



OLD JOHANNIAN ASSOCIATION
A worldwide network of Old Johannians

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



OJs flying high at the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Rio this year. Well done to David Hunt and Willie Morgan

As 2016 moves towards its conclusion, it is time to reflect on another busy and eventful and meaningful year for the OJA and its members.

2016 represented the 100-year anniversary of the Battle of Delville Wood, which forms a very important and meaningful part of the history of the School. Along with Damian Boyce, Vice chairman of the OJA, I had the privilege of attending the official Centenary Delville Wood Memorial service in Louveval France.

On the 7th of July, the Old Johannian Association and the Foundation hosted a formal dinner

at the Institute of Directors in London, for OJs living in the UK. The dinner was attended by around 60 Old Johannians and partners. The event coincided with the 100-year anniversary of the Battle of Delville Wood and provided a great opportunity to bring the OJs in attendance up to speed with developments at the school, some of the work that the Foundation is involved in, and discuss some of the challenges that the School faces.

Gaudy Day and the OJA Annual Dinner were held in second week of July and both were a resounding success in terms of attendance and atmosphere. Chairman of Council, Jon Patricios, addressed a full house of members and partners. The support for the event was such that we may need to reconsider the venue for the event next year in order to accommodate the demand. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the School for their generous hosting of the event and making the OJs feel welcome at the school.

The OJA would like to thank the St John's faculty for the huge amount of work that they are doing in ensuring that St John's maintains its status as a pillar of excellence in South Africa. We wish the boys and girls well as they complete their final exams for the year.

From an OJA perspective, there have been some outstanding OJ success stories during 2016.

Chris Froome (Nash 2003) produced a super human effort to win his third Tour de France. Chris was also honoured with an OBE for services to cycling in the 2016 New Year's Honours List.

David Hunt (Nash 2009) finished 4th in the A Final of the heavyweight Men's Coxless Four at this year's Rio Olympics. The 4th place is an exceptional achievement, considering that the Coxless Four crew only qualified for the Olympics in May at the last chance Olympic Qualification Regatta in Lucerne, Switzerland.

Willie 'wilsta' Morgan (Hodgson 2011) and his crew were placed 5th in the A Final of the Mixed LTA 4+ at the Paralympic Games in Rio this year. That is 5th in the World!

Sizwe Mpofu-Walsh's (Nash 2006) book proposal 'Democracy and Delusion' won him the City Press Tafelberg Nonfiction Award (10 Sept 2016).

On a sad note, 2016 saw the passing of some OJA stalwarts and our thoughts and prayers are with their families.

We would also ask the OJA community to continue to keep Stephen McGown (Head of Nash in 1992) in their thoughts and prayers. Steve has been held captive since November 2011 in Mali. We pray for his safe release and that his family be comforted during this difficult time.

The OJA continues evolving. The key areas of focus for a number of years have been:

- A more active and dynamic OJA.
- Ensuring that the Johannian Club is a community-centric offering.
- A high level of focus on communications, keeping OJs connected with both the OJA and SJC.

- Regular networking events, creating a more “physically” active OJA.
- Continuation and improvement of the reunions initiative.
- Establishing and increasing the relevance of the OJA to pupils and recently matriculated boys through the use of the OJ network.

An additional area of focus going forward is around encouraging younger OJs to get and stay involved in the community. To this end we have bolstered the committee with some “young blood” in order to focus on this important element. In addition, a renewed focus on our regional represented will be prioritised going forward.

Key themes that the OJA have been focusing on, or will be introducing, include: a newly developed and updated database with far more depth of data; the KPMG Eminent Speaker Breakfast Series; a reinvigoration of the regional chapters of the OJA; a new career networking initiative between the OJA and the school; and a proposed new format of reunion events.

The database continues to be a key focus and we encourage members to interact with us, and provide us with as much up-to-date information as possible. If you are uncertain as to whether the OJ has your details, or if you don’t receive regular communications from us, please get in touch with us on info@oja.co.za.

Finally, I would like to thank the OJA committee for the work and time that they dedicate to the Association. The workload of the committee has increased as a result of multiple new initiatives and areas of focus, and the members have risen to the challenge. I would like to thank each and every member of the committee, as well as the broader OJA community, who give freely of their time (despite many other commitments) and expertise simply because they are passionate about the College of St John’s.

Regards
 Andrew Duvenage
 Chairman – The Old Johannian Association

UPCOMING 2017 EVENTS

DATE	EVENTS
13, 15 and 17 April	Easter Rugby Festival
23 June (Friday)	Annual OJ Dinner
24 June (Saturday)	Gaudy Day
30 September (Saturday)	On The Night
8 November (Wednesday)	Remembrance Day
1 December (Friday)	Combined Carol Service

PAST EVENTS

MORISON ABEL GOLF TOURNAMENT – 15 JULY 2016

Our annual Morison Abel Golf Tournament, which was revived this year, was a resounding success! This event took place on the morning of the OJ Dinner, 15 July 2016, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all OJs who participated. 15 Teams participated in a field which has reduced considerably in age since the competition was last played.



