



ODU NEWSLETTER 3rd NOVEMBER 2017

GRADE 12 ART EXHIBITION: ODU SOPHY GRAY ART PRIZE

Last Friday we had the pleasure of launching the grade 12 Art Exhibition at The Mitre. Thank you to those who attended. The night started off with patrons meandering between The Mitre and Woodlands, viewing the boys' extraordinary work. **Peter Hyslop (current art teacher)** gave a presentation on the various art works and what they meant to him and the artists. We were then given the pleasure of having **Marilyn Martin** speak on the incredible talent that was on show at the exhibition and her appreciation for the first ever Old Diocesan Sophy Gray Art Prize as a tribute to the brilliant artist and architect that Sophy was.

The prizes were then awarded as follows:

1st Prize: Christopher Aubin – *Self Portrait (Mixed-media drawing)*

2nd Prize: Luca Powell – *Self Portrait (Graphite drawing)*

3rd Prize: Harry Wixley – *The Story of Mr. Blue (Mixed-media drawing)*

Commendation: Bulelani Ngqukuvana *Self-Portrait (Oil paint on canvas)*

Commendation: David Laubscher *Reinterpretation of Wanderer above the Mist (Chalk pastel drawing)*

Commendation: Nicholas Bowden *Study after Rubens (Chalk pastel drawing)*

Commendation: Thomas Mudge: *Self Portrait (Graphite drawing)*

The winners received a cash prize for their art work and in return the art work of the first prize winner will remain at The Mitre for future appreciation by ODs.

Congratulations to all the artists who participated in the exhibition.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

An invitation to all members of the School community, ODU and public to attend the Remembrance Day Service in the War Memorial Chapel at the Diocesan School (Bishops) on 9 November at 07:50. Mr Guy Pearson will present a talk on his recent visit to the Western Front followed by a wreath laying and Retreat Ceremony. All are welcome to come

to The Mitre for tea and coffee after the service. Please let Nicole (ndurand@bishops.org.za) know whether you will be attending

BOOKS BY ODS

50 People who Stuffed the World Up, by Tim Richman (1995B) and Alexander Parker

This past week we were visited by **Tim Richman (1995B)** who had popped in to drop off a signed copy of his new co-authored book, *50 People who Stuffed the World Up*. Tim is happy to report that his new book 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. We are planning on having a book launch at The Mitre. Please follow the next newsletter for details.

To read more about Tim's book click [here](#).

Lore of Nutrition by Prof. Tim Noakes (1966W) and Marika Sboros

Professor **Tim Noakes (1966W)** will be launching a new book - *Lore of Nutrition* at the Kelvin Grove Club on Tuesday the 7th November from 18:30. Please see invitation [here](#) and make a booking with Kelvin Grove reception on 021 658 4500/1.

"...In December 2010, Professor Tim Noakes was introduced to a way of eating that was contrary to everything he had been taught and was accepted as conventional nutrition 'wisdom'. Having observed the benefits of the low-carb, high-fat (LCHF) lifestyle first-hand, and after thorough and intensive research, Noakes enthusiastically revealed his findings to the South African public in 2012. The backlash from his colleagues in the medical establishment was as swift as it was brutal, and culminated in a misconduct inquiry launched by the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA). The subsequent hearing lasted well over a year, but Noakes ultimately triumphed, being found not guilty of unprofessional conduct in April 2017..." Read more [here](#).

CONDOLENCES

We say goodbye to OD **John Lessey Pollard Brown (1954G)** better known as **Ian Brown** who passed away this week. A gathering to celebrate his life will be held on Tuesday 7th at 4p.m. at the Newlands Cricket Grounds.

We also say goodbye to **Michael Cloete (1952F)** who passed away last week. A celebration of Mike's life will be held at 11am on Saturday the 4th November at the Gardens Presbyterian church.

ODs AROUND THE WORLD

UK

Nicky Bicket (1973F) reports on the [OD Lunch with Roland Rudd](#):

“Brexit is of great concern to us all in the UK. How we arrived at this point, how might the process unfold and what are the possible outcomes are all mysteries which keep the thinking section of the British population awake at night.

There is more than one truth and smart strategies to influence "reality" matter more than ever. This is true not just in Britain or about Brexit but around the world - think of "alternate facts" and "fake news" which became a feature of the US political vocabulary. And of course South Africa, too. The role of global public relations companies is central to the shaping of perceptions and so what happened to Bell Pottinger as a result of its practices in South Africa is very much relevant to how we form our views about important matters generally...”
To read the full article and view the photos please click [here](#).

To Read the October UK Newsletter please click [here](#). For photos from the *OD Tour of the Western Front* please click [here](#).

Vancouver, Canada

Western Canada ODs Annual Gathering in Vancouver

On Saturday September 9th a group of nine Western Canada ODs, some with spouses/partners, gathered at the Vancouver home of Lesley Godwin, a good friend of one of the ODs. Lesley had visited South Africa recently and is well disposed towards the country and to Bishops. Her kind hospitality was greatly appreciated.

