



# OLD DIOCESANS UNION

## *Patron, President and Vice Presidents Function*



*Our annual Patron, President and Vice-Presidents Function was held on 3rd December 2015. This is an occasion where the OD Union Committee get to interact with noteworthy advisors in a social atmosphere. Brian Robertson (Chairman) thanked the Committee and all present for contributing time, wisdom and support to the OD Union.*

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# ROLL OF HONOUR

*Their name liveth for ever*

In March we remember

## THE GREAT WAR 1914-19

- Gerald Bolus (1900-03)** Pvt, 2nd Rhodesians. East Africa, *11 March 1916.*  
**John Brown (1907-08)** Lieut, 4th Suffolk Regiment. France, *March 1917.*  
**Paul Farmer (1899-1901)** Lieut, SAI. France, *23 March 1918.*  
**John Fawcett (1905-14)** Lieut, RGA. France, *March 1918.*  
**Arthur Goodall (1907-10)** Lieut, 8th SAI. East Africa, *March 1916.*  
**Harold Goodall (1907-10)** Lieut, RFA Trench Mortar Battery. France, *22 March 1918.*  
**Edward Hare (left 1905)** Lieut Royal Flying Corps. France, *24 March 1917.*  
**Charles Howe-Eliot (1900-02)** 5th SAI. East Africa, *March 1917.*  
**Eugene Markus [MC] (1907-15)** Lt. Royal Scots Fusiliers. France, *22 March 1917.*  
**Cecil Mountford (1895-1900)** Lieut, ASCMT. London, *3 March 1919.*  
**James Rimer (1911-14)** Lieut, Royal Flying Corps. France, *March 1917.*

## THE WORLD WAR 1939-1945

- Ian Allister (1933-37)** Gnr, SAAA. Somaliland, *19 March 1941.*  
**John Blanckenberg (1931-40)** Lieut, Parachute Regiment. Italy, *9 March 1944.*  
**Michael Bomford (1933-35)** Trp, Royal Tank Corps. Middle East, *2 March 1943.*  
**Charles Chabot (1937-41)** WO, SAAF. Italy, *16 March 1944.*  
**Colin Croxford (1937-39)** Flying-Officer RAF. Italy, *4 March 1944.*  
**Alistair Duff (1928-33)** Pilot Officer RAF. Norway, *22 March 1942.*  
**Gordon Duff [DFC] (1928-35)** Flt-Lieut, RAF. Germany, *10 March 1942.*  
**Peter Griffiths (1934-35)** Capt, Botha Regt. Germany (escaping), *8 March 1944.*  
**Clive Holmes (1926-29)** Lieut, SAAF. North Africa, *30 March 1944.*  
**John Lindbergh (1934-37)** Capt, SAAF. North Africa, *26 March 1943.*  
**Ernest Nason (1931-35)** A/M RAF. Scotland, *5 March 1941.*  
**Anthony Newman (1934-37)** Pilot-Officer RAF. Off Holland, *23 March 1943.*  
**Oscar Michael Stohr (1933-39)** Sgt RAF. North Africa, *22 March 1943.*  
**Dennis Tattersall (1932-41)**, Lieut SAAF. East Mediterranean, *9 March 1945.*  
**Angus Taylor [DFC] (1933-36)** Flight-Lieut, RAF Mediterranean, *7 March 1944.*  
**Stanley Waud (1919-21)** Cpl, De La Rey Regiment. Egypt, *7 March 1944.*  
**Ronald Wicht (1934-43)** W/O SAAF. Italy, *2 March 1945.*  
**Andrew Newton-Thompson (1943-60)**. Oudtshoorn, *23 March 1965.*

## In April we remember

### THE GREAT WAR 1914-1919

- Kenneth Breach** (*dates unavailable*). SA Infantry France, *April 1917*.  
**Prescot Brounger** (*1896-98*) Lieut, Northumberland Fusiliers. France, *April 1917*.  
**Roy Bullen** (*1902-03*) Capt, 2nd KRR. France, *29 April 1916*.  
**Gerald Callender** (*1900-09*) Lieut, Royal Scots. France, *April 1918*.  
**Horace Girdlestone** (*1907-13*) Lieut, RGA attached RAF. France, *30 April 1918*.  
**Reginald Hands** (*1899-1907*) Capt, SAHA. France, *20 April 1918*.  
**Cecil Horne** (*1897-99*). Pvt SAI. France, *12 April 1917*.  
**George Murray [MC]** (*1905-08*) Capt, RFA. France, *15 April 1918*.  
**John Reid** (*1898-1901*) Pvt, SA Infantry, France, *10 April 1918*.  
**Greyville Seymour** (*1907-15*) Lieut, 1st Dorsets. France, *15 April 1917*.  
**Lawton Smuts** (*1906-10*) Lieut, RAF. England, *23 April 1918*.  
**Robert Stegman** (*1895-99*) Cpl, SAHA. France, *9 April 1918*.  
**Frederick Stephens** (*1900-06*) Lieut, West Yorks. France, *April 1918*.  
**Brett St Leger [MC]** (*1906-10*) Lieut, Coldstream Guards. France, *27 April 1918*.

### THE WORLD WAR 1939-45

- Charles Adcock** (*1929-37*). Flt-Lieut RAF. Ceylon, *9 April 1942*.  
**Oliver Bell** (*1916-21*) [MBE]. Major SAEC. North Africa, *7 April 1943*.  
**Newton Bird** (*1919-25*). Flying-Officer RAF. Holland, *9 April 1943*.  
**Ian Bocock** (*1919-28*). Sqn-Ldr RAF. England, *23 April 1943*.  
**Cyril Collier** (*1903-06*) Capt AA Pioneer Corps. Union, *17 April 1942*.  
**Charles Cowell** (*1930-38*) Lieut. SAAF. Italy, *21 April 1945*.  
**Lindsay de Villiers** (*1914-17*) Lieut-Comdr, Royal Navy. Narvik, *10 April 1940*.  
**Angus Duncan [DFC]** (*1917-26*) Lieut-Col. F/C-CTH. Italy, *16 April 1945*.  
**Anthony Fry [DFC]** (*1926-34*). Flt-Lieut. RAF. Europe, *28 April 1941*.  
**Robin Frost** (*1932-40*) Cpl, SSB. Italy, *6 April 1945*.  
**Neville Howes** (*1918-25*) Lieut, SAAF. Union, *28 April 1944*.  
**Edward King** (*1928-30*) Capt, RA. North Africa, *April 1943*.  
**Anthony Lee** (*1923-27*) Capt, Royal Fusiliers. North Africa, *30 April 1943*.  
**Denis McCarthy** (*1932-34*) Pilot-Officer, RAF. England, *20 April 1941*.  
**Norman Ross** (*1936-38*) Lieut, SAAF. North Africa, *16 April 1942*.  
**Rae Thomas [DFC]** (*1928-35*) Flt-Lieut, RAF. Off Ceylon, *9 April 1942*.  
**Peter Versveld** (*1932-39*) A/B RNVR. Off Ceylon, *5 April 1942*.  
**Richard Wingfield** (*1932-41*) Lieut, SAAF. Italy, *12 April 1942*.

**Roy Yates (1931-34)** Petty-Officer, RNVR. Off Ceylon, *9 April 1942*

**Reginald Briggs (1968-81).** On active duty in South West Africa, *27 April 1984*

**Martin Silberbauer (1959-69)** Capt. SAAF. Pietersburg, *5 April 1979*

In May we remember:

### THE GREAT WAR 1914-19

**James Christie (1893-97)** Pvt, King Edward's Horse. France, *24 May 1918*

**Douglas Jackson (1899-1901)** Lieut, Royal Artillery. France, *3 May 1917*

**Frank Saunderson (1909-11)** Sgt, SA Infantry. Died at sea, *31 May 1918*

**Charles Townsend (1904-08)** Trooper, 2nd Rhodesians. East Africa, *8 May 1915*

### THE WORLD WAR 1939-1945

**Quentin Bagshawe-Smith (1930-34)** Seaman RNVR. Off Crete, *22 May 1941.*

**Leonard Bangle (1927-29)** Flt-Lieut RAF. North Africa, *23 May 1942.*

**Oliver Collins (1931-35)** Sgt Air-Gnr, RAF. Eritria, *15 May 1941.*

**John Delbridge (1921-26)** Sgt, Amd Cars. Union, *30 May 1943.*

**Andrew Duncan [DFC] (1934-38)** Major SAAF. North Africa, *31 May 1942.*

**Laurence Hull [DFC] (1924-30)** Wing-Cdr RAF. England, *7 May 1946.*

**Patrick Moore (1936-38)** Lieut, SAAF. Italy, *11 May 1944.*

**Douglas Patterson (1928-34)** Lieut, CTH. North Africa, *29 May 1942.*

**Douglas Rail (1924-30)** Flying-Officer, RAF. Czechoslovakia, *13 May 1943.*

**Leonard Straker (1930-37)** Lieut, SAA (RA). Italy, *12 May 1944.*



# NOTES FROM OD UNION OFFICE



In December I had a drink with a group of ODs at one of London's oldest (founded in 1546) and most delightful pubs – Ye Olde Mitre in Holborn. Reference to Holborn is important not to confuse it with that delightful student haunt The Mitre in Oxford, a fifteenth century ale house which once refused entry to the Beatles. Or The Cambridge Mitre, a medieval student drinking hole off Trinity Street frequented by the students.

