

## **ODU NEWSLETTER 26 APRIL 2017**

### **Message from the ODU Office, Cape Town**

The DC Magazine for March 2017 has been temporarily held up. We apologise to the OD Community, and the Bishops School Community for this delay. The digital format is available at:

<http://www.bishops.org.za/magazine>

### **Message from the Chairman, Bruce Jack**

It is with great sadness that I have to report a change to the Mitre team. Unfortunately, Delré O'Rourke has resigned as OD Union administrator for personal reasons.

We will miss her personal touch. While she was at The Mitre, Delré worked hours beyond the call of duty. She organised hundreds of events both big and small, and all important to those attending. Her weekly newsletters were always informative and interesting. We will miss her diligence in preparing for committee meetings and drafting the minutes. She brought a wonderful, fresh personality to the Mitre and was a great hostess to all who visited.

I know many ODs built up a warm relationship with Delré and will be as disappointed as we are to be losing her.

We will be advertising for a replacement as soon as possible and keep you informed of progress.

### **The Bishops Trust 175 Campaign**

A wonderful launch of the 175 Campaign was held at the Stonehage Fleming offices, in London, on Monday evening.

Guy Pearson (Bishops Principal), Mike Bosman (Chairman of the College Council), Raymond Ackerman (President of the ODU) and Andrew Selby (Chairman of the Bishops Trust) did presentations on the Campaign.

We wish them well as they interact and connect with OD's in the UK.

## News from OD's around the World

### Asia

Bruce Jack (1987G) reports:

As part of the small group "Premium Independent Wineries of South Africa" - PIWOSA - (only ten members by invitation), Sir De Villiers Graaf from De Grendal, Bruce Jack from The Drift and Gary Jordan from Jordan Winery travelled to Asia to present their wines in Singapore, Hong Kong, Tokyo and Shanghai. Here they are at the Singapore Tasting at the famous White Rabbit Restaurant (housed in a beautiful old church).

Please see photo attached:

***Left to right: Sir De Villiers Graaf (1988F), Bruce Jack (1987G), Gary Jordan (1978G)***

### United Kingdom

Nicky Bicket (1973F), UK Branch Secretary, reports:

John Joubert (1944O) is being honoured at a concert given by the London Festival of Contemporary Church Music in Worcester College Chapel to mark his 90th birthday. Entry is, as far as I know, free. No booking, no RSVP necessary.

Pitch up on the night. I will certainly be pitching up. Anna, John's daughter, tells me that all being well, John and his wife Mary will be attending as well.

If you feel so inclined, please do come along. And encourage other ODs should you feel they'd be interested.

Details and programme can be found via this link:

<http://www.lfccm.com/whatson/john-joubert-90th-birthday-concert/>

John features in a beautiful piece in the September 1961 DC Magazine:

*“During Congregational Practice on Wednesday morning last term we were privileged to hear John Joubert give us a talk on music. John Joubert, a composer of international fame, was at Bishops from 1942 to 1946 and at the moment he is Senior Lecturer of Music at Hull University in Britain. His opera Silas Marna has recently had a successful run at the Little Theatre in Cape Town.*

*John Joubert began by telling us that he was going to talk on “Music in Vienna at the turn of the eighteenth century” – a subject not as remote as it may seem, when we remember that Vienna was the centre of musical culture throughout the latter half of the eighteenth and beginning of the nineteenth centuries. It may indeed be said that music has never since held such an important place as it did in Vienna during those times.*

*Music flourished in this way because of the active interest people took in it. There were no cinemas to go to, no radios to switch on; instead people entertained themselves, and in the way they found most satisfying – by taking an active part in music, playing in quartets and small orchestras, and singing in choirs.*

*Nowadays we are inclined to take music for granted. We always have a continuous supply on tap, and there is a strong temptation to let music pass by without actively listening to it. This is dangerous: we are left with nothing enriching, and we begin to adopt a blasé attitude towards music – we become musically immunized. Gramophone records and the wireless have discouraged private performers: there seems to be little point in learning to play a piece of music when one can hear it at any time on a gramophone record. The overall result has been that music has become less personal, less a thing of the home, and much of its warmth and personal appeal have been accordingly lost.*

*The only way to rectify this and to stage a revival of the spirit that flourishes and enhances the culture of Vienna at the turn of the eighteenth century is to take an active part in music.*

*At Bishops there is every opportunity of doing this; and a full realization of the beauties of music can only be achieved by participation in musical performances. To conclude his talk John Joubert played an extract from a recording of the Mass in B minor – a work which he took part in at Bishops, and which has left a deep impression on him ever since.”*

In view of this piece, it is wonderful to report that of the roughly 770 boys at the College, 450 play musical instruments. Music is participated in and enjoyed right down to the Pre-Prep level (i.e. 4/5 year olds)!

