

THIS YEAR'S Reunion, celebrating Dale's 150th anniversary, was acclaimed a resounding success - the best attended and most enthusiastic on record. Up to 2 000 Old Dalians flocked to King William's Town from Australia, New Zealand, Britain, the US, Dubai and many parts of SA. Here is how the Matric Class of 1961 returned to Dale half a century after leaving the school.



CLASS OF '61 . . . Back row (from left): Ray Johnson, Andy Andrews, Rory Muirhead, Ian Thompson and Keith Pearse. Front: Ian Marais, Peter Terbrugge, Des Atkinson; Trevor McDonald and Dereck Green
* **Picture: KEVIN WHITEHEAD**

An 'old-timer' goes down memory lane – and looks at the future

Back (for first time) in 50 years

THIS was the Matric Class of 1961s' 50th Reunion as well as Dale's 150th anniversary.

It was also the first time I have been back to the school in 50 years. This was a nostalgic trip walking through the corridors and into the classrooms of the "Old Dale," which is now Dale Junior.

What memories we have of the three years we spent in that building before moving to the new school on the hill!

About 26 of the 50-odd 1961 matric students attended the Reunion - a remarkable achievement given the mortality rate of guys over 65 years old!

It was wonderful to see old faces again – all of which have a few more "creases," topped with grey or white



MARTIN EEKHOUT reports on a nostalgic weekend

Half of 1961 Matric Class return

hair and for some, no hair at all! And those once-trim rugby figures turned rotund around midships.

And of course the old stories; jokes

and pranks. I was at Hostel (Diocesan) when Tommy Higgs was the house-master.

He had a very keen sense of smell and with his nose pressed close to your mouth there was not much chance of you getting away with the smell of smoke either on your breath or about your person.

We must have been a bunch of nerds at Hostel because there was never any bunking out at night! However, if what I heard over the weekend is to be believed then I am surprised anybody at Joubert and Presby matriculated.

It appears that most, if not all, were given into perambulating about King after "Lights Out."

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Another first-timer from '61 – and from the UK

Joe Huber returns to a mock caning by Brian Eekhout in the headmaster's study.

By **JOE HUBER** (matric 1961), an architect who came from Staffordshire, England, on his first visit to Dale in 50 years.

REUNION was a wonderful occasion, meeting with the "boys" of 50 years ago. We were thrust together from the ages of 13 to 18, when we formed a strong brotherly bond which has never left me.

We lived, studied and played together and the bond has not diminished, although I have never returned to the school or seen those boys for 50 years.

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Amid the changes, Dale is still thriving

From Page 11 It was a wonderful and emotional meeting and I am pleased I made the journey from London.

I have lived in the UK for 37 years - more than half my life - and it is 16 years since I was last in South Africa.

Dale has continued to thrive throughout the social and political changes over the intervening years.

I was greatly encouraged to see that school colours are now awarded on a much broader basis than in my time. Colours were then awarded only for sporting achievement. That sort of prowess was out of my reach; my only achievements were sporadic star appearances at "koekspan" (cake team) matches.

Aspiration is the basis of success and so important to the young, leading to an increase in confidence.

There is much to be proud of and the present headmas-



FAMILY TIE . . . Joe Huber (1961, right) and his cousin Des Atkinson (1961, left) with Alan Davis (1962.)

ter and staff need to be complimented on a fine school.

* Brian Eekhout (1964) is Martin's younger brother.

From Page 11 stories of students jumping out of the top window of Joubert to escape detection for smoking by the meandering "Rusty" Searle at night.

There was also the athletic prowess of Dave (Scruffy) Mitchell, who jumped over the staircase balustrade to catch an escaping John Richards and broke his arm for his trouble. Dave is now a respected member of society in Hillcrest! How times change!

MY IMPRESSIONS:

With the transformation that has taken place in South Africa, it was nevertheless a little "unusual" to see that most Dalians are now black kids with a few white faces scattered about.

It was interesting to see that some of the traditions are still maintained and have "blended" into a new tradition and culture sweeping the school.

I think particularly of the Assembly and Memorial Service on Friday morning.

While paying homage to the fallen in the two World Wars we must remember that they were whites.

Although many blacks died as well I think that present students and most of their ancestors had nothing to do with the present Memorial.

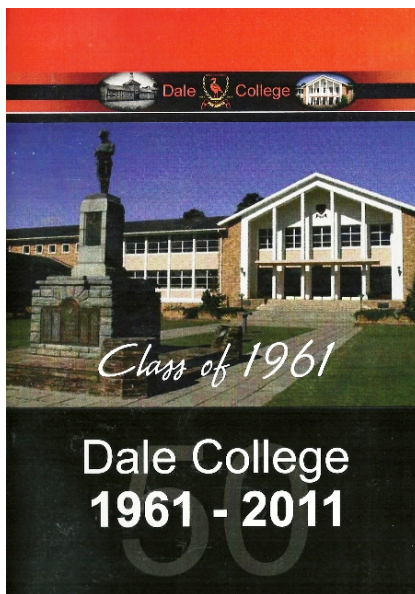
Given time that tradition will pass away as more and more older Old Dalians pass on.

It is inevitable that the entire culture and tradition of the school, as I knew it 50 years ago, will eventually die out.

A new transformation will take place where students establish their own traditions and impose their own culture on the school, which will no longer be the same to previous generations.

I am not saying one is better than the other. It is simply different and we

I nearly broke my finger getting out of the toilet!



This 40-page coffee-table booklet was produced by Martin Eekhout for and about his 1961 Matric classmates, celebrating their 50 years since leaving Dale.

oldies will still have our memories.

What also struck me was the absence of black Old Dalians intermingling with white Old Dalians in the Malcom Andrew Sports Centre.