I was asked why the committee had named our new building The Mitre. The answer is simple: it is the symbol of Bishops. The red and gold is worn on the heart of every boy from Prep through College. In

1935 Frank Reid registered the OD “blazer badge” version which replaces the red with blue and the gold with silver. The design is identical.

Our desire was to create continuity between the past, the present and the future. The Mitre does this. But more than that it unites the school symbolically through an icon that is symbolic of the highest title of the visitor to this great school The Archbishop. It reflects all the values and morals it represents.

May Bishops in years to come realise the power of unity, the strength of community, the effectiveness of working together, the importance of support – and may the symbol of the Mitre be the centre of that community.

*Brian Robertson (1979W)*

*Chairman*



## UK BRANCH REPORT

The last quarter of 2015 ended quietly for the UK ODU.

In November, eight Bishops Rhodes Scholars sat down for dinner in the Flyfishers' Club in London to renew memories of the School and Oxford and to chat generally about Bishops and the current controversy around the Rhodes Scholarships. It was a very lively evening which ended in the Club bar long after your secretary had left for home. We were particularly pleased to be able to welcome Rob Knutzen (1966S, St Catherine's, 1972) who was in London

from Singapore and who three days earlier had had his appendix removed. Hardy chaps, these Rhodes Scholars. Also there – Bishops house and year, then Oxford College and year – were Steve Hofmeyr (1973O, University, 1977), James Gardener (1973W, Oriel, 1979), Malcolm Brown (1978G, Worcester, 1986), Graham Thomas (1984K, Brasenose, 1990), Jan van Zyl Smit (1996K, Magdalen, 2003), John Hodges (2005K, St Anne's, 2011) and Chris Linegar (2008K, New, 2013). Also present were Niall Carroll (1981O) and Nicky Bicket (1973F).



*Thomas Linegar and van Zyl Smit*



*UK Rhodes Scholars dinner post dinner drinks*





***“Get-together” Left to right: James Deane (1990B), Ant Marten (1990F), Murray McPherson (1990W), Marc Wilmot (1972W), Richard Pontin (1990B), Neal Arnold (1990S), Neil Orpen (1990W), James Legg, Caelim Parkes (1990O)***

As part of the UK ODU trying to extend its reach beyond London, our last function was a get-together of the Oxfordshire-based ODs and their wives at a very appealing pub just outside Oxford. We even had our very own lady-OD, Katie Hofman (nee Hutchings, 1983G) in attendance. Others there were Tim Bravington (1952S) and his wife Rosemary, Mark Charnock (1962O), Chris Danziger (1958G) and his wife Seonaid, Matthew Golesworthy (2011K), Duncan Hepburn (1966W) and his wife Moira, Rob Hutchings (1982G), James Masey (1983F), Chris Winearls (1967W) and Nicky Bicket (1973F). On a gloomy grey day, the lunch generated warmth, humour and good fellowship – and a resolve to hold a repeat function later this year.

It started fairly energetically in 2016 with our Senior OD Lunch held this year at the Carlton Club. Our OD President, Raymond Ackerman (1948S), hosted John Parker-Wood (1960G), Mike Taylor (1959G), Simon Arnold (1951F), Tim Shaw (1952F), Jeremy Ouvry (1953F), Miles

Maskell (1953O), Denis Christie (1971F) and Nicky Bicket (1973F) to a very convivial lunch at which he updated us on the state of the School and South Africa in general.

These intimate lunches are becoming popular with the senior ODs and our next one is in October when we will have the opportunity of listening to Tony Little, the recently-retired Master of Eton, speak to us on his view of education. Any OD who finds himself in London at the time should feel welcome to come along to the lunch.

There has been a surge in the number of UK-based ODs we have on our mentoring panel. We now have 72 UK ODs willing to give of their time and experience to assist other, usually younger, ODs in their career choices up here in England. If there is one thing that makes the ODU relevant and worthwhile, it's the idea that the unique Bishops bond extends beyond our school days into a world which is made slightly easier because of this bond. My thanks go to all these ODs who are part of this programme.



*Tim Shaw, Denis Christie, Mike Arnold and Miles Maskell*



*John Parker-Wood, Peter Arthur and Mike Taylor*



*From left: Peter Arthur, John Parker-Wood, Mike Taylor, Raymond Ackerman, Jeremy Ouvry and Mike Arnold*



*Raymond Ackerman Jeremy Ouvry Simon Arnold and Denis Christie*



*Mike Taylor and Peter Arthur*



*John Parker-Wood and Jeremy Ouvry*



*John Parker-Wood, Miles Maskell and Jeremy Ouvry*



*Simon Arnold, Denis Christie and Miles Maskell*



*Denis Christie, Raymond Ackerman and Simon Arnold*



*From left: Tim Shaw, Peter Arthur, John Parker-Wood, Mike Taylor, Raymond Ackerman, Jeremy Ouvry, Simon Arnold, Denis Christie and Miles Maskell*



Lastly, the UK branch of the ODU welcomes all ODs to its events and functions so if you are ever in England and your visit coincides with one of our events, please feel very welcome to join in. Our next major event is the annual Black-Tie Dinner on Friday 1st July at the Carlton Club where our guest speaker is the Principal of Bishops, Guy Pearson.

Between now and then, though, our Senior

OD Golfers are taking on the Old Cranleighans at the iconic Walton Heath Club on Thursday 12th May; we get together on Wednesday 29th June for the start of the Henley Royal Regatta; and on the 10th July, the OD Golf team takes on the Old Tonbridgians for a return match to be played at the RAC in Surrey.

*Nicky Bicket (1973F)*

*Branch Secretary UK*

## REUNIONS



*Reunion Lunch – Class of 1953*

### **CLASS OF 1953 LUNCH AT THE MITRE**

It being almost exactly halfway in time between our 60th and our 65th Class of 1953 Matric Reunions, some of our locally situated ODs met for a most convivial lunch in the new OD offices, the Mitre on the 16th November 2015.

The following were present: Tony Ainslie, John Bentley, Keith Bisset, Geoff and Mary Burton, Paul and Wendy Cannon and their two guests, David and Judy Hunt from Paul's past, Robin Hadwen, Taffy Lloyd, Robin and Margie Marx, Nigel Payne and Sandy Brice, John and Kay Powell and Andre

Raubenheimer.

We had received many answers to our invitations from Cape Town, Johannesburg and the UK, from those who were not able to be present. They all wished us an enjoyable time together which we certainly succeeded in having.

All the above were very much in our thoughts, as were Hugh Roy, Peter Ball, Neville Hare, Graham English, Cynthia Payne and Eileen Ainslie, who had all passed away since our last reunion. It was our good fortune that in toasting and remembering the above, we were able to sample the delectable champagne grown and produced by Andre

Raubenheimer. To Andre goes our sincere thanks.

With no speakers or any formalities, we were all able to relax and reminisce in each other's company and we explored the whole new building which was also shared by the new hockey pavilion and the school museum.

All in all, this is a most impressive new school amenity and with its views from the top field in all directions, it provides a new perspective of the

school and its surroundings from a completely different and very striking angle.

Our sincere thanks are due to Delre O'Rourke for assisting us with this function. She was also thanked for her excellent work in her compilation of the OD section of the magazine and for her weekly newsletters to all ODs.

All definitely worth repeating sometime!

*John Powell (19530)*

### CLASS OF 1960 – LUNCH AT THE MITRE

On Friday 6th November the ODs from 1960 got together to have an informal lunch at the Mitre.



*Standing left to right: Geoff Caradoc-Davies, Gerald Rosenthal, Pat Normand, Mackie Bisset, Syd Cullis, Mark Campbell, Tom McEwen, John Suckling, Dave Evans and Mick Versveld  
Sitting left to right: Lionel Goetz, Richard Eastwick, John Winshaw, Dave Ricketts and Alan Ramsay*



*Reunion Lunch – Class of 1960 table*



*From front left going around: John Innes, Ken Briggs, Patrick Le Strange, Jonathan Sedgwick, David Green, Stewart Lowe, Guy Jameson.*

## **THE CLASS OF 1980 REUNION BREAKFAST**

A breakfast gathering of the local members of the class of 1980, still in Cape Town, was held in splendour at the Alphen Hotel on 4th November 2015. It was attended by John Innes, Ken Briggs, Patrick Le Strange, Jonathan Sedgwick, David Green, Stewart Lowe and Guy Jameson. Unfortunately Lloyd Williams, Richard Blackman and Tim Hedges dropped out on the day due to pressures working on their retirement funds. Tim gracefully paid a forfeit in the form of Champagne for the breakfast, greatly appreciated and largely consumed by the “retired” Jameson. A festive breakfast was had

with lots of banter and laughing. There was less talk about what one was doing (informal measurement of success) and more reminiscing about school days, guess a reflection of the maturing of us all. Key words will give those at school in the same era a good feel of the conversation; Ditch, cane; Odd-Job, cherries; Basil, Olympics; Tim, bunking-in; blue movies, Loin hunting and more. Despite the fantastic summer day marking the early stages of the gripping drought, David Green kindly provided branded umbrellas for everyone, best be prepared with Cape Town’s fickle weather – greatly appreciated for the forthcoming rugby season.

