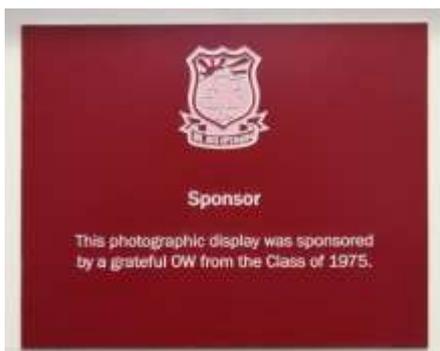




## Jubilee Centre Opening

One of the major developments this year was the completion and opening of the new Jubilee Centre. Built where the old Minor Hall used to be, the new wing now contains four modern classrooms plus an amazing new Jubilee Hall. The Jubilee Wing has been enhanced with a “history wall” along the top corridor where several large photos commemorate historical events, as well as the general history and developments of the School and its surrounding amenities. It truly is a superb addition to the School and its facilities. This was made possible, in part, by a generous donation from an OW from the 1970s era.







## **Snippets and OWs in the News**



The following e-mails were received from OWs with news either of themselves or fellow OWs.

### **Paul Maree (2002)**

'Paul, together with Christopher Mills, has developed an online initiative, with a DVD alternative for those who cannot access the internet, which is about to revolutionise learning where it counts most – in Maths' (*The Tatler*, 2 October 2014). *Paper Video* is a new educational initiative with the aim of providing quality education and teaching to all students in South Africa, irrespective of circumstance or background. They started with this goal in September by having created enhanced revision material for Matric mathematics ahead of the 2014 final NSC examinations. This material took the form of past papers embedded with solution videos for each and every question and they will be expanding this offering in 2015 for grades 10-12 in the subjects of Mathematics, Physical Sciences, Life Sciences and Accounting.

<http://www.iol.co.za/scitech/technology/internet/top-teachers-just-a-click-away-1.1750817#.VBmJE5SSx5a>

<http://www.pressreader.com/bookmark/CA1P5WKQ7793/TextView>

The above are two different links to the articles on Paul's new business, *Paper Video*; the second article was published in the Cape Argus on Monday 15 September.

### **Nic Rabinowitz (1994)**

Nic visited the school for a Parent Network Group function recently. The parents enjoyed his fun entertainment.



### **Bridget Edge (née Berthold) (1980)** [bedge@bedfordfreeschool.co.uk](mailto:bedge@bedfordfreeschool.co.uk)

I matriculated from Westerford in 1980 and fondly remember Mr Bissett as my History teacher. I am now working as the Business Manager at Bedford Free School in the UK and our Head of PE was discussing that he would like to do a sports tour to SA and was asking about schools.

### **Kyla Hazell (2009)**

Lisa Marriott, a current parent and a relation of **Kyla Hazell**, Head Girl 2009, informed the school that Kyla has been awarded the Rhodes Mandela Scholarship for further studies next year; she will be doing her LLB at UCT. Kyla is currently studying in Utrecht, Holland. The scholarship is open to applicants from all over Africa.

## **London Reunion**

This year saw the fifth, now annual, get-together of Old Westerfordians in London. Mr le Roux, together with Mr Anthony Cain, and his wife, Karen, met with a group of about thirty OWs on Thursday 20 November at the Goodenough College, Mecklenburgh Square, in Bloomsbury.

There was some confusion and a fair degree of concern leading up to the event as the venue that we had used over the last three years unfortunately became unavailable at the last minute and some very quick re-arrangements had to be made. Goodenough College proved to be a most pleasant and effective alternative.

Despite this, a most enjoyable and memorable evening was had with OWs showing great interest still in their alma mater. Mr le Roux gave a brief account of the highlights of the year – the first year after the exciting Silver Jubilee Celebrations of 2013. A fair degree of emphasis was given to the remarkable

capital development projects completed during the last ten years and the plans for the potential of a theatre being developed in the near future.

Old Westerfordians present ranged in age from **Wim Roslaar** (1957), **Alex Wylie** (1966) and **Philip Brodie** (1975) to **Belinda Miller** and **Monique Andersen** (2007). **John Edwards** (2003) provided a special treat by inviting the Cape Town contingent on a personalised guided tour of Oxford the next day. Oxford is where he is completing his Masters Degree in Planning and Devepoment.



From left to right: Rob le Roux, Anthony Cain, Karen Cain and **John Edwards** (2003) in the oldest pub in Oxford.

The general feeling was overwhelming that the event should very definitely continue to be a regular on the OW calendar.

We do, however, need some opinion on two matters:

Firstly, we would like to experiment with a possible change in date and bring the function forward to the second week in September - this to avoid another London winter. Also, is the timing of 6 to 9 pm on a Thursday evening still the favoured time?

