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**Snippets and OWs in the News**



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

**Farhaan Berhardien (2001)**

was pictured in *Die Burger* (18 November 2013) at the prizegiving of the one day match between the *Cobras* and the *Titans*.



## Reunions

### London Reunion

Rob le Roux and John Broster attended the OW Reunion held in London recently. A group of some forty OWs gathered at the Maitland Group boardroom in central London on Thursday evening 21 November to renew friendships, enjoy refreshments and to share in several hours of nostalgia.

The room was abuzz with animated conversation from the start, but the gathering was called to order after about an hour, for some input from Rob and JB. This constituted the showing of two short video clips: one had the highlights of the first term, with all the Diamond Jubilee hype, and the second clip showed Westerford's "67 minutes for Mandela" contribution.



Rob le Roux, Matt Kiely, John Broster

JB then spoke about two of the significant outreach projects in which the School is involved. He updated the group on the progress at Westerford's "baby", Claremont High School. CHS was founded in 2011, and Westerford continues to oversee the running of this new state school, with the Westerford Board of Governors being legally responsible for the school, until new elections in 2015. The intention has been to impart the so-called Westerford ethos of success, to this new school, where **Murray Gibbon (1990)** is principal. The initiative seems to have been exceptionally successful, and Claremont High is expecting a 100% pass rate for their first matric class, when the results are published in January 2014. Watch this space! A Founding Class of 25 youngsters was admitted to Grade 10 in 2011, and so was fast tracked to write the matric exams in November 2013! Westerford staff and Westerford pupils have been linked to Claremont, some on a weekly basis, and JB has been teaching there (whilst also at Westerford) for these three years. **Laura Lowrie (néeChristie 1996)** is also on the staff there.

The second outreach focus was highlighted by a slide show of the visit Rob and JB paid to Zithulele in the Transkei, as part of the Diamond Jubilee year. Ten Old Westerfordians have made this rural village, deep in the Transkei, their home. All are graduates, being doctors, educators or financiers. **Dr Ben Gaunt (1993)** is the medical director of the state hospital in Zithulele; **Dr Karl le Roux (1992)** is currently on sabbatical, lecturing in the USA; **John Young (1994)** heads the Jabulani Trust, which fund raises for the hospital; **Craig Paxton (1994)** has established the Axium Trust, which supports Maths, Science and Literacy at the state high schools in the area.

Zithulele has become a beacon of hope and light, internationally recognised. It is without doubt a reflection of Westerford, and epitomises the motto "Nothing but out best", as this dedicated and passionate group make an awesome difference to people's lives. Westerford is committed to strengthening the link between the Zithulele community and the School.

JB included a quiz on Westerfordian trivia, giving away five Jubilee pens to those who called out the best answers first!

The input by JB and Rob seemed to be well received and the rest of the evening passed so quickly in lively conversation. A smaller group repaired to a nearby pub once the official function ended; and the revelry continued to midnight when the underground tube system closed for the night!

We were delighted to receive a very generous and unsolicited donation as a result of the reunion visit - five thousand pounds which is to be shared between Westerford and Claremont!

Among those who attended the reunion were: **Brenda Strandvink (1991), Blaine Pritchard (2000), Sarah Kiely (2003), Matt Kiely (ex-staff), Nathan Palmer (2000), Chris Lucas (2006), Graham Bosman (1969), Karen Hoffa (1989), Brett Mellville (1995, ex-staff), Jacques Viljoen (2006), Amy Kahn (2001), Kathy Scott (2001), David Krohn (2000), Annemieke van der Valk (2001), Ryan van der Wielen (1991), David Tucker (1994), Camilla Kingdon (1983), Brian Saker (1983), Sarah Hartley (1995), Gary Narunsky (1983), Wim Roselaar (1957).**



## 1973 Reunion Report



Forty years on - many of the Class of 1973 gathered on 5 November for, possibly age appropriate, afternoon tea and a tour of the School. With much discussion and many memories - it was particularly noted how much remained virtually unchanged, with the newer developments blending harmoniously with the whole.

A relaxed, well-catered cocktail party at the Imhoff Pavilion followed, attended by some partners. Due to the timing, being a little short of the year-end season, many out of town visitors were missed. Notable long distance classmates were **Mark Friedman** of San Diego, **Jane Stevenson** from France, **Ivan Fuchs** from Sydney, and some local locals, namely **Leon Theron** from the Overberg, **Walter Willies** from Clanwilliam and **Robin Ball** and **Tony Hawes** from Johannesburg.

A good time was had by all - with much thanks expressed to the organisers and to Westerford for hosting the gathering. We look forward to many more reunions!  
and to Westerford for hosting the gathering. We look forward to many more reunions!

**Camilla Kingdon (1983)** [markeane@aol.com](mailto:markeane@aol.com)  
emailed John Broster..

Great to hear from you - and I also thoroughly enjoyed getting together at the Reunion. One goes to these events with some trepidation ..... however it was fabulous meeting up with Gary and Brian after 30 years and then such a bonus to have an opportunity to see and chat to you too! One cannot over-state how much of an impact teachers have on us all and you most certainly left your mark on all 3 of us. We shared many amusing stories after the reunion when we had a meal together!

As I said to you, half my job now is in the field of postgraduate medical education and I am deputy head of the London School of Paediatrics which trains 1000 junior doctors who are on the 8 year course to become consultant paediatricians. It is a rigorous 8 year programme and many of them (approx 15%) ask to take time out of the training to do something else.

Some will go off and do a PhD, but many seek work and experience abroad. The developing world isn't everyone's cup of tea ..... however many of our trainees find spending a year in a resource-poor setting a highly rewarding experience.

I am very keen, however, to make sure that they go to places where they are both safe and supervised. Some of our trainees have found themselves in very difficult situations of having to, quite literally, decide which patients get anti-retrovirals and which don't ..... and I think any one of us would find that extraordinarily difficult - but so much more so when you are in your 20s and not fully trained.

So - this is why I pricked up my ears when I heard your talk about Zithulele. It sounds like the kind of setting which would allow ample opportunity for fantastic clinical training, but within a supportive environment.

## Claremont High School

The first Matric class wrote their exams successfully and **Murray Gibbon (1990)** and his staff expect 100% pass rate.

Westerford raised R1260 in the Cabaret 2013 DVD fundraising drive (where we invited buyers of the DVD to make voluntary contributions) for Claremont High School. We imagine it might go towards putting on a similar Claremont High School production but obviously they will use it where it's needed most!

**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



## OW Merchandise



The New OW tie is R150



The OW scarf is R80

## 2014 Reunion contact details

### 1959

55<sup>th</sup> Reunion

6 March 2014 Lunch

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### 1964

Founders Day 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion

6 March 2014

8 March Imhoffor New Chestnut Grove venue

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40<sup>th</sup> Reunion

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30<sup>th</sup> reunion

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25<sup>th</sup> Reunion

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### OW Winter Sports Day

Saturday 6 September 2014