



Dale rugby back to its best



2012 FIRST XV . . . Back row (from left): Thabani Mgugudo, Lindokuhle Kenene, Somila Jho, M Nchukana, Tapiwe Tsomondo, Banele Mvolontshi, Anda Nanto. Middle: Luke Masasire, Lazarus Chisaya, Anathi Nompandana, Mhlahli Mgadle, Ayathandwa Tsengiwe, Luwanda Mbi, Lloyd Mudzvova, M Mtongana, Zimi Nqongqwana. Seated: Tinotenda Zakeyo, Clement Chirwa, manager HD van Heerden, vice-captain Malwande Mhamhe, headmaster Mike Eddy, captain Sibanye Bukani, coach Grant Griffith, Akhona Sihunu. assistant coach Stephen Turner, Kwezi Puza, Rocur Julies. * Pictures: RICHARD DOMERIS, Photo King

Go well Griffy, hello Luke!

DALE COLLEGE rugby head coach Grant Griffith is leaving to take up a coaching post with Hamiltons Rugby Club in Cape Town.

This is sad news and a serious loss for the College - but a wonderful opportunity for Griffith and his successor.

The Old Dalian who captained the all-conquering 1993 rugby side, coached at Dale Junior and ultimately at the College.

Griffy will be sorely missed. He will be succeeded by former Dalian and Springbok Sevens star Luke Smith, (See Page 5.)

Griffy, as he is affectionately called by all, joined the College in 2007. He was appointed

assistant First XV coach after successfully guiding Dale Junior teams through several years. He achieved as head coach of College rugby.

We wish Griffy well in Cape Town. "Cool Hand Luke" will have big feet to fill the gap left by the "little man of Dale Rugby,"

Some of his Dale Junior boys were bigger than he and he was like a mid-gut when mixing with his First XV boys.

Good luck ! May your life as student, rugby player and coach at Dale College stand you in good stead in the future.



COACH Grant Griffith . . . A great chance for Griffy, but a serious loss for Dale rugby

Watching Dale is like watching lightning!

IT HAS been a long 14 seasons since Dale College enjoyed such spectator support and enthusiasm to see "this Dale rugby team."

Wherever one went the talk of the rugby season was the way this team approached the game, the spirit in which they played and their ability to be able to bounce back and take control.

Old Dalian Hector Paper (1961) put it this way: "It is like watching lightning - against Grens, one just did not know where to look!"

By **BARRY TURNER**
Sports Editor of *TransDale Extra*

For the record, the 2012 Dale First XV played 19 games; winning 15, losing two with two games ending in a draw.

They scored 495 points to 236 points from the opposition. The win rate for 2012 was 79 per cent and the success rate 84 per cent.

A pleasing set of results as report cards would reflect To put this into more perspective, one has to realise that based on seasonal history and going back to

the 1880 rugby season Dale enjoy a win rate of 65 per cent and a success rate of 68 per cent. Clearly the 2012 side rates as a very successful Dale College First XV.

The most important analysis of South African Schools rugby season of 2012 is that the Dale side finished off the season in the most credible Number 9 position in the Top 20.

An analysis looking at schools rugby results over the last four years and the top 28 sides, shows that Dale College is



LEADING cheerleaders Siyolo Puza, Silindokuhle Filita take the field

DALE. . . ! Spelling it out to the Reunion crowd

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The top-rated rugby school in East Cape

From Page 1 rated and ranked at Number 10 in South Africa.

Both positions are significant in that no other school side on the Border and in the Eastern Province or the Eastern Cape Province are ahead of Dale College. A remarkable achievement and season and a first for a Black South African schoolboy rugby team.

The side played at the Graeme College RugbyDay in Grahamstown, the Kearsney College Festival in Durban and the Grey High School Festival in Port Elizabeth.

They encountered all sorts of weather conditions from mud and water at a rain-soaked Graeme College to mist and diffused light conditions in Durban and torrential rain in Port Elizabeth. A game against Daniel Pienaar had to be called off as too dangerous underfoot.

One might ask why the past 14 seasons are significant. In a nutshell, 14 seasons ago, was the last time that a Dale side achieved a win rate of 90 per cent or more. From then on there have been many peaks, reaching 75 per cent, and valleys to the worst season of 25 per cent win rate in 2007.