Secondly, the cost factor is becoming problematic. Having to pay for the hosting of the function was unexpected. It would be great if we could revert to the pattern of the last four years where an OW company connection has offered the use of a Board Room in central London and then sponsored the drinks and snacks. We seriously need someone to volunteer a similar setup.

Finally, the success of this sort of occasion is reliant on effective and good communication. Thanks to Margie Hiscock for doing all the ground work and keeping the data base going. Please assist her in increasing this data base by supplying her with additional contact details of OWs not yet listed.

Bottom line ... another wonderful get-together of Old Westerfordians to celebrate an incredible school.

***Allan Ress (1985)** writes...Thank you for organising and arranging the reunion. I have unfortunately missed the last three for various reasons but was detemined to get back in time for this one.Although there was only a small crowd, it was nice to catch up and hear about the school and proposed plans and developments. I was chatting to a few people on the way home and we all thought that if larger meeting room venues were going to be a problem in future, perhaps it would be possible to kill two birds with one stone when arranging next year's function by combining the venue booking with some fund raising?*

*We were thinking maybe a pub (very English option) or restaurant with a set menu (or catering school?) and then charge a fixed per head price for attendees building in a little extra for Westerford fund raising. The other idea was to hold an auction for some South African essentials (wine, Nik Naks, Lunch Bars, Ouma rusks) that are not freely available in the UK. Maybe they could be sneaked into a suitcase?*

*Philip Brodie (1975) writes...Many thanks for all the effort you all put into setting up the reunion on Thursday evening. It was really good in particular to get the opportunity to meet you, Rob, and to hear that Westerford is in such good hands.I look forward to visiting the school in January 2015.*

*Annwen Bates Evans (1999) writes..A belated, short note of appreciation to all who helped organise last week's gathering. It was a most merry evening.*

*Wim Roselaar (1957), his wife, Margaret, writes...*

*Just thought I would drop you a line to let you know how much Wim enjoyed the Reunion. It was so nice for me to meet people too, who were involved with his old school. He often talks about it. Thank you for organising everything. It was a perfect venue and as I said so lovely to chat to everyone.*

## **1965 mini 50<sup>th</sup> reunion held in Toronto**

**Les Kottler (1965)** writes...

'I've been meaning to put electronic pen to paper for weeks, but, somehow, just couldn't find the opportunity till now. I wanted to let you all know that we had a terrific "mini-class-of-'65 reunion" here in Toronto on October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. The idea for the event was spurred by a visit to Toronto of **Joan Bub (Heselson)**, our School Captain) and her husband, Bennie, both now-retired doctors who live in Denver, Colorado. We got together twice, since not all of our small groups of OWs in the Toronto area could make it on the same day. To say that we had a good time reminiscing about the past 50 years would be an understatement! Amazingly, we all had the same reaction to getting together after all this time – we just picked up where we left off back in December, 1965!



At the first of the two lunches, Joan, Bennie and I were joined by Jack Sandler, who's been living in Toronto and practicing as a surgeon since the mid-70s – about the same time as I emigrated to Toronto to work as a TV producer. I had not met up with Jack in all the years we have both lived here, and we all recognised each other immediately he walked through the door of the restaurant. I suppose that means we haven't aged too badly!!

### ***Jack Sandler, Joan Bub & Les Kottler***

The next day, we were joined for lunch by **Ian Cockwell** and his wife, June, and **Desiree Molyneux** (Dugmore) and her husband, Richard. I hadn't seen Ian or Des in more than 10 years. Another day, and a lot more great memories to share.



### ***Des Molyneux, Ian Cockwell, Joan Bub & Les Kottler***

We were hoping to be joined by **Maurice Malan** (who lives not far from Toronto) and **Lexie Bernstein** (from Vancouver), but, in the end, neither was able to make it. All in all, we had a wonderful couple of days catching up and reliving the past, the glories of Cape Town in general, and of Westerford in particular.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the Cape Town reunion next March, and so would like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to contact me at [addpro@rogers.com](mailto:addpro@rogers.com) should any of you ever pay a visit to Toronto – I would be delighted to see you. I know the reunion will be a smashing success. Congratulations, Jill and the organising committee!

Lastly, I wish you all a joyous holiday season, and a happy and healthy 2015.'

### **Phyllis Cammack Webb (1965)**

How wonderful that you managed to meet up with some Old Westerfordians and have a mini-reunion. I must say that you all look really great and I think I would have recognised you all. **Des Dugmore** has not changed at all - seem to recall we were together at Junior School too. Sorry to hear that you will not be attending in March but there is always the 60th reunion!  
Best wishes to all of you and may our paths cross in the future

### **OW REPORT FOR THE WESTERFORDIAN MAGAZINE**

Compared with the past few years, 2014 has been a fairly quiet one for the OWA. It began, as usual, with the Founders' Day celebrations where the Class of 1964 celebrated their 50th Reunion. About 40 OWs from that year were joined by 3 OWs from the Class of 1959 as the guests of honour. **Bruce Thwaits** spoke on behalf of the Class of '64 and amused everyone attending the service with his humorous reminiscences from his time at Westerford. A lovely lunch was then enjoyed by all in the Headmaster's Garden.