RESULTS:

Morison Abel (Individual Stableford)

Winner: Ben Maxton - score 41

Runner Up: Richard Osbourne - score 39

Martin Gibb Trophy (Best Gross)

Winner: Roger Stubbs - score 71

Runner Up: Greg Connellan - score 77

Alliance Stableford (two scores to count)

Winners: Guy Wilson, John Yeats, Gavin Gibb, Roly Hunt - score 90

Runners Up: Gareth Heidt, Ben Maxton, Glen Huddy, Ross Beckley - score 87

Nearest the Pin

15th hole: Gareth Wharton

5th hole: Matt Arnott

Longest Drive

18th Hole: Handicap 9 & under Glen Huddy

8th Hole: Handicap 10 & over Jeremy Diviani

The Most Golf (The longest Day)

Andrew Delmont

Twos

Greg Connellan

Richard Osbourne

Roger Stubbs

Matt Arnott

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And finally, we wish to thank George Whittle (Alston 1970) for all his planning and help in making this golf tournament such a success!

OJA EMINENT SPEAKER BREAKFAST SERIES – 29 SEPT 2016

GUEST SPEAKER: BERNARD SWANEPOEL

The Old Johannian Association hosted the 10th Eminent Speaker Breakfast Series on the 29th of September, 2016. These breakfasts are part of the Old Johannian Association's ongoing initiatives to promote networking and social events among Old Johannians. The events are purely networking functions and have no fundraising element. The Old Johannian Association would like to express its thanks to KMPG for their sponsorship and continued support of the Eminent Speaker Breakfast Series.



Our Eminent Speaker was Bernard Swanepoel. Bernard Swanepoel is a Partner at To-The-Point Growth Specialists as well as a partner in THINKspiration. He served as non-executive director on the boards of Impala, Zimplats, Eqstra and African Rainbow Minerals Limited. Previous roles include Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of Village Main Reef Limited and CEO of Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited. He is the Chairman of the annual Junior Indaba and Joburg Indaba as well as Vice-President of the AHi. He is Chairman and Managing partner of MMC (Manganese Metal Company).



Bernard’s presentation centred on, “The Corporate Culture that we are going to leave our children”, referencing his time as a Mining Engineer and former CEO of Harmony Gold Mining company. Bernard emphasised that the traditional working model that currently exists is incongruent with the expectations of the upcoming generation. As a result, he argued that a completely different leadership model is required. Bernard’s talk also referenced material from his wife - Tracey Swanepoel’s new book entitled, “The Leadership Riptide and how to escape.”

The breakfast was attended by Old Johannians, most of whom had a keen interest in Leadership and the Mining & Metals industry.



We encourage all Old Johannians to attend future events and monitor our Old Johannian Association social media platforms - Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter – where regular updates on these and other events are posted. We are already building a pipeline of exciting speakers for 2017 and we look forward to engaging with Old Johannians through these informative breakfast sessions.

Olatunji Pariola - (OJA committee)

REMEMBRANCE DAY – 9 NOV 2016

Many OJs attended this year's St John's College Remembrance Day service on the morning of 9 Nov, in remembrance of those fallen OJs who served in World War I and II and had lost their lives...



Amongst the OJs in attendance was Mr Roger Stacey (Thomson 1939) who is 94 years old and fought in World War II. Mr Stacey's regiment, the Natal Mounted Rifles, was aligned to the South African Armed Division and remained in Italy for the better part of the war...



Mr Roger Stacey (Thomson 1939) who is 94 years old and fought in World War II, posed for a photo with representatives of regiments in which OJs served in the wars.



OJs who gathered for tea at the club after the service:

Back left to right: Steve Raney, George Whittle, Roger Bradfield, Malcolm McGown, Michael Matthews, Chick Forsyth, Roger Stacey (and Mrs Stacey in red), George Stacey, John Gordon, Richard Mayer, Rob Spargo and David Aitken.
And SJC Headmaster, Paul Edey is seated in the front.

Dr Daniel Pretorius (St John’s College) gave a moving message about the significance of Remembrance Day. [Click here](#) to read his message.

ANNUAL OJ VS PREP CRICKET MATCH – 19 NOV 2016

On Saturday 19th November the much anticipated Prep vs OJ fixtures took place where the 1st XI and 2nd XI boys take on the Old Johannians on Mitchell and Endean Field respectively. It’s always a very exciting event for everyone involved with the results being extremely close and 2016 turned out to be no different.

OJ 1st team: Jarryd Kuiper (Alston 2008), Kyle Forsyth (Hill 2007), Ben Forsyth (Hill 2010), Liam Peters (Alston 2015), Tyrone Dial (Nash 2015), Tristan Malkin (Nash 2015), Farhaan Sayanvala (Thomson 2015) and Ben Da Silva (Hodgson 2010).

OJ 2nd team: James Hobson (Clarke 2004), Yusuf Nanabhay (Hill 2004), Amar Patel (Clayton 2004), Grant Jelley (Clayton 2004), Arpan Patel (Clayton 2011), Thobile Ndzimande (Hodgson 2012), Ian McCutcheon (Hill 1997) and Ebrahim Laher (Thomson 2011).



Timothy Milton, 1st XI captain winning the toss and electing to bat first.

In the 1st XI fixture the boys batted first and scored a very competitive 219 in their 30 overs, with the help of a classy half century by the captain, Timothy Milton. The Old Johannians, despite a superb effort, fell 5 runs short in their run chase, handing the Prep 1st XI a well-deserved victory.

