

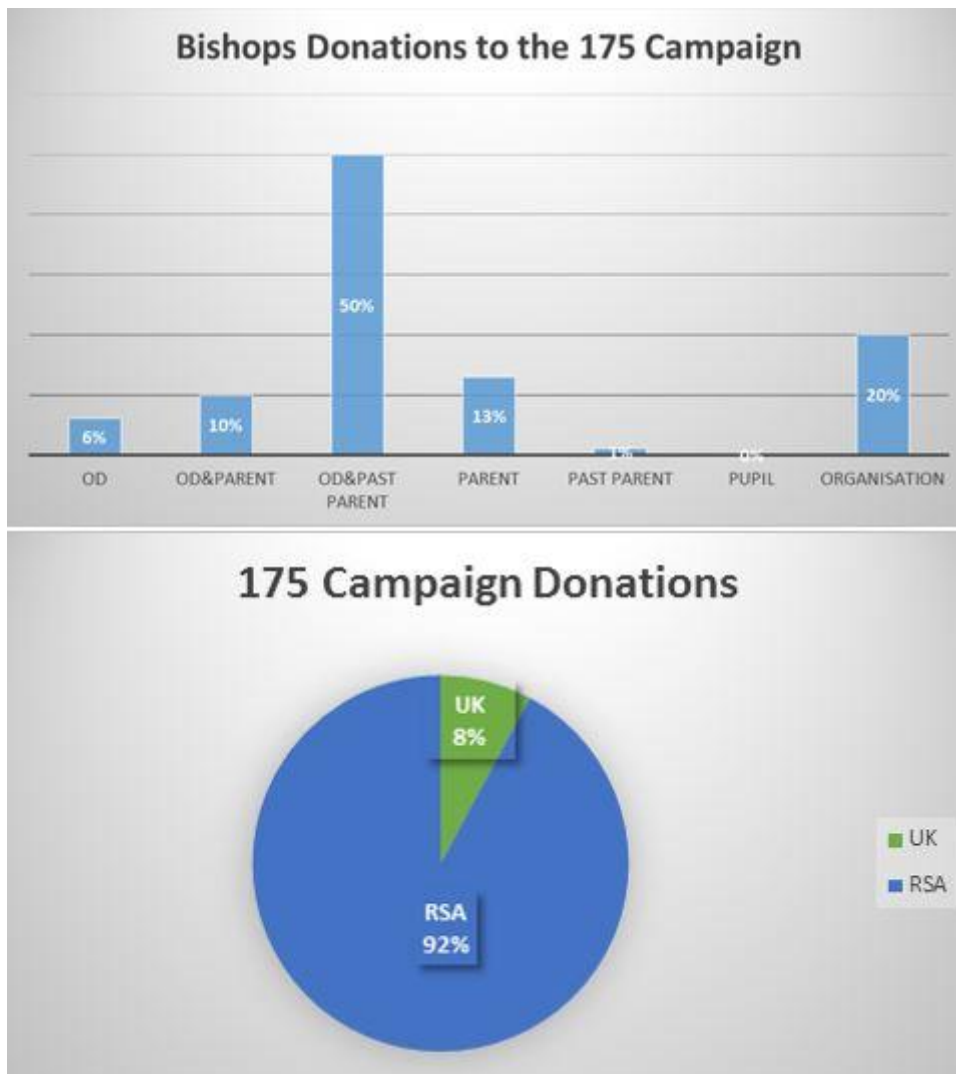


**ODU NEWSLETTER 9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2017**

**BISHOPS TRUST**

**Developing Future Leaders for a Transformed Society**

The Bishops Trust would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the 175 Campaign this term. We are proud to announce that we have thus far raised R40,132,125



**BISHOP GRAY CIRCLE**

Whose gifts to Bishops Trust over a five year period have amounted more than R5,000,000

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Dr Robert and Elaine Frater (Glycar SA)

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The Ogilvie Thompson Family – (The Pilanesburg Foundation)

Simon Peile  
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Gavin and Tess Joubert  
The Williams Family  
Anthony Gibson

#### FELLOWS OF DIOCESAN COLLEGE

Whose gifts to Bishops Trust over a five year period have amounted to between R250,000 and R999,999

Norton Ramsay Foundation  
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<http://www.bishops.org.za/BishopsTrust/DonorRecognition.aspx>

### **VISITORS TO THE MITRE AND ODs OUT AND ABOUT**

Representatives of the class of 1952 came in this week with a wonderful gift of thanks to the ODU for helping with their past reunion. They got wind of the need for an ice maker at our offices and so **Allan Bramwell (1952G), Oliver Purcell (1952O) and Brian de Kock**

**(1952O)** arrived on Friday afternoon with one, emblazoned with plaque stating: “*With thanks, the class of '52 65<sup>th</sup> Reunion, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2017*”. They also presented Nicole with a beautiful scarf as thanks for her help throughout the reunion weekend. Please see photos [here](#).

