



## OW Matric Challenge

The Matrics of 1971 are sending out a challenge to all the other years to see which class can raise the most to celebrate sixty years of “Nothing but Our Best”.

Every contribution will help to maintain and improve a fantastic educational facility that is our old school, for generations to follow. This is a one-off thank you and a way of congratulating our old school and the many dedicated staff who have helped shape some amazing people – sometimes against all odds!

Please send your confidential donation, marked “Matric Challenge – 19.... or 20....” directly to the school (see details below) and the financial secretaries will keep a class tally to be announced at the end of the Jubilee celebrations.

Don't think twice, just think about some humorous/happy/challenging incidents you experienced at Westerford, get that warm, fuzzy feeling and do the transfer or send the cheque!

BANKING DETAILS: Direct Deposits: WESTERFORD HIGH SCHOOL

Standard Bank, Rondebosch

Account type: Current

Branch code: 025009

Account no: 071510176

Swift address: SBZA ZA JJ (International Deposits)

Reference: **Matric Challenge 19..or 20..**

Bursar - [KW@whs.wcape.school.za](mailto:KW@whs.wcape.school.za)

Mrs K Williams

Tel: 021 689 9154 Fax: 021 685 5675.

Please send a copy of your payment to Margie so that regular updates can be emailed out. [owa@whs.wcape.school.za](mailto:owa@whs.wcape.school.za)

	Academic	Sport	Cultural	Social Outreach
R60 sponsors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coloured inks for art</li> <li>• Science model kits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hula hoops</li> <li>• Bean bags</li> <li>• Tennis balls</li> <li>• Skipping ropes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indigenous plants for gardens</li> <li>• Refurbish music orchestra stands</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taxi fares for four days for needy child</li> <li>• Pocket money for needy child</li> </ul>
R600 sponsors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geography globes</li> <li>• Coloured paper</li> <li>• Atlases</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Portable nets</li> <li>• Hockey sticks</li> <li>• Tennis racquets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four novels for library</li> <li>• Metronome</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lunches for term</li> <li>• Stationery for year</li> </ul>
R6 000 sponsors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laptop</li> <li>• Non-fiction library books</li> <li>• Kindles</li> <li>• Data projector</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New scrum machine</li> <li>• Obstacle course</li> <li>• New bowling machine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Music instrument for orchestra</li> <li>• Display cabinet for Level Four</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School fees at WHS for term</li> <li>• Sponsor a sports tour for a needy child</li> </ul>
R6 000 000 sponsors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More classrooms</li> <li>• Upgrade IT</li> <li>• Redesign science labs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multi-purpose deck at pool</li> <li>• Floodlights at Imhoff</li> <li>• School gym &amp; aquatic centre</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multi-purpose theatre</li> <li>• Extend the music &amp; art departments</li> <li>• Refurbish the tuckshop quad</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legacy gift to Claremont High School</li> <li>• Legacy gift to Intlanganiso High School</li> <li>• Green energy for school</li> </ul>
R1953 sponsors  (Westerford was founded in 1953!)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easels</li> <li>• Calculators</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water polo balls</li> <li>• Volleyball set</li> <li>• Badminton set</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adjustable piano stool for the grand piano</li> <li>• Purchase recycling bins</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sponsor attendance at a music or art festival</li> <li>• Sponsor participation in a hike or a camp</li> <li>• Sponsor a pupil to the matric dance</li> </ul>

### OW Matric Challenge Update

**OW 1981 are leading with R64 953.00**

**OW 1963 are second with R21 414.00**

**OW 1960 are third with R12 000.00**

**OW 1971 are fourth with R5 100.00**

**All together OWs have raised R118 620, 00.  
and the parents R40 553,00. making R159 170.00 so far.  
Well done OWs and let's keep the donations coming in!**

## Snippets and OWs in the News



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

### **Myra Steyn (Staff 1954) [myra222@icloud.com](mailto:myra222@icloud.com)**

My association with Westerford High School began in 1954 which was the first year of my 47 year teaching career. Several members of my family attended WHS including 3 of my sisters viz. Christine, Jennifer and Claire Pentz.

