based racing team are out to prove a point to the rest of the world that African teams can also compete at the top level of world motorsport. Team Africa will be racing a Ginetta G55 car, branded in the colours of the international STOP! Poaching initiative.

Speaking from his South African base, the team's founder **Greg Mills (19790)**, said: "Motorsport is seen to be largely out of reach for ordinary person, particularly Africans, but we want to change that perception and show that with application and determination anything is possible. But we are also using the Team's profile and race publicity to highlight a critical cause among a wide audience," says Mills, "in the cost of poaching in Africa."

The anti-poaching branding especially profiles the continent's dwindling rhino population, which has decreased by 7,000 over the past decade to now number just 25,000. Recognising that more can be achieved in partnership, the Team is also working with the Ichikowitz Family Foundation in publicising this critical issue.

With the anti-poaching cause behind it, the Team has received well wishes from the 'great and the good' of motorsport, including world F1 champions Emerson Fittipaldi, Jody Scheckter, Damon Hill and Mario Andretti, sports car and F1 aces Bruce Johnstone, Dan Gurney, John Fitzpatrick, Brian Redman, Derek Warwick, and Mike Wilds, SA motorsport

engineering legends Gordon Murray, Ken Howes and Rory Byrne, famed F1 designers Robin Herd and Tony Southgate, and even 'Mr Formula One' Bernie Ecclestone himself.

Reinforcing the African link, the Team has a number of continental businesses behind it, including Ethiopian Airlines, Fast Oil and Hollard Insurance.

For more information or interview requests please contact [TeamAfricalemans@gmail.com](mailto:TeamAfricalemans@gmail.com) or see [www.teamafricalemans.com](http://www.teamafricalemans.com)

### **1957 60 YEAR REUNION**

**Peter Kleye (1957O)** would like to invite those from the 1957 year group to their 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion scheduled for Friday 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2017. Please contact Peter at: <mailto:peter@interciti-produce.co.za> or 082 444 8240.

### **MICKLEFIELD TURNS 90! (Reminder)**

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.

### **ODs AROUND THE WORLD**

#### **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 (Reminder)**

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)

## **EVENTS AT THE MITRE**

### **Craig Hinds - 3 August 2017 (Reminder)**

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 RESULTS**

**Rugby:** Our 1st XV (vs RBHS) lost a match much more closely fought than the score line of 32-19 reflects last weekend. The boys played remarkably well against much fancied opposition for the first 50 minutes of a nationally televised match before the emotional strain of the past week took its toll. They played with great spirit and gave everything they had.

**Hockey:** Our 1<sup>st</sup> VI boys beat RBHS in a tight game ending in a 2-1 victory to Bishops drawing this year's hockey season to a close.

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

## **QUOTE FOR THE WEEK**

This week's quote is taken from the 1957 December DC Magazine Vol. XL. No. 12. Pg. 1 by his grace the archbishop of Cape Town, Geoffrey Clayton.

*"...See the real things around you – the sun upon the tree-tops, an ant at its labours, the smile upon a pleased face; hear the music of the countryside. No composer has ever nearly matched such sound as the wind in the trees, the cock crow, the treble piping birds – the earth itself whispering..."*

~Archbishop Geoffrey Clayton

Warm regards,

WP and Nicole  
The Mitre, Bishops, Cape Town

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