In the 2nd XI match, the boys batted first as well in difficult conditions on Endean Field with the ball moving around. Our boys had put up a good fight to set a total of 154/6.

Nick Scott and Amani Bates were the stand out batsman with, 28 and 26 runs respectfully. It was then the OJs turn to have a go with the bat and have a go they did! The old boys had smashed the ball all around the park in the first 5 overs having 50-1 after 5 overs!

The 2nd XI then had a chat at drinks and came out all guns blazing a 3 quick wickets to upset the OJs chase of their total. The game was swinging both ways till eventually the Mighty 2nd Team prep boys had bowled the Old Johannians all out only 3 runs short of the target.



The Prep 1st XI and Old Johannians after the match

OJs from left to right: Jarryd Kuiper (Alston 2008), Kyle Forsyth (Hill 2007), Ben Forsyth (Hill 2010), Liam Peters (Alston 2015), Tyrone Dial (Nash 2015), Tristan Malkin (Nash 2015) and Farhaan Sayanvala (Thomson 2015)

Both teams and parents had a lovely function afterwards at the Johannian Club, where the annual cricket awards were made:



2nd XI Awards (From left to right)

Player of the Year: Matthew Loizides

Bowler of the Year: Timothy Gultig

Batsman of the Year: Oliver Innes

All-rounder of the Year: Nicholas Scott

Fielder of the Year: Ben de Sousa



The 2016 2nd XI Cricket Team (From left to right)

Front Row: Mark Kwant, Carter Karan, Kieran Anderson (1st XI), Jake Hansell (1st XI)
Back Row: Matthew Loizides (1st XI), Timothy Gultig, Ben de Sousa, Amani Bates, Oliver Innes, Nicholas Scott, James Hind, Alexander Malcolm



1st XI Cricket Awards (From left to right)

Player and Batsman of the Year: Kristofer Watt

Bowler of the Year: Deckland Nichols

All-Rounder of the Year: Jacob Joseph

Fielder of the Year: Yusuf Ganchi



The 2016 1st XI Cricket Team (From Left to Right)

Front Row: Deckland Nichols, Yusuf Ganchi, Tadgh Coakley-Eager, Luke Heurlin
Back Row: William Randall, Harry Davidson, Kristofer Watt, Timothy Milton, Jacob Joseph, James Groves

Jaques Voss
 Director of Sport – St John’s Prep.

OJ REUNIONS

1956 & 1957 – 60th YEAR REUNION - 12 OCTOBER 2016

St Johns has always filled me with the happiest of memories. Our recent 60th Reunion was no exception.

With Sandra and George of the Old Johannian Association as mentors and the Headmaster as guest of Honour, the day’s success was assured. Organising the day together was bitter sweet. Too many phone calls to old schoolmates went unanswered. But the 20 who graced the occasion represented with good humour and pride the classes of ‘56 and ‘57.

Having John and Dave Barrow, Grandsons of Albert Barrow, owner of the Barrow construction company deeply involved in the building of St. Johns added to the occasion. Of course, much has changed to the School’s physical plant. The Nash showers made us all smile. It now seems to have everything the student of today requires. Our group remembers the massive fund raising efforts initiated by Deane Yates and managed by Ronnie Grieveson and Mrs Babb that financed the building extensions. My contribution, one pound a month forever.

The overwhelming impression I gained was one of the “no nonsense” approach the College has to an Anglican education. “We have provided you with the tools now get on and finish the job to the best of your ability” resonates.

It filled us with commitment and pride knowing that we had been part of St. Johns. A schooling that had given us an invaluable start to our young lives.

It was evident too that St. Johns has robustly continued in its mission to educate young men and women of the highest calibre to play a meaningful role in an evolving South Africa

TONY BEART
Class of 1957



Back row left to right:

Hugh Huggett, John Milne, Henry Bennett, Christopher Browne, Peter Cownie, Ashton Garforth, Ronald Ludeman, Ivor Sander

Middle row left to right:

Doug Howie, John Barrow, Alastair Borland, Dave Barrow, David Kinghorn, Doug du Bourg, Howard Green

Front row left to right:

Fred Kalk, Rob Hoar, Paul Edey (St John’s College Headmaster), Keith Quiding, Wayne Babb, Tony Beart



Back row: Ron Ludeman, Fred Kalk, Rob Hoar, Wayne Babb, Keith Quiding, David Kinghorn, Christopher Browne, Peter Cownie and Alastair Borland.

Front row: Tony Beart, John Barrow, Hugh Huggett, Doug Howie and Doug du Bourg



David Kinghorn, Peter Cownie, Keith Quiding, Howard Green, Christopher Browne, Henry Bennett and Doug Du Bourg



Peter Cownie, Alastair Borland, Ashton Garforth



John Barrow and Keith Quiding

1976 – 40th YEAR REUNION

On Saturday 5 November nearly 50 guests finally sat down to dinner in the OJ club. Of course shepherding cats would have been far simpler! At the party were 28 old boys from 1976 Upper V with significant others and guests from the school - we were all pretty engrossed catching up and trying to guess who the various late arrivals were.

The weekend of events was a superb idea – some of us had been guessing (and trying to remember) each other's names since drinks at the Johannian Club the night before. The school tour on Saturday morning was a marvellous opportunity for reminiscing....Not sure though if we resolved which snorer had their bed carried down into the Clayton quad all those years ago. Occasionally Mr Daniel Pretorius (St John's College) could update us on a few of the changes at the school, but he was up against too many memories tumbling out. Saturday afternoon was given over to the "Hill-House" show – wow the boys have done well! They relayed inspirational, thought-provoking or hilarious anecdotes based on their experiences since leaving St John's.



