



BISHOPS ODU NEWS

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Message from the OD offices

OD COMMITTEE MEMBER POSITION

A position has become available on the OD committee. The successful new member will be required to attend at least five meetings per year at the OD Mitre in Cape Town, as well as sit on at least two sub-committees which each require at least a further four meetings per year each, plus various conference calls. He or she will need to make themselves available for various OD and school events, many of them in the evening. Members are often asked to talk, report back or present at these events. In short a position on the ODU Committee requires a large amount of commitment, both in terms of time and effort. You will give your time and expertise for free and we do not encourage the reimbursement of any out of pocket expenses. If you are interested in serving the ODU in this capacity, please contact our Chairman, Bruce Jack, on brucejack@icon.co.za.

ODU OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR POSITION

As many of you know by now Delre has unfortunately resigned as ODU administrator. We have advertised the post internally at Bishops as Institutional knowledge is obviously a big advantage.

We would like to cast the net as wide as possible however, so please see attachment for more information and how to apply.

For more information please contact WP on 021 659 1995 or wpvanzyl@bishops.org.za.

REQUEST FOR INTEREST IN THE MAGAZINE SUBCOMMITTEE

Thank you to those who have enquired about delivery of their magazines. They will be posted next week. Thank you for your patience in this regard. Just a reminder that the magazine is available on the website as well, click [here](#) to read it. We have some hard copies at the OD office in Cape Town if ODs would like to collect them sooner.

As ODs will notice, the format and frequency of the magazine will be changing. We have set up a subcommittee to manage the OD Magazine. Any ODs wishing to join this subcommittee must please send their CV and a motivational letter to odu@bishops.org.za.

REQUEST FOR INTEREST IN THE BISHOPS BENEVOLENT FUND SUBCOMMITTEE.

As announced at this year's AGM, we will be establishing a Bishops Benevolent Fund for ODs, past teachers and the spouses of both. The need varies from financial to medical to emotional support. Any ODs wishing to join the subcommittee, which will be responsible for structuring and administering this fund, must please send their CV and a motivational letter to WP at odu@bishops.org.za.

HERITAGE LUNCH

On the 10th of May a lovely Heritage lunch was held in Woodlands. ODs had an enriching time lunching with the Principal and would like to thank him for hosting ODs over 60 and past staff members. A big thank you also to Rosemary Wilke for organising the lunch, Reverend Terry Wilke for saying Grace and **Bruce Jack (1987G)** for supplying wine. Please see attached photograph for the occasion.

BISHOPS COAT OF ARMS

Francois Marais (1949S) kindly asked just to remind ODs what the Bishops coat of arms represented. Quoting from **John Gardener's (1947G)** Bishops 150 page 213:

“Bishop Gray gave his Diocesan Collegiate School the same coat of arms as his diocese. The cross and lions derive from the diocese of Durham where Gray served before being consecrated bishop. The three crowns come from the arms of Bristol Diocese where his father was bishop. The anchor denotes the Cape of Good Hope, and was also found in the Cape Town city coat of arms.

The escutcheon originally surmounting the cross was the arms of Baroness Burdett-Coutts who endowed the establishment of the diocese in 1847. Her escutcheon carried stag's heads and pheons (broad arrow heads) in its quarters. In the 1950's the diocese discovered from the College of Heralds that it was incorrect to have a full escutcheon on this kind of coat of arms, and a stag's head and pheon from it were selected to replace and represent the original on the newly designed coat of arms.

Both versions of the coats of arms are displayed in Founders dining hall.

News from ODs around the world

UNITED KINGDOM

Nicky Bickett (1973F) reports:

The annual UK black-tie dinner is once again at The Carlton, on Friday 30th June.

I'm thrilled that Lord Flight has accepted our invitation to be our guest speaker. He is an influential, entertaining and provocative figure in British business and politics and I am sure will challenge and amuse us. Come along and encourage your year to do so as well. Wives and partners, as always, most welcome. To RSVP, please click on the invitation [here](#).