Hence the transformation of which I spoke about above.

The school building needs some maintenance - I nearly broke my finger trying to get out of a toilet!

But the enthusiasm and the display of partisan support for the Dale rugby team is the same! Who will forget the 7-3 win?

We did not hear the old rugby songs on the main stand but African songs and ululating, which was moving and conducted with gusto. And yet it again reminded me of the transformation taking place.

And who will forget the "young birds" of yesteryear parading in front of the Dale boys at the rugby matches, dressed in all their finery and latest fashions? Nothing has changed - now the KHS girls are black and so smartly dressed.

HO's breakfast and our Class of '61 dinner after the rugby match were very special. We spent a wonderful few days walking down memory lane, but I do believe that, for many of us old-timers, this will probably be our last Reunion.

I don't like change too much and will stay at home with my memories - the formative years at Dale training us to go into the "big, bad world."

The memories of the Reunion weekend with old acquaintances and friendships renewed remain, but promises to keep in touch may not be kept.

We are part of a bygone era and the journey has been great.

Thank you, EVERYBODY who made the Reunion so special.

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The 1962s: One to go before our 50th!

By COLIN (WHISKY) BERTRAM

(from Perth, Australia)

AFTER nearly 50 years it was quite a trick recognising faces and forms. We didn't eat much back then, but have made up for it since ! All except Jimmy Earl, who cut a fine figure in contrast to the 60's model!

The 2011 Reunion was a great success and more. I was pleased by the heartfelt feelings of conversing and going down memory lane with family members one had not seen for about 50 years.

By witchcraft or whatever, we managed to win the main game. After a series of mild heart attacks (I had a double pass in 2004) there was no real problem. I loved being there.

Although the setting for the Memorial Service didn't carry the sacredness of the Hallowed Courtyard, I will never forget the emotional pleasure, the "young" choir

and the two micro cheerleaders produced! A priceless "eye-wetter."

I lent behind the guy next to me, tapped HO de Villiers and said; "Do you know that Dave Monaghan is coming from the UK? To which HO said: "Whisky, you're sitting next to him."

Dave was the guy between us - we had a good laugh!

Another laugh I had was meeting my old friend Dave (Scruffy) Mitchell, who now works in the marketing (sales) side of a mineral company.

He gave me his business card, including under his name the letters apparently of a mining degree: FMn Bsc.

When I asked if he had gone back to school to obtain a "varsity pass", he said, "No man, the letters stand



AFTER DINNER (from left) . . . Trevor Jennings, Jace Tennier, Dudley Muir, Keith Kieck, Peter Allan, Jev Langton, Chris Kirk, Peter Ibbotson, John Pote, Dave Nunneley, Justin Charad, Vincent Turner, Jimmy Earl, Gerald Rosing, Malcolm Kietzmann, Jackie Hendricks, Brian Wilmot, Alan Davis, Whisky Bertram and Mike Kelly.

Laughs galore, but choir was an eye-wetter

for "Failed matric, now buying and selling coal," Dave always and continues to have an exceptional sense of humour!

I was fortunate in guessing the weight of the bull on auction at HO'S brekkie speech, even more fortunate to be privileged to lead a couple of hundred Old Boys in the War Cry but that fortune didn't compare with the fortune to come – witnessing the First XV team "gasp and gasp" glory out of the jaws of defeat!

I believe that how our lads managed to "hold on" and defend our tryline was mainly due to the NON-

STOP singing by the African supporters, sitting to the left of me, in main stand.

The power of encouragement without fear, the potent hand gesticulating (in unison), the intermittent rhythmic claps, broken by occasional ululating female voices - was the most awesome experience and the greatest win, I've had since the 1995 World Cup.

There seemed to be an invisible barrier just outside the Dale tryline, created by the will to hold the name of Dale high and backed by power and protection of those supporters.

Amadodo, Ewe, Dale!

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GAUTENG Old Dalians (from left) : Brian and Margie Solomons, with Peter and Lorraine Ibbotson

Here's a lesson in nation-building

PETER IBBOTSON of Johannesburg, who organised the return of 1962 matrics, writes:

I FOUND the weekend very exhilarating. It is always great to come back and reminisce with school pals. Twenty-two of our Class of 1962 attended, including Whisky Bertram from Australian and Peter Allan from New Zealand, with his wife.

The Reunion arrangements were very good and we all enjoyed the rugby. The boys were terrific.

In some ways the occasion is surreal, where a predominantly white Old Boys' union support and cheer for what is now a predominantly black school.

Not enough is made of occasions such as these. Nation-building is always difficult, particularly in a country like ours, which has been and in many ways continues to be divided along racial lines.



FROM EAST LONDON . . . Gail and Justin Charad



FROM JOBURG . . . Jace Tennier and Gutti Fichtenbauer



FROM NEW ZEALAND . . . Peter and Mary Allan

Back: The 1962 Centenary rugby team

From Page 13 OUR THANKS to :

* Peter Ibbotson of Joburg for his dedication, hours of work and generosity in finding, then organising members of the class of 1962 to be there, our accommodation and the rest.

* Jack Rosenberg for all he has done for Dale and the ODU.

It was a pleasure to play golf with Charlie, Buster and Roy.

I hope that in the future someone will organise an annual Tri-College tournament, playing for the trophy I made and donated!

ELEVEN of that rugby team that played in the Centenary game were at Reunion this year. Fantastic!

THAT was a CRACKER of a Reunion. I wouldn't have missed it for anything."

Vincent Turner commented:

* At our Saturday night dinner at a restaurant several class members said they felt their close association at boarding school had played a lasting and positive role in their character building.