*Ken Briggs*

## THE CLASS OF 1949 – REUNION LUNCH



*From middle around to left: George Conder (1949F) – red shirt, Barbara Marais, Chris Newton (1949G), Dione Fairhead, Peter Morris (1949F) and Ena Morris*

On the 4th November 2015 a group of ODs from the Class of 1949 had lunch with their wives at Kelvin Grove. Our annual Patron, President and Vice-Presidents Function was held on 3rd December 2015. This is an occasion

where the OD Union Committee get to interact with noteworthy advisors in a social atmosphere. Brian Robertson (Chairman) thanked the Committee and all present for contributing time, wisdom and support to the OD Union.

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS 2015



A highlight at the end of every year is Christmas Carols with Richard Cock (1967O) which took place on 16th December 2015. There was a large turnout and at half time guests enjoyed Christmas mince pies

donated by PnP and wine donated by ODs. A favourite carol is always Jingle Bells which the choir plays out with. Thank you to Richard Cock for his kind donation to the OD Union Bursary Fund.



## HONORARY OD



*Guy Pearson (Principal), David Alberts (Staff) and Brian Robertson (1979W)*



*Melwyn Wallis-Brown (Staff), David Alberts (Staff), Greg Brown (Staff) and Stalin Galant*

On the 26th January 2016, the OD Union held a small get-together to welcome David Alberts (Staff) as an honorary OD. David

Alberts worked at the Prep as Head Chef for 46 years and prepared over three million meals for the boys.



## NEWS OF ODs



*John Bettison (1944F), Bruce McKenzie (1944F)  
and David Davies (1944G)*

### ODs REUNITED

Bruce McKenzie (1944F) travelled on the Queen Elizabeth from Southampton to Cape Town. It was a nostalgic voyage as his first sea voyage to Cape Town was on the Capetown Castle in July 1940. He had never travelled on an air conditioned ship with stabilisers. He met with old friends, John Bettison (1944F) and David Davies (1944G) for their “Survivor’s Lunch”, as he dubs it.

### GARETH PENNY (1980F) – WINNER OF THE NATIONAL AWARD DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

Gareth Penny, Chairman of the Board of Directors of PJSC MMC Norilsk Nickel won the 10th National Award Director of the Year. The award was granted in the nomination “Chairman of the Board of Directors: Contribution to the development of corporate governance.” The award ceremony took place in Moscow during the 5th Corporate Governance Forum “Looking into the future in



*Gareth Penny (1980F)*

an era of global changes”. The organizers and partners of the forum included Independent Directors Association (IDA), Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (RSPP), PWC consulting, Moscow Exchange and Sberbank.

Presenting the award, Bella Zlatkis, Deputy Chairman of Sberbank noted that Gareth Penny has created a wonderful practice in the largest Russian public company. “He established an open systemic and professional interaction of the Board of Directors with the management, shareholders and key stakeholders,” she said. “He initiated the adoption of the fundamental policies and programs by the Board of Directors. He organized the work of the Board of Directors in accordance with the most advanced international standards. Norilsk Nickel has a well-adjusted and balanced system of corporate governance.”

According to Gareth Penny, the award Director of the Year is his first award in

Russia. "I am honoured to receive it. I am very pleased, but first of all I am glad for the company. It is not my personal award, this award belongs to the entire Board of Directors, officers, managers and all employees of Norilsk Nickel. This award recognizes achievements in the field of corporate governance, requiring efforts of the entire company," emphasized Gareth Penny.

Chairman of the Board of Directors of Norilsk Nickel also took part in a panel session of the forum "Improving the efficiency of management and the investment attractiveness of the Russian companies", and made a presentation on efficiency of the Board of Directors.

Andrey Bougrov, vice-president of PJSC MMC Norilsk Nickel and Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors, took part in the forum and the award ceremony of the National Award Director of the Year. As a permanent member of the forum and award winner in 2013 in the nomination Independent Director, Andrey Bougrov commented the award ceremony: "This award is addressed to the entire Norilsk Nickel. It is especially pleasing to receive it in the year of the 80th anniversary of the company, when we are happy to tell investors and the general public about our numerous achievements. However, I deem it necessary to mention personal merits of Gareth Penny. He has been working as a Chairman of the Board of Directors of Norilsk Nickel for three years. During that time, he introduced a number of interesting ideas and processes. He gave the power and importance to committees of the Board of Directors. And in this sense, this award is personally deserved the same way as all the

other awards Norilsk Nickel received this year." National Award Director of the Year is one of the most prestigious awards in the business life of the Russian Federation. It is symbolic that its 10th anniversary was marked with the award to the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Norilsk Nickel.

National Award Director of the Year has been held since 2006 and is designed to celebrate the personal contribution of Directors to the development of the system of corporate governance, and to promote advanced practices of the boards of directors of Russian companies. The Expert Award Council includes representatives of regulatory agencies, business and investment community, as well as the award winners of previous years.

## PROFESSOR CHRIS APPLETON

During a brief visit to Cape Town in February 2016 Chris Appleton (1962O) and wife Margaret renewed some old friendships and enjoyed dinner with Annette and David Slingsby (1963O) and breakfast with Jane and David Clegg (1964O). For the latter they went to the Olympia Café in Kalk Bay which brought back memories of the iconic Olympia Cinema during the 1950s and 1960s. Chris retired from the University of KwaZulu-Natal in 2009 and was appointed Professor Emeritus enabling him to continue his research and complete (not yet) his magnum opus – a new book on medical parasitology for South Africa. In September 2015 he was honoured with a dedicated editorial in the *Southern African Journal of Infectious Diseases* for his contribution to bilharzia research over a period of 45 years, first with the South African Medical Research Council and later with the University. The



**Chris Appleton (1962O)**

diverse interests of students in the University environment meant that his research activities broadened to include not only bilharzia but other disease-causing invertebrates from malaria parasites and roundworms to mites and bedbugs as well. In November 2015 Chris was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of South Africa, the oldest scientific institution in the country.

### **TONY VAN RYNEVELD'S TALK – SIR PIERRE VAN RYNEVELD'S EPIC FLIGHT FROM LONDON TO CAPE TOWN**

On the 26th November 2015, Vice-President Tony van Ryneveld (1942G) held a full-house enthralled with the epic story of Sir Pierre van Ryneveld's inaugural flight from London to Cape Town. Shortly after the end of



**Tony van Ryneveld (1942G)**

WW1, the *London Daily Mail* offered a prize to the first people to fly from England to South Africa. Lt.-Col. Pierre van Ryneveld and Flight-Lt. Quintin Brand, both with distinguished RAF war records, teamed up to represent South Africa. The talk described the flights, with their difficulties and dangers, accidents and some recoveries, and covered interesting features along the way, illustrated by old photographs. Tony is Sir Pierre van Ryneveld's nephew. It was a remarkable story of a remarkable man told by a remarkable OD. Both Tony and Derrick Ferrandi (1943F), attending the presentation, had just turned 90 and were much together in days of yore – first XV and first XI in 1943. They joined

the SAAF together as pupil pilots, both switching to navigators and got half wings at Oudtshoorn. They then transferred to Pietersburg for the shuttle service to Cairo and flew the same route up and down Africa. Chairman of Council Mike Bosman (1978O) who attended the talk is also an accomplished pilot and shared some similar experiences.

## BAD JEWS – THEATRE



*Oliver Booth, Lara Lipschitz, Glen Biderman-Pam, Ashley De Lange*

Bad Jews is a play about a family who have just suffered the loss of the patriarch and the feud that transpires as to who is entitled to the heirloom he has left behind.

Daphna (played by Lara Lipschitz) is a devout young Jewish woman who believes she deserves the heirloom because of her religious ties to it. Liam (played by Glen Biderman-pam 2007F), her secular cousin feels entitled to the piece of jewellery as he wants to use it to propose to his non-Jewish girlfriend Melody (played by Ashley de Lange).

Stuck in the middle of all of this is Liam's younger brother Jonah (played by Oliver Booth 2007F) who chooses a diplomatic approach until

the bitter end when he finally reveals his secret.

Under the auspices of young director Greg Karvellas, the play went on to sell out for eleven weeks at the Fugard Theatre in Cape Town and then another four weeks at the Sandton Theatre on the Square. The writer Joshua Harmon watches on from New York City as his play is performed in over 21 professional theatres worldwide.

Will they be back by popular demand? Who knows. But if you missed out, keep an eye on the Fugard Theatre's Facebook page for more information.

## MUSIC

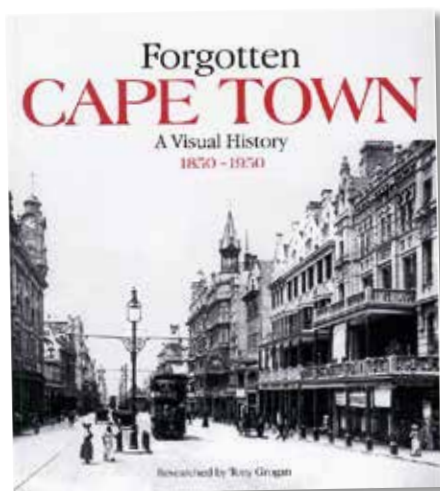


*Julien van Wyk (2006S) and Ryan Whitelaw (2006F)*

Julien van Wyk (2006W) and Ryan Whitelaw (2006F) make up Audio Engine, the new dance act hailing from Cape Town. Their sound is highly energetic and leaves dance floors devastated in its wake. It's techno and progressive, with a hint of classic electro-pop and the duo push an original sound and

live performance unlike any other you've seen. Their first single, 'When I'm with you' featuring Grace de la Hunt, has been airplayed on 5Fm, Kfm, East Coast radio as well as Jacaranda fm, and hit the top 20 charts on Heart fm recently.