We also had the pleasure of welcoming **Mark Lewis (1974W)** who had come in to buy an “OD blazer starter kit”. Another OD, **Garth Gilmour (1976F)**, popped into the offices whilst in the area from Israel.

**Peter Wrensch (1976F)** came 40<sup>th</sup> overall in the inaugural Goodwood Harriers 10KM run on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September. His time was 39:41! Well done **Peter!**

### **OD BLAZER**

Great news! ODs wishing to tailor their own blazers can purchase a “Blazer starter kit” from the OD Union Office. The kit includes 3m<sup>2</sup> material, 5 large buttons, 11 small buttons and an OD badge and will cost R500. OD Blazers are in production and samples are due to arrive within the next few weeks

### **CONDOLENCES**

**Rex Pennington (past staff)** passed away peacefully on Saturday the 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. To read his obituary, please click [here](#).

### **ODs AROUND THE WORLD**

#### **UK - The Western Front Commemorative Tour 3-5 October 2017**

**Nicky Bicket (1973F)** reports on their [Tour of the Western Front](#):

“Just over 800 Old Diocesans took part in the Great War of 1914 -1918. Of those, 112 died, 160 were wounded, 190 were honoured and 500 held commissions. This OD tour of the Western Front was undertaken by Bishops staff, and ODs and their families to remember and honour these ODs who gave their lives and to dedicate a plaque to their memory in St George’s Chapel, Ypres, Belgium.” To read the tour booklet please click [here](#).

“...Bishops until Tuesday 3rd October 2017, was the only private school in the world not to have commemorated in the Somme, its old boys who gave their lives in the Great War. 112 out of over 800 ODs who signed up were killed and although memorialised on several monuments around the major battle sites, their names are grouped under regiment or country, but not, as many others are, by school.

During the course of 2016 – the centenary of the Somme – David Walsh, former Second Master of Tonbridge School and now the Chairman of the old Tonbridgian Society and Great War historian suggested that it might be time for Bishops and the ODU to have closure on this dreadful conflict and permanently honour our dead.

And so the planning began culminating in the departure from London on Tuesday 3rd October 2017 of 43 ODs and family members from around the world in a very large coach bound for Ypres and Arras. The purpose was to visit the battlefields where our ODs had fought and fallen and, importantly, honour them by dedicating a special plaque in St George's Chapel in Ypres and the laying of a wreath at the Menin Gate Ceremony. We were delighted to have **Guy Pearson (Principal)** and **Mike Bosman (O, 1978, Chairman of the College Council)** with us and they played a key role in the dedication and wreath laying ceremony.

The tour was supported by a special booklet written for the occasion which given its small print run might even become a collector's item in itself. It is prefaced by messages from Guy Pearson, **WP van Zyl (K, 1997)** Executive Manager of the ODU and Christian Rohrer, Headboy of Bishops.

It also includes the itinerary and touring party details. **Paul Murray**, Bishops Head of History and School Archivist wrote about life at Bishops during the time of the War and David Walsh provided the historical notes to the sites and ODs involved in the conflict as well as maps of the relevant regions we visited.

The booklet also contained the full text of the Commemoration Service, with prayers, readings hymns and psalms..." Read full write up here: <https://ukodu.blogspot.co.uk/>

To read UK OD newsletter 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](#).

## **OPENING OF THE BISHOPS ROWING HIGH PERFORMANCE CENTRE**

On Tuesday 26 September, the new home of Bishops Rowing, the Land Based High Performance Centre was officially opened by Sean Kerr, President of SA Rowing. The new facility, which is a substantial renovation and extension of the original Oaks Pavilion, allows for the 80 strong Bishops Rowing Club to train on approximately 20 ergometers in an environment purpose built for their needs.

Funding for the project was raised through the “Blades for Bishops” campaign and included an extraordinarily generous donation from **Paul Boynton (1979W)**. The building work was performed by **John Innes (1980G)** of Innes Construction. A 2 metre wide rowing “blade” was unveiled recognising all the donors that contributed to the funding of the project.