* We had influenced each others' lives and for which we were very grateful. I thought this put a new dimension into the wonderful memories of our class

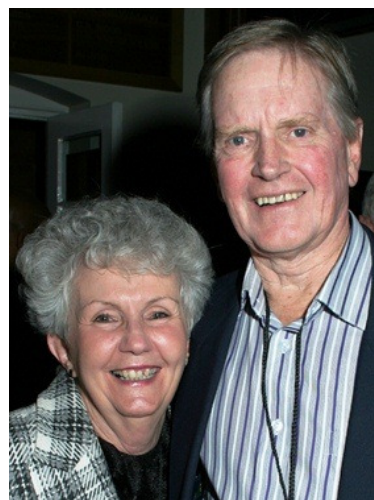
* Many of our class were in the First XV that Russell Searle took on tour to Rhodesia.

* Many of the 1962 athletic team came from our class which won the Hirsch Shield for the first time in many years.

* Over the last 150 years many Old Dalians have made a significant contribution to South Africa's development through our vocations and on the sports field.



RUGBY STARS of the of the 1962 Dale First XV. Back row: Clifton (Chow) Bissell (matric 1965), Trevor Jennings (1962 — a son of CB), HO de Villiers (1963), Jace Tennier (1962). Front: Peter Allan (1962, vice-captain), Dudley Muir (1962, capt.), Colin (Whisky) Bertram (1962) and Gerald Rosing (1962). It was Chow's first year in the First XV. * Pictures: KEVIN WHITEHEAD and RICHARD DOMERIS



FROM CAPE TOWN . . . Dave and Rosemary Nunneley

* Our organiser, Peter Ibbotson, did a sterling job.

BACK IN HAMILTON, NEW ZEALAND, Peter Allan sent this message: "Mary and I had a wonder-

ful Reunion – one I'll never forget. I loved every moment of it, meeting my old coppers of 50 years ago."

FROM CAPE TOWN,

Dave Nunneley commented:

"What a fantastic weekend it was. Every element of it was great and the memories will live on."

Dave recalls how on entering high school (Std 7) in 1959 he rushed to find the best desk and opened one to find a name carved in his Dad's name: JE NUNNELEY (1926).

"What a coincidence after 33 years! Is it still there in what is now Dale Junior?"

"In 1960 when we moved to the new school on the hill we received brand-new desks and were threatened with major punishment by (headmaster) Rusty Searle if any names appeared on desks."

* John Edward Nunneley died aged 89 in 1998.

Five Reunions in 21 years

BACK AT DALE for the fifth time in 21 years. That's the remarkable achievement of the matric class of 1960.

Last year it was to celebrate their 50th year since leaving Dale. This time it was to celebrate Dale's 150th anniversary.

Class members have returned for Reunions in 1990, 2000, 2005, 2010 and now in 2011. And they plan to be back again in 2015 to celebrate their 55th year out of school.

One again they were joined by Old Dalians from other nearby matric classes whom they had known at school.

Their return is largely due to the efforts of Glenn (KC) Miles, 1960 head prefect, backed by another stalwart, ex-Royal Marine Garth Philpott.

Last year 19 class members returned, this year there were 18. Members of other nearby matric classes joined the 1960s on occasion and at least three had repeated their matric year and passed in 1961.

The 1960s' celebrations began early and lasted nearly a week. They attended the official Reunion functions and formal meals but also retreated to informal get-togethers at a favourite haunt, the King William's Town Bowling Club' for liquid refreshment and boerewors rolls.

Apart from KC and Garth, the group included: Chip Gardiner, Trevor Bennet, Keith Pearce, brothers Cyril and Sidney Tessendorf, Ian (Plattie) Thompson, Hector Paper, brothers John, Garth and Bernard Richards, Llewellyn Mountford, Dave (Scruffie) Mitchell, Trevor McDonald, Clive Ca-wood, Denzil Kretzmann, and Justin Charad.

As in previous years a number brought their wives. Ray Radloff who came with his wife Kay last year phoned his regrets and good wishes from Australia. Another apology came



**OLD MATES . . . Back: Garth Richards (1961) Gavin Stewart (1959) , John (1960) and Bernard Richards (1959), Cyril Tessendorf and Glenn (KC) Miles (1960). Front: Trevor McDonald, Chip Gardiner, Hector Paper, Trevor Bennet and Garth Philpott (1960).
* Picture: KEVIN WHITEHEAD**

From formal do's to boerie rolls, the 60s had a great time

from Phillip Romanovsky, who had been ill.

Celebrations kicked off on the Tuesday before 150th anniversary weekend, with a get-together and lunch at the Morgan Bay Hotel (reports Garth Philpott.)

The gathering included Trevor and Irene Bennet, Chip and Pat Gardiner, Andy and Barbara Andrews, Robert and Zubeth Burton, Keith Pearce, KC and Barbara Miles and Garth and Treasure Philpott.

Many Dale stories were recalled at the pub lunch which lasted more than four hours.

Official weekend events included:

* The Friday morning Memorial Service and Assembly where later arrivals joined the group.

* The evening dinner, where members heard a wonderful and humorous talk by Andy Andrews.

* The Saturday morning breakfast where the class enjoyed entertaining yarns by HO de Villiers and were intrigued by the auctioning of a prize bull for Old Dalian Union funds.

KC Miles bid up to R20 000 for a client but ran out of cash.

Midday boerewors rolls at the bowling club followed. "Armed with a gas braai, a cooler bag of boerewors and large packets of bread rolls, KC Miles and Garth Philpott braided the wors while Barbara Miles and Treasure Philpott prepared bread rolls etc.