Congratulations!

Neil Orpen (1990W) has been invited to join the Board of UKSSB (United Kingdom Spine Societies Board). The object of UKSSB is to promote the development of treatment of spinal disorders through education, study and research for the benefit of the public and the United Kingdom. Neil's appointment is a singular honour and in recognition of the high regard he is held in British spinal Surgery. We congratulate you, Neil and hope you still have enough time to get into the operating theatre.

Gordon Robinson (1990F) has just completed the 2017 Marathon des Sables. The Marathon des Sables is the stuff of legends, the "toughest foot race on Earth" (so says Discovery Channel, not Gordon). In just six days runners cover 250 km through endless dunes, over rocky jebels, and across white-hot salt plains of the Sahara desert with temperatures regularly reaching 50°C. Gordon Completed this massive endurance test (coming 581/1200) to raise money for [iKhaye le themba – "Home of Hope"](#) a charity in Cape Town which provides holistic care to children and families made vulnerable by social justice issues such as poverty, HIV and AIDS.

Gordon's fundraising page is closed, but if you would like to support iKhaya le Themba, click [here](#).

So well done, Gordon. And if you'd like to join him for next year's Marathon des Sables, please contact him [here](#). Seriously!

Music

In April I reported on a visit I made to **John Joubert (1944O)**. John, Bishops' most celebrated composer, turned 90 last month and in one of many concerts to mark this milestone, the Worcester College Choir, Oxford performed a selection of John's works in their beautiful chapel yesterday evening. The programme (see [here](#))

included some of his choral, organ and chamber works performed by the instrumentalists, choir and organists of Worcester College. John with his wife Mary and Anna his daughter had come down from Birmingham to be at the concert. Also among the audience was a contingent of ODs: **Tim Bravington (1951S)**, **Mark Charnock (1962O)** and Margie Charnock, **Chris Danziger (1958G)** and Seonaid Danziger, **Duncan Hepburn (1966W)** and Moira Hepburn, **Matthew Golesworthy (2011K)** and **Nicky Bicket (1973F)**. For Margie and her sister the concert at Worcester was something of a poignant moment as their grandfather had been a student in Worcester College many years ago.

Oxford ODs

Some of the young ODs studying at Oxford and I met for our second annual pub lunch. Arranged by **Matthew Golesworthy (2011K)** also there were **Mike Day (2009F)**, **Dee Ferrandi (2011F)** and **Rowan Nicholls (2010O)**. Once again we were at The Bear (well worth a visit) and this time, thanks to Dee, were able to find the OD tie amongst their huge collection of ties (upwards of 1,000 at least) on display at the pub. After lunch Matthew patiently taught some rudimentary points of the game of croquet where I distinguished myself as probably the worst player ever to have graced the Trinity lawns. Come on **Reg Bamford (1985G)** let's get a team together to teach these young ODs a thing or two about the game.

Back from the Brink

Natale Labia (2001S) is presenting an evening of photographs and experiences from his recent trip to the DRC. The event takes place on Thursday 25th May. The invitation is attached and anyone in London who would like to attend (no charge) should email Natale at natale@labiafamily.com.

To view the UK newsletter and pictures click [here](#).

Also, if anyone wants to sign up to the newsletter who is not yet receiving it click [here](#).

AFRICA:

Walk with us:

Tom David (2011B) and **Warren Handley (2010G)** are two young men from Cape Town, South Africa, who will walk over 6000km from Mount Kilimanjaro, Tanzania to Johannesburg, South Africa. Tom and Warren began their journey on the 1st April 2017. During their walk, they aim to engage with rural communities in each of the 6 countries they will be walking through, to highlight the importance of Early Childhood Development.

Latest Update: "...We have another big week coming up as we try to reach Iringa but we are feeling rested and ready. Every day when the pain sets in and we grow tired we remind ourselves why we are doing this and it always feels worth it." - Warren and Tom"

Click [here](#) for more info and updates.