1st row: Chick Forsyth, Mike Wadge, Peter Evans, Kim Wolhuter, Ian Kirby, Georg Leitner, Mr Cliff Midgley

2nd row: James Hinton, Bob Reynolds, Greg Ash, John Cullum, Chubby Stafford, Bruce Gillett

3rd row: Chris Norris, Mike Wolhuter, Mark Spyker, Maxi Burger, Mark Bishop, Rupert Horley

Back row: Antony Reynolds, Tom Rogans, Graham Mitchell, Peter Francis, Craig Loots, Bernie Koch, Pete Langschmidt, Mike Murray, Simon Lester

31 Old boys managed to make one or more of the events and, together with updates, apologies and/or messages from the 30 who didn't make it, it was a great turn out of the 88 originals! Special thanks to Chick Forsyth for getting us all together and for all the organising. No sooner was it over than thoughts were surfacing about a 50 year reunion, and then someone mentioned maybe we should do a 45th...

Christopher Norris (Class of 1976)

OJ SPORTS

OLD JOHANNIANS' ROWING

Rod MacDonald (MIC Rowing, St John's College)

27 Oct 2016

In past years, a number of Old Johannians have continued with the rowing careers on which they embarked whilst at the College, some at university and some at national levels.

Rhodes and Tuks raced in the Men's A Final and Tuks were victorious.



Photo of OJs at Universities Boat Race 2016 in Port Alfred:

Kyle Hanck (Clayton 2008 - RowSA Treasurer and Wits Coach), Joseph Savenye-Terblanche (Alston 2014 - Tuks), James Mitchell (Clayton 2015 - Tuks), Christopher Hale (Hodgson 2013 - Rhodes), David Hunt (Nash 2009 - Tuks) and Nick Greef (Alston 2012 - Rhodes)

Nick Greef (OJ 2012)

Nick was selected for the South African Students Men's Coxless Four that competed at the World Students' Regatta in Poznan, Poland this year. The crew finished 8th overall.

Our Olympians and Paralympians

David Hunt (Nash 2009)



David Hunt was a very dedicated schoolboy rower during his time as a pupil at St John’s College. He rowed at a Junior National level in the Junior Coxed Four at the World Junior Rowing Championships in Brive, France in 2009. David went on to study engineering at the University of Pretoria – and also to row at a higher level.

David has won numerous U23 and World University Medals in the Men’s Coxless Pair, competed at two World Rowing Championships and qualified two boat classes for the Olympics in Rio. The Men’s Four did brilliantly in Rio, qualifying for the A final and finishing 4th, just 2 seconds off a bronze medal.

Willie Morgan (Hodgson 2011)



Willie was selected as cox for the Paralympic crew in Rio in September 2016. Willie and his crew have performed well recently having won a silver medal at the World Cup Rowing Regatta in Poznan, Poland.

Congratulations to Willie and his crew who placed 5th in the A Final of the Mixed LTA 4+ at the Paralympic Games in Rio. That is 5th in the World!

Willie is also a member of the College coaching team.

Barry McNeice (Thomson 2012)



Barry assisted and coached the South African Paralympic team leading up to and during the Paralympics in Rio. Well done to him for all the effort he has put into this team.

Pictured here: Barry MacNeice & Willie Morgan after the A Final where the crew was placed 5th in the world at the 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio.

Roger Barrow’s Connection to St John’s

Roger Barrow was the first Head Coach of the St John’s College Rowing Club back in 2001. In 2005, Roger left St John’s owing to his appointment as Director of the South African Academy. In 2009, he was appointed as Head Coach of the South African Rowing Team and has since transformed and grown the rowing team into a world class rowing squad that has produced some amazing results, including a gold medal at the 2012 Olympic Games and a world record in the Men’s Lightweight Double. Roger and his coaching team qualified a record number of five crews for the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio.

Info courtesy of Grant Dodds (SJC Rowing Head Coach)

The Head Of The Charles® Regatta, also known as HOCR, is a rowing head race held on the penultimate weekend of October each year on the Charles River, which separates Boston and Cambridge, Massachusetts. It is the largest 2-day regatta in the world, with 11,000 athletes rowing in over 1,900 boats in 61 events. It attracts tens of thousands of spectators during regatta weekend.

Jamie Odgers (Fleming 2012) competed for Boston University in their 3rd varsity eight. They finished 3rd out of 36 crews.



Pictured on the right: Jamie is seen rowing at the back

Andrew Morgan (Fleming 2013) competed for Princeton University in the Men's Championship Coxed Fours. They finished 3rd out of all the US Universities.



Andrew is the last rower on the right / bow seat of the boat



Andrew is second from the left

We hope to send a St John's College crew to compete at this regatta in the near future.

OJ EAGLES HOCKEY REPORT 2016

Men's sides

Since the re-formation of the OJ EAGLES Hockey Club in 2004 this was the first year that an OJ side played in the Premier league. It was an enormous achievement for the club, who up until then has mostly been a social side.

