



Just Arrived...
New OWA jacket; fleece-lined, inside pocket, long length, hood in collar, zips from collar to thigh.
R300
Order from Margie (owa@westerford.co.za)
Also remember the Westerford umbrella for winter R150.



Snippets and OWs in the News



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

Elinor Smalberger (OW 1958) elinor.smalberger@gmail.com

Diane Murison, Jennifer Gavin, Michelle Lambourne and I are still going strong. I now have 3 precious grandsons, am still working and am wonderfully fit and healthy, praise God!

Bronwen Hughes (née Edwards) (OW 1953)

Bronwen visited Westerford with David Taylor (Noel Taylor's son) recently. David gave us some news of Bronwen and the visit.

'Bronwen flew back to London last Tuesday night after three weeks visiting as many as possible of her favourite places in Cape Town and surrounding areas. She was based with us in Stellenbosch where she had local 24-hour nursing

assistance in addition to her own carer who accompanied her from Windsor, but nevertheless managed to visit the top of Table Mountain as well as Hermanus, with lots in between. A particular highlight was Monday's visit to the house where she grew up in Leith Road, Sunnybrae, Newlands and to be wheeled through Westerford. The day ended on Signal Hill with a last view over the City.

Bronwen diagnosed herself about six years ago as having a condition called PSP (Progressive Supraneural Palsy). This is a neurological condition, stemming from a specific part of the brain, that affects the muscles throughout the body. So it is a form of palsy or paralysis that gradually increases in intensity and extends to inhibit and eventually close down all the muscles.

Bronwen's maiden name was Edwards and she was one of the founder pupils of Westerford, among the handful of Std 6 pupils admitted in January 1953 – I think there were 16 of them at the beginning of the year although the number swelled even in the first year – and the school then grew grade by grade as this first cohort moved up to Std 7, then 8 and so on. So she was among those whose classrooms were all in the old Homestead until the first four classrooms were built that later formed the middle wing parallel to the Hall.'

Frances Brand (OW 2008) frannybrand@gmail.com

Frances will be starting her Masters at the Royal Irish Academy of Music in Dublin in September. She obtained her Bachelor of Music (Honours) from UCT.

Francois Staples (OW 1995)

Francois was recently quoted in the Mail and Guardian. He is the joint executive and co-founder of Galetti Knight-Frank.



Francois Staples

Reunions

London Reunion 2015

The London reunion is planned for Thursday 10 September 2015. We have not had any help with finding the venue, as yet. While the School will support and attend a London reunion, we will not hold a London Reunion this year if a venue is not sponsored by an OW in the UK. It is just too expensive to pay for a venue, snacks and flights.

Rob le Roux, taken from the London Reunion 2014 report said:

'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.'

1974 and 1975 Reunion

Tea in the Headmaster's garden,



Assembly....

Unfortunately in the Southern Centre and not the Noel Taylor Hall....



And a tour of the School....



Obituaries

Lecia Bartmann (OW 1964) sent us this sad news.

Sjane Bezuidenhoudt (née Durr) (OW 1959), my sister, passed away on Tuesday 9 June after a battle with cancer. Could you please pass this on to her old classmates. Our condolences to the family and friends of Sjane.

Brendan Ryan (OW 2003)

We are sad to announce the passing of OW, Brendan Ryan in a car accident in KZN on Thursday 11 June 2015. Our condolences go out to his family and friends.

Jeff Herringer (OW 1961) sent in this sad update.

Alistair Veitch(OW 1961) and **Mel Harker (OW 1961)** have passed away and **Jonathan Asherson (OW 1961)** was tragically killed in a motor accident in Namibia .



Brendan Ryan

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

owa@whs.wcape.school.za

OW Merchandise



The OW scarf is R80



The OW tie is R150

OWA jacket

Waterproof, fleece-lined, hood. OWA logo and "Old Westerfordians".

R300



WHS Merchandise

Umbrella

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



Sports cushion

The sports supporters cushion is R50



WHS Jacket

Waterproof, fleece-lined, hood. WHS badge with "Westerford Supporter".

R300



2015 Reunion contact details

1995

20th Reunion

December 2015

Marisa Bracher marisa.bracher@gmail.com

2005

10th Reunion

Saturday 21 or 28 November or 5 December 2015

Chestnut Grove (spit braai) 1pm – 8pm

Jo Chevalier jo@chevo.co

2016 Reunion contact details

1966

Founders Day Thursday 3 March 2016

50th Reunion

Tea/Assembly/Lunch/School tour/DVD

10h30 – 14h30

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1961

Founders Day 3 March 2016

55th Reunion

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Margie Hiscock (OW 1979)

OWA Secretary and Archivist

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