I have recently become aware that WHS is celebrating its diamond jubilee this year so with that in mind I have unearthed the only known photograph I have of my time spent at the school. The photograph appeared in the *Cape Times* or *Argus* in 1954 taken at an Education Conference held at Rustenburg Junior School. In the second row are the 4 representatives from WHS; third from the left are: Ken Beck (deputy principal), Myra Steyn (nee Pentz), Mrs Muriel Taylor (principal's wife) and Mary Scholtz (mathematics teacher).

Having a traditional Rustenburg School background (1940 -1950) I found it to be a novel and refreshing experience to be part of building a new school from scratch with its foundations on sound values and attitudes.

My memories of WHS include a vibrant, progressive and co-operative school culture with a strong community spirit. This was evident at the very well attended Parent and Teacher meetings where it was, at times, necessary to hold a separate meeting for parents of Std 6 students to accommodate the large number of participants.

I look back fondly on 5 years of teaching pleasant, keen and well-adjusted students who took a justified pride in their school.

I extend my best wishes to all at WHS for successful jubilee celebrations.



### **Denzil Feinberg (1961)**

Profile by Geoff Kirbyson..“The flying financial advisor...Denzil Feinberg has been a financial advisor for decades but, as an almost non-stop globetrotter, he could probably moonlight as a travel agent or host his own on-the-road reality TV show.”



**George Owen (1966)** [houjoubek217@msn.com](mailto:houjoubek217@msn.com)

Greetings from Tampa FL.

Just wanted to ask you all to say a prayer for my old friend, and great rival on the athletics track at Westerford, **Stephen Rom**. He has been "...diagnosed with Alzheimer's and does not remember most of his friends" according to his wife, Maria. Stephen is a wonderful person, and as is often the case, didn't deserve this debilitating disease.

**Margie Cowlin (1971)** [cowlins@iafrica.com](mailto:cowlins@iafrica.com)

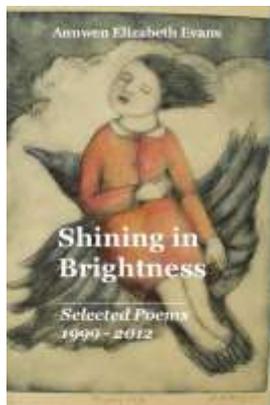
Ken and I attended the Jubilee celebration at school last Tuesday. It was a most enjoyable evening with short (?? Not always!) speeches by the present Chairman of the Board of Governors, John Gibbon (second headmaster), Alan Clarke (third headmaster), Premier Helen Zille (whose sons were both at Westerford, one being currently on the staff), with a final, hilarious 'opsomming' by Alan Committee, who boasted that he was both an OW and an ex-member of staff, although he confessed to having been on the staff, without ever actually having taught....

**Eve Harpur (née Davy) (1972)** [eve.harpur@bluewin.ch](mailto:eve.harpur@bluewin.ch)

Greetings from a snowy Meggen, just outside of beautiful Lucerne in Switzerland. Thank you for the invitation to the Diamond Jubilee celebrations and for keeping me up to date on my old school. Unfortunately I live rather far away to be able to take part in any of the festivities! I don't know how you found me as my husband (ex-Plumstead High man) and I have been living in Switzerland for the past 11 years and have not had much contact with Cape Town since then! We run our own little trading business here and have ended up very far from where we both started - Dave is a microbiologist by training and I was a librarian at UCT Libraries for many years. Our son is about 2 months away from his "matric" (called Matura here) and looked at the OW Newsletter photos with amazement as he has had a completely different school experience. Best wishes to all OWs, especially those who were at the school between 1968-1972, and to the school for a wonderful Diamond Jubilee year.

**Anwen Evans (1999)** [beadedquill@gmail.com](mailto:beadedquill@gmail.com)

On the recommendation of a few OW friends and contacts, I have attached some information about my recently published first volume of poetry. Oh yes, I was at WHS from 1995 and matriculated in 1999. My writer's vision certainly benefitted directly from the classroom input of Mr Cain, Mr Reid, Ms du Preez and Mr Bissett. I would also like to thank Gwen Sharland for her ongoing encouragement.