## BOOK BY DON NELSON



Don Nelson (1957G) has published a superb book entitled 'Forgotten Cape Town' which is a large format edition of 172 pages and includes over 330 pictures taken from the National Library and the Cape Archives. This book is a wonderful review of images which are intended to capture the changing face of Cape Town from 1850 to 1950 and is researched by Tony Grogan.

## BOOKS BY JOHN DOBSON

While Prof Noakes (1966W) is trying to revolutionise the way we eat, his son-in-law is writing comic novels, both published by Tim Richman (1995B) at Burnet Media. John Dobson (1986K) is clearly a busy man.



When he isn't coaching the Western Province rugby team or assisting Robbie Fleck (1993O) at the Stormers, he's writing novels. Having published *Year of the Gherkin* in 2012, John recently launched the follow-up title *Year of the Turnip*, once again featuring his memorable creation Jason Brydon. According to John's publisher Burnet Media, "When *Year of the Gherkin* was released in 2012, Jason Brydon quickly established himself as quite probably the least likeable protagonist of South African fiction since... forever. And yet his diary of extreme narcissism, grand delusions and ongoing calamity also turned him into one of the funniest. Now The Jasonator is back!"

It's been available in stores, online and on Kindle since January.

December 2015 saw the release of a beautiful coffee table book '*Rugby At Newlands*' by David McLennan (1975G) and Chris Schoeman. Their "editorial consultant" was a certain John Gardener (1948G), ex headmaster of the school, and the publisher was Tim Richman (1995B) of Burnet Media. With Newlands being the oldest continually used rugby stadium in the world, the book is "a history of this popular venue through



accounts of the fifty Tests that have been played there since 1891, each richly illustrated with photographs, match programmes and other memorabilia.”

Paul Dobson described it as “an excellent book, a prize possession” in his review on Rugby 365, while Gavin Cowley calls it “a fascinating and unique history of a world-famous stadium”.

Meanwhile, David notes that “Bishops features in the text of Rugby At Newlands since rugby started at the school in South Africa and, especially in the early years, ODs were well represented in the Springbok teams and allowed the Springboks to play in their rugby jerseys!”



## NEWS FROM ZIMBABWE



**Back row: Andrew Francis (1965S), Peter Quinton (1957W), Dave Mills (1966F)**

**Sitting: Len Thomas (1957S) Peter Glennie (1952S), Nick Winskill (1954W), Rupert Hildebrand (1957S)**  
**Not shown: Lindsay Cook (1946S) had to leave early!**

At last, after a break of some 17 months we

managed to gather together at Len and Angela Thomas’ home for a luncheon on Saturday 6th February 2016. Apologies were from Dave Scott (1958S), Ken Saywood (1951S), Stuart Irvine (2009S), John Twiggs (1983F), John Twiggs (1952O), Jim Sinclair (1956W), Andy Pycroft (1973F) and Ross Hildebrand (1957O)

I believe a good time of catching up was enjoyed by all!

Len Thomas (1957S – OD Branch Secretary, Zimbabwe)



## ODs UAE



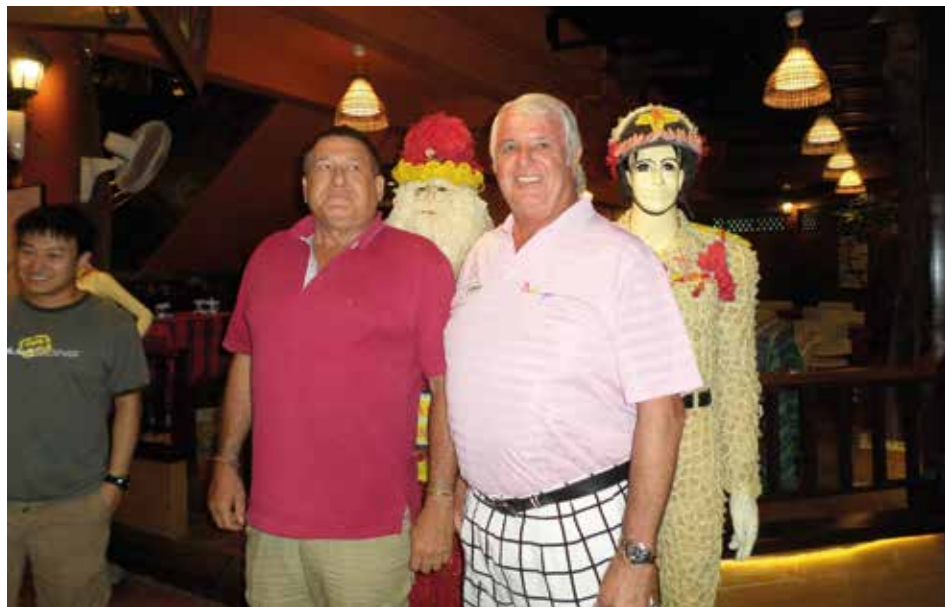
**Jonathan Louw (1987W) and Dirk Van Doorn (1988W)**

Jonathan Louw (1987W) and Dirk Van Doorn (1988W) met up on 6 November at the Dubai Creek for a spot of lunch and some catch up drinks.



## NEWS FROM THAILAND

Steve Hodgson (1968S) met up with Stuart Lucani (1968S) at a restaurant called Cabbages and Condoms in Bangkok recently. Steve, Glenda and Joshua were in Asia on holiday to celebrate Joshua’s outstanding matric result. Steve and Stuart had not seen one another for 35 years.



*Steve Hodgson (1968S) and Stuart Lucani (1968S)*

## 2015 MEDICAL 10 FUN RUN/WALK

For the last ten years the Bishops Avenue has been part of the route for the Medical 10 Fun Run/walk. This event was started in 1978 to show that healthcare professionals practice what they preach about healthy lifestyle options. Last year, the 37th staging of the event took place on Sunday, 23rd November, with 200 runners and 100 walkers enjoying the early morning light on Devil's Peak while making their way up the Avenue.

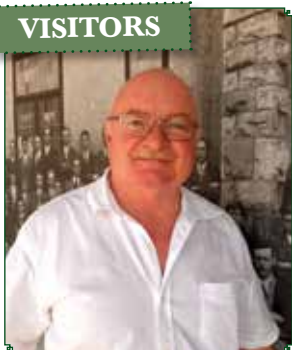
Thanks to generous sponsorship, close to R40 000 will be donated to Mowbray Maternity Hospital which this year celebrates its Centenary. It will enable them to acquire a neonatal ultrasound probe which would not be possible in their normal annual budget.



*Professor Robert Baigrie (1974F)*

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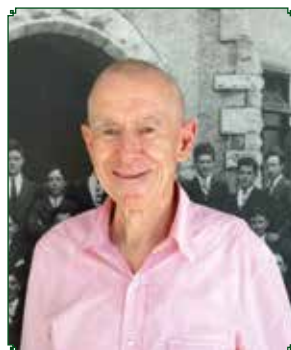
## VISITORS



**Charles Withington**  
(1968W)



**Pieter Albertyn**  
(1961S)



**Chet Sainsbury**  
(1959G)



**Andrew Cruise** (1992G) and wife Catherine



**David Dicey** (1958W) and **Pat Foster** (1958O)



**Professor Chris Appleton** (1962O), **Mac Bisset** (1960G), **Mark Campbell** (1961O)  
and **Frank Coley** (1958G)

## OCTOGENARIANS



**James Oosthuizen**  
*16 February 1936*



**Alan Bamford**  
*19 March 1936*



**Gregory Eva**  
*17 March 1936*



**John Powell**  
*11 January 1936*



**Brian Lefson**  
*26 February 1936*



**Jeremy Ractliffe**  
*15 January 1936*

## NONAGENARIANS

**Robin Marx (1953O)**

1 January 1936

**Jeremy Ractliffe (1952O)**

15 January 1936

**John Gordon-Davis (1953)**

21 January 1936

**Patrick Palmer (1953F)**

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**James Wood (1954F)**

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**Robert Dallas (1954O)**

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**Roger Malkin (1954G)**

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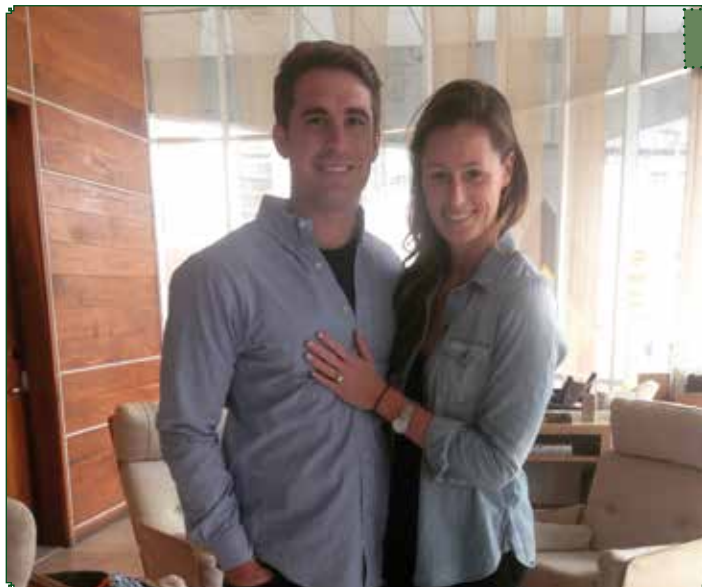


**Paul Meadows**  
*9th January 1926*  
with niece Maree Pearson.

**Hugh Milligan**

11 January 1926





## ENGAGEMENT

Matthew Douglas (2004S), son of Cheryl Douglas (staff) recently got engaged to Meaghan Schwitter. Matt is living in New York City, where he is a Manager at Accenture Strategy. The wedding is planned for June 2016 at the University Club in New York City.