Premier league hockey was a shock to the system of some of the players, however the hockey in most games was very competitive and the side was by no means out of its depth. The Men's A side finished 8th out of 10 sides in the league, thereby avoiding relegation and ensuring that there will be premier league hockey at the club in 2017.

The club has two other sides in the 3rd and 4th leagues. The 3rd side was unfortunately relegated while the 4th side finished mid table.

The OJ Eagles ladies team had a great 2016 season, which saw some wins against strong teams. The ladies pulled together to come 5th overall, bettering last season by 2 places. The season brought with it competitive hockey, high spirits and social gatherings.

We look forward to another strong season in 2017.

Matthew McNulty
OJ Eagles Hockey Club

OJ EAGLES WATER POLO 2016

OJ Eagles has won the 8th consecutive and 11th (in total) Old Eds Water Polo National Club Champs played at King Edward VII School from Thursday, 06 until Sunday, 09 October 2016.

OJ Eagles results:

Pool games:

vs Old Eds won 16-2
 vs Rondebosch OB won 12-4

Play off games:

vs SACS OB won 9-6
 vs Gauteng Schools U18 won 16-6

Semi final:

Vs Maties (Stellenbosch) won 7-4

Final:

vs SACS OB won 9-5



Pictured to the right: Jon Marc de Carvalho (OJ and St John's water polo Coach) was voted "Best Player of the Tournament".



Back row: Jaco Badenhorst, Roarke Oliver (OJ and St John's water polo coach), Simon Purchase Claudio Fernandes, Sven van Zyl, Themba Mthembu, Dan Trninic (OJ and St John's water polo coach), Vlado Trninic (Coach)

Front row: Etienne le Roux (OJ and former St John's water polo coach), Pierre le Roux (Captain, OJ and former St John's water polo coach and staff member), Dwayne Flatscher Garreth Prout, Jon-Marc de Carvalho (Best Player of the tournament, OJ and St John's water polo Coach), Nicholas Rodda (St John's Prep Intern and water polo coach)

OLD BOYS' NEWS

1) Sizwe Mpofu-Walsh (Nash 2006) – LITERATURE

<http://www.news24.com/SouthAfrica/News/debunking-sas-myths-20160910>



Picture source: News24.com

Sizwe Mpofu-Walsh's book proposal 'Democracy and Delusion' won him the City Press Tafelberg Nonfiction Award (10 Sept 2016). The award, given out every two years, is the richest of its kind in South Africa. In an interview with City Press, Sizwe explained that he will seek to demystify what he sees as 10 myths in South Africa's post-democratic political discourse.

Sizwe obtained a master's degree with distinction in 2015 and is busy with his doctorate on the creation of an African nuclear-free zone. He plans to release a hip-hop album with 10 tracks, one for each chapter of Democracy and Delusion.

Sizwe is the son of advocate and Economic Freedom Fighters chairperson Dali Mpofu.

2) Graeme Marais (Nash 2000) - ACCOUNTING

- In Aug 2016 Graeme was nominated as one of the top 35 CA's under the age of 35 by the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants.
- In Sept 2016 Graeme was also nominated as 1 of 6 finalists for the Young Professional of the Year Award in the Commerce, Law and Management Category by the South African Professional Services Awards to be announced at Monte Casino on 3rd November 2016.

Read up on Graeme's profile from the Accountancy SA magazine:

<http://www.accountancysa.org.za/lead-top-35-under-35-meet-the-finalists-2/#Graeme>

3) Giggs Kgole (Hill 2015) - ART

Info courtesy of St John's College:



The Julie Miller Investment Art Institute's "The Introduction Series" is a monthly series of solo exhibitions featuring artists who have never before exhibited in a commercial gallery. The series launched with Giggs Kgole as the first featured artist.

This is a first of its kind in South Africa. While it gives new artists a platform from which to launch their careers, it has the added advantage of providing an affordable way for young people to start investing in art.

Giggs is a remarkable young man. Looking at his work, it is hard to believe he is only 19 years of age.

A series of Giggs' work was chosen as part of a body of work to be installed in the prestigious Mount Nelson hotel. The hotel is supporting local artists in their refurbishment to be launched at the beginning of October this year.

Giggs has been fortunate this year to be mentored by William Kentridge. Giggs says that this has "allowed me to express myself creatively and has guided me through the workings of this industry".

His goal for the next two years is to make his presence known, showcase his work, and be able to support himself sufficiently through his creations.

4) Abel Selaocoe (Nash 2009) – MUSIC

News courtesy of St John's College:



Six of South Africa's blooming creative talents were named Standard Bank Young Artist Award winners for 2017. This award is prestigious, has been running for more than three decades, and has boosted the careers of many of well-known artists today.

The winners are (Nash 2009) Abel Selaocoe (music), Benjamin Jephta (jazz), Beth Diane Armstrong (visual art), Dineo Seshee Bopape (performance art), Monageng "Vice" Motshabi (theatre) and Thandazile Radebe (dance).

Selaocoe (24) explores the capacity of the cello across a plethora of genres, from collaborating with beatboxers to giving concerto performances and solo classical recitals. The strong partnership between Standard Bank, which has sponsored the award since 1984, and the National Arts Festival has helped develop South Africa's cultural treasury that reflects the country's artistic past as well as serves to inspire new generations of artists, performers and musicians.

