



Westerford Principals past and present: Mr Clarke, Dr Gibbon, Mr le Roux

OW Matric Challenge Update

OW 1981 are leading with R64 953.00
OW 1963 are second with R21 414.00
OW 1960 and 1988 are third with R12 000.00
OW 1971 are fourth with R5 100.00

All together the Diamond Jubilee fund total is R 161 023.00

Thank you to all.
Keep those donations coming in!

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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.

Myra Steyn (Staff 1954) myra222@icloud.com

The DVDs of *The Westerford Story* arrived a few days ago in perfect condition.

I well remember some of the footage which was filmed on a Saturday morning. There were several takes to ensure that James showed his best smile while pouring steaming hot cups of tea in the staff room. I was seated next to Ken Beck, deputy principal.

The scene I most clearly remember was when, as the Domestic Science (Home Economics) teacher, I was asked to organise that a few students volunteer to be filmed on a Saturday making Jam Tartlets. To my horror one of the girls licked jam off her fingers which in those days was a definite "no-no"! I was interested to see that that incident has been duly censored!

My last visit to Westerford was in 1971 so understandably I was not aware of significant changes particularly regarding new buildings and impressive sporting facilities. I well remember planting grass runners and trying to ensure virtual silence during swimming classes. How wonderful to have your own swimming pool on the school grounds.

It is not altogether surprising that Westerford has been recognised as the best state school in the country. I am impressed by the school's philosophy of learning by encouraging critical thinking, independent and experiential learning together with a challenging and varied curriculum.

Noel Taylor would be justifiably proud of "Westerford"

P.S. I like "Not The End"

Tracey Derrick (1979) photos@traceyderrick.co.za

My work has been selected to participate in the collective exhibition at the Agora Gallery New York. The Chelsea International Fine Art Competition.

<http://www.agora-gallery.com/competition/results.aspx> .

I am also being interviewed by Oprah magazine, around my documenting my journey through cancer and my work as a photographer - for the July issue.

Five Women Who Dare: *A few intrepid souls tell us where they get the confidence to take the stage, swim the high seas, save people's lives - or even raise two kids alone.*



Inhabit, Archival Digital Print, Photography

Dr John Gibbon sent us this news disag@mweb.co.za

Just had a whole new life experience in the rural Eastern Cape with a whole bunch of schools around Zithulele Village, about an hour from Umtata. I sit on **Craig Paxton's** (1994) board for AXIUM which is an educational outreach he runs in this remote village. It is alongside **Ben Gaunt's** (1993) and **Karl Le Roux's** (1992) state hospital (Zithulele Hospital) which is why Craig

chose that location. I volunteered my time and workshops for a 3-day visit to school SMTs. Went very well and a real eye-opener to see the problems there.

While there the Archbishop and eminent person's group, orchestrated by Equal Education, were visiting so I was drawn into that endeavour as well--they were enormously impressed by what these OW professionals are doing medically and educationally, especially after they had seen the shocking conditions under which schools try to function.

But most mind-blowing for me is the fact that there are 10 OWs working there either in the hospital (doctors and nurses) or in Axium in education, or one of the other 5 NGOs that operate there with early childhood education, mentor mothers, a library endeavour, etc., etc. Quite amazing, and what a tribute to these old students from Westerford. In the Archbishop's group on Wednesday afternoon, there were two more OW's!--**Graeme Bloch (1972)** (was at the Development Bank now on the Wits University education policy staff), and **Brad Brockman (2003)** who is with Equal Education and matriculated in 2003.

Disa and I have been so excited about all of this, so I thought I'd share it with you. On my last night Craig organised an "OW braai" which most of them shared in--unfortunately Ben Gaunt who is in charge of the whole hospital was away on leave. **Simon le Roux (2000)**, Karl's youngest brother is now also a doctor at the hospital, and **Andreas le Roux (1996)**, who is in the corporate sector in Johannesburg, was visiting so could join us.

Obituaries

Don Bojinowski emailed the OWA with this sad news. [don bojinowski <donboj@gmail.com>](mailto:donboj@gmail.com)

John S. Bojinowski, (1975/6) Feb. 20 1958 - May 1 2013

John had fond memories of his days at Westerford. His greatest love is his daughter, Erika. Generous and kind to a fault, his sense of humor never left him. He is sorely missed.

Mike Callaghan (1961)

Jeff Herringer (1961) emailed...

As you know it was Mike Callaghan's funeral service last Saturday morning and about 25 friends were in attendance including his 4 children who had come out from their home in Belguim. **David Wolpe** and I represented the class with **Yvonne Sass**, who had considerable contact with Mike, also being there. David was asked by the family to say a few words; a copy of his speech is reflected below and for those of you who knew Mike well, I think you will agree that David did a great job.