**BIRTHS** *Warm congratulations go to these ODs on the recent births of sons or daughters.*



We'd like to congratulate Stephen Linnell (1996G) and wife Candice on the birth of their second daughter Hannah Catherine Linnell on 26th November 2015.



Aarjan Snoek (1997O) and his wife Seetal are proud to announce the birth of their baby daughter, Olivia Neha Snoek, on 17th November 2015, in London, England. They are hoping to introduce her to Cape Town in March 2016!

Rebecca Diana Leslie was born on the 10th January 2016. Proud parents are Alexander Leslie (1999F) and Leah. A sister for Sophia.



Brendan Jenman (1990B) and wife Lucy welcomed their third son Felix into the world on 6th October 2015.

Felix is Barbara Jenman's 9th and final (we think) grandson. Barbara had four sons at Bishops, Garth, Douglas, Andrew and Brendan. Barbara's daughter Colette married Andrew Day, also an OD. Felix will be the 13th from Barbara's line to attend Bishops.

**Jack, Felix and Max**



**Back row: Andrew Jenman (1992B), Garth Jenman (1987W), Douglas Jenman (1989B), Felix Jenman – son of Brendan, Brendan Jenman (1990B) and Max Jenman – son of Brendan.**

**Front Row: Conor Day – son of Andrew Day (1985S), Brett Jenman – son of Douglas, Thomas – son of Douglas, Barbara Jenman, Callum Jenman – son of Garth, Ross Jenman – son of Garth, Jack Jenman – son of Brendan and Liam Day – son of Andrew Day.**



## SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Tom Eastwick (1984F) and Sarah will be celebrating 25 years of marriage in April 2016. Tom says “it seems like it was just the other day that we took the plunge, so obviously the journey has been a wonderful experience thus far. I can only say that I really look forward to the next 25.”

## GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

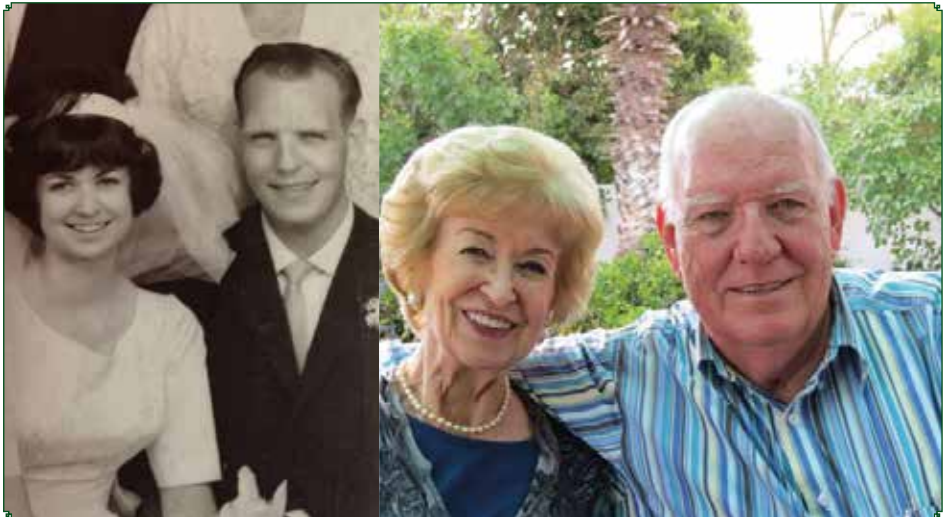


Dawn and Peter Lamming (1955 F) were married in the Holy Redeemer Church in Bergvliet on 12th November 1965 and are seen here being thoroughly spoilt by the family

with a tea at the Dorchester Hotel in London to celebrate this special event followed by a sumptuous lunch with all the grandchildren the following Saturday.

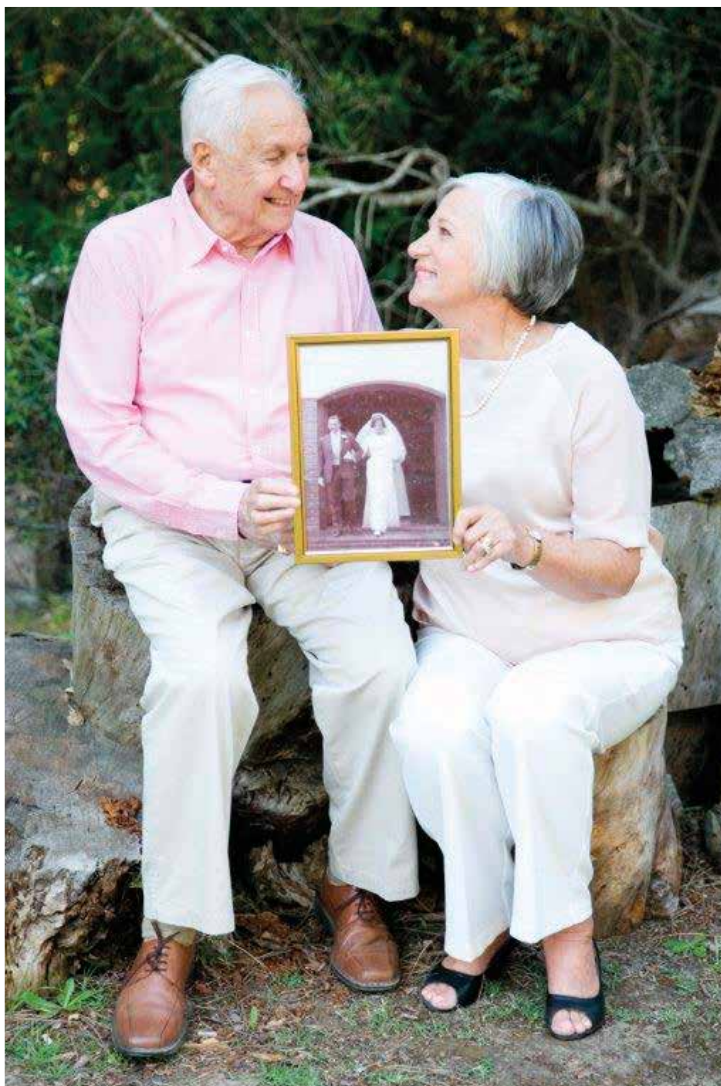


Congratulations to David Pickering (1957F) and wife Monica for celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 4th January 2016.



Then and Now – Mae and Peter Kleye (1956F) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 18th December 2015.





Nico Steenkamp (1949S) and wife Lyn celebrated this Golden Wedding Anniversary on 18th December 2015. They were married at St. John's Anglican Church

in Walmer, Port Elizabeth in 1965. They have two children, Karyn and Paul (1990G) and are proud grandparents to a beautiful little girl.

## OBITUARIES

### Miles Malleson (1944F)



Miles was born in Somerset West to Charles and Sheila. Miles always loved South Africa, the plants, the animals, the sense of space, the warmth. He enjoyed visiting his family, friends and Bishops, where he was known as ‘Smiley.’

Miles read Agriculture at Oxford. He did some studying, made some great friends, rowed, climbed out of windows at Hertford College to go to parties and enjoyed the jazz clubs in London.

Miles made his home in London where he ran a series of thriving agricultural advertising agencies. His job meant that he could be both a member of the Farmers’ Club and work in some great spots such as Fleet Street and Soho.

He worked in South Africa too, for the Progressive Party, JWT, and the Rand Daily

Mail, for which he reviewed films and gave advice on how to enjoy an evening out in Johannesburg.

Miles and his first wife Pauline, had Nick and Simon. Simon died in 1984. They returned to London where they had Bea, Ruthie and David. David died in 1986. Miles loved his grandchildren Emma, Udê, Oriê, Immy and Allegra.

### James Michael Feely (1951S)



‘Jim’ was born on the 17th January 1934 in Tanga, Tanzania and at the young age of eight started his schooling at Bishops Prep. He proceeded through to high school and completed his matric at Bishops in 1951



having been awarded the Victor Lewis prize for Biology. His passion for the outdoors and especially birds, had started at an early age and as a boy and young man growing up near Firgrove, in the Macassar area, he regularly walked and rode on horseback along the Macassar and other dunes between the Eerste River estuary and Wolfgat and was the first person to record the Kelp Gull nesting colony at Wolfgat. It was a natural progression to take up the study of Botany and Zoology at UCT in 1952. His restless urge to be outdoors, however, soon took him out of the lecture theatre and in 1953 he left UCT without completing his degree and joined Cape Nature Conservation to work at Jonkershoek.