Hazel Chimhandamba, Head of Group Sponsorships at Standard Bank, said: "Over the years the Standard Bank Young Artist Awards have grown in stature and continue to provide a wonderful platform and opportunity for the winning artists to bring their work to a national and international arena. It has created a rich legacy while providing role models for future generations to value, respect and aspire to whilst enriching and expanding the country's cultural landscape."

<http://www.theannouncer.co.za/standard-bank-young-artist-award-winners-2017-announced/>

5) Siphethe Dumeko (Thomson 1998) – BUSINESS

Congratulations to OJ Siphethe Dumeko – CFO: Business Partners, for being selected in the Power of 40 in the Destiny Man magazine.

Info source: Destiny magazine

Siphethe is primarily responsible for the finance function of Business Partners, as well as assisting in the formulation of the company's future direction, monitoring and implementation.

Educated at St John's College and the Universities of Cape Town, SA and London, and having worked at Standard Bank, Renaissance Capital (in Moscow) and Barclays Africa, he assumed his role at Business Partners, an organisation which supports and invests in entrepreneurs and small to medium enterprises (SMEs), in 2015. Professionally, his desire to drill down into the details is what sets him apart.

Read more:

<https://www.facebook.com/OfficialSAICA/photos/a.230828390297460.58732.179022568811376/1206840372696252/?type=3&theater>

6) Michael Gordon Whitfield (Clayton 2007) – MEDICAL



Michael began his Masters degree in 2013 at Stellenbosch University's Medical Campus in Molecular Biology. His research focused on Pyrazinamide (antibiotic used to treat tuberculosis) Resistance in Mycobacterium tuberculosis. Due to the significance of his work and progress made, Michael was able to upgrade his Masters into a PhD (doctoral) degree at the end of 2014.

Two years later (2016) Michael successfully defended his thesis and graduated on the 8th December 2016 with a doctoral degree in Molecular Biology. In this time of 4 years, he presented his research at several international conferences across the global and successfully published three first author articles in international scientific peer-reviewed journals.

Earlier this year Stellenbosch University awarded Michael the HD Brede Award for Tuberculosis Research (Best Biomedical Research Publication) for 2016. This was in recognition of one of his published articles. Stellenbosch University featured an article about his award:

<http://www0.sun.ac.za/vivus/vivus-4-november-2016/excellence/young-tb-researcher-included-in-international-research-group.html>).

The article also mentions that he will be joining an international collaborative project next year (2017).

7) Dean Gordon (Hodgson 2011) – RUGBY

Congratulations to OJ Dean Gordon who has recently signed with the Lions Rugby Union:

http://lionsrugby.co.za/index.php/new-signings-for-lions/?doing_wp_cron=1477380911.9225230216979980468750

8) Scott Spedding (Nash 2004) – RUGBY

Scott played for France in the recent 2016 rugby internationals.

9) Omphile Ramela (Hodgson 2006) and Devon Conway (Nash 2009) – CRICKET

Omphile and Devon played in the South African T20 cricket competition for the Lions (Nov 2016).

10) Connor Wilson (Hill 2015) – SKIING



Connor (centre) won the South African National Alpine Ski Championships 2016.

Connor recently won the South African National Alpine Ski Championships. He took the Junior title two years ago but being in Matric last year, opted to focus on his academics instead.

The SA Champs were held from 27 July to 01 August 2016 again at Tiffindell Ski Resort in the Eastern Cape. A record 10 international FIS (International Ski Federation) races were held over the period, the third year in a row that South Africa has hosted international ski races. Our South African athletes competed against accomplished racers from as far afield as Italy, France, Great Britain, Poland, Hungary, Estonia, Finland and Luxembourg. This year Tiffindell experienced record snowfalls.

Connor began and ended the week of competition strongly, placing second in the very first race with Robert Treblicock from Great Britain coming first and Barnabas Szollos of Hungary finishing third.

In a hard-fought battle for the national title the following day, Connor held on in his second run to win the title by just 0,65 seconds against seasoned veteran, Sive Speelman with Tsotane Dywili placing third.

Prior to the Championships, Connor spent time training at his home base, Afriski Mountain Resort, in Lesotho where he won the combined Slalom and Giant Slalom races in the Senior

Men's category (ages 16-39).

Connor also represented South Africa in Showjumping last year at the All Africa Mauritian Friendship Cup and was the top performing SANESA schools matriculant in the country.

OBITUARIES

We have listed below the names of OJs who have passed on. Many thanks to those family members and friends who have notified the OJA of their passing. If you are aware of any other OJs who have passed on, please kindly notify Sandra Lou at the OJA office via email at info@oja.co.za.

Full name	Date deceased	Matriculated	House	DOB
Passed in 2015				
Nicholas Phillipp Herselman	05 March 2015	2002	Clayton	25 Oct 1984
Passed in 2016				
William Lawrence Mason	29 April 2016	1978	Thomson	17 Dec 1960
Eric Stratford	16 June 2016	1948	Thomson	15 June 1930
Matthew (Midge) Charles Carter	23 July 2016	1947	Nash	30 Nov 1930
Michael Harwood De Lothiniere Dudley	27 Sept 2016	1950	Nash	02 Nov 1932
Bevil Humphris	05 Nov 2016	1947	Hill	28 Dec 1928
Professor Thomas Hamilton Bothwell	12 Nov 2016	1941	Alston	27 Feb 1926

TRIBUTES

- Professor Thomas Hamilton Bothwell**

Alston 1941
(27 Feb 1926 - 12 Nov 2016)

[Obituary from the Bothwell family](#)

Professor Thomas Hamilton Bothwell, physician, scientist, teacher and family patriarch, passed away peacefully at his home in Bergvliet, Cape Town on the 12th November.

