



## BISHOPS ODU NEWS

10 February 2017

Dear ODs

We are sending our newsletter out early today as we would like to alert you of some sad news and would like to give ODs enough measure, should you wish to attend services.

### **THE ODU PAYS THEIR RESPECTS**

We are saddened to inform you that Dion Wright (1984W) passed away 4th February 2017. We feel abundant empathy for the Wright family at this heart-breaking time. A service will be held today at 3pm in the Brooke Chapel followed by a wake in the White House Quad.

Humphrey Worthington-Smith passed away peacefully at home on Monday 6th February. Having returned from a great month's holiday spent with friends in the UK, Humphrey was short of breath. A visit to the doctor and several specialists confirmed that he had terminal kidney cancer. He decided not to do anything about it, and let it run its course. We express our deepest condolences to his wife Sonia (Staff at Bishops for over 20 years as librarian, developing a computer system for the Molteno library), his sons Robert (1979G) and Leonard (1985G) and grandson Peter (Grade 10). Sonia and the family would like you to join them in celebrating Humphrey's life on Saturday 11th February at 3pm in the Memorial Chapel and afterwards at the Heatlie Pavilion.

It was brought to our attention that Charles Francois Theron (1959S) passed away on 1st December 2016. We send love and light to his wife Martje, his daughter Catherine, his Charles and his two grandchildren.

### **REMINISENCE**

After reading Keith Murray's (1963F) fond memories he has of fellow ODs, Michael Mathews (1952S) wrote me a letter to send onto Keith. Michael writes, "I was so sorry to read the sad news about Vic Schonborn and then, reading last week's newsletter, to see that Dave Armstrong is also no longer with us. I am not sure if you remember me trying to teach you three musketeers Biology in 1961/1962, but I recall with great pleasure, those halcyon days and always rather regret I hadn't made a better job of it. Mike Cloete's (1952F) younger brother, Peter Cloete (1962G) also died some years ago – all of them way too early. Duncan Innes (1963G) went on to quite a distinguished career I think at UCT. Your point about treasuring your friends was well made and, as one gets older, I'm now 83, one does reflect on this sort of eternal truth. After leaving teaching I had some 30 years in the shipping industry and 10 in the Sugar Industry – both in Durban. Three ODs whom you may remember, Jumbo Anderson (1963S), Tony Collier (1965O) and Howard Tanner (1963S), worked in Unicorn Shipping when I was there."

### **3RD GENERATION**

In John Gardener's (1948G) book, *Bishops 150 - A History of the Diocesan College, Rondebosch*, he writes how there were four beginnings in the story of Bishops and the fourth happened with Harold Birt's (1919 – 1943) advent in January 1919. The quality of his staff was perhaps best gauged by the names of some of those he appointed and amongst them was Oscar John Soley Satchel, hence Solly. Solly served at Bishops from 1928 to 1948, from the age of 60 to 81. On page 269, Brian Bamford wrote about Solly in 1948: 'We at Bishops have come to regard you as peculiarly our own, as a kind of heirloom. And you leave us, you will be handed down.' Which brings me to ..... Solly's grandson, Robert Satchel (1958G) attended a reunion lunch recently at The Mitre and enlightened me with stories of his grandfather and father. See photos attached. The names of staff in the picture "Some Staff 1932" are: back: CC Lacey, E Glynn, JSM Viljoen, OJS Satchel and front: DH Whiting, FJR Viljoen, JW Nankivell, RO Goolden.

### **YOUNG ODs CLUB**

A reminder that the OD Union's Young ODs Club launch takes place on Friday 24th February. This club is designed for matric classes of 2010 to 2016 to provide an opportunity to gather, catch up, network and reminisce. Please see details on the invitation attached, which has been sent out to each class. Round up contemporaries from your year to attend the launch and appreciate a talk by Fred Roed (1991G). Fred is CEO of Heavy Chef Pty Ltd, an organisation that celebrates '*People that Do*' - or '*people that eat their own food*'. Fred is also the co-founder and former CEO of digital marketing agency World Wide Creative, with clients such as Hyundai, City of Cape Town, Independent Media, Rand Merchant Bank, Vodafone, Virgin Mobile and The Foschini Group. Fast Company Magazine named Fred as one of The Top 100 Creative People in Business 2015.

### **UK NEWS**

The February 2017 UK newsletter is attached for your perusal and all the newsletters can be viewed at <http://us6.campaign-archive2.com/home/?u=7b5bd99f91896bec2e1ae7f9d&id=de18bac27a>

### **SPORT**

Congratulations to Ogilvie House for winning the **Sports Day** last Saturday!

The Triangular takes place on Wednesday 22nd February at Bishops from 2pm to 5:30pm.  
<http://college.bishops.org.za/triangular/>

Keep informed by visiting the **College calendar** at  
<http://college.bishops.org.za/calendar/Default.aspx>

The **Prep Calendar** can be found at <http://calendar.bishops.org.za/prep-calendar>

*"He who has a why can endure any how"* – Friedrich Nietzsche

Enjoy your weekend and use water wisely <http://www.waterwise.co.za/site/home.html>

Best wishes

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