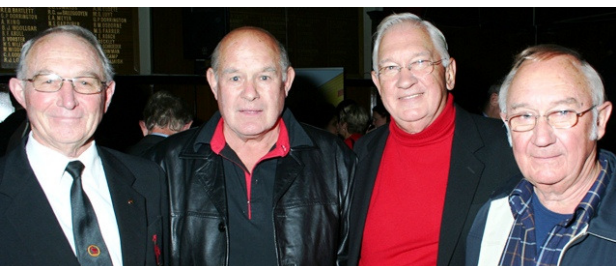
"About 18 members of the 1960 class, accompanied by a number of wives, took part in a noisy get-together.

By the time we left for the afternoon rugby, it was hoped that stocks at the bar would last for the after-rugby celebrations," recalls Garth.

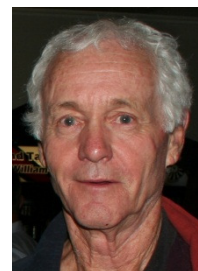
* The rugby - a wonderful, inspiring afternoon, part of a huge crowd watching Dale emerge as victors in the final game.

Afterwards: Back to the bowling club for liquid refreshments and a post-mortem of the weekend's activities.

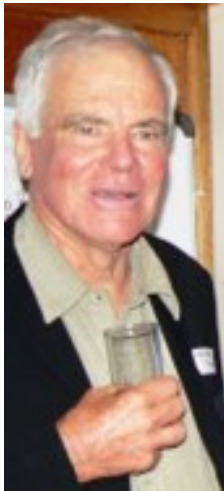
FINALLY, a sad farewell to classmates until 2015 when the 1960 matric class will attend their 55th matric year reunion.



FROM SYDNEY, Australia . . . Old Dalian Gavin Stewart (right), who flew in with his wife Heather. Close friends from nursery school and Dale Junior days, Gavin and Bernard Richards matriculated in 1959. Gavin, from Discovery on the West Rand , spent two years at Page House (1955- 56) and three at Presby. Both Gavin and Bernard are MBAs.



**ABOVE: 1960s era veterans . . . Trevor Bennet (left), Chow Bissell, Cyril and brother Sidney Tessendorf
* Pictures on this page: KEVIN WHITEHEAD**



**7 years at Dale:
Clive Cawood**

A wonderful bunch of guys

CLIVE CAWOOD (1954-1960) comments:

WHAT a wonderful Reunion it was! It was quite emotional for me. I was at Dale for seven years so I remembered a number of people and was delighted to see them again. Getting names right was a problem as some have changed considerably since our schooldays.

It was sometimes embarrassing to ask for a person's name after they had greeted you enthusiastically as they obviously remembered yours. Having my wife with me meant that I had to introduce her, so I could not pretend that I knew their names.

I was really impressed by the atmosphere. Everybody got on so well together. It was good to see even people with whom one was not so friendly at school, or who were in different years.

I enjoyed exchanging memories and finding out what had happened to them in the years since we left. My most striking impression was just how wonderful a bunch the Old Boys are.

Some have done well at sport and in business while others are lesser known, but they are all such nice guys. Glenn Miles, who was our headboy, had done wonderful work in getting us together.

Dale has a magnificent tradition. I am proud to be an old Dalian. I sent my two sons there. The eldest, Richard, matriculated in 1993 and was Dux Scholar. My younger son was at Dale Junior.

** Pictures on this page: RICHARD DOMERIS AND KEVIN WHITEHEAD*



1960 matric classmates Garth Philpott, KC Miles and Llewellyn Mountford.

1958 colleagues Neil Harvey and Rob Burton, with his wife Zubeth



Old Dalians and Reunion – through a wife's eyes

TREASURE PHILPOTT (wife of Garth) writes :

YOU have to be married to an Old Dalian to understand the special look on their faces when Dale College is mentioned, or when an Old Dalian is playing rugby or cricket for South Africa!

You face attending your first Dale Reunion with some trepidation, but once you are there, and you see the joy on your man's face when he is among

his old schoolmates, trading stories, recalling the mischief they got up to, the great sporting events and victories, never mind the sporting greats who evolved from Dale College, you feel part of it all.

The camaraderie between the men had a great influence on the women who attended the 50th reunion of 1960 matrics last year. We joined in all the fun – some of the men felt we were having an even better time than they.

This year the ladies were back to join our husbands at the 150th anniversary. Four new ladies joined the party, Pat Gardiner, Trish and Claudia Richards and Jean MacDonald.

Unfortunately, with some much else going in we stole only a few hours together at the bowling club.

But I am sure that when we meet again in 2015 for the 55th class reunion, the new recruits will be there too, boots and all!

Dale is alive and well, says president Paul

PASTOR (Dr) PAUL SMIT, fourth-time national president, told Old Dalians in a post-Reunion message:

“Our 150th Reunion weekend has come and gone and by all accounts it was a resounding success.

“Our sincere gratitude to everyone who did something (including just arrive) to make this weekend the wonderful occasion which it was.

“The cherry on the top, of course, was the victory of our First XV over Queen's.”

After quoting a remark by a Dale player after the match (*‘It's not that we won , we just refused to lose*), Pastor Paul comment-



ed: “What insight from a present Dalian! Dale will always refuse to lose.

“We have proved the doomsayers to be wrong, and we shall continue to prove them wrong. This Reunion weekend has once again highlighted the fact that the spirit and ethos of the Dale we all knew is alive and very well!

“Once again, thank you to all who participated in our Reunion weekend. Per Ardua Ad Astra.”

** For the story of that quote by a Dalian first-teamer, see Page 17*

Family reunions at Reunion

FAMILIES who don't meet that often did so this year at Reunion. Sutton-Mellon family members came from Johannesburg, Durban, Port Elizabeth and Kent, England.

The De Blocq brothers arrived from Cape Town and Joburg with their parents, also from the Cape. Four Reynolds brothers came from Dubai, PE and Rustenburg.

Two Wilmot brothers from Cradock and KwaZulu-Natal joined an East London cousin.