Tom was born in 1926 in Johannesburg and was educated at St John's College, the University of the Witwatersrand and subsequently took up a fellowship at Balliol College, Oxford.

Tom made important contributions to the study of iron metabolism in man and led the Department of Medicine at Wits Medical School from 1967 until 1991. He was Dean of the Faculty of Medicine from 1992 until 1993 and a longstanding member of the University Council and the Council of St John's College.

Tom was loved and respected by a wide circle of friends and colleagues (most of whom he outlived). He married Dr Alix Butterworth in 1957 and was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. Tom maintained his wit and wide interests until his final days.

He is deeply missed by us all: Alix, Robert, Janet, Ann, Gemma, Ruby, Thomas, Henry, Jadri, Nic as well as Trushkie (schnauzer).

Tribute from Jon Patricios (Clayton 1986)

I would like to pay a personal tribute to Prof Tom Bothwell: learned professor, esteemed scientist, caring physician and great Johannian.

Prof Bothwell was Head of Medicine and Dean during my time at Wits. He conveyed to his students the importance of a thorough clinical evaluation and, despite his elevated status, approached every patient with humility, emphasizing the importance of empathy.

World recognition for his research into iron deficiency did not stop him taking a personal interest in every case in the ward. As Johannians, members of Council and physicians we have something in common, but I will struggle to ever achieve his heights. RIP Prof.

Jon Patricios
Chairman of Council – SJC

Tribute from Roddy Carter (Thomson 1981)

My condolences to the Bothwell family. I was honoured to have Professor Bothwell touch my personal and professional lives. I remember his soft, measured voice, and humble, erudite leadership - his gentle, kind approach almost at odds with the extraordinary impact he had on our world. Requiem aeternam.

- **Matthew (Midge) Charles Carter**

Nash 1947
(30 Nov 1930 - 23 July 2016)

Tribute from Trish Woodman (Matthew's partner)



Matthew Charles Carter, known as Midge, was born on 30 November 1930. He and his brother Gavin attended St John's as boarders (Nash House) in the 1940's, although they lived in Johannesburg. He was a Life Member of the OJA and the school was dear to his heart.

When they left school, Matthew joined a merchant bank and Gavin became a dentist. Sadly Gavin died at the age of 39 from skin cancer, leaving two small children.

Midge, being very adventurous, spent three years travelling the UK and Europe on his motor-bike and worked for Vauxhall Motors. When he returned he settled in Rhodesia for three years. After he went home to South Africa he married and had four children, working mainly in the vehicle industry.

Due to his passion for military history, in 1978 he became the military and historical advisor on the film "Zulu Dawn". A fascinating interview with him features on the

recently updated DVD. In 2015 his book "We Wander the Battlefields" - about his experiences exploring the Anglo-Boer and Anglo-Zulu Wars battlefields - was published, and hopefully will be available in South Africa shortly. There are also more than 100 video clips on YouTube to go with the book. (Search for 'Battlefield Wanderers').

After a full and happy life, Midge died on 23rd July 2016, in Perth, Western Australia, where he had moved in 1987. He was 85. His partner of 21 years, Trish Woodman, would welcome emails from old friends seeking more information. trishw23@inet.net.au.

- **Michael Harwood de Lotbinere Dudley**

Nash 1950

(02 Nov 1932 - 27 Sept 2016)

[Obituary from Michael's daughter Hilary Dudley](#)

Mike or "Mako" as he was dubbed by his younger brother Charles, was born in Germiston. He was the second of the three sons of Stewart and Gertrude Dudley, growing up at Simmer & Jack with his older brother Gilford (also an OJ) and his younger brother Charles. He grew up in an interesting and perhaps somewhat military household, with his father being ex-British army, serving in France in WWI as well as India, Burma and Nigeria, and his mother being Canadian and the daughter of a famous Mountie, Sir Sam Steele.

Mike attended St John's Preparatory School and went on to St John's College and was a boarder in Nash House. He matriculated 1950 and greatly enjoyed attending his 50th reunion in 2000, accompanied by his wife Hazel and his daughter Hilary (VIth form 1993). Whilst at school he was very strong and sporty and was playing first team rugby at the age of 16. Sadly, he broke his back whilst playing rugby and suffered the painful effects of severe scoliosis later on in his life, ending up being quite diminutive compared to the 6 foot plus height of his youth.

Mike aspired to be an aeronautical engineer when he left St John's, but there was not much opportunity for that in SA in the early 1950's, so he went to UCT to study medicine. Perhaps his life-long fascination with astronomy arose from wanting to get humans to fly to the stars? Being a most intellectual person and an avid reader, he had many books on astronomy and even began building his own telescope, grinding the lenses himself. Faced with the gore of human dissection in his third year, Mike decided that medicine was not for him and moved to the then Southern Rhodesia. Rather the adventurer (including having spent his university holidays working for the diamond mines in South West Africa, taking a boat trip to East Africa and to South America), he rode his scooter from Cape Town to Salisbury, where his brother Gil lived with his family.