As usual, a large number of reunions have taken place this calendar year. Amongst others, the Class of '84 (30th); Class of '94 (20th) and Class of '79 (35th) have all had very enjoyable, and seemingly well-attended, reunions. Still to come before the end of the year will be the Class of '04, with its ten-year reunion.

The London Reunion is now into its 5th annual gathering. This year the Headmaster, Mr Rob le Roux, was accompanied by Mr Ant Cain. The two flew over to the UK to join in the celebration which took place on the 20th of November.

I am happy to report that the OW Sports Day on the 6th of September was far better supported by the OWs this year - despite the rain trying to spoil things! Many thanks to all who braved the weather to support the matches against the pupils. Let's see if we can continue to grow this event in the years ahead.

Great strides have been made this year with regards to the website as well. After the entire website was redesigned, Margie Hiscock has uploaded newsletters and reunion information. Still to come will be the historical timeline and the gallery of historical and current photographs. The OW Newsletter continues to go from strength to strength and is sent out every quarter or so. Thanks to all who send in stories, anecdotes and news regarding OWs and what they are up to. We really do rely on the OW network for a large portion of our information.

Please continue to send updates and information to [owa@westerford.co.za](mailto:owa@westerford.co.za); and keep checking in with us on our Facebook Page. See you all in the new year.

D. Thompson (Teacher-in-charge of OW matters)

### **Apologies**

There were errors in the names of OW graduates in the last newsletter. Here are the correct names.

Stellenbosch University

**Zahira Grimwood** (2010)      BA (Humanities)

Rhodes University

**Kelly Solomon** (2010)      BA

## **Obituaries**

**Rudy Middendorp (1957)** passed way 8 August 2014

**Leslie MacKenzie (1957)** writes...

'Dear Class '57

It was the Thursday evening before last that the phone rang.

On the line from Durban was Rudy's wife Daphne, with the sad news that Rudy had died earlier in August, I seem to recall she said the 8th. With the shock of the news that detail may not be correct. but it was not really such a shock. Rudy had been coping with indifferent health for some months, and it was in fact the reason he could not come to Cape Town for Founders Day in March this year. He was very sad about that.

I will always remember him as a fun-loving, outgoing and carefree character, full of nonsense and having scant respect for any authority which he regarded as unnecessary, frivolous or ridiculous.

A bit of a rebel but an honest guy .....

His sardonic assessment of people, and his acerbic observations about them were spot-on, and one only wished that they 'could see themselves as others (he) saw them'.

He was one of our Original Class of '53, and ever a team member and supporter of our group and the OWA.

I'm sure I speak for our Class in sending sincere condolences to Daph at this trying time.'

**Melvin Harker (1961)** passed away 1 December 2014

**Jeff Herringer (1961)** writes...

'It is with great regret that I have to inform you that Melvin Harker passed away this morning . Since our last reunion I have had quite close contact and got to know him really well and if nothing else , an abiding memory will be how caring he was to his friends , always phoning to chat or if they had been ill, to check on how they were getting on or to offer assistance . He was in many ways a larger than life character who was always up for a laugh even though he had a lot of bad luck in his life. He was married twice and lost both wives through illness . In recent years he has been living with his childhood girlfriend , both of whom were active members of the community.'

**Terrance Jansen (1961)...**

'Really tragic and most unexpected. Please give my sympathies to his lady friend, whom I met when we had our last reunion. If it wasn't for the fact that Bev and I have just come back from Cape Town (last Thursday) for her Mom's funeral, I would definitely have made a plan to come down. He really was a special person, and we had so many good memories of him during our school days.

Cheers "Bull".'

**Ivan Baard (1961)...**

'May I add my condolences to those who will have lost a good friend, colleague or partner. May good memories remain after the sadness has passed.'

**Westerford Merchandise** Available from the OWA Office; please contact Margie.

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### **Umbrella**

We have a blue golf umbrella with two Westerford badges on it for R130.



### **Sports cushion**

The sports supporters cushion is R50



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### 2015 Reunion contact details

#### 1965

Founders Day Thursday 5 March 2015

50<sup>th</sup> Reunion

Tea/Assembly/Lunch/School tour/ DVD

Saturday 7 March

Reunion – Imhoff, Level 4

Jill Stevenson [jilldiane18@gmail.com](mailto:jilldiane18@gmail.com)

#### 1985

Assembly and School Tour – 5 March

Reunion – Saturday 7 March

Jean Alfeld (neé) Brown

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Andy Frieslaar(neé Middelkoop)

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**Westerford and OWA website** <http://www.westerford.co.za/>

Please have a look at the Westerford website and OW page. We are still working on it so keep a look out for updates!

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