Eulogy for Michael Graham Callaghan (1943 - 13/4/2013) given by **David Wolpe** at the St Augustine Roman Catholic Church, Paarl, on Saturday the 27 April 2013:

Family and friends, Mike was a very complex and private person - we all knew a different Mike. Whatever I say here today is but a tiny fraction of what made up our late friend.

As a schoolboy I knew Mike simply as a contemporary, rather than as a friend. We both played rugby, fortunately not against each other, as I was very small in those days !!

He became Head Prefect in 1961, I was a very naughty boy, so I avoided him quite successfully. Mike told me recently that within a week of being appointed Head Boy, the Principal Noel Taylor, realised that he had made a major blunder. Mike was no sycophant and could be very independent and self-sufficient. Mr Taylor did not have the usual "yes sir" yes man prefect. Mike had a deep intelligence and his own unique judgements. Even the foreboding Mr Taylor was not going to ignore Mike's intelligence or belittle the perceptions of this 17 year old Aikona !

Sadly, I saw Mike but once or twice over the next 40 years. His life in Greece, his marriage, his

family and work were all shrouded in secrecy. In 2013 I finally learnt that he had 4 children, names, genders, domicile were still a mystery. Perhaps he was too private. The male species on our planet tend to avoid discussing vital aspects of our existence feelings, needs, emotions, relationships were all taboo subjects.

Despite this, Mike had a wonderful group of friends here in Cape Town and overseas. With the loss of both his legs, Mike's old world evaporated. He had found work in the local olive industry, despite his age. But no work, no money. He had all but completed his Doctorate at UCT, dealing with his favourite fruit , when he lost his mobility and much, much more.

Once bedridden, Mike's wonderful friends, many ex-Westerfordians, helped him through the long frustrating years. There are too many people to mention and too many who I have never met. To many, Mike gave the impression that he was ungrateful and unappreciative. Kindness and help was often greeted with silence. I believe that Mike lacked verbal skills to express his gratitude.

Let me share with you a recent event- I visited Mike every 3 months whilst he lived in Paarl. Here he became more and more lonely and frustrated. His eyes were failing and he needed urgent dental attention. The simple pleasures available to the sick and frail - reading and eating - disappeared. A year ago I popped in and Mike surprised me. He gave me an envelope not to be opened until I had left Paarl. Inside the envelope was a generous cheque from Mike to me - I silently wept.

He had so little, lying in his tiny, cluttered, grubby room. I thought that a once in three month's friend did not deserve this gift. I then had a beautiful insight. This cheque was definitely not just for me, it was for all Mike's friends. It was his way, private and silent, of saying 6 words - Thank You, Thank You, Thank You - to all who had been so kind.

I do not know if Mike was a religious person. I do know that the church helped him continuously over the months. So to end I wish to misquote, not from the bible , but from Dickens - *A Tale of Two Cities* : "It is a far far better journey that I do, than I have ever done, it is a far far better place that I go to than I have ever known. "

Rest in peace Mike.

Westerford Merchandise

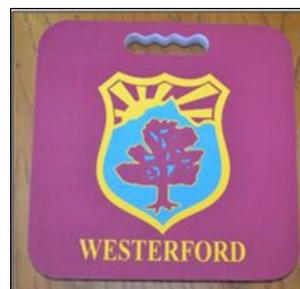
Umbrella

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.

Reunion contact details

2013 Events

1973

40th Reunion
5 or 9 November 2013
Alexander (Sandy) Foster
asfoster@extra.co.nz

1983

30th Reunion
Julian Segal (1983)
rcaff@xsinet.co.za
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/4608921823/>

1988

25th Reunion
Astrid Gibbon (née Chaplin)
dave.astrid@gmail.com

1993

20th Reunion
David Stead
STDDAV003@myuct.ac.za
Teboho Semmelink
teboho@moyaevents.co.za

2003

10th Reunion
30 November 2013
Imhoff
Alexandra Jongens
alexandrajongens1@gmail.com

2008

5 year reunion Friday 7 June
Imhoff Level 4
Zahid Badroodien
zahidb@sun.ac.za
zahidb@sun.ac.za

OW Winter Sports Day

Saturday 7 September 2013

OW Merchandise

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



2014 Events

1959

55th Reunion
Peter Reece
pandmreece@telkomsa.net

1964

Founders Day and Summer
Sports Day
50th Reunion
6 March 2014
Lecia Bartmann
bart.fam@iafrica.com

1969

45th Reunion
Marie van Vlaanderen (née
Scholtz)
marievanv@gmail.com
Verna Baguley (née Wallin)
bags@iafrica.com

1989

25th Reunion
Terri Henderson
terri@damerell.co.za
Linda Willcox
linda@lwirecruitment.co.za

OW Winter Sports Day

Saturday 6 September 2014

Old Westerfordian Association

Dave Thompson
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