This was a very young Dale side - the nucleus of the renaissance period of the last few years. Considering that Dale have not been blessed with great forward power the sides have adapted to a fast and mobile 15 with fast pace and great interchange between forwards and backs.

The lack of big forwards has brought out the best in the Daliens to adapt to playing conditions and take advantage of fitness and playing at full pace and in many cases mesmerising both opposition and spectators alike.

Accolades aplenty have been written. From the Sowetan, the Natal newspapers, to local newspapers, as well as national magazines such as YOU and Die Huisgenoot. All have been singing praises of Dale Rugby like no other school has enjoyed.

Some seasons ago we criticised many schools for poaching Dale College's talented players. These schools were from Gauteng and even our local environment.

We acknowledged that Dale were in a transitional development phase of all-embracing change, based on acceptance of transformation in the demographic make-up of the New South Africa.

During the last few seasons under head coach and director of Dale College rugby Grant Griffith, the doom-sayers have been forced to take back their harsh criticism, negative perceptions and to eat humble pie.

Some "poachers" have at last resorted to developing talent from their own pool of previously disadvantaged players and are recognising the enormous pool of raw talent that exists.

Research has shown that past Dale College headmasters have



MEN OF COURAGE . . . Malcom Andrew (left) , James Haupt

Two heads had the guts to pioneer 'open' New Dale

reiterated the need for broad-based education involving the population of South Africa.

Two headmasters, Malcom Andrew and James Haupt, had the courage to press ahead with the open schools policy and implement the visions of their predecessors without contradiction or awkwardness. This distressed some School Governing Bodies, fearing disaster in the wake of education change.

The highly critical Old Daliens, may now, in true Dalian tradition, concede that they were wrong. That the New Dalian has brought honour to our Alma Mater; that headmasters Andrew and Haupt were following the correct policy, fulfilling the visions of their predecessors without contradiction or awkwardness.

The underlying magic that is Dale College is that the 2012 rugby side had a squad of 22 so-called Black players who did themselves proud, the school proud, transformation proud and given Grant Griffith and his coaching "brains trust" members extreme pride.

The season also saw the arrival at Dale College of rugby players from Zimbabwe. This was reminiscent of the days of yesteryear when boys came to Dale from the then Northern and Southern Rhodesia's and further a field.

It did not raise eyebrows then and when these were raised this season a reminder to the past soon placed the situation into perspective.

Some games this year gave spectators some anxious moments. There will always be teams that make it a goal to lower the flag of the high rolling and successful team.

That is the nature of competition. The character *To Page 3*

2012 highlights: 'Double Header' over Selborne

From Page 2 shown by this 2012 side in coming back to draw with highly-rated sides from Paul Roos and Glenwood has been a talking point and should be used to motivate and inspire future teams. Especially so when the half-time scores would indicate embarrassing end results in each case.

Kingswood came close to lowering the Dale flag but again patience won the day and against the run of play Dale scraped home in Grahamstown. The early-season game and win against a big Marlow side in the mud and quagmire Graeme College field indicated the character of the side ably captained by Sibanye Bukani, who also had to lead a depleted Craven Week Border Schools side.

Season highlights must surely be the "Double Header Win" away and at home against Selborne College. The home game in King saw the Dale Squad turn out in Pink Strip to highlight cancer and to promote the CANSA organisation.

This first at school rugby was a great talking point. A spectacle that had its own set of emotions privately and openly reflected by many spectators.

This was only the third time since 1910 that the Dale side did not play in traditional black jerseys with red hoops.

The Reunion game against Queen's College saw a highly-motivated Dale side streak away to a commanding lead. It also saw Dale produce a character-filled defensive game to keep a revitalised Queen's team away and to force a win. One of the best games of the season.

With wins and drawn games also come games that are lost. The season of 2012 will record two losses. One against Grey High School in Port Elizabeth and the other the last game of the season against Queen's College in Queenstown.

The Grey game, billed as the game of the season. Unfortunately Dale was hit with injuries and the typical very windy conditions upset the Dale style of play. Half time saw Dale holding a slender lead.

No doubt the Grey coaches saw the weaknesses and stern words saw a new approach from Grey. There was no domination and only late into the second half did the Grey side move ahead through clever and opportunist play.

All credit to Grey who were up to the challenge and were able to counter the Dale style of play.

