



UK Newsletter

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IN THE NEXT 30 DAYS ...

16th February: OD Fund and Asset Managers and anyone OD interested in investment management get together for drinks in The Bishops' Room (yes) at Ye Olde Mitre ([MAP & ADDRESS](#)) from 6.30pm-9.00pm to swap war stories and generally enjoy a few drinks in the company of like-minded ODs. If you'd like to join this group and haven't signed up already, please do so [HERE](#). You can see the group members [HERE](#) (although not all will be able to join on the night).

23rd February: The last-Thursday-of-the-Month OD Drinks is at The King's Arms ([MAP & ADDRESS](#)) for any thirsty or lonely ODs. The ODU tab is open from 7.00pm-8.30pm and no RSVPs necessary.



10th March: OD Lunch at The Carlton Club. **Alec Hogg** (right), one of South Africa's preeminent financial and political commentators will be our guest speaker. The venue is the Carlton Club and if you haven't yet responded to the invitation which went out earlier this month and would like to come, please RSVP [HERE](#). Wives and partners welcome.

Dear ODs

It's probably just me but am I the only one feeling that January was cancelled, so quickly did we arrive at February?

The year seems to have got off to a hectic start and I have had fun meeting several ODs in, around and out of town. I was very pleased to have had lunch (and dinner) with **Mark Charnock** (O, 1962) and Margie in Cape Town and **Charles McGregor** (F, 1969), all in Cape Town for their annual battery recharge.

Chris Anderson, Tom Baigrie and **Trevor Torrington** (all F, 1978) dragged me out willingly to supper at a very charming pub very close to Tom's home and miles from all of ours. We spent a very amusing evening comparing notes on our respective maturation processes and significant girlfriends who helped along the way.



And then on the last Thursday of last month a few of us met at The King's Arms in Shepherd Market for a few drinks and two Canadian ladies who seemed quite taken with Natale Labia's charm. Whether the two return for this month's drinks (see date and venue above) only Natale can tell. In the picture to the left are: me (F, 1973), **Chris Leach** (S, 2008), **Adam Franke-Matthecka** (F, 2002), **Natale Labia** (S, 2001) **Martin Calder** (B, 1991) and **Peter Arthur** (W, 1965) (and apologies for the quality of the photo).

We welcome **Michael** and **Chris Leach** (S, 2008 - yes they're twins) who have just arrived in London from Cape Town.



Congratulations go to **Nick Koster** (F, 2007, left)

who has been accepted onto the M.Sc programme at Cambridge to read environmental science. He tells me he has not quite given up rugby so Bristol may still have a chance in this year's Club Championships. He is one of many ODs who have embarked on Masters' degrees at Cambridge and we wish him well, including **Peter Beare** (M, 2011) who is there reading for a Chemical Engineering Masters.

The UK ODU is trying to offer a variety of events and functions which will attract the widest range of ODs. Not all will appeal to everyone and even if they did, no one will have the time or inclination to attend everything. But if the choices seem to exclude you, please do let me have your suggestions as to what you might find interesting. And if you do find one or two to your taste, please support them where you can. As always, while fun and camaraderie underpin what we do, the important objective is for you to get to know as many ODs as possible and strengthen your networks.

In the *Market Place* and *Job Shop* blocks below, please endeavour to support your fellow ODs where possible. And if you would like to use this area, please let me know. As an OD said to me the other day, it's always good to keep what we can offer in the "family".

Any comments/ideas are always gratefully received - as are your news and pictures.

Kind regards

Nicky Bicket

THE BISHOPS 175 APPEAL

The Appeal will be launched in London on Monday 24th April by Guy Pearson (Principal), Mike Bosman (Chairman of Council), Andrew Selby (Chairman of the Bishops Trust) and Raymond Ackerman (ODU President). Details will follow, but please save the date and make every effort to attend this very important event.

OD MENTORING PROGRAMME

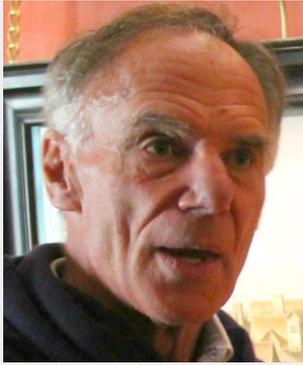
The Mentoring Programme is entering its third year and has proved to be a valuable and valued service provided by ODs for ODs. It has recently been described by a young OD mentee as "the most useful thing Bishops has done in 150 years".

OD mentors advise and guide their mentees in a variety of areas such as job choice, career and work-related problems, academic direction and country relocation.

The programme which started in the UK and which has been fabulously supported by OD mentors, is now international. Mentors and Mentees from around the world communicate across geographies with the feedback being extremely positive.

If you would like to be a Mentor or if you think that a Mentor could help you, please click anywhere in this panel

LONDON WALKS



By popular demand, **David Jordan** (W, 1962, left) a certified London Blue-Badge Guide, will be leading another two walking tours in London for ODs, their families and friends. Those on David's tour of Hampstead Heath last year will testify to his passion, energy and knowledge. These are not to be missed - and there is, thanks to David's generosity, no charge.

The first, on Saturday May 20th, will be a walk around the City of London, with, optionally, a tour of St Paul's at the end.

The second, on Saturday 7th October, is a guided tour of the National Gallery. David says, "My heart always breaks for the poor souls that I see traipsing around through all those boring grand pictures without really knowing what to look for, not knowing which are the Top Ten! And certainly not knowing the stories that make the pictures come alive."

Both tours will, naturally, end with a visit to a local refreshment station

If you are interested, in one or both, register your interest [HERE](#). This doesn't commit you, but helps with the planning.

OD CLASSICAL MUSIC GROUP



Sophia Rosa (violin) and Anna Tsybuleva (piano) (right) are giving recitals next month on the 7th and 9th respectively. These intimate and inexpensive professional recitals take place in the stately London townhouse, 22 Mansfield Street.

For the programme and other details for *all* the concerts until the end of June, click [HERE](#). To *RSVP* for any of the recitals between now and the end of June (including the two above) or just to get yourself onto the Group List, please click [HERE](#). (This form will also contain all the programmes' details)

Specifically, on Wednesday 26th April there is a special concert at 22 Mansfield Street to celebrate Freedom Day in South Africa. The concert will be hosted by David Dimbleby. The programme, featuring UK-based South African musicians, includes the Schubert Trout Quintet, Mozart's Variations Op K136 and feature South African performers and a special set of variations on Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika composed especially for this concert. RSVP as above.

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Annual OD v Old Tonbridgian Golf Match

Saturday 10th June

RAC

[Alex Price](#) (M, 2008) is our captain and the man to contact if you would like to play

UK OD Dinner

Friday 30th June

Carlton Club, London

(speaker to be advised)

OD Tour of the Western Front

3-5 October

There are still a few places remaining so if you (and your wife/partner) would like to join ODs from the UK, South Africa, France and the US, please click

[HERE](#) for more details and to register

Oxford Pub Lunch

Sat. 4th November

The Bell, Kidlington

(you don't have to live in Oxford to join in)

OD MARKET PLACE

(please click on each entry to view)

[Luxury holiday rental villas in
Provence](#)

[Fine French Wine](#)

OD JOB SHOP

(please click on each entry to view)

Positions sought

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