CANADA:

John Hueton (1947G), branch Secretary for Eastern Canada, reminds ODs:

Eastern Canada Branch Annual Gathering

3pm Saturday 13th May 2017 at the home of Erik Jurriaans (Lyn) on Lake Ontario shore in Hamilton, ON.

Details: John Hueton 905-844-6275.

E-mail: jwhuetonod@yahoo.ca

David Clegg (1964O) Reports from Canada:

"So, most of my contemporaries would remember me as the once chubby/late tall guy in Ogilvie who commanded(?) the Field Ambulance in Cadets – this was not the most glamorous post in the corps! Earlier I had been co-ordinated enough to be part of the Junior Platoon in the Wynberg Military camp drill competition (despite my difficulties in memorising silent drill routine) but generally, my academic and sporting achievements at school were not startling. After school, I spent most of my leisure time in the waves, starting by borrowing Derek Wollaston's (matric 1964) long board (shaped by Phil Biden, matric 1965) at Muizenberg corner in January 1965. I rode short boards from about 1970 but converted back to long-boards in about 1997. A couple of years ago I managed to come fourth in the SA Longboard Championships 'legends' division, in 3m surf at Victoria Bay. But in that division (over 60) you get a medal if you can pick your board up and make it to the water! I've also ridden 22 Argus Tours, not terribly quickly. So the sporting stuff slowly got better!

Professionally, I read commerce and law at UCT being admitted as an attorney and an advocate and ended up specialising in tax law at the accounting firm Arthur Young (now EY). I retired from the partnership eight years ago as technical director of tax. Since then I've been consulting independently and continue to update and write a number of tax reference works (one in its 21st edition) for LexisNexis. Full retirement beckons!

Two daughters, Niki and Amanda, are on the west coast of the US and I married Jane, a Canadian tax lawyer, ten years ago, after meeting at a conference in Copenhagen (as one does). Home is in St James, Cape Town but we have a lock-up-and-go townhouse on a hillside in Kelowna, in the Okanagan valley (BC, Canada), halfway between Vancouver and the Rocky Mountains. The Okanagan has orchards, wineries (some excellent some appalling), an 80km long lake surrounded by mountains and lots of hiking, biking, kayaking and skiing. We plan to spend a couple of months there each summer and we skied the 'big white' mountain last February – great snow for those who are interested!

We have met up with Roger Crittenden (matric 1967 (I think)) who has been a GP in the valley for many years and doubtless there are other ODs in the vicinity – certainly, there are many South Africans! ODs passing through Kelowna are welcome to get in touch on davidandjane@mweb.co.za. As noted, home remains in St James, where we have a heavily renovated Victorian cottage overlooking False Bay.

All the best,

David Clegg (1964O)"

ODs in the News

David Scott (1997S)

A wonderful article about **David Scott (1997S)** surviving cancer was published in this week's Cape Times.

Click [here](#) to read it.

Tim Noakes (1966W)

An entertaining article about **Tim Noakes (1966W)** by Hanlie Retief was published in the 30th April edition of Rapport.

Click [here](#) to read it.

Geoff Davies (1959W)

Also featuring in the 30th April edition of Rapport is an article on **Geoff Davies (1959W)**.

Click [here](#) to read it.

Note: You may need to register in order to read these articles.

AUSTRALIA

OD Union committee member Simon Peile (1979F) was in Sydney in April to support his son Nicholas who was representing South Africa in the World Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championships. Simon took the opportunity to meet up with a few of the Sydney-based ODs and enjoyed a very convivial dinner at The Cut Bar & Grill in the Rocks area of Sydney with Mike Stirzaker (1976O), Sandy Calder (1976O), John Parker (1973F) and Steve Baldwin (1979W).

Simon noted that one of the candidates standing in a by-election being held that week for the NSW Legislative Assembly was Harry Fine (1980S).