Even right now the boys have started preparing for the Eistedford at the end of this term; and two weeks into the third term, it is the Bishops Classical Pops. For both these very popular musical events ticket sales goes extremely fast, so ODs are encouraged to look out for when they go on sale.

Music is certainly flourishing at Bishops!

*Please see attached photograph:*

***Nicky Bicket (1973F) standing behind John Joubert (1944O) who celebrated his 90th birthday on 20 March this year!***

## **Africa**

Greg Mills (1979O) reports on a photograph taken on 08 April 2017:

“It's the presentation today in Aburi, Ghana of the first copy of 'Making Africa Work' to President Nana Akufo Addo by my chairman President Obasanjo. This took place at the Cabinet Retreat, where I am addressing the cabinet on the plan we have developed for social and economic transformation.”

*Please see attached photograph:*

***Left to right: Bishop Sunday, co-author President Obasanjo, President Akufo Addo, Greg Mills (1979O), Greg's Brenthurst Foundation colleague and co-author General (red) Dickie Davis***

## Canada

John Hueton (1947G), Branch Secretary for Canada, informs OD's:

***Eastern Canada Branch Annual Gathering***

***3 p.m Saturday May 13th at the home of***

***Erik Jurriaans (Lyn) on the Lake Ontario shore***

***in Hamilton ON***

***Details: John Hueton 905-844-6275.***

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## Upcoming events at The Mitre

### Greg Mills Book Launch: 'Making Africa Work'

Thank you to those who have e-mailed their reservation to [dorourke@bishops.org.za](mailto:dorourke@bishops.org.za). Your reservation has been noted and accepted. We must still send out confirmation e-mails.

The event has proved very popular, and we are negotiating a larger venue.

**This is therefore a final call for any interested parties to register for this very exciting event.**

The larger venue can possibly take 80 more seats than what our numbers allow at present.

There has been some inquiries whether wives / partners are allowed, and the answer is of course they are! **Please book through [wpvanzyl@bishops.org.za](mailto:wpvanzyl@bishops.org.za) to confirm your seats!**

***Please see attached information brochure***

### **Upcoming week in Bishops History**

Today, 26 April:

**22 years ago:** Principal's House caught fire (DC June 1995, p.2, 4)

**20 years ago:** High Noon Outdoor centre Opened (DC June 1997, p.5)

Monday 01 May:

**46 years ago:** Rob Knutzen (1966S) wins the 2nd Two Oceans Marathon (56km)

Wednesday 03 May:

**47 years ago:** Rob Knutzen (1966S) came 2nd overall in the very first Two Oceans Marathon

### **Upcoming events at Bishops**

Thursday 27 April: U16 Independent Schools Hockey Festival, Woodlands

Saturday 29 April: Wynberg Boys' Sports Festival at Wynberg Boys' HS

Hockey: 10:00 U19A vs Paul Roos

16:15 U19A vs Paarl Boys'

Rugby: 10:20 U14A vs KES

10:20 U16A vs KES

13:20 U19A vs KES

15:00 3rd XV vs Reddam

16:10 U15A vs KES

Sunday 30 April: Wynberg Boys' Sports Festival at Wynberg Boys' HS

Hockey: 11:15 U19A vs Wynberg Boys'

17:30 U 19A vs Windhoek HS

Monday 01 May: Wynberg Boys' Sport Festival at Wynberg Boys' HS

Hockey: 11:15 U19A vs Outeniqua

Rugby: 08:00 U14A vs Windhoek HS

10:20 U15A vs Windhoek HS

12:40 U16A vs DF Malan HS

16:10 3rd XV vs Parklands

*"Let us then –as well may we – Honour Reay and Honoré."*

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*Charles Manning's words in 1948 on the Law firsts by John Reay (Cambridge) and Tony Honoré (Oxford).*

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Cape Town