Two Serfontein pilot brothers and their wives flew in from Dubai and Hillcrest, KZN.

Three Palfraan brothers from PE and the Cape joined their dad in King.

* Rodney Sutton's wife Gwyneth was absent from the family picture (right).



TOGETHER (from left): Rodney Sutton (from UK), Allan Cawood, Alan and Stuart Sutton, Tertius Coetzee and Rob Mellon. Front: Frances and Joe Sutton, Gill Mellon and Pat Bransby.

THE SUTTONS

Getting closer to their Dale heritage

TWO descendants of pioneer Dale headmasters joined Sutton cousins at this year's celebratory Reunion - "to get closer to the family's history."

Rob Mellon, a Johannesburg businessman, and his sister Patricia Bransby, a Port Elizabeth school teacher and librarian, visited old Sutton haunts like the former College House, and the school building where their forefathers guided Dale for 47 formative years. Here are their impressions:

By ROB MELLON

FORMER Dale College headmaster Bob Sutton was my great-grandfather and his son and successor Frank my grandfather. My mother, Kay Mellon, daughter of Frank and his wife Norah, grew up in College House, then the main hostel at Dale.

Kay and my dad Jack settled in Port Elizabeth and I was extremely lucky, happy, and proud to spend my whole schooldays at Grey.

It was largely left up to my uncle, Joe Sutton, and his two sons, Alan and Stuart, to keep the Dale link alive. My mother, however, spoke with much nostalgia of growing up in the Dale boarding house and her life in King.

The Dale 150th anniversary was a significant moment to get a bit closer to the family's history at Dale and to celebrate, in his 84th birthday year, Joe's contribution to Old Boy activity - from the publications he has edited to Joburg golf days. I am so glad I attended.

I was astonished at how well the school's history has been kept alive and what an amazing success has been achieved in maintaining pride, standards and spirit in students, staff and Old Boys over the recent decades of major change.

The current boys' pride was clearly evident in cheering the sports events, but, beyond this, they have adopted the history as part of their heritage, too. It is an incredible success story of institutional change, of which there are few.

It strikes one so sadly, how much more value there is to the overall community and how much more empowerment is achieved if leadership, skills, experience, pride, history and wider involvement are prioritised in transformation.

Regrettably, most transformation usually *To Page 18*

THE DE BLOCQS



TOGETHER . . . Old Dalian sons Nic (left) and Barry de Blocq join their parents Hans and Pat, ex- King, now of Cape Town, at Reunion * Pictures: KEVIN WHITEHEAD

'We just refused to lose'

By NIC de BLOCQ (matric 1977)

To: Uncle Jack (Rosenberg), Paul Smit, Mike Eddy and Warwick Osmond:

CONGRATULATIONS on constructing the biggest weekend in the history of Dale College, if not whole town's. It was a fantastic and unforgettable experience to be back in King. So many cogs in so many gears must have turned on well-greased axles for all to have come together so successfully.

What a great time we all had! And to organise a win against Queens was extra-special. My Old-Queenian neighbour in Cape Town warned me that Queen's was intent on "peeing on our parade." He doubted that we had the fire-power this year to stop them . . . Fire-power didn't come into it, in my view; it all came from the heart.

Once I had muscled my way into the deliriously happy throng on the field after the final whistle (eventually!) blew. I found one of the players and put my arm around his big, sweaty shoulders and said, "You are all heroes, my boy, nothing less than heroes. What a win!" He turned to me and said, "Sir, it's not that we won....we just refused to lose!"

That says it all! It was a team of warriors, of Amadoda, that defended their lead throughout that hectic second half, against what could be argued was a bigger and better rugby team; but it just shows, if you refuse to lose then you are bound to win! Let this be true for Dale in general as you head into your next 150 years.

Well done to all concerned. The Dale Reunion in its 150th year will remain with me forever!

Four brothers together at Reunion – for the first time

By **RODNEY (Rocky) REYNOLDS**

WE four Reynolds brothers have been to Dale Reunions before, but this was the first time we have attended together. These were my impressions:

* The Memorial Service should be held in the Hallowed Courtyard, not on the fields. I do understand that the arrangement for the 150-year celebration was to cater for the numbers.

One wonders, however, how long this service will retain its importance to the school now that most of the pupils are black. Will they continue with this tradition, or will the school have to change it to accommodate the new direction? My wish is that the essence of the service will remain as part of the history of the school.

* The 150-year celebrations: A great success. Meeting old school friends that you haven't seen since school is quite something. It is amazing how you just pick up from yesteryear.

* The school: I expected a visible deterioration of standards and was pleasantly surprised. The pupils were properly dressed, well-mannered and polite. I was impressed.

If this can continue, there is hope for the mixing of the people of South Africa. Dale and Queens are once again frontier schools, this time in the process of integration.

As an outside and brief observer, it looks good. Both schools need continued Old Boy support and the hope is that the new Old Boys will continue with this tradition into the future.

Finances will play an important role in moving forward. The good achieved at Dale must be told to all and sundry.

The Government, in particular, should not only support this



BROTHERS Rodney (Rocky) Reynolds (left), Ivan (Rocky II), George and Anton * Pictures: KEVIN WHITEHEAD

type of school, but should wake up, look and learn. I am still proud to be an Old Dalian.

Rocky (Rodney) Reynolds (matric year 1975) lives in Summerstrand, Port Elizabeth. A businessman, he has a cabinet-making company and another company importing agricultural products. He is married to Lynette, daughter of the late Noel Rubidge, a granddaughter of former Dale headmaster JG (Bob) Sutton.

Ivan Reynolds (Rocky the second and a 1977 Dale matric) is logistics manager for a construction business in Dubai.

George Reynolds (1971) is a builder living in Mount Pleasant, Port Elizabeth.