Jim's passion for conservation was noticed by Colonel Vincent who was the head of the newly formed Parks Board and Jim was employed in the fledgling Natal Parks Board in 1955 to work with Ian Player, Ken Tinley and many other pioneers of South African conservation. These friendships led him into a whole new world of nature conservation. As the first game rangers in Zululand in the KZN province, it was up to Jim and his colleagues to set up and enforce the law in the new reserves at Umfolozi, Hluhluwe, Ndumo, Mkuze and St Lucia, a task that was met with political and local opposition and often required military tactics to achieve.

Following an offer to move north, Jim packed up his young family and trekked up to the Luangwa valley in Zambia to work for the Department of Game and Fisheries where an overpopulation of elephant had created problems for the human settlements in the surrounding areas. It wasn't long before the family would have it's own pet elephant in

the form of an orphaned young male who, after some tense moments, adopted Jim's wife Molly as it's own mother. The new addition to the family was named Jumbolino who would attend bush school with Jim's kids under the trees on the banks of the Luangwa River.

Jim moved back to Zululand in 1965 and began game ranching and trophy hunting with another old Parks Board colleague, Norman Deane, who had been helping Ian Player with the saving of the white rhino through his capture and relocation programme in the new game reserves of Zululand.

In 1971 the Game Rangers Association of Africa was formed with Jim as one of its founding members.

Through the years Jim had been studying the writings of Aldo Leopold and Sir Frank Fraser Darling, and having introduced Ian Player to these philosophies the concept of taking people on extended walking trails through wilderness areas was born. The Wilderness Leadership School was started and Jim, Ian, and Magqubu Ntombela led many groups of young people from all over the world through the Umfolozi Game Reserve and St Lucia wetlands on life changing trips. The Wilderness trail concept was to become an international movement and attracted many eminent and respected people, such as Sir Laurens van der Post, into its fold.

Jim's thirst for knowledge then took him back into the academic world and in 1983 he joined the Transkei University as a research associate studying the ecology of Iron Age man in the then Transkei region. This work was to lead him to submit a thesis entitled "The Early Farmers of Transkei, Southern Africa" for which he earned a Masters degree

cum laude. Thus in 1987 Jim had finally completed his university degree and was very proud of this achievement. This work was also subsequently published in the *Cambridge Monographs in African Archaeology*.

Jim continued his association with the Eastern Cape province and was Principal Nature Conservation Scientist for the region between 1987 and 2000 and was a driving force in the planning and legal drafting around nature conservation issues for the area.

In 2000 he retired but could never stay away and continued working from home as a research associate at the Centre for African Conservation Ecology at the Zoology Department, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University in Port Elizabeth. In his active years in the field Jim published 44 papers in various journals and in 1994 was a finalist nominee for the National Conservation Award.

Jim passed away in Maclear on 18th October 2015 at the age of 81 and will be remembered by all that knew him as one of the pioneers of nature conservation in South Africa, a mine of information, painter of birds and a passionate man of the African wilderness.

*Hugh Feely (son)*

### **John Richard Hodgson (1948G)**

John Richard Hodgson (1948G) attended Bishops after leaving Rondebosch Primary. On leaving school he went farming with N C Krone; who later put him through an Agriculture Degree at Stellenbosch University. After which he joined Lourensford Estate where he helped establish and managed one of the largest fresh fruit exporting farms in the Western Cape. He retired after 37 years and



went on to develop a very in depth genealogy programme.

He died very peacefully at home after a long battle with cancer on 9th October 2015.

He will be sadly missed by his wife Vivienne; his four children Michael, James, Alastair and Carol and grandsons; as well as his three step children; Robert, Michael and Lindsay.

*Viv Hodgson*

### **Allan-John McPetrie**

Allan-John "AJ" McPetrie died on the 12th December, 2015, at the age of 30. AJ came to Bishops from Rondebosch, in grade 10 at the start of 2001, when his mother, Sue McPetrie, was appointed to the Maths department. Initially joining Gray House, he was one of the first matrics who formed the new Mallet



what was certainly the first MMA tournament in Southern Thailand and perhaps the first in Thailand. He also fought professionally in a number of Muay Thai and boxing tournaments. On his return to South Africa to take up his university studies, AJ worked as a waitron at Bahia at the Waterfront, while continuing to train at Impakt Gym in Claremont, where he coached MMA and Muay Thai. There he trained with and provided sparring partners for a number of current fighters in South Africa's

House in 2003, under then House Director, Dave Ledwidge. AJ was first and foremost a martial artist and took part in Judo while at Bishops. He was also part of the First Aid team after giving up Rugby, which he had concluded presented too many ways to get injured against which one could not mount a reasonable defence! After matriculating with a number of distinctions, he completed a sailing course and at the age of 19, was recruited to crew a luxury catamaran bound for delivery in Hong Kong. He was able to 'jump ship' in Thailand where he taught English and continued his martial arts education, eventually becoming a trainer in Mixed Martial Arts (MMA). AJ fought in

Extreme Fighting Championship (EFC). Some of his students are now pursuing careers at amateur and professional level. AJ took a sabbatical from his studies and worked on the Cunard liner, Queen Victoria, for an eighteen month stretch where his Waterfront experience allowed him quick promotion to the ship's prestige restaurant. On board ship, he visited many countries around the world. AJ completed his B Bus Admin in Marketing in 2014 and learned that he had passed his Honours in Brand Management at Vega, shortly before his death. AJ is survived by his parents, John and Sue and his brothers Michael (2005M) and Christopher (2010M).

**Paul Lawford Tancred (1949G)**

Paul Lawford Tancred was born in Cape Town. An avid mountaineer, he was one of the youngest members of the Mountain Club of South Africa, fortunate enough to be allowed to join the club while still attending school. He used to walk to and climb up Table Mountain every weekend from his home in Rondebosch, exploring the many routes to its summit.

After completing school, Paul worked for a year in Alexandria in Egypt. He then studied farming at Grootfontein Agricultural College in the Karoo and following that moved to Johannesburg to work in United Tobacco laboratories as a laboratory technician.

Paul met Valerie Brigg in Johannesburg. They were married shortly afterward and moved to a fruit farm in Prince Alfred's Hamlet, near Ceres in the Cape. They had one daughter, Susan. A few years later a career change prompted a move back to Johannesburg where Paul worked again in laboratories, first in the minerals industry and then as water chemist for Scaw Metals.

During retirement years, Paul was reunited with the Cape mountain chain that he loved and he hiked regularly in the mountains surrounding his and Valerie's home in Fish Hoek. He passed away peacefully at the age of 85, eight years after Valerie's passing.

All who knew Paul considered him a quiet gentle man possessed of a sharp mind and an ability for great conversation due to his knowledge of

a wide variety of topics. Paul remained active, drove a car, made his own meals, acted as an IT 'help desk' for his friends and lived independently till the very last day of his life.

As his only daughter, I am forever grateful for my Dad's dedication and unfailing kindness to my Mom, my husband and I. He was a great man.

*Sue Ansell*



**Ian Rowland Banks (1945F)**

Ian Banks died at home on the 15th August 2015 after a severe viral infection followed by heart failure. He was cared for by his wife Jane, daughter Donella and her husband Chris; and son Michael who came out from Oregon in the USA. The Breede River hospice was most helpful with nursing.

Ian was the third son of an Anglican clergyman and began his primary education in Wellington and went to Bishops when about 11 years old. He finished his schooling in 1945. On leaving school Ian studied Veterinary Science at Onderstepoort, University of Pretoria. He qualified in 1950 and worked for Drs. Faull and Burgess at various surgeries and at the Cape Veterinary Hospital for the next

three years. In July 1953 he moved to Norton, in then Southern Rhodesia, where he started his own practice in a rural area which involved mainly large animals.

Ian married Jane Blades in January 1954. They remained in Norton for ten years before returning to South Africa with their three children. Ian joined Peter Wachter in a practice in Howick, KwaZulu-Natal. Their fourth child was born in KZN in 1965. By 1980 this practice had grown to a six man team specialising in herd work in the KZN Midlands.

In 1983 Ian sold his share in the practice and moved to McGregor with his wife Jane. They restored an old house and built and set up a pottery studio, where weekly courses were given. They became a much loved couple in this growing village.

Their home provided a refuge for many family and friends. Ian did a number of locums in various practices, which afforded opportunity for travel in other countries. They eventually sold the 'big house' and moved into the cottages they had built earlier at the bottom of their property. There they built another studio/workshop and continued with classes in clay work. Ian was essential in the practical running of the pottery and his creative skills produced many hand-made casseroles and decorative plaques, as well as carpentry in the cottages.

Ian loved his family and courageously bore the loss of two sons. He also had a deep love of wildlife and especially enjoyed bird watching and fishing. So too he loved music.

He enjoyed singing in many local choirs and playing his flute.

He was a compassionate, caring and generous man with a wonderful sense of humour.

He will be deeply missed by his wife Jane, his daughter Donella and her husband Chris (1971G), his son Michael and his family in the USA, daughter-in-law Hélène and extended family, including eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He lived life to the full and in a quiet way made a significant contribution to the world around him.

*Donella Young*

### **Michael (Monty) Stokes Woolley (1946S)**



Mike was born in Cape Town in 1928. In 1930 as a very young child, Mike moved with his family to the Eastern Cape to the farm Boschkraal in the citrus-producing Sundays River Valley. The farm remains in the family today. He attended St George's Prep in Port Elizabeth as a boarder, a founder member of that well-known Eastern Cape institution. Thereafter he joined his older brother Kenneth (1941S) in Cape Town, at Bishops College where both of them boarded.

