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THE GLOBAL ODU MENTORING PROGRAMME

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EXTRA TERM BURSARY PROGRAM

The Extra Term Bursary program provides a life-changing opportunity for boys from disadvantaged backgrounds by providing them with a Bishops education. If you would like to support this worthy initiative, please view this [link](#).

OD BLAZER REMINDER

A reminder to ODs regarding orders for an OD blazer. Please contact Nicole at the OD Union: ndurand@bishops.org.za to order one. This is just a preliminary testing of interest as we will need 50 to make up an order.

CAPE OF STORMS

Over the last few days the Cape has experienced torrential showers and gale-force winds which resulted in the displacement of thousands, injuries to many and several tragic deaths. Bishops managed to stay intact for the most part due to the herculean efforts by the Donovan Murray and his team. A few large trees were blown over, tiles from the roof of the principal's residence were blown off and part of the boundary fence line was damaged. The school was closed on Wednesday along with all others in the Western Cape due to the threat the storm posed for staff, parents and learners.

Please see photos of the storm, [here](#).

ODs AROUND THE WORLD

Stuart Lucani (1968S) appeals to ODs in South East Asia

"Calling all ODs in the South East Asia region, please contact Secretary Stuart Lucani on stuart.lucani@gmail.com so that we can set up a local communication network with the idea of setting up a local get together some time later in this year here in Bangkok. Those known to the secretary are **Robert Bluett (1968F)**, **Chris Gold (1972O)** and **Alec Lockhart (1975O)**, all in Thailand. It is understood that there are a number of OD's in Singapore and Kuala Lumpur. Looking forward to hearing from you soon."

Thomas Van Poucke (1999O) reports from Mauritius

"This is not so much an update of what's happening in Mauritius because to be honest, nothing has happened since my last email. We've had to push our golf day out a few times

but I have re-proposed dates and we should be getting together in July. I do however have a great story which really shows the strength and beauty of our OD Union. After, the mention that a Mauritius OD Chapter had been adopted in the regular OD newsletter earlier this year, I got an email from **Ken Gibbs (1958F)** who had read in that article that **Richard Thurburn (1958W)** was now residing in Mauritius. Ken, who now resides in Cornwall UK, mentioned that they had done post matric together in 1958, it turns out they started school together in 1948. The post matric class of 1958 was a class of 7 people and after the death of one of their classmates, Ken had tried to get in touch (unsuccessfully) with the entire class. Subsequently he read the newsletter and asked me to forward an email he wrote to me onto Richard Thurburn, which I duly did. They have subsequently been in touch and have been catching up on 60 years of time gone by. I think this really shows one of true benefits of the OD Union. Uniting people from all over the world. Being a part of this and watching it play out was simply fantastic and to play an active part in reuniting two mates after almost 60 years was truly special. It has already made the minimal effort gone into creating this new OD chapter worthwhile!"

Leonard Thomas (1957S) reports after the OD Zimbabwe get together

"Good morning ODs and others! Firstly, on behalf of Angela and myself, I must thank you all for making the effort to be at our Zim Reunion luncheon, and also for bringing such delicious food that we all partook of! Secondly, thanks especially to our younger ODs, namely **Richard Fox (2005M)**, **Garth Adams (2006F)** and **Stuart Irvine (2009S)**, and their girlfriends, who voluntarily came to be with us older generation! And I might say, who kept Angela, Megan, Kym and I entertained until 8pm with stories of their escapades while at Bishops and other prep schools! I remember the first reunion dinner that I attended at Meikles Hotel in the 60s, rather a boring and formal occasion, when at 20 something, one was sat next to a 50-70 year old, not too much in common? I will definitely make a determined effort to set the next date for the gathering in a much shorter interval of time! Of course we could have a lesser get together at the Tin Roof? Men only? My apologies for failing to get our youngest, **Stuart Irvine (2009S)**, to toast our old school, having too much fun I suppose! Once again thank you one and all, not forgetting the beautiful 'Bishops' Mitre ' that Angela made. Best wishes, Len and Ange (+ Kym)"

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

Wine Tasting in Canada

Following Bruce Jack (ODU chairman) on his tour through Canada, he met up with three other ODs, **Erik Juriaans (1973G)**, **Justin de Beer (1973G)** and **Sir De Villiers Graaff (1988F)** at the PIWOSA vintages wine show in Toronto, Canada. Please see photo attached.

CONDOLENCES

Andrew Bremner Jackson (1948F) 31/12/1930 – 5/6/2017 (photo attached)

Koos van Bergen (Andrew Bremner Jackson's civil and business partner) wrote:
"After completing matric Brem went to university to enrol for a medical degree. During his studies he decided to sacrifice his student years to enrol in the pupil pilot scheme to become a pilot in the South African Air Force. He did a stint in advertising at J Walter Thompson in Johannesburg while getting his pilot's licence. He ended up becoming the youngest major ever and commander of 7 Squadron. When he came back to Cape Town he started an engine reconditioning business that led to a lot of reclamation of fire and water damaged machinery for various insurance companies. This activity inexplicitly led to the manufacturing of car licence plates that in turn led to manufacturing steering wheels. His company was the only manufacturer of steering wheels in the country up to the early 1990s. He sold his business to his German licensor in 1997, after which he went into property development and watching shares full time until the time of his death. As a successful businessman, Brem

made time for supporting the Peninsula School Feeding Scheme. He was chairman of Peninsula School Feeding for approximately 20 years and when leaving he received a certificate from the Peninsula School Feeding in 2009 for a total of 25 years of service. Brem was also an active Rotarian and in this way supported other community activities. In between his business activities Brem found time to become the first man to drive a car at 124 km per hour running on Sunflower oil. He truly was a man for taking up challenges!"