Anton Reynolds (1973) of Rustenberg, a former Dale teacher, is a psychologist at Lebone 2nd College of Royal Bafokeng.



TOGETHER AT REUNION
Malcolm (Cruncher), Glenda and Brian Wilmot

The Three Wilmot cousins

THREE WILMOTS had a rare get-together at Reunion. Malcolm Cruncher (left), of Durban, is a petroleum products transporter and a Dale benefactor. Cousin Glenda is married to Old Dalian past-president and Dale historian Barry Turner of East London. A qualified general and dental nurse, KHS Old Girl Glenda owns and runs two businesses, one a guesthouse, BougainVilla.

Both she and Cruncher hold Per Ardua awards. His distant cousin Brian, a double dux scholar at Dale (1962-63), college prefect, first team cricketer and hockey player, is a former head of the Albany Museum and of Cape Museums. He now heads the Olive Schreiner Museum in Cradock.

Cruncher was expelled from Dale three times but was given another chance each time by headmaster Billy Rowles.

DALE COLLEGE: A RECIPE FOR SUCCESSFUL CHANGE

From Page 17 steamrollers over it all, with an almost impossible rescue required for the resulting destruction. But at least here and there are successes and the impact of about 80 matric boys leaving Dale College every year will be quite profound. Hopefully, the success recipe will also be copied elsewhere.

I now carry a warmer pride in my forefathers and a humbling recognition of how indebted so many of us are to those who dedicate themselves to our moulding and teaching and other contributions in our schools. All the best to a great school!

PATRICIA BRANSBY writes: Camaraderie and spirit among Old Boys was exceptional. Facilities, especially around the rugby field – the stand and the Malcom Andrew Sports Centre, a real showpiece – enabled a variety of interactions and participa-

tion. The High School has a magnificent view and the Junior School is a beautiful old building, giving a sense of the long school tradition.

All the functions were of such a high standard, and combined high standards with genuine warmth and open exchanges – rare!

It was very apparent that the staff have been incredibly dedicated and courageous, setting themselves a vision of surmounting challenges, bravely entering new territory and of offering the boys values and standards that can only make a very positive contribution to the Amatola region, and to the country as a whole. Dale College can stand proud.

Old Boys can be heartened and inspired to continue to support this Beacon of Endeavour.

THREE brothers - Bernard (left, 1955-59), John (1956- 60) and Garth (1959-63) Richards, all from the Cape - attended the 2011 Reunion for the second year running. Once again they were glad to join the Class of 1960 for the weekend. Bernard's wife Claudia, and Garth's Trish, joined them at Dale this year.

*** Here Garth, Bernard and John tell of their years at Dale, their careers and their Reunion experiences.**

BACK IN 2011: A highlight in my life

By GARTH RICHARDS

The Reunion of 2011 was a great highlight in my life. Never before have I had so many highlights condensed into such a short time.

The 2010 Reunion was John's 50th since leaving school so we joined him. It was my only second Reunion, the first being with Bernard about 17 years ago.

We enjoyed ourselves so much last year that we returned for the 150th anniversary Reunion. Once again we had a wonderful time. We were delighted to renew old friendships - I met several people I had last seen 50 years ago. What an amazing experience!

On the Saturday we had boerie rolls for



THE RICHARDS BROTHERS . . . Bernard (left), Garth and John at Reunion. For eight years there were Richards at Dale.

*** Picture: RICHARD DOMERIS**

lunch time and drinks after the game with the 1960 class.

The Class of 1961 allowed us to attend their dinner. Our table included Rob Burton (1958), Bernard (1959), myself (1963) with our wives, and John, 1960. (John's wife Kathy could not attend Reunion.)

Looking back at his years at Dale, Garth continues:

I was not the academic in the family; it was a toss-up as to whether I left Dale before Dale left me.

I played rugby for the undefeated seventh team in my matric year.

When the late Peter Borchers (fifth and sixth team coach) came looking for candidates we hid on the banks on the field. My greatest achievement was to be selected for the first squash team as a reserve.

I wrote matric, flunked history and aggregate, matriculated well at Damelin College, Johannesburg, and started work as a trainee salesman.

Selling became my chosen career and through a variety of companies, I rose to become a sales manager.

I started my own business in 1988 and we have advanced in digital large and grand format printing.

The company is based in Cape Town and we service the exhibition, advertising and retail industries with print requirements.

The present Dalians were without exception well turned out, well-mannered and treated us all with respect.

Garth ended his impressions on a prophetic note: At breakfast last year Trevor Quirk, as guest speaker,

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Five hostel years that shaped our souls

By BERNARD RICHARDS

AFTER five years as a boarder at Joubert House, Dale is very much part of our psyche.

Every boarder knows that this environment engenders maturity and independence at an earlier age.

I was no doubt the school nerd at a time when academics were hardly recognised. My extra-mural activities included tennis, squash and debating.

Looking back, except for great sportsmen like Buster Farrer and Peewee Howe, Dale stood at the beginning of huge national sporting recognition, building on the cricket foundations laid by Percy Davies, and rugby by Tommy Higgs and Rusty Searle.

My contemporaries who played SA Nuf-

field were Archie Sim and Trevor McDonald, and future rugby and cricket geniuses HO and Hylton Ackerman, then youngsters.

Rodney Ackerman, Hylton's older brother, famous for exaggeration, told us a before Hylton arrived at Dale that he would play for the Boks.

Sure enough, next year we older boys bowled at Hylton (Std 2) on the plateau and couldn't pass his straight bat.

After school I attended Wits and some international universities, joined the computer industry, and worked in Ohio and Zurich for five years.

Back in SA in 1970, I joined the footwear and clothing industries, ending up in 2003 as joint managing director of Seardel, president of the National

Clothing Federation, and chairman of the Cape Clothing Association.

