



BISHOPS ODU NEWS

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OD SUB-COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Please see OD Union Sub-committee structure [here](#).

HAMILTON MVELASE BURSARY LAUNCH

Earlier this week an [invitation](#) went out to the Bishops Community regarding the Launch of the Hamilton Mvelase Bursary Fund – the new bursary arm of the Bishops Trust’s 175 Campaign.

The Bishops Trust’s vision is to produce leaders for a transformed society. This Bursary Fund is the primary donation channel for ODs and parents to support deserving boys.

These are boys like Hamilton himself – talented, motivated and with the potential to make a big, positive difference in the world. Like Hamilton they would not ordinarily be able to afford to attend Bishops. Your collaborative or individual donation to the Hamilton Mvelase Bursary Fund will radically and proactively change this unhappy reality. As a direct result, your donation will help transform Bishops and shape our future leaders.

There are two distinct tiers of donation. Primarily, the “Extra Term Initiative” sees groups of current parents or ODs (such as year groups, or perhaps the Ten Club of a particular year) band together and commit to supporting a learner for the full five years of college – perhaps incorporating a few years beyond school.

Carefully facilitated by the school (to established and tested criteria) this tier will allow the donor group access to the learner’s development, with the added benefit to the learner of mentorship and other post-school support opportunities. This is true, powerful upliftment and transformation in action – a continuation of a proud Bishops legacy.

Secondly, but just as vital, is an ad hoc donations tier that allows ODs the opportunity to donate any amount, no matter how small. These can be one-off or legacy donations. They will go towards the central Hamilton Mvelase Bursary Fund, and thus not be linked to a specific learner.

Please support your school's future – a dynamic, diverse, future Bishops.

If you would like to make an immediate difference, The Bishops Trust is now linked to Snapscan and you can make a tax deductible contribution by following [this link](#) now.

If you are unable to attend the event and would like additional information regarding Bishops Bursaries, please contact the Trust office at trust@bishops.org.za or [see 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. However, for the logistics of this operation to work, we need minimum batch orders of 50 blazers at a time. The price will be R1499 each (R979 Cut, Make, Trim; R100 buttons and badge; R420 fabric) and we are in the process of making samples. We currently have orders for 22 blazers, so the sooner we can generate more orders, the sooner we can get this show on the road.

THE ODU MENTORING PROGRAMME

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

CONGRATULATIONS

On August 2nd, **Case Rijdsijk (past staff)** was presented with the Gill Medal “For services to Astronomy by the Astronomical Society of Southern Africa, ASSA”. Named in Honour of Sir David Gill (Director of the Observatory in Cape Town from 1879 - 1907), the Gill Medal is the highest award for astronomy in the country. This is a just reward for Case's long, industrious and innovative work in the field of astronomy and astronomy education. At the same event he was made President of the ASSA.

DONATIONS

Jean Ferguson

Geraldine Harvey donated memorabilia from her Mother, **Jean Ferguson**, who had passed away in 2010. "Fergie" as she was affectionately known, was Matron at Bramley from 1976 - 1991. It is recorded in Peter Le Mesurier's *Bishops Prep* on p. 103:

"Melvyn Wallis-Brown said of Fergie: 'All the mothers who entrusted their sons to her still marvel at the quiet unruffled manner with which she cared for them. She always found time to listen to and encourage her 'boys' in the rough-and-tumble of school and house life.'"

The ODU would love to thank Geraldine for the very kind donation, and the treasured artefacts will be stored in the Archives. Geraldine's son, **Geoffrey Harvey (1990K)** is also an OD, and her Grandson is currently in Grade 1 in the Pre-Prep.

Brian de Kock (1952O)

Thank you to **Brian de Kock (OD, parent, teacher, house master and OD Secretary)** for his donation of various historic artefacts from his many, many days at Bishops to the archives.

ODs OUT AND ABOUT

It's always lovely to catch up with ODs out and about:

Hilton Eachus (1997K) was testing out cricket bats at Sportsman's Warehouse, Rondebosch.

Supporting Villager Sevens were **Gareth Hayden (2000K)**, **Ian Buchannan (2000G)**, and Gareth's father George. Ian runs a guest farm in Graaff-Reinet called [Mount Camdeboo](#).

There is also a South African battle sight on their farm: The Battle of Groenkloof.

Also supporting were **Ashley Clarke (2000K)**, **Matt Turner (2006W)**, **Daniel Clarke (2004M)** and **Roland Evans (2006F)**. Matt Turner was nominated as IRB Sevens Rugby Player of the Year in 2011/2012.

Inside the Villager Club House at Brookside ODs **Gus Allen (1982F)** and **Jan Newman (1976F)** showed a current Bishops parent some of the historic links between Villager Club and Bishops.

Paul Adams (1976SubA) who's brother **Mark Adams (1975)** matriculated at Bishops.

Please see photo's [here](#).

REUNIONS

1952 Reunion Weekend

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

1987: 30 Year Reunion (Reminder)

The year of 1987 will celebrate their 30th Reunion in September between Thursday 21st to Sunday 24th. There are a few activities planned, including sailing, yoga, a hike up Table Mountain and a music concert on the Sunday. The main reunion dinner will take place on Saturday 23rd September. Please contact your house representatives to book your place at the dinner, or email Catherine on Catherine@thedrift.co.za

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Young OD Evening

Following on from the success of the YOD launch, we will be hosting the first follow up event of the year. With the idea of a creating a permanent fixture in the monthly calendar, the YODs are invited to a symposium of networking, entrepreneurship and other relevant insights into what makes one successful after school.