Michael Mathews reports on the passing of Frank Musson (1951S)

"Frank passed away in Hermanus on 15th February 2017 in his 84th year. He was at Bishops from 1944 to 1951 starting at Stanmore under the legendary Cyprian Brooke. In 1947 he moved to the College and School House where he was appointed a prefect in his Matric year. From an early age his rugby prowess was apparent and his readily identifiable 'rooikop' became a familiar (and threatening) sight at the side of the scrum in the Prep 1st XV, the U15 A, the U16 A and the 2nd XV. Shortly after leaving school he went to Lausanne's famous hotel school, l' Ecole Hoteliere, for four years before returning to the iconic family-owned Hermanus landmark, The Bay View Hotel. His yen to farm however took him to his friend and contemporary, **John Torr's (1951S)** Karroo farm in Victoria West to learn about livestock farming. From there he moved to his uncle's sheep and horse-breeding farm in Colesberg where he worked until his father, Basil, bought a farm, Rietkuil, also in the Colesberg district, which Frank managed, farming sheep and breeding horses. There's a good story Frank would tell against himself on how on one occasion he accidentally injected himself instead of the wriggling, reluctant sheep. He was dreadfully ill but recovered to tell the tale. After his father suffered a severe stroke Frank returned to The Bay View to run the catering side of the business and to work with his brother **Peter Musson (1946S)**. Frank had a small farm at the start of the Hemel-en Aarde Valley, now the Glen Fruin Estate, where, with the capable and efficient help of his wife, Carolyn (nee Morris), whom he married in 1961, he produced most of the vegetables and all the pork for the hotel. He and Carolyn had three sons, Guy, Mark and Alistair. Frank's hobbies were sailing, surfing and fishing but he was bitten by the golf bug which soon filled his leisure hours and in 1970 he was elected Club Captain of the Hermanus Golf Club. He oversaw the maintenance of the greens for a number of years even after standing down as Club Captain. He was also the President of the Boland Golf Union and gave back in administrative duties the pleasure he'd derived from the game. After the hotel was sold Frank started a business in partnership with Alistair, growing cut flowers, vegetables and bedding plant seedlings before eventually retiring. Ever the practical man, Frank spent the last few months of his life building a house in Vermont – arranging the onerous legal requirements and ensuring all the building regulations were met, ordering all the materials, supervising the building, paying the labourers etc. In this he was ably assisted by Carolyn and son, Alistair, who formally managed the project which was happily completed just a few weeks before Frank passed away in his sleep – the result of many years of heart problems. John Torr says this of Frank "when I first arrived at the Prep from Victoria West, having never been at a formal school, I was terrified out of my wits but Frank took me under his wing and we spent many happy weekends at his home in Hermanus." Frank was a well-loved character, sound, sensible, kind, widely read and with a wry sense of humour. He will be sorely missed by family and friends. **John Torr (1951S), David Dallas (1951O), Michael Mathews (1951S)"**

EVENTS AT THE MITRE

LIVE AT THE MITRE: Thursday 15 June (Reminder)

James Stewart (1986B), Rosemary & Cameron Bruce (1987G)
Thursday 15 June 2017 at 7pm

Book tickets [here](#).

OD Power Hour Reunions

Join us this Saturday (10 June) for the second “OD Power-Hour” Reunion! All ODs are welcome for an hour to the Mitre for drinks and snacks after the 1st XV game. We would especially like to invite ODs from 1980 – 1989. A cash bar and snacks will be available.

Bishops Rugby Supporters Club (Woodlands)

The Bishops Rugby Supporters’ Club in association with Asics will be hosting an evening with the Asics sevens rugby ambassadors on the 22nd June 2017 at 18:30 in the Woodlands Pavilion. Please See attached advert for more info.

SPORT FIXTURES

The Bishops 1st X1 Hockey result against Paarl Gimnasium last week was a great win of 2-0 to Bishops. They go up against Paarl Boys’ High School this Friday at 18:30 (home).

The Bishops 1st XV were beaten by Paarl Gymnasium in a 24-44 loss last Saturday. They will be playing this Saturday against Paarl Boys’ High School at 11:30 (Home).

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

REMARKABLE OD

In last week’s newsletter we included an article on **Marie Mellish (1909-10) (later Mrs Grant)**.

Peter Robinson (1966S) wrote in response to the article.

“Marie Mellish was the aunt of my mother, Maggie Robinson, who recently appeared in the OD News on the occasion of her 90th birthday. Maggie, was of course the wife of Chippy Robinson. While 'Aunt Marie' was a wonderful woman and a formidable academic you may be interested to know that her brother (and Maggie's father) was Frank Mellish, who played rugby for England in 1920-21 and for South Africa in 1921-24 - so far as I know the only player to have represented both countries at rugby. Incidentally Frank Mellish was not an OD but did attend Rondebosch, Wynberg and SACS!”

SMUTS AND BISHOPS

Hugh Brathwaite (1958F) wrote in to congratulate Justice **Craig Howie (1956G)** on his appointment as Vice President. They were both at Stellenbosch University and were roommates in Huis Visser, Justice Howie then studying law and Hugh medicine. Hugh is the East London OD branch secretary and his father, **Guy Brathwaite (1926-30)** played a critical role in establishing a link between Bishops and Smuts. Please follow the exciting story [here](#).

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

This week’s quote is taken from the Vol. 1. No. 2. Diocesan College and School Magazine from 22nd November 1886 under the “Courage in Duty” column.

“Perfect courage consists in doing without a witness all that we should be capable of doing before the whole world.” ~Rochefoucauld

Warm regards,

WP and Nicole
The Mitre, Bishops, Cape Town

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