The gathering was attended by (in seniority): **Ian Nicholson (1944), Phillip Marx (1952), Conrad Guelke (1954), Ian Simpson (1959), Tim Newton (1960), Peter Eastwick (1962), Lawrence Benjamin (1968), Peter Hall (1985) and Neil Philcox (1987)**. Neil serves as our Branch Secretary and also acted as the “braai meister” for the occasion. The gathering was an enormous success. During the evening updates were provided on OD activities. Special mention was made of the role that John Hueton has played in maintaining a vibrant OD network in Canada while continuing a lively interest in activities of the school through initiatives, including bursaries that have been supported by ODs in Canada.

Missing from the gathering was the late Ted Allen who died over a year ago. Glasses were raised in memory of Ted. He had been a regular attendee at Western Canada OD functions over the last 30 years and his cheerful presence continues to be missed.

Please see photo [here](#) of Peter Hall, Ian Simpson, Lawrence Benjamin, Neil Philcox, Ian Nicholson, Phillip Marx, Peter Eastwick, Conrad Guelke, Tim Newton.

All Western ODs are invited to participate in our periodic social events. Please contact Neil Philcox at nphilcox@gmail.com , Tim Newton at tnewton@shaw.ca or Conrad Guelke at cguelke@telus.net for further information.

Ireland - Dublin

Vassilis Sgoutas (1951G) reports: “Next month I will be going to Dublin where I have been invited by the RIAI (Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland) for a discussion on my book. Given that OD’s are almost everywhere, I expect that there most probably are one or two in Dublin. If so, it would be good to touch base with them. Please contact me at v.sgoutas@sgoutas.com”

About the event: On the 13th November 2017, Greek Architect and past president of UIA, **Vassilis Sgoutas (1951G)**, will talk with Shane O’Toole about his book *A Journey with the Architects of the World*. The book was launched at the UIA (International Union of Architects) World Congress on the 6th September and is available in the RIAI bookshop. It is a fascinating personal commentary, through lectures and articles, on the diverse contributions that can be made by both architects and architecture in pursuit of a more equitable, just and sustainable world.

All are welcome, particularly older and younger architects, but as places are limited please confirm attendance with codwyer@riai.ie

To read more about the event please click [here](#).

CONGRATULATIONS

Moshe Apleni (1997F and currently on The College Counsel) welcomed a new addition to the Apleni family. His healthy baby boy was born at 17h22 on Wednesday evening weighing 3.53 kg. Please see photo [here](#) of the gorgeous family. The OD Union wishes the Apleni family a lifetime of happiness together - only 18 years until he becomes an OD himself!

Prof. Charles Parry (1965-1975O) was awarded a gold medal by the President of the South African Medical Research Council at a ceremony on 31 October honoring a number of local and international medical researchers. Gold medals, up to four per year, are given for scientific excellence and are awarded to established senior scientists who have made seminal scientific contributions that have impacted on the health of people, especially those living in developing countries. What an incredible achievement!

Congratulation to **Mike Bayly (1983S)** as the new director of rugby at Rugby School. Mike is a former Super Rugby and Currie Cup winning coach. Mike started at Rugby School in September and made a whirlwind visit back to South Africa for the UK half-term holidays. The ODU is in touch with Mike to get an updated story, and we plan on having a farewell function for him, at his convenience.

NEWS FROM ODs

Team Africa Le Mans, Team Of Friends

Greg Mills (1979O): “The short film: 'Team Africa Le Mans, Team of Friends' about our Italian 24-Hour racing adventure is to be broadcast on Ignition TV (channel 189) on DSTV on the following times during the week of 11-17 November:

SAT: 7am/ 5pm

SUN: 1am/ 1pm

MON: 3am

TUES: 7am

WEDS: 11am

THURS: 7pm

FRI: 11pm

To ensure a full dose, this will include a repeat of last year's episode, followed by this year's film.”

Jeremy Lawrence (1952F) Presenting on “The Private Smuts”

“I shall be giving a talk at the Casa Labia, Main Road, Muizenberg, at 3pm next Saturday, 4th November, on “The Private Smuts”. This will deal *inter alia* with General Smuts in his relations with my father Harry Lawrence (MP and Cabinet Minister) and my mother Jean. Tickets at R65 can be bought at the door, and they include a glass of wine.”

ODs Going Solar on Robben Island

Sola Future, owned and directed by three ODs, **Chris Haw (1999F currently on The College Counsel)**, **Simon Haw (1997G)** and **Dom Wills (1999K)**, is a dynamic company that aims to propel the widespread adoption of solar energy systems in Africa.