In 1994 I imported my wife Claudia from Munich. We live in Zwaanswyk, Cape Town.

In 2000 I latched on to my brother John's 40th class reunion as I could not be there (at mine) in 1999. I enjoyed KC Miles' group so much I have remained part of it.

The joint highpoint of the last two Reunions was seeing the lighter, faster Dale 1st XV thump both Queen's and Selborne.

When Queenian members of my family complained about luck in May, I quoted the late Okey Geffen: "Look at the scoreboard."

Ray retires from pharmacy, but his singing soldiers on

The Palframans

RAY PALFRAMAN, father of three Old Dalians, has sold his King William's Town pharmacy and retired, but we are glad to hear that he is still singing.

At Reunion this year he was in excellent voice when rendering of "Ah! Soldier True," the Dale Memorial Song, as he has done for more than 20 years.

This time, however, instead of in the Hallowed Courtyard, he sang from a platform



DAD AND SONS . . . Ray Palframan, with Mike, Steve and Andrew

in the Dale rugby stand overlooking the CB Jennings Field, to accommodate the large 150th anniversary crowd. Acoustics were less favourable, but Ray came through as well as ever.

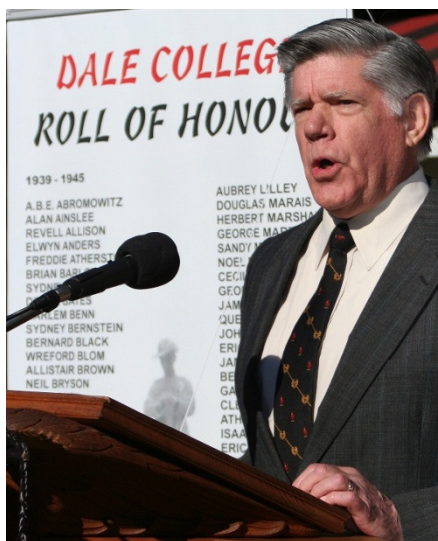
Ray was joined at Reunion by his three sons, Michael, Steve and Andrew, as well as his wife Marion.

In retirement, they continue to live in King William's Town, where Ray has become a Rotarian.

Mike, aged 42, who matriculated at Dale in 1986 and took a post-matric in 1987, is a Port Elizabeth banker – with Nedbank Commercial Properties after service with FNB.

He has changed his sporting focus from running ultra-marathons to Iron Man and now Half Iron Man contests and Olympic distance triathlons.

Businessman Steve, a 1987 matric, now 41, and a former Springbok and Border wicketkeeper, is



CARRY ON SINGING . . . Ray pays his tribute again to the fallen of world conflicts

still involved in cricket in Cape Town. He is chairman of the Cobras playing affairs and a selector.

Andrew, 43, who attended Dale Junior from Sub A to Std 5, matriculated



RETIREMENT SMILES . . . Ray and Marion * Pictures: KEVIN WHITEHEAD and RICHARD DOMERIS

at Grey High School in 1985. He is a senior lecturer in architecture at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University in Port Elizabeth.

Dale: Where future leaders are made

From Page 19 made two significant points:

* That the future leaders of this country will come from great institutions such as Dale College.

* The combination of a wonderful history and rich African cultures will take Dale to an even greater level.

Garth, who has a daughter and a step-daughter, has lived in Cape Town for 33 years.

The Richard brothers get together reasonably often and have an extended family gathering every Christmas.

JOHN RICHARDS and his wife Kathy run a restaurant. Sandown Blues, overlooking Sandown Bay, Kleinmond, Western Cape. He writes:

I didn't study at Dale and was always up to some mischief. I failed Afrikaans and history, but took part in all sports, except athletics. My best sport was squash.

After spending two years in the Army I had a serious accident and recovered from rather debilitating brain damage in 1963.

At 57, after working for various tyre companies, I and Kathy, a teacher, retired to Kleinmond, and began the Shellfish Bar.

I shuckered oysters and counted the money while Kathy, the chef, concocted seafood dishes. After ten years we sold the Shellfish Bar and bought the Sandown Blues.

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Brothers fly in from Dubai and KZN

THE FLYING Old Dalian Serfonteins, Wynand (left) from KwaZulu-Natal and his brother Barry from Dubai, were together at Reunion with their wives, Genni and Trish, and uncle, Dale teacher Butch Wiggett. "What a great weekend," said Wynand (matric 1983). "I really enjoyed myself and Genni had a ball."

"Serf" parents, Theuns and Michele, were prominent members of the TransDale Parents' Association before moving to Singapore and Australia. They now live in KZN. Theuns is a former pilot.

* **Pictures: KEVIN WHITEHEAD**



Thanks Fish, for bringing your Dad

FORMER Selbournian headboy Niven von Hoesslin brought his Old Dalian father, Edward (Doc) von Hoesslin, back to Dale for this year's Reunion.

Doc (full name Edward Robert Balthasar von Hoesslin) was at Dale from 1939 and matriculated in 1943.

A college prefect in his last two years, Doc was awarded rugby colours in 1943. He won the high jump in the inter-house athletics competition.

* In his coach's report LJ Lazarus described centre Von Hoesslin as a "speedy, thrustful and forceful runner. He had a good eye for an opening, a strong hand-off and was very sound on defence."

He had "improved beyond all recognition during the season."

Commenting on his Reunion visit, Doc said Dale, as it was in his time, would remain the "wonderful college it still is today. The changes that have taken place had to come."

He was impressed by the new school buildings and by the behaviour of present Dalians. "Wherever we walked Niven and I were greeted with a smile



DOC and son NIVEN. . . Border bond

and a 'Good morning' or 'Good day, sir.' It shows the character instilled by the headmaster and his staff.

