



Founders Day Orchestra

Snippets and OWs in the News



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



Tessa Uys (1966) tessauys@aol.com

I wanted to share this historic event with Westerford. On Monday morning, I had the good fortune to be present at the Memorial Service held in Westminster Abbey for Nelson Mandela. It was truly magnificent and in case this might be of interest I am sending you the attached, which appeared in this week's *London South African Times*.

see link : <http://www.thesouthafrican.com/news/mandela-becomes-first-non-brit-honoured-at-westminster-abbey.htm>

Tammy O'Brien (1986) tammydave@yahoo.com

My name is Tamara O'Brien (also known as Tammy) and I attended Westerford High school for a year in 1986 and then emigrated to New Zealand. I am coming back to South Africa for a visit and was hoping to get back in contact with some old classmates particularly **Catherine Mallinck**, **Candice Harrison** or **Pippa Allison** who were in the same year as me.

David Lipschitz (1981) david@mypowerstation.biz

I thought you might be interested that I am attending the Climate Reality Leadership Corps training with Al Gore and people from all over the world in Joburg in March. I am also chairing a panel discussion on integrating Renewable Energy into the grid the following week in Cape Town at the PowerGen conference at the CTICC. You may also have read my recent letter in the *Cape Times* on Monday 10th.

PS: The matric passes and averages are astoundingly good. Well done.

Josh Budlender (2010) joshbud@gmail.com

Josh won the Undergraduate Nedbank Old Mutual Budget Speech competition.

Dhanyal Davidson (2006)

KERRY NAIDOO
DELOITTE

SITTING on a beach in Phuket in 2010 I told my friends all I needed right then was a sharp pencil, my calculator and an accounting question to really make my day.

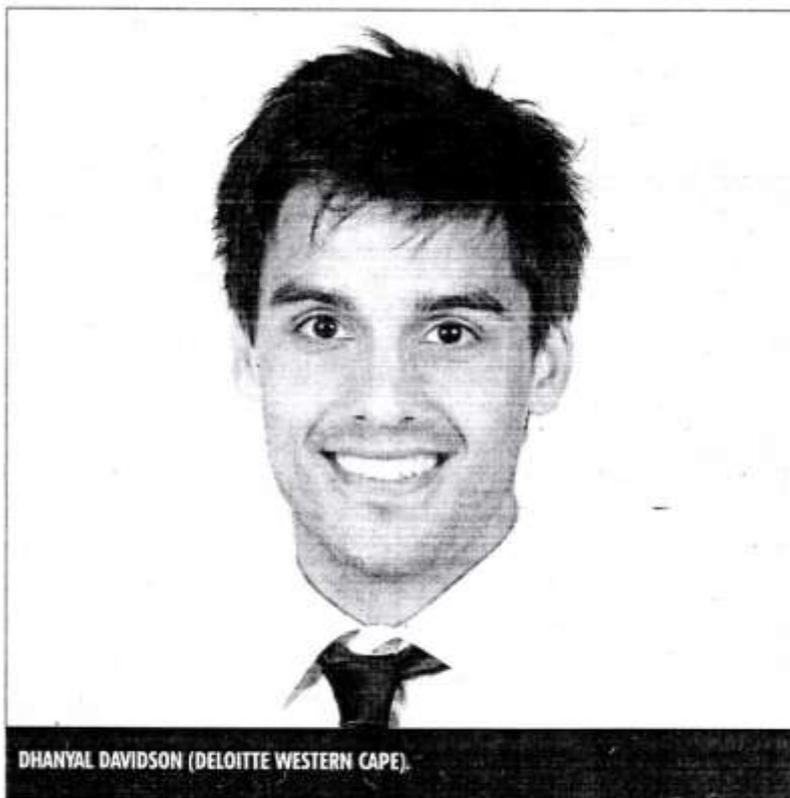
Westerford High School cultivated both my fondness for numbers and problem solving as well as a love for the view of Table Mountain from the grounds. Given this inclination I studied a four-year Business Science degree at the University of Cape Town, hoping to become a Chartered Accountant. I was interviewed by numerous firms and decided that Deloitte was the best fit given their corporate culture and their then close proximity to home.

Following this, I completed a one year Post Graduate Diploma in Accounting (PGDA) with distinction.

By the end of my PGDA year I wasn't quite ready to leave UCT for the corporate world and decided to stay on as an academic trainee in the College of Accounting at UCT. The year

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afforded me the opportunity to share my learnings with hundreds of students in lectures as well as study towards a Masters of Commerce. I am completing my articles at Deloitte in the Western Cape (Cape Town office) where I am part of the Audit business unit. In between audit work I try to convince



DHANYAL DAVIDSON (DELOITTE WESTERN CAPE).

colleagues of the merits of wearing colourful socks. I have never regretted my decision to join the firm. In the near future I aim to build on my strong career at a leading private sector South African company. Outside of work

having recently summited Kilimanjaro, I have my eyes set on Everest Base Camp.

Without the support of my family I would not have achieved all that I have. My mother has played an invaluable role in my life.

Matt Kiely (ex Staff)

New Head of Boarding

at Friends School Saffron, Walden,
UK



Welcome to our new Head of Boarding, Matt Kiely, who joined us after the Spring half term.