Mike was employed by the then Rhodesia Public Service from 1955 to 1976, first spending 11 years in the Ministry of Justice and then 10 years in the offices of the Master of the High Court. During his tenure at the Master's office, he was at one time or another in charge of all the various divisions, including insolvencies and deceased estates. He was also Registrar of the General Division and eventually Senior Assistant Master. It was in the High Court that he met his wife Hazel and romance bloomed. Hazel and Mike were married at the Old Fort Chapel in Durban on 19 August 1971. Their daughter Hilary joined the family in 1974. Mike left the Master's office in 1977 and worked as a cost and management accountant. Mike travelled to England on various occasions to write further exams and was a Member of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries. He was awarded his 40 year membership certificate by the Institute in February 2012.

The family moved to South Africa in 1979. Their life savings frozen and with a 5 year old daughter still to begin her education, Mike and Hazel had to start over. They spent just over a year in Pietermaritzburg, where Mike worked at Cooper's & Lybrand. They then moved to Ladysmith in 1980 where Mike took a job in the textile industry, being responsible for the accounting and financial management of various group companies. Mike first worked for the John Gordon & Company group and then at Scotford Mills. The latter firm unfortunately went the way of most local textile manufacturers and Mike was appointed by the liquidator to assist with the finalization of the company liquidation. He then went into private practice doing accounting and taxes for various individuals and small businesses and was still working until a few weeks before he died. In his younger days in Ladysmith, he and the family dogs would often walk the Bypass and there were many walks and hikes in the Drakensberg, mostly in the Monk's Cowl and the Amphitheatre areas. He was also a member of the historical and wildlife societies.

Widowed when Hazel died in 2007, Mike moved to a cottage in Elizabeth Homes in 2009 and had to give up his beloved dogs. However, he met new people and continued to thrive during this new stage in his life. He always felt an affinity for St John's and was asking for a copy of the most recent Old Johannian a few days before he died. Mike will be very fondly remembered and greatly missed by his daughter Hilary, his stepson Michael, his four grandchildren, his nieces Deborah, Charlotte and Lucy, his great-nieces and nephews and his many friends.

- **William Lawrence Mason**

Thomson 1978

(17 Dec 1960 - 29 April 2016)

Tribute from William's mother Kathie Mason



A life member of the Old Johannian Association, William completed two years of compulsory military service in the navy after matriculating from St John's in 1978. Then he then left for the United States, where he studied at the biblical Ambassador College in California for four years, graduating with a liberal arts degree. He served on the students' council for two of those years.

William took advantage of his magnificent singing voice to join the college's chorale for productions of Handel's Messiah and Mendelssohn's Elijah, and was Chorale President in his fourth year. He also took the solo role of the Pirate King (pictured backstage) in Gilbert and Sullivan's Pirates of Penzance, which played to packed auditoriums in San Jose and Pasadena.

After returning to South Africa William began a career as a copywriter, later becoming a freelance writer who also wrote scripts for television and video productions. He served for some years on the committee of the South African Scriptwriters' Association.

William was an eloquent and evocative writer. One admirer, after reading a film review he had written, said that his work was “brilliant and insightful – tight and taught like a Cirque du Soleil performer”.

Nearly twenty years ago William was first diagnosed with the debilitating and, in time, agonizingly painful illness, which eventually confined him to a wheelchair and subsequently led to his death in April this year. Friends have spoken of his enormous courage and lack of self-pity throughout these years, and, in spite of his physical condition, his appetite for life and his ambition to make the world a better place. In particular, they mention his broad intellect, and his kindness and deep spirituality.

JOHANNIAN CLUB REPORT 2016

The Johannian Club continues to serve the entire Johannian community well. A focus on good service and excellent pricing remains our priority. The Seattle Coffee shop is operating well.

We would ask the Johannian community to support the Johannian club during school holidays and weekends, as well as throughout the term. The venue is extremely well suited to private dinner functions and parties alike. The secure parking being an important feature.

We continue with our program to maintain the building, with electrical work having been completed this year as well as painting and waterproofing. William, our grounds-man, is doing a fine job keeping the garden in good shape in spite of the water shortage, as well as performing maintenance on a needs basis outside of the scheduled maintenance program in place.

The main club rules are as follows:

- 1) Cellphones are to be kept on silent and please refrain from taking calls in the main dining room
- 2) No pupils are allowed into the Bar under any circumstances.
- 3) Pupils must be accompanied by their parents to eat in the main dining room.
- 4) Club entrance hall is to be kept unrestricted for guest's convenience.
- 5) The outside area to the right of the club as you enter has been set aside principally for student use, leaving the left garden area dedicated to other club guests.
- 6) No shoes with studs are allowed inside the club.

Please support The Johannian Club whenever convenient. We believe it to be an integral part of the community.

For bookings or comments please call the club on (011) 487-1971 or email at thejohannian@oja.co.za

-Damian Boyce
For the OJA Executive Committee

GENERAL INFO

2016 JOHANNIAN MAGAZINES

A limited number of hardcopy Johannian magazines for 2016 will be available by mid-January 2017 and will be distributed on request only. If you would like a hardcopy, please contact Sandra Lou at our OJA offices (contact details below).

An electronic version of the 2016 magazine will be available shortly.

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