The last game of the season against our oldest schoolboy rival (1891) Queen's College in Queenstown lived up to the pre-match expectations from all sides of the rugby spectrum.

The game was played at a frenetic pace, but Dale missed two vital players Scrumhalf Akona Sihunu was doing duty for SA Schools and flyhalf Luke Masasire was playing cricket in Australia for the Zimbabwe national Under 19 side in the ICC Cup tournament. Queen's were fired up and through the brilliant play of their half back pairing were able to punish the Dale side.

The end result was a hard, convincing win for Queen's that was not as one sided as the score might suggest. Queens flyhalf Josh Stander gave a brilliant performance of tactical play and was the home side's general on the day.



THAT'S A TRY REF!
A close call in Reunion game against Queen's

2 losses in 19 games, but bright rugby was winner



REUNION WAR CRY . . . Old Dalians rally to support a young team
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The Stats . . . from 2009 to 2012

Year	Played	Won	Lost	Drew	Dale	Against	Win %
2009	20	11	9	0	559	301	60
2010	18	10	8	0	423	318	56
2011	20	14	6	0	537	311	70
2012	19	15	2	2	495	236	79
Total	77	50	25	2	2014	1166	65

2012 RUGBY AWARDS:

HONOURS

NEW AWARD: Akhona Sihunu.

COLOURS

RE-AWARDS: Malwande Mhame, Mqilani Mqhayi.

NEW AWARDS: Tapiwe Tsomondo, Sibanye Bukanie, Thabani Mgugudu, Mhlahli Mtongana, Somila Jho, Tinotenda Zakeyo, Clement Chirwa, Kwezi Puza, Lazarus Chisaya, Anda Nanto.

HALF COLOURS

RE-AWARDS: Ayathandwa Tsengiwe, Luke Masasire.

NEW AWARDS: Luwanda Mb. Zimi Ngongqwana, Mhlahli Mgadle, Anathi Nompandana, Lindokhuhle Kenene, Rocur Julies, Banele Mvolontshi.

Although Dale were beaten rugby was the winner, giving Queen's College headmaster Dave Lovett his first win over Dale as he prepared to leave to become headmaster of KES.

Reunion 2012 : Vibrant and memorable



DALE JUNIOR cheerleaders Milo Dukisa and Cadel Graham conduct the school choir at the Reunion Assembly

* Pictures: RICHARD DOMERIS, Photo King

By BARRY TURNER

REUNION 2012 has come and gone and will be remembered for another opportunity afforded all of us to meet with our friends of yesteryear. It is also a chance to find out who is doing what and who is going places in the world.

Most past pupils do not realise the importance the occasion gives to former teachers and headmasters.

That respect is always there. No matter how many years have passed there is always someone who can recognise the value and lasting impressions mutually established.

How good it was to see the returning class of 2002 and that of 1972 – back after 40 years - as well as other returning Old Dalians to celebrate the annual Reunion.

One notable one was 1972 headboy Jack Travener. He took time out to look and see, be critical, complimentary and above all to just soak in the Reunion atmosphere. Jack is a successful business man in Johannesburg with roots in the financial and banking world.

He took the opportunity to join the Heron Club as his contribution towards the club's objectives in line with his positive weekend impressions.

As expected, the crowds were unlikely to be huge after the massive 2011 Reunion to celebrate College's 150 years providing holistic education to many boys from South Africa and beyond our borders.

MEANINGFUL WORDS BY FOUNDER JW WEIR

There is no bond or union so strong in life - excepting family ties - which excites so much sympathy as that connecting men with whom one has been associated in the classroom and the playground!

This delightful and meaningful quotation by King William's Town businessman – James W Weir at the founding of the Old Dalian Union on July 24, 1893, rings true 119 years later.

It epitomises the impact of the Reunion. JW Weir and ex-headmaster Robert Hart Fuller were responsible for re-naming the then public school Dale College in 1877.

Yet the Reunion vibe remained throughout and on Saturday afternoon the crowd at the rugby was massive as was the support for Dale College.

The weekend kicked off with the ODU annual general meeting at the Malcom Andrew Sports Centre. The year and the union's financial statements were reviewed. Peter Minnie was elected national president to succeed Dr Paul Smit. John Ranger and Stuart Lustgarten were confirmed as senior and junior vice-presidents.