Last week, the Minister of Tourism opened the **Robben Island solar PV microgrid**, designed and constructed by SOLA Future Energy. This system, incorporating one of the southern Hemisphere’s largest battery banks, is made of 1960 mono crystalline solar modules, ready to produce 666.4 kW of power and 2420 lithium-ion battery cells, able to store 837 kWh worth of electricity and supply 500 kW worth of peak power. Please see videos here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ltnq5qcMRI&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D21rEJUXHKU&feature=youtu.be>

Thomas Gibson (1941O) – Memoires from an (almost) 94 Year Old OD

Gloria Gibson, wife of Thomas Gibson (1941O) wrote in to let us know of Tom's story:

"I thought you may like to have news of my husband Tom as he will be 94 on 10 December! He always enjoys reading the magazine - especially the OD section! He started at Prep in 1932 when he was nine years old, then went up to College. He has very fond memories of Canon Birt who was headmaster for the whole time he was there. Hubert Kidd was his housemaster at Founders. Tom always remembers how kind and helpful he was when his father died suddenly. Tom says he did not distinguish himself at Bishops, he won the Lucan Shield for shooting and enjoyed learning the organ with Dr Claude Browne. Agape was his form master. He remembers very well being in Mr Wells form when he asked them all to be very quiet and make no noise as he was "bunking out to join his New Zealand Regiment in North Africa" at the beginning of the war. All very exciting at the time! Tom joined up in 1941 and went into the Royal Natal Carbineers in the infantry as a trooper and fought with them in North Africa and Italy. He was wounded three times, once badly, and ended the war in Treviso, Northern Italy at 1am..." To read Thomas's full story 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](#).

SUSTAINABILITY

The school is running a sustainability programme. We would like to assist them by offering connections to ODs within this field who can provide advice, guidance and support. The way in which we hope to do this is by setting up a database of ODs in the sustainability field. For example, the school is currently looking for any assistance from ODs relating to water pumps. If any ODs would please be so kind as to submit their names for the database please contact Nicole (ndurand@bishops.org.za).

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 15th 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. Please find more information and to book tickets [here](#).

UK Dates

The Thames Hare & Hounds Alumni Cross Country

Saturday 16th 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 .

Oxford Pub Lunch

Sat. 4th November 2017

The Bell, Kidlington

RSVP HERE

OD SPORT

False Bay Rugby Club – Gold Cup Final

Kevin Lennett (1984O): “False Bay RFC of Constantia are the Champion Rugby Club of South Africa thanks to winning The Gold Cup on Saturday! Playing in front of a record crowd

of 5000 we managed to pull off a 30-18 win over College Rovers from KZN. Scoring 4 tries in the process in a tight and evenly contested match, our side did us proud to pull off the win and lift the trophy. OD and False Bay Captain Graham (Snoopy) Knoop won the man of the match award, as well as club rugby player of the year award!

This is the possibly the biggest day in our clubs history and an achievement we will not easily forget!"

Please see photos [here](#).

Western Province win the Currie Cup

"Durban - Western Province scored 18 unanswered points in the second half to stun the Sharks and the Kings Park faithful to win the Currie Cup in Durban on Saturday.

The Sharks had led 21-15 at half-time, but an error-ridden display from the hosts in the second period cost them their first title since 2013.

In the end, it finished **33-21** to the visitors..." To read the full article click [here](#)

Please see photo [here](#) of our ODs **Dillyn Leyds (2010S)**, **Nizaam Carr (2009M)**, **John Dobson (1985K)** and **Reggie Hands (1968F)** with the Currie Cup.

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

We are expecting a full house on the evening, and because of previous problems with seats not being taken up, and the resulting loss of revenue, we are going to insist on EFT, or some form of commitment to the reserving of seats. We now serve a wholesome supper included in the R100 entry fee. Please email Paul Barichievy (<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**

Anton Taylor – Stings Like a Bee

OD Committee member, **Anton Taylor (2005B)** will be clashing heads this weekend at the Wynberg Military Base Boxing Championships. The event starts from 6pm on Saturday night and is open to the public. Anton is the 7th and final amateur fight and due to start round 7pm. Tickets will be R150 at the door. Please see flyer [here](#).

1997 Cricket

The class of 1997 will be taking on their Rondebosch counter parts in a day-night T20 from 6pm on Friday the 10th of November at the Frank Reid field. All are welcome to come and support. The OD captain is J.P. du Plessis (1997F) and the vice-captain is J-P Pharo.

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

This week's quote is taken from Donald McIntyre's "A Century of Bishops" on Page 41. It is an extract from Tennyson's "*In Memoriam*".

“The fame is quench'd that I foresaw,
The head hath miss'd an earthly wreath:
I curse not nature, no nor death,
For nothing is that errs from law.
We pass; the path that each man trod
Is dim, or will be dim, with weeds:
What fame is left for human deeds
In endless age? It rests with God.
O hollow wraith of dying fame,
Fade wholly, while the soul exults,
And self-enfolds the large results
Of force that would have forged a name.”

Warm regards,

WP and Nicole

The Mitre, Bishops, Cape Town