Despite Mike making no claims to being an academic, his life was destined to be dominated by schools, and sport, to the great benefit of countless pupils over several decades. His own schooling ended at the same time as WW2, after which he headed north, to Zimbabwe (then known as Southern Rhodesia). He worked for Shell and then started farming, initially in the tobacco producing region of Norton. Ever a keen sportsman, he inevitably became involved in local club cricket wherever he was based. It was while he was farming near Marondera (Marandelas) that he was asked to assist coaching cricket at Ruzawi prep school. Coaching cricket led on to rugby, and then to standing in for absent teachers in classrooms, and soon enough he had a new career for which he showed a wonderful natural talent – that of teaching. All sports (but especially cricket, rugby, tennis and hockey), and anything else that was required, even Scripture (or so he claimed), with Maths and Latin becoming his particular specialities. After a spell at Whitestone prep, he ended his teaching/coaching days in Zimbabwe/Rhodesia at Falcon College near Essexvale (from 1960 to 1977), by which time he was a cricket selector for the Rhodesian Nuffield team, and incidentally a formidable

squash player. His northern friends called him as 'Monty' (after the star in 1942 movie *The Man Who Came to Dinner*), but his in-school nickname was 'Rumble', on account of that commanding, authoritative, booming voice.

Mike moved back to South Africa in the late 1970s, and continued teaching, including at The Ridge in Johannesburg and his alma mater, St George's Prep in Port Elizabeth. Once retired, he lived in various places, including Knysna, the family farm Boschkraal near Kirkwood, and finally Port Elizabeth.

Sport was always a major focus and influence in Mike's life, no less so as he grew older, with tennis his preferred game well into retirement. In the words of a friend, 'his exploits as a cricket and rugby coach are legendary'.

A confirmed bachelor, yet as coach, teacher and housemaster Mike played a significant role in the lives of many youngsters over several decades. His students and colleagues will recall, with affection and respect, his uncompromising sense of fair play, his very high standards, his strict but sensible approach to discipline, and above all his wonderful gift of humour. In the words of one of his headmasters, 'Mike ... displays a sense of humour and hearty laugh which quickly relaxes all – both boys and staff. He has proved an excellent companion to us all'.

Mike will be sadly missed, and fondly remembered, by his family and his many friends in many places around the world.

*Charles Woolley (OA 1969)*

### **Michael Vintcent (1956S)**



Michael passed away on 2nd November 2015 in Mossel Bay after a brave battle with cancer. He was born in Mossel Bay on the 30th December 1938, the fourth and youngest child of Howard Nelles and May Vintcent. After attending the local school for his formative years, he enrolled at Bishops Prep as a boarder in Rossal House from the age of 10. At College, Michael boarded at School (Top) House, with the legendary Bishops master Wilkie as his Housemaster. He spoke fondly of his school years at Bishops – experiences and lessons learnt from Wilkie and the then Headmaster

Hubert Kidd; lifelong friendships made in the classroom and on the sports field; and very entertaining train trips to and from Mossel Bay. Michael was a school prefect in both his matric and post-matric years, and by all accounts excelled academically. He embraced all that Bishops had to offer, becoming an active member of the school choir, and Head Chorister in his final year. He enjoyed his sport enormously, representing the school at Cricket, Rugby, Boxing and on occasion Athletics. Years later, he was a keen participant in all OD Cricket teams, captaining the side on occasions when his sons Craig (1986S) and Andrew (1989S) were at school. Michael studied at Stellenbosch, completing his Bachelor of Commerce degree. Soon after this, he went to Trinity College in Oxford where he read Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE). In 1966, he was amongst the first M.B.A. Graduates in the UCT Business School. He joined Old Mutual and was on track to becoming an actuary, but it was after the unexpected death of his father that he returned to Mossel Bay to join his elder brother, Nelles (1943S) in running the family firm, Prince Vintcent & Co. They were the 5th generation of Vintcent's to run the firm.

In 1968, Michael married Helen Muzzell, a teacher from Stutterheim in the Eastern Cape. They settled in Mossel Bay and had three children, Craig, Andrew and Barbara. Helen and Mike were active participants in many spheres on Mossel Bay life – sporting, cultural and religious. They were founder members of the Mossel Bay Squash Club. Michael represented Mossel Bay and the Southern Cape at SA Country Districts

cricket tournaments, and at the time of his death he was the longest standing member of the Mossel Bay Golf Club. Michael was a past President of the local Rotary Club and recipient of the Paul Harris Award for service to community. He and Helen founded the Mossel Bay Arts Society, bringing countless artists from around the country to perform in the town. He served as Treasurer and Church Warden at St Peters Anglican Church for nearly 50 years. They were a community minded, popular and reliable couple who loved Mossel Bay. They wanted so much for others to experience the charm and natural beauty of the town, so their home was always open to others. Numerous Bishops tours stopped over in Mossel Bay over the years en route to and from the Eastern Cape.

Following Helen's untimely death in 2008, Michael married Cynthia Muller – a long standing member of the Mossel Bay community – with whom he shared 5 happy years.

Michael was a great teacher, and not only helped his own children with their academic studies, but helped children in the Mossel Bay community – he was so proud of one of his less privileged protégés when he achieved a matric and managed to secure a good job in the local community after school. At heart, Michael was a community man.

A celebration of Michael's life was held at his beloved St Peter's Church on Friday the 6th November, with a huge congregation in attendance. His children spoke proudly in Michael's eulogy at his funeral: "Dad lived his life by simple philosophies – "By your fruits you will be known" and "One should give and never count the cost". As



a family, saddened by his passing, we have been overwhelmed by the many messages of support received over the last few days. What has been notable about the messages is the consistency of the character traits referred to by so many: He was Gentle, he was Kind, he was Strong, he was Generous, he was Fair, and he was Fun-loving with a twinkle in his eye.

In a warm tribute to Michael, Mossel Bay's local newspaper, *The Advertiser*, wrote the following after his death: A long-kindling flame at the very heart of Mossel Bay has been extinguished. With the death of Michael Vintcent on the 2nd of November 2015, Mossel Bay has lost not only an outstanding citizen but it is also the end of an era. Michael was the last of the Mossel Bay branch of the Vintcent family to live out his life in the town, his roots planted here in the early 1840's when Joseph Vintcent of Huguenot stock made his home in the tiny South African seaport. With Joseph's vision, the Vintcent family made a huge impact on the town and it grew into a thriving gateway to the Southern Cape and its hinterland. The old firm of Prince Vintcent & Co (Pty) Ltd was a major wholesaler of goods from Europe – almost everything in those early days had to be imported. The Vintcent family and Mossel Bay, as a community, bid farewell to its most faithful servant and friend. Reared by his fine parents and siblings who engendered in him

an optimistic, loving and kind nature, loyalty and tolerance of his fellow man, he was always fair and thoughtful, with not a shred of judgment in his nature. His steady blue eyes, showed a great depth of his feelings, whether amused, joyful or in sorrow.

Michael is survived by his wife Cynthia, his children Craig, Andrew and Barbara, and six grandchildren.

*Andrew Vintcent (1989S)*

### **John Duncan (1939F)**



What better way to remember one's father than to extract a few passages from his memoirs.

"I went to Bishops as a new boy in 1937 starting in the second term as we had been overseas during the beginning of the school year. I was older than the average, being 14 and, in those days, new boys had all sorts of initiations to go through as well as being able to be "fagged" by any senior. This was uncongenial at 14 but, what was worse, when the next year started, I was made to keep my new boy status for the first term in order that I went through a full four terms – then at 15 I was still a new boy, even though I was in junior matric! I think that I must have felt rebellious at this treatment and I know that my work suffered." After matriculating in 1939 he joined the RN but first had to qualify as an officer. "I worked hard and when final examinations were due, I passed out with a first class very close to the top at Dartmouth Naval Officers College. I was told that I was being sent to Alexandria in the Mediterranean and would join the cruiser HMS Neptune. For some reason we were a day late getting to Suez and Alexandria. HMS Neptune had sailed the day before. After several days I was told to report to Ras-el-Tin where they had just had news that HMS Neptune had been sunk with all hands and that I was being posted to the flagship HMS Queen Elizabeth. A plus for me being in Alexandria was that Andrew, my elder brother was in 5 Squadron in the desert and every now and again would get a few days leave and we would meet. Looking back on those times, not a single pilot whom I met with Andrew in his squadron is alive today, they were all killed. If you look at the Roll of Honour at Bishops, something like a quarter of all the young men who left during those years were killed. What got me out of the

QE and into destroyers was a daring attack on the fleet at anchor by Italian miniature submarines. They were manned by two men each and they attached one limpet to the QE, one to the Valiant, a sister battleship and shortly after, three explosions took place and the QE settled gently on the mud. I was then posted to HMS Havock a destroyer on the "Malta Convoy Run". The convoy was attacked by the Italian Battle Fleet – the 2nd battle of Sirte. The Havock went in and turned beam on to the battleship, the Flagship Littorio, and as she let go of her torpedoes was straddled by 15" shells which went through her thin plating and put her engines out of action and there we were, stopped, facing the enemy fleet with steam gushing from the funnels and listing over at an uncomfortable angle. I had not realized it but Y gun was the only one still in operating condition, the other three turrets having been knocked out together with many of their crews and several people on the bridge as well. Then the telephone rang from the bridge and I picked up the receiver "Bridge here – Y gun engage enemy battleship!" I looked up and saw this enormous warship and said to my crew "If we fire armour-piercing shells it would just bounce off such a ship, let's give them some grapeshot, the same sort of shot Napoleon used to clear the streets of Paris, which is where he made his name. If it hits anywhere near the bridge it might frighten their Admiral and deflect him". Well, that is what we did and the official history recounts that a shot to the Littorio's bridge killing several officers had caused Admiral Lachino to make a tactical withdrawal against vastly inferior forces! Eventually, Havock was made seaworthy by filling the holes in the sides with

concrete and the smaller ones by driving in wedges of wood, and it was decided that we should make for Gibraltar on our own because the likelihood was that if we stayed in Malta we should be sunk at our moorings. In order to escape the enemy minefields we had to sail between them and the shore of Tunisia at full speed, and the inevitable happened – we hit a sand bank out at sea near Cape Bone and the ship shuddered to a halt with steam shooting out everywhere. After swimming ashore we were taken to the Vichy French POW camp at Laghaout in the Sahara desert. Some seven months later after victory at El Alamein we were released.”