Please save the date of the 27th of September and we look forward to welcoming you all to the Mitre.

Christmas Carols with Richard Cock (1966O)

The annual Christmas Carol performance with **Richard Cock (1966O)** will be held on Friday 16th December 2017 at 6pm in the Bishops Memorial Chapel - Diocesan College. Please find more information and to book tickets [here](#).

Glen Gibbon Farewell Dinner (Reminder)

Glen Gibbon will be ending his tenure as House Director of Ogilvie at the end of 2017. Ogilvie ODs (and their parents) from 2008 to date are invited to a Farewell Function on 17 October at La Parada (Constantia Nek). Invitations will be sent out soon, but please diarise the date for the time being.

Cape Bird Club Walk (Reminder)

Peter Steyn (1955O) is leading a Cape Bird Club birdwatching walk at Kirstenbosch on Tuesday 12 September and would like to invite any ODs who may be interested to join him. Meet at the Information Centre at Gate 1 at 8:30 a.m. The duration will be approximately two hours and pensioners are admitted free, otherwise a gate entry fee is applicable.

WHAT A WEEK!

The past week has been an eventful week in Bishop's rich heritage:

Friday 1 September: 168 years ago the sale of Woodlands went through.

Friday 1 September: 145 years ago Robert Gray died.

Saturday 2 September: 15 years ago Mark Shuttleworth sealed the time capsule outside the Science block.

Saturday 2 September: 8 years ago Basil Bey and Tim Hamilton-Smith laid the foundation stone for the rebuilt Heatlie Pavilion.

Sunday 3 September: 145 years ago Robert Gray was buried.

Tuesday 5 September: 121 years ago Barry Heatlie led South Africa in its first ever rugby test win.

Wednesday 6 September: 181 years ago Robert and Sophy Gray were married.

To read more, click [here](#).

REMARKABLE OD

Malcolm Searle

Dr Murray (Bishops Archivist reports): A stained-glass window – depicting the “Judgment of Solomon” – has been installed at St Saviour’s Church, Claremont, in memory of **Sir Malcolm William Searle**. From 1922 until his death in a railway accident at Salt River station on 9 June 1926 Malcolm Searle was Judge President of the Cape Provincial division of the South African Supreme Court.

At Saviour’s on 10 June 2017 a ceremony took place to dedicate the window. It was conducted by Father Michael Keggie and attended by a number of Sir Malcolm’s descendants, including his grandson **Jeremy Lawrence (1953F)**. Malcolm Searle’s youngest son **Charles Stratford St Leger Searle** was at Bishops, as were three of his grandsons: Warham St Leger Searle, **Christopher Lawrence (1952F)** and **Jeremy Lawrence (1953F)**. Read more [here](#).

OD SPORT

Villager Schools Rugby Sevens

Our OD Sevens team made it to the Villager Old Boys Final, where they lost 17-0 to SACS. The players were **Brandon van der Westhuizen (2016F)**, **Medeli Macha (2015F)**, **Nicholas van Ryneveld (2015G)**, **Roland Evans (2006F)**, **Lourens van Zyl (2000K)**, **James Macdonald (2016F)**, **Harry Makin (2016S)**, **Michael Peter (2016S)**, **Brandon Salomo (2015S)**, **WP van Zyl (1997K)**, **Eddie Murphy (2015K)** and **Luke Jacobs (2011B)**. Please see photos [here](#).

Super 7’s Rugby Festival 2017 – OD team entry

The Super Sevens Rugby Festival 2017 has invited the OD Union to enter a team of 15 (including reserves) to take part in the competition. The festival will be held on the 13th and 14th October at the Maties Rugby Club in Stellenbosch. Should you wish to join please contact [Nicole](#) at the OD Offices.

SCHOOL SPORT

Rugby: Bishops brought home the Villager Sevens Tournament cup after beating Paarl Gym 35-31 in the Final game. Congratulation to Richard Smith, **Gareth Hayden (2000K)**, **Wesley Chetty (2006O)** and the boys on their victory. We are extremely proud of your achievement. Please see [here](#).

Hockey: The 1st XI team beat Rondebosch Boys High School last Saturday 1-0 for the Area Cup Final. The hockey boys have had an astounding season this year with countless wins. Well done!

REMINDER

ODs are encouraged to visit the Bishops website for up-to-date information, policy and events around the school. Latest news relating to the school is frequently published there and ODs can find lots of inspiration from their *alma mater*. Also to see how fellow OD's sons are doing e.g. **Paul Burton's (1984K)** son, Michael, was awarded [Hockey player of the year](#), and **Gus Allen's (1982F)** son who took part in the [Villager sevens tournament](#). Please see [here](#).

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

This week's quote is taken from the DC Magazine March 1948 Vol. XXXIII No 1 pg. 12 Under "Annual Report 1947"

"...For thought is the means to judge between good and evil, character the courage to choose rightly, leadership the capacity to inspire others. For these ends no one side of school life is all-sufficient or all-important...."

Warm regards,

WP and Nicole

The Mitre, Bishops, Cape Town