At the opening it was noted how far Bishops rowing has progressed and how well represented Bishops Rowing is after school with ODs comprising more than half the crews of the UCT and Stellenbosch University eights at this year’s Universities Boat Race in Port Alfred

In his speech Sean Kerr emphasized the importance of a training facility such as the High Performance Centre to allow rowers to train in a suitable environment, how critical the coach’s role is at U14 level to ensure that they prioritise the enjoyment of the sport above the winning of races, and hung out some encouragement to the boys to keep working at their rowing after school as they would, from a physical development point of view, be peaking at the right time for the recently announced 2028 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

## **REUNIONS**

### **1957 60 Year 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.

## **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. It started in 1978 - with the idea of showing that they practiced what they preached to their

patients about a healthy lifestyle. For the past 12 years the venue has been the Western Province Cricket Club Sports Complex off Avenue de Mist, with the route going round the Common and then a loop up the Bishops Avenue - from where there are usually spectacular views of Devil's Peak reflecting the early morning sunshine. The field usually includes a few ODs such a **Bob Baigrie (1974F)**, **Tim Noakes (1966W)** and **Sydney Cullis (1961F)**. As it is run on a handicap basis with half a minute allowed for each year of age over 40, the "old toppies" often manage to finish towards the top of the field.

Thanks to multiple sponsors the proceeds are donated to a charity - last year the Grootte Schuur Hospital Newborn Trust received over R40 000 and this year the Paediatric Department at Victoria Hospital will be supported.

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 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 18h00 in the Bishops Memorial Chapel - Diocesan College. Please find more information and to book tickets [here](#).

### **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](#)

### **BUILDING LINKS**

Micklefield School are hosting a Mountain Bike fundraiser to upgrade their library. It will be held on the 14th October at De Grendel Estate. Please see here for their flyer. [Click Here To Book Now!](#) [Www.Quicket.Co.Za](http://www.Quicket.Co.Za)

## COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

### Michael Mynhardt (2013F)

**Michael Mynhard (2013F)** reports: *Solight* is an innovative solar light that is both aesthetically pleasing and extremely durable. Designed using the principles of origami, the lantern can be used in any environment. Providing up to 10 hours of clean light, the health impact it has as an alternative to fossil fuels is astounding.

The solight is waterproof / recyclable and flatpacks for easy storage. <https://solight-design.com/>

## OD SPORT

### Old Quad Golf Challenge 2017

With SACS again unable to raise a team, the annual Old Quad Golf Challenge for the second year running became a Triangular Challenge, between Old Boys of Bishops, Rondebosch and Wynberg. The event – the 13<sup>th</sup> occasion it has been held - took place in perfect weather on the Rondebosch Golf Club's course on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September. For the first time, ODs won the competition outright, our two previous successes having been ties for first place with Wynberg. The final scores this year were amazingly close, with ODs on 514 Stableford points, Wynberg on 510 and Rondebosch 509. Best scores for ODs were **Rob Cheetham (1966W)** and **Hamish Longmore (1975O)**, with 48 points, **Rob Carlyle (1987O)** and **Murray Carlyle (1989O)**, with 46 points, followed by **Alister Smuts (1990S)** and **Jonathan Smuts (2014O)**, with 45 points.

Our grateful thanks go to Pen Brower and Rondebosch Old Boys Union, for hosting the game, to Wayne Hill and Rondebosch Golf Club, for allowing us the use of their fine course, and to our various generous sponsors, including **Sanjay Daya (1994G)**, of Spur Steak Ranches and Panarottis, and **Nick Pentz (1986S)**, of Groote Post Vineyards, who donated the prizes.

All OD golfers should note that the annual match for the **Walker Cup**, between ODs and Rondebosch, will take place on **Friday 2nd March 2018**, at **Rondebosch Golf Club**. ODs wanting to take part in our team of 64 players are asked to contact either Brian de Kock ([bdekock@iafrica.com](mailto:bdekock@iafrica.com) or 082 5770811), or **John Smuts** ([Westbury@iafrica.com](mailto:Westbury@iafrica.com) or 082 5626947) or Nicole, at The Mitre ([ndurand@bishops.org.za](mailto:ndurand@bishops.org.za) or 021 685 1829) as soon as possible.

## Official Newlands Magazine



For the 3<sup>rd</sup> successive home fixture at Newlands, Bishops related players featured on the front cover. Thank you to **Alan Ramsay (1960F)** for sharing the image of **Nizaam Carr (2009M)** who earned his 50<sup>th</sup> DHL Western Province cap. For pictures please see [here](#).

### **QUOTE FOR THE WEEK**

This week's quote is taken from the December 1932 DC Magazine VOL. XVII., NO.5 pg. 4 under "Annual Prize Giving 1931" by the Archbishop Francis Phelps:

*...It is above all important that we should learn to be honourable. We should set that up as one of the principles of our life. It may not always mean some benefit above the rest of men, not always mean that we get the praise, but we gain the respect of our fellow-men. We have the making of this world of ours and it is for us to put more trustworthiness into it through the honour that we bring with us..."*

Warm regards,

WP and Nicole

The Mitre, Bishops, Cape Town

Contact the OD Union