"My name is Matt Kiely and I am originally from Thirsk in North Yorkshire. I have always been a very keen sportsman, which led me to undertake my BSc at Loughborough University. During my university holidays, I used to enjoy working as a residential tutor and sports coach at Alexanders College in Suffolk, which ultimately helped me to recognise my passion for teaching. I went on to complete my PGCE at Durham University before taking up a Physical Education post at Laurence Jackson School. My wife, Sarah (who is a primary teacher), is South African, so I took the opportunity to teach Science and PE in Cape Town for four years before returning to the UK to take up the Head of Boarding role at Alexanders College.

My decision to come to Friends' was a relatively easy one. I recognised that this is an excellent school with strong values. Despite being here for only a week, I am already appreciating the friendly and warm atmosphere that mirrors the school's ethos. The boarders have made a positive first impression on me and I hope that this impression has been reciprocated. I have high expectations for them, so it is only fair that they expect a lot from me in return. I see massive potential for boarding at Friends' and I will work tirelessly to make life for the boarders as comfortable and fulfilling as possible." Matt Kiely

Founders Day 6 March (OW 1964)



and OWs from 1959



Reunion Reports



Matrics of 1993: 20 year reunion:

The legendary Matric class of '93 gathered to commiserate and celebrate 20 years of post-school "freedom", on Saturday 16th November last year. Around 60 OWs attended, despite a torrential downpour that nearly saw us floating down the Liesbeeck River, instead of gathering at the Toad and Josephine pub alongside it. The evening started with a nostalgic tour of the school and then moved on to "the Toad", where good snacks, cold beers and quaffable wine - combined with a healthy dose of sentimentality - made for a festive night. Special mention must go to **Louisa (Jones) Whyte**, who flew from the UK for the event.

A noticeable change from our 10-year reunion was the shift in life-stage for most: from (wannabe) yuppies to young parents. Come 10pm, many were anxiously calling baby sitters or making the most of the night off, reliving the 90s and partying until the small hours...

A family-friendly picnic at Kirstenbosch on the Sunday also went off well. Big thanks to **Laura (Parr) James** and **Julie (McEwen) Junor**, with invaluable help from **Gillian (Castle) Scott** for corralling the group and organising the event. Thanks also to **Carl Willoughby** for taking fantastic photos on the evening and for putting together 'bios' of most of the class, posting these on our Facebook page to help connect the Matrics of '93 now scattered across the globe. Finally, a big thank you to Margie at the OWA for ensuring that we had access to the School so we could take an interesting trip down memory lane.

News from Westerford

TEDx: Westerford High School Day – organised by OW and Staff member **Lexi van Kets (née Spheris) (2004)**

The Westerford High School TEDx event on the 10 April had the theme of 'Paths of Light' – where the aim was to highlight to the private audience, made up of mainly Westerford students and teachers, as well as individuals from other

TEDx
WesterfordHighSchool
x = independently organized TED event

schools such as Bishops, St. Cyprian's, Intlanganiso and Claremont High School, the many paths to a world full of possibilities and the practical side of sustainably lighter living.

The day started as a normal school day, with a slight twist. The pupil's excitedly entered the decorated hall, the anticipation being palpable. MC, Gavin Swanepoel, the life coach of the Springbok Sevens rugby team, kicked off the proceedings, in a witty, humorous manner.

TEDx: WesterfordHighSchool Session One had officially begun and the first speaker, Dale Williams, had the crowd literally standing on their chairs while he spoke on 'Laughter, talents and happiness to achieve great things,' teaching everyone about how to use positivity and joy, as opposed to negativity and pessimism in their daily lives. A further 15 speakers graced the Westerford stage, sharing many variations on the theme 'Paths of Light'. But, as the day continued, a common idea emerged: to go in the direction that *feels* right for you, not in the direction that people may *tell* you to go. "Forget who you are," declared the next speakers, Maximilian Pazak and Kayli Vee Levitan, the creators of The Street Store, a recent phenomenon which came into being earlier this year. They started the world's first free pop-up clothing store for the homeless and told all about their story of making a difference by forgetting the stereotypical roles of 'who you are'.

The diversity of speakers was intentional, ranging from environmental issues, art, medicine, sports and even some political references. Because of this scope of interests, it became impossible for a pupil not to be enraptured by at least one talk. Names such as Kelly Chibale, a researcher at UCT currently working on a once-off cure for malaria - Zapiro, a famous cartoonist Rory Eliot, a band member of Plush - Chris Swift, a Cape Town based artist, among many others, gently connected with the young audience, inspiring and illuminating in all directions.

A computer scientist and astrophysicist from Puerto Rico in the Caribbean, Wanda L. Diaz Merced, humbly started off Session Two by telling everyone to put on blindfolds in order for them to see how she sees – as she is blind. Wanda then spoke about her experience of becoming blind and still striving for her dream job, even though it seemed to be an impossible pursuit.

TEDx: Westerford High School was the first TEDx event to be held at a high school in South Africa. **Mrs Van Kets**, the originator of the idea, emphasised that the reason she wanted an event at a high school was to inspire other high schools to do the same. It certainly did!

<http://tedxwesterfordhighschool.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/TEDxWHS>

<https://twitter.com/TEDxWHS>



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



The OW tie is R150



The OW scarf is R80

2014 Reunion contact details

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40th Reunion

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1984

30th reunion

12 July 2014 (Northern suburbs)

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1989

25th Reunion

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OW Winter Sports Day

Saturday 6 September 2014

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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