*Shining in Brightness: Selected Poems, 1999 -2012*

by Annwen Elizabeth Evans

Our twenties is a time filled with firsts. According to research it is the decade we remember most vividly. Many of us document our experiences, often with the intention of doing something with those journals and emails about our gap years and unrequited crushes. Writer Annwen Elizabeth Evans, now nearing 32, has done just this and distilled her experiences into first volume of poetry.

*Shining in Brightness* presents 20 poems written by Evans between the ages of 18 and 30. Evans declares these twelve years, 'a stretched decade, a mystical decade.'

During this time she travelled, studied and worked abroad. 'I grew up in a leafy Cape Town suburb. On scholarships I studied in the USA, UK. Then I worked in Europe, Latin America, the Eastern Cape (a province of South Africa). I now live in leafy North London.'

It is an international experience of 'quiet suburbia' that Evans finds particular inspiration. 'It's a *milieu*, the world over, that produced similar versions of me. I don't think my life is unique. My poems could have been written by any young woman of similar means and opportunity. We went to university. We travelled. We loved and lost. Now we find ourselves sort of grown-up, almost back where we started and reconciling what happened in our twenties.'

**Abigail McDougall (2008)** [abigaillovesmangoes@hotmail.com](mailto:abigaillovesmangoes@hotmail.com)

Abigail's father sent in this news....Abigail was awarded a Mandela Rhodes Scholarship to study Sustainable Development at Stellenbosch this year. As part of the programme, the scholars are expected to attend leadership development programmes. Abigail attended her first four day mentoring weekend in Cape Town during February. She found it to be most interesting, challenging and informative. She most certainly had a very good academic grounding at Westerford – Rhodes University was also a wonderful experience for her.

**Sarah Wallace (2011)** [sarah.hitair@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.hitair@gmail.com).

Sarah's mother sent us this news...



Sarah has ridden and competed very successfully in most equestrian disciplines through her school years and has been working incredibly hard since matriculating at Westerford to qualify and represent South Africa at the World Equestrian Games in France next year. She moved up to KZN at the beginning of last year to be closer to the 'hub' of top SA competitions and has done unbelievably well on her 2 horses. We made it very clear before she went that we would be unable to finance this very costly goal of hers and she insisted that she would work to pay for it herself. She certainly does work really, really hard by schooling horses, teaching, looking after children etc as well as looking after and working her horses. She won 3 out of 4 of the top events

last year and was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the SA Adult Eventing Champs in December 2012 which is amazing for a 19 year old.

Sarah needs to get over to the UK this year to prepare and compete at International level to be prepared to be selected to ride for the SA Team next year. She has been invited to train with a top FEI judge and official near Rugby in England where she will prepare for the event and compete in England and Europe. This is all going to cost a lot and Sarah will be unable to go over to the UK without financial assistance. She has reached this top level by sheer determination, talent, hard work and 'guts'. I have attached her sponsorship proposal hoping that an Old Westerfordian might have some ideas or be interested in her project and her dream to represent South Africa.



Please let me know if you require further info or you can contact Sarah on [0833 758 413](tel:0833758413) or via email – [sarah.hitair@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.hitair@gmail.com).

### **Reunion reports**

The Class of 1963 celebrated their 50th Anniversary this year, coinciding with Westerford's 60th birthday and Diamond Jubilee.



Front Row: Jennifer Ellis, Charles De Wet, Lucille Luckhoff, Richard Morgan, Jennifer Cammack  
2nd Row: Duncan Bowie, Michelle Salmon, Gareth Tudor, Denise Williams, Thalia Krummeck  
3rd Row: Ian Moore, Ann Allardyce, Michael Deeks, Joan Kirkland, Jonathan Horwitz, Udet Andren, Charmay De Wet  
Back Row: David Mitchell, Elizabeth Alport, John Whiteing, Anita Hinsch, Liston Meintjes, Lorna Burns, Brian Gilham



Our reunion kicked off on Founders Day on 7 March with tea in the Headmaster's Garden with Mr Rob Le Roux. For whatever reason we pitched up an hour early and some were a bit dismayed at the time we had to wait around before going in to the Founders Day Service.