"What a wonderful future lies ahead for Dale. Niven and I had a great time together and were so pleased to see Jack Rosenberg again and a small group of golden oldies.

"The Assembly was really moving and other activities were good; but the breakfast (with HO de Villiers) and the dinner (with Andy Andrews) and their speeches, were for me, the highlights of the celebration.

"We met lovely Old Dalians and had a good chuckle about some of the old teachers and our naughty antics.

Niven and I must congratulate the organisers for a wonderful occasion.

A big thanks to Jack Rosenberg for inviting Niven, an Old Selbournian, and me to an impressive Reunion. We

leave with fond memories."

* Doc joined the Department of Inland Revenue in East London in 1944. After five major moves to other Receiver offices he was transferred back to East London in 1963. He was promoted to Receiver of Revenue, East London, in 1982.

Said Niven: "As a staunch Old Selbournian, I thoroughly enjoyed the Reunion and 150th year celebrations.

"What really struck me was the similarity between the schools in tradition and events; so too - the mannerisms and affinity among the Old Boys.

"It was a privilege to accompany my Dad and revisit places which played such a meaningful role in his life - and to then meet numerous Old Dalians who really made us (especially me as a "Fish") feel most welcome.

"I was also elated to see first-hand the general behaviour, sense of pride and great school team spirit.

"This is and will continue to be one of the 'feeder' schools for future leaders in all facets of our SA society.

I salute the teachers of Dale, Old Boy's and the concerned parents who I contribute to make this possible.

"Education remains the only solution for the sustainability and continued future success of our beloved country!

"Thanks Dale!"



Derric (1947) is still farming at 80

BACK at Reunion with his wife Lillias was 80-year-old Derric Fuller (matric 1947), who is still farming near Sterkfontein, Eastern Cape. He has been a farmer for 60 years - the last 21 on his present farm. Derric says he keeps fit because he drinks daily from a fountain he calls "the fountain of youth." He and Lillias attended Reunion in 2007, 60 years after he left Dale..

Rugby's birthday gift to Dale

By **BRIAN McLEAN** (in the Daily Dispatch)

THE Dale College first rugby XV handed their school the best-ever 150th birthday present when they hung on to beat Queen's College 7-3 at a jam-packed CB Jennings Field in King William's Town on Reunion Saturday.

The Dalian tryline was under constant threat for almost the entire second half and especially in the final minutes. But for heroic defence bordering on the suicidal at times, the home side were in danger of being upstaged by a hard-working Queen's XV which had little sentiment for the occasion.

There were scenes of uncontrollable emotion at the sound of the final whistle with thousands of Dale supporters and students flooding the field to congratulate players and their coaches, Grant Griffith and Vince Gelderbloem. The pair were tossed into the air like balloons before being squirted with anything from water, cool drink and beer.

A delighted Dale headmaster Mike Eddy suffered the same fate and the partying carried on late into the night and early morning.

There had been much speculation before the match about how the Dalians would control their nerves in the early stages but supporters needn't have worried. They did so admirably.

Dale took the game to the Queenians in the opening ten minutes with passion and while it was to take some time for the teams to settle, it was evident they were evenly matched.

However, the winning try came as early as the 15th minute when, with Dale on attack, the ball was spun right like lightning. Taking the tackle in centre Sibanye Bukani managed to off-load to fellow centre Siphumelele Msutwana, who sped over in the corner for scrumhalf and captain Bungi Kobese to convert.

Credit to Queen's, they then placed Dale under huge pressure for the remainder of the half with eighth man Johan Meyer and flanker Athenkosi Gaqa prominent in driving the ball up. A penalty by livewire scrumhalf JP Smith for Queen's made it 7-3 at the break.

The second half again produced bone-jarring tackles from both sides and there were signs of panic in the Dale ranks.

One moment it seemed was going to change the game and it came when Queen's left wing Chumani Mase was sent over in the left-hand corner but was ruled to have put a foot into touch. Relief for Dale.

Both teams were now desperate for different reasons. Dale to keep Queen's out and Queen's to find that elusive score. Then a frantic dash upfield by Dale fullback. Siviwe Soyizwapi four minutes before time relieved pressure but back came Queen's,



Dale flanker Jason Bucholtz defies the defensive efforts of Queen's scrumhalf JP Smith at Reunion
* Picture: MARK ANDREWS, Daily Dispatch

Defiant defence and one try win bruising battle

nearly scoring in the corner.

Commenting afterwards, a relieved Griffith said it was only committed defence which had won the game and admitted his nerves had been stretched to breaking point.

"I think we kicked a little too much and did not attack with ball in hand often enough," he said.

Queen's coach John Duncan said he was proud of the way his team played, graciously adding that it was fitting Dale had won on such an important occasion.

*** For more match and crowd pictures see Page 23.**



TRY-SCORER Siphumelele Msutwana dashes for the line * Pictures: RICHARD DOMERIS



WE'VE WON! Excited fans storm the field after Dale survives tremendous last-minute Queen's pressure



AHA, AHA, AHA . . . Old Dalians render their beloved War Cry. RIGHT: Captain and scrumhalf Bungi Kobese leads his team out for the epic match against Queen's, which Dale won 7-3. * Pictures: RICHARD DOMERIS , Photo King

RUGBY: The cherry on the Reunion top



COME on Dale! Sikhanyisewe Duna and Shelton Mollentze. RIGHT: Kicking captain: Bungi Kobese



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COME on guys: Griffy at half time



CATCH ME! Dale centre Siphumelele Msutwana evades a tackle



WE WON! Shane Spring and fan celebrate



GOTSHA! says Dalian Mawande Mahame



AMADODA! Coach Vince Gelderbloem and team celebrate