These experiences never left him bitter in any way. After ending the war as commander of a converted whaler in the SA Navy he met and married Pamela in 1946 and became a

farmer in Westminster, OFS. From there we emigrated to Canada in 1953 in protest at the direction the nationalist party was taking. This stint lasted three years only – it was too cold and friendless. Back to a job with Stuttafords in Cape Town, then Durban and finally with the CNA in Johannesburg until he left corporate life in 1974 to open a bookshop in Plett. The PNA became a bookshop of choice in SA with its books being largely chosen if not read by its owners. They ran this venture jointly until retiring in 1987 and ending their days happily at Formosa Garden Village in Plett. Pam died in 2010, and John on October 28 last year. We miss him greatly. He is survived by his sons Andrew (1964F), Hugh (1967F), four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

*Andrew Duncan (1964F)*



## HOFFMAN STEMPEL BURSARY

For sons of Old Diocesans who are currently in Grade 7 who have applied for admission to the College in 2016

This bursary is awarded each year to a talented all-rounder on his performance in this examination and/or the academic scholarship examination.

Financial need will also be taken into account when considering this particular award.

For further information please contact the Admissions Secretary at  
[admissions@bishops.org.za](mailto:admissions@bishops.org.za)

# OD UNION SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations go to the following ODs on their sporting achievements.

## RUGBY



*The Von Hoesslin brothers David and Neil at the Dubai Sevens*

■ David von Hoesslin (1992S) – J9 Legends, Mathew Turner (2006W) – UR 7's and Gerard Pieterse (2014S) – The Rugby Academy, on participating in the 2015 Dubai Rugby 7s tournament. Both David and Mathew's sides won their divisions.

■ Francois Louw (2003W) on representing and captaining Bath Rugby in the English Premiership season.

■ Nizaam Carr (2009M), Oliver Kebble (2009S), Dillyn Leyds (2010S) and Johnny Kotze (2011S) on being selected for the Stormers squad for the 2016 Super Rugby Season.

■ Robbie Fleck (1993O) on being selected as head coach of the Stormers for the 2016 Super Rugby season, John Dobson (1986K) will be assisting him.

■ Martin Muller (2006O) on being selected for the Lions 2016 Super Rugby squad.

■ The following ODs who are in the 2016 UCT Varsity Cup Squad – Nathan Nel (2010F), Sean Paterson (2009F), Gerard Pieterse (2014S) and Jesse Wilensky (2014G).



*James Kilroe in English Varsity action for Cambridge*

■ James Kilroe (2009K) on representing Cambridge in the 2015 Varsity Game at Twickenham.





*Nick Koster in action for English Championship side Bristol*



*James Murphy with the Cape Town Super 7s Trophy*



*International debuts for Alex Stewart and Ryan Julius vs Ireland*

■ Cornel Smit (2015W), Brandon Salomo (2015S) and Tristan Leyds (2015S) are attending the WP Rugby Institute in 2016, while Andre Manuel (2015S) is at the WP Rugby Academy. William Day (2015F) is attending the Sharks Academy in Durban.

## HOCKEY

■ Ryan Julius (2013K) and Alex Stewart (2013O) on making their International debuts vs Ireland at Hartleyvale in January 2016.

■ Ryan Julius (2013K) and Jean-Pierre de Voux (2004O) on being selected for

the South African national squad for international matches vs Germany.

## CRICKET

■ Herschelle Gibbs (1992) on representing the Leo Lions in the Masters Champions League.

■ Imraan Hendricks (2009O) and James Crowson (2010F) on representing Bishops in the Wynberg 175 Six-a-Side tournament held at Newlands cricket ground. Bishops ended up winning the event.

■ Richard Tissiman (2011G) on representing UCT in the Varsity Sport cricket tournament.



## HORSERIDING

On the Bishops Cricket day at Kenilworth on 6th February, it was appropriate that race 5 was won by *Five Star Rock*, originally owned in partnership between Jack Mitchell (1964F) and the late Chris Foulkes (1985W). Part of the Foulkes side of the partnership is now held by Chris' brother, Oscar (1984W). Leading him into the winners enclosure with Oscar was Chris' son, Daniel (Grade 4). Afterwards, Daniel was interviewed for Tellytrack by Stan Elley (1968W).

*Picture credit: Equine Edge*

## GOLF

Westlake professional golfer Andre de Decker (2008G) boxed two eagle putts on his way to a blistering seven-under-par 65 to edge clear of a clutch of fellow Sunshine Tour rookies in the first round of the IGT Tour's Centurion Open. With the European Tour co-sanctioned Tshwane Open qualifier just a week away, the rookies were out in full force at Centurion Country Club, but it was De Decker who finished at the top of the pile after loops of 33 and 32. The former top ranked amateur

campaigned on the Golden State Tour in the United States last year and narrowly missed out on sealing a card for the 2016 Web.com Tour.

"So I decided to come home and play the Sunshine Tour before heading back to the States later this year," said De Decker, who claimed the third card on offer at Q-School in December. "I lost out in a play-off at the qualifier for the BMW SA Open. That's why I am competing on the IGT Tour. I really need to take my A-game to the qualifier so I can get into the last co-sanctioned event and get



a foot on the ladder.” Andre offset bogeys an early bogey at 11 and another drop at 16 with

an eagle at the par five 15th and a hat-trick of birdies at 12, 14 and 17.

## MUSEUM & ARCHIVES

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**The Reverend Sydney Herbert Clarke MA (Cantab) Senior Scholar, Trinity College, Cambridge and Wrangler Maths. Tripos.**

The Rev Sydney Herbert Clarke served as the eighth Headmaster of St John’s College Johannesburg, from January 1935 until his retirement from that post in September

1954 after which he came to teach Maths and Divinity at Bishops from 1955. Born in Yorkshire in 1894, he attended school in Leeds before going up to Trinity College in Cambridge taking first-class honours in both parts of the Mathematical Tripos, with a special distinction in Part II. After studying at Cuddesdon Theological College in





***The Reverend Sydney (Nobby) Clarke Photo credit:  
St John's College, Jhb Museum***

Oxfordshire followed by a period of teaching at Radley he joined the staff of Tonbridge School, teaching Maths and coaching cricket until 1935 when he went to Johannesburg. Mr H N P Sloman at the time the Head of Tonbridge referred to Clarke as “passionately sincere” even when in disagreement. During his time at St John's he regularly came to Cape Town to attend school meetings and being an avid mountaineer enjoyed climbing up Table Mountain. It might have been the prospect of mountain climbing that made him want to come to Bishops. He taught here until 1962 after which he returned to his home country. He died at Eastbourne in Sussex on 11 September 1974, aged 80.

The March 1955 edition of the *DC Magazine* welcomes The Reverend S. H. Clarke, (at the same time as Mr Charles P Currey) to the staff at Bishops. Referring to Clarke it says: ‘He has recently been giving us an inspiring series of Lenten addresses’.

In the same edition of the college magazine, it says: ‘we hope he will be with us for many years’. He stayed until 1962 and the editor of the June 1962 edition of the *DC Magazine* regrets that the Reverend S H Clarke ‘is to leave us at the end of the year’. In the magazine it reads: ‘None, perhaps, will regret his leaving us more than those whose very real privilege it has been to have him instruct them in Mathematics’. M J Simpson, who was taught by the Rev. Clarke at Bishops in the late 1950s, wrote the following: ‘During his years at Bishops, Sydney almost always took the top set for both Mathematics and Divinity. ... His Divinity classes amounted to very general instruction in the formulation of sound and rational religious views, and he often referred to such diverse and surprising authorities as Freud and Bertrand Russell. He set out to ensure that we would never be susceptible to ‘crackers’ religious ideas, and I am sure he succeeded in this.’

We previously published an article in the magazine on The Reverend Leslie (Agape) Irving and wish to express our sincere gratitude to those who contributed with their own stories which now greatly add to our archives. And whilst there is already quite a bit written about S H Clarke from the perspective of St John's College, it would be great to receive contributions specifically from ODs about their experiences of The Reverend Sydney Clarke in the classroom, from the Chapel and sports fields, at Bishops. Their stories will further enrich our archives, about Bishops staff from days gone by.

*Acknowledgement* <https://www.stjohnscollege.co.za/pdfs/newsletters/clarkhouse/SH%20Clarke%20biography.pdf>

*Dr Paul Murray*