Condolences

Mrs Myrtle Lister (Past staff)

It is with heavy hearts that we say good bye to Myrtle Lister who passed away on Wednesday night.

Myrtle was the wife of **Joe Lister (Past Staff)** and mother of **Anthony(1955G)**, **Gavin(1957G)** and Hillary.

Quoting from **John Gardener's (1947G) Bishops 150** on page 267:

"Mrs M Lister (staff 1967-91) started at Bishops with a series of temporary and relief posts dating from 1960, teaching English, History and Afrikaans. She also worked at Prep, teaching at some stage all standards from 1 to 10. She became a permanent staff member in 1967. Extra-murally, she was involved in tennis, athletics supervision and particularly drama, both in acting and backstage work such as make-up. She retired at the end of 1990, continued with her Matric class in 1991, and has done relief work – again – since then."

The funeral will be on Tuesday 16th May at 2 pm at Christ Church, Kenilworth.

Mr Simon Hobday (1958S)

Simon sadly passed away on the 2nd March after succumbing to cancer.

An article about Simon was published in the April edition of Complete Golfer by Brendan Barratt which you can view [here](#).

Social Sustainability

Arthur Mngxekeza (1997F) reports: “On Tuesday the 9th of May **Peter Westwood (Deputy Principal, Head of Pastoral), Warren Wallace (Deputy Head Sport & Discipline)** and **Stephen Sproule (New head of academics)** facilitated a discussion with about 30 boys and stooges of colour about their experiences at Bishops and what they would like to see change as boys from diverse groups. Council and ODU committee member **Moshe Apleni (1997F)** kicked off the session by sharing with the boys a balanced account of his personal experiences and those of other diverse groups. What resonated most with the boys was Moshe highlighting the advantages of sharing a dorm with 2 Greeks, 2 Afrikaners, a Spaniard, a Ghanaian, a Frenchman, and 2 Xhosa's. His account levelled the ground for the boys and spurred them to contribute very constructively to the discussion.”

Moshe adds:

“1. Peter Westwood, laid the groundwork from a School Executive point of view, that issues of minorities were being taken seriously. Bishops sought to create a welcoming place for all.

2. Peter also set the scene by giving the boys some history of how Bishops had been ahead of the game in accepting boys colour pre 1994.

3. In my talk I emphasized the critical role that having an Arthur serve on the ODU committee means- because the forward thinking ODU has like, Bishops did in 1984 when it created the Black Scholarships, acknowledged that Black ODs are a constituency of the ODU, who require their own representatives

4. Importantly, I said to the boys, that one needs to be the change they wanted to see. Their parents, and people who get them on Bursaries sacrificed a lot to get them this unique experience. Yes there will always be challenges, but one needed to understand the fortunate position they found themselves in, as a collective. As Mandela and Tambo were carefully selected to lead the struggle for Freedom, Black Bishops boys, are carefully selected to play a part in building South Africa and the world. Our duty then is to put up our hands, and help find the solutions.”

Events at Bishops

Thank you for all who have reserved seats for the Greg Mills book launch on the 19th May 2017. Please note that due to the positive response the venue has

changed to the **War Memorial Theatre**, with a book signing in the Old Gym after the event. Please see attached advert for this event.

Sport Fixtures

For first team rugby results against SACS last week and fixtures against HTS Drostdy on Saturday click [here](#).

Reminder: ODs planning on supporting the school against Drostdy: the N1 will be closed from 7pm tonight for the weekend. Please use the N2 and R300 as alternatives to get to Worcester.

For first team Hockey results against SACS last week and fixtures against Bergvliet on Friday click [here](#).

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

This week's quote was suggested by **John Bell (1962F)**. It acknowledges and accurately illustrates the way in which Delre made ODs feel through her actions and service to the ODU.

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around." ~ Leo Buscaglia (Californian professor of education).

Warm regards

Bruce, WP and Nicole

The Mitre, Bishops, Cape Town

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