No one needed to have been concerned, as when the time finally arrived, we were all talking so much it was difficult to persuade us to move into the hall. The service itself was very moving, the atmosphere being set by the tolling of the bell in the hall foyer, once for each decade of Westerford's existence.



After the service everyone, staff, pupils, OWs and guests, went up to the field to position themselves within an enormous diamond which had been marked out, to await the arrival of the helicopter for the taking of an aerial photograph.

Thereafter we were treated to a delicious finger lunch, a tour of the school and a viewing of the beautifully produced new DVD of the "Westerford Story".

Some went on to Forries for some rowdy (by all accounts) socialising before ending the day with drinks and snacks in the Chestnut Grove.



Many thanks are due to Mr Le Roux, his staff and present pupils for making it a special day for us to remember. We were made to feel so welcome, still part of the Westerford family even after 50 years.



Friday morning found a group of about 30 of us at Kirstenbosch for breakfast. It was pouring with rain but no-one was deterred. The irony is that Kirstenbosch was chosen so that we could walk off the breakfast in the beautiful gardens.



Well, even had it not been raining, I don't know how many would have chosen to go walkabout – it seems that our class just can't stop talking! They had to be rudely pushed out of the tearoom at 12:30 and then they stood outside blocking the doorway!



Our final event was a spitbraai, held in the St Paul's Church Hall in Rondebosch, a venue chosen in the end for convenience – having been ousted from using Westerford facilities by a Super15 Rugby Match at Newlands. It was a wonderful evening, filled with ongoing chatter and side-splitting laughter.

Thanks to Lucille Luckhoff, we had Dirk Visser ( [vision@dirkvisser.com](mailto:vision@dirkvisser.com) ) to take our picture. The taking of the group photo resulted in about 15 minutes of hilarity, the photographer himself being quite a character. When he was trying to get us to smile, a voice from the back somewhere was heard to say "Say Montgomery"! That did it !!

We had a fantastic reunion. Thanks to all those who came and made it a success.

The Class of 1963 is great!

*Joan Freislich*





**Where are they now?**

Erin Plessis ? She would have matriculated somewhere between 1976. -1983. Please contact the OWA if you have any contact details for Erin.

**Westerford Merchandise**

**Umbrella**

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



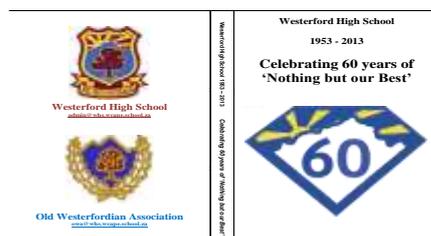
**Sports cushion**

The sports supporters cushion is R50.  
Please support Westerford by buying either or both from the OW Office.



**OW Merchandise**

The OW tie is R100  
The OW scarf is R80  
The DVD is R20



## Reunion contact details



### 2013 Events

#### 1973

40<sup>th</sup> Reunion

Alexander (Sandy) Foster

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#### 1983

30<sup>th</sup> Reunion

Julian Segal (1983)

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[https://www.facebook.com/gr](https://www.facebook.com/groups/4608921823/)

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#### 1988

25<sup>th</sup> Reunion

Astrid Gibbon (née Chaplin)

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#### 1993

20<sup>th</sup> Reunion

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Teboho Semmelink

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#### 2003

10<sup>th</sup> Reunion

30 November 2013

Imhoff

Alexandra Jongens

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#### 2008

5 year reunion Friday 7 June

Imhoff Level 4

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#### OW Winter Sports Day

Saturday 7 September 2013

### 2014 Events

#### 1959

55<sup>th</sup> Reunion

Peter Reece

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#### 1964

Founders Day and Summer

Sports Day

50<sup>th</sup> Reunion

6 March 2014

Lecia Bartmann

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#### 1969

45<sup>th</sup> Reunion

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Scholtz)

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Verna Baguley (née Wallin)

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#### 1989

25<sup>th</sup> Reunion

Terri Henderson

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#### OW Winter Sports Day

Saturday 6 September 2014

#### Old Westerfordian Association

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Teacher in Charge of OW matters

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