On Friday morning the Reunion and Memorial Service Assembly was held in the College Hallowed Courtyard. The significance of the service is always thought-provoking and a remembrance to those brother Old Dalians

who gave their lives towards the peace that followed two world wars.

The inclusion into the solemn part of the Assembly is both fitting and correct as a remembrance. After the service, the sermon and prayers, headmaster Mike Eddy welcomed everybody, especially the returning classes.

Dr Paul Smit inducted Peter Minnie as ODU national president for 2012 before guests and Dalians at a welcoming reception at Dale Junior.

The following received the prestigious Per Ardua awards in recognition of their contributions to the two Dale schools:

Dale Junior: PTA and Governing Body leaders Ismail Munga and his wife Fathima Munga. Staff: Thembele Mbada and Buyelwa Zana.

Dale College: Mel Osmond, wife of deputy head Warwick Osmond, Debbie Mollentze, wife of School Governing Body vice-chairman Johan Mollentze and Terry Eddy, wife of headmaster Mike Eddy. Staff: Warwick Osmond and Pat Volker,

(* See pictures on page 8.)



Friday afternoon activities and the impressive Dale Cadet march past kept all happy and in festive and complimentary mood.

The future looks bright for Dale rugby in 2013

WHAT does the future and specifically 2013 rugby season hold in store for Dale? It is expected that about half the squad will be back to form the nucleus of the 2013 team (writes Barry Turner.)

There is talent coming through from the second and third teams as well as individual Under16 and Under 15 and Under 14 sides.

A criticism is that the open sides below thirds do not play enough games in a season to hone skills and allow senior coaches to spot early talent - a challenge new coach Luke Smith may care to address.

Dale Junior had a good season and is again in a building phase that promises good results for the future.

The use of more than development phases is needed. Dale College have to take some bold steps and step up the game and rugby coaching to the extent of incorporating an Academy.

We have the talent, as a transformed former all-white Historical School of South Africa, to attract the millions of rands up for sport development.

Dale needs a rethink and a business-driven individual to be out in the market place seeking aid and sponsorships. 2013 marks 20 years from when the Academy approach was first brought up for discussion.

Luke wins dream job of Dale coach

BY BARRY TURNER

LUKE SMITH, Dale's star 1990 flyhalf, who later played for the Springbok Sevens and for international-level clubs, has fulfilled a dream by being chosen to head rugby coaching professionally at the college.

He succeeds the highly-successful Grant Griffith, captain of the unbeaten 1990 Dale team, who has taken over coaching at Hamiltons senior rugby club in Cape Town. Griffy achieved a 65 per cent win rate while coaching Dale firsts.

Chatting over coffee, "Cool Hand Luke", as he has been called, shared many memories, dreams and goals - like waiting 23 years for the chance of joining Dale coaching staff and Dale rugby again.

Playing for Cambridge Primary School Under10s when they were annihilated by Dale made him want to come to Dale at an early age. Unfortunately for Dale, Selborne College claimed him for his high school playing days till his last year when he insisted on coming to Dale with a friend, Michael Woudberg.

This was his first rugby dream. Now he has attained another but much has still to be achieved.

Luke brings international playing experiences to coaching at Dale. At 42 he understands the dynamics of sport and that of a rugby player. He has had his share of knocks, loss of form, injury, hitting the bottom of the form barrel and riding the crest of the wave.

Luke is a man who knows how to fight back and regain confidence and that sparkle of exploiting one's talent, a man who can inspire and encourage players to reach their pinnacle of form, a match-winner with a potent boot that can punish the most successful rugby teams.

Luke is excited about his appointment. But this it is causing him emotional nights as he faces the challenges of following in the footsteps of First XV coaches who have brought Dale rugby to the heights in South Africa.

Turning out for Dale College was an experience he will never forget. There was pride in his heart but his nerves were indescribable. "There is no way to describe pulling on the Dale First XV rugby jersey," he says of the emotional experience that stands out as a highlight of his playing career.

He has faced encouragement, admonishment and praise from his Dale rugby coach Micky Paterson. In his year of captaincy at Dale, cautious instruction and



SA SEVENS STAR . . . Luke has international experience

'Cool Hand' takes over as Griffy moves on

**GRANT GRIFFITH
In Old Dalian
Sevens garb . . .
a new coaching
post in Cape
Town after many
successful years
at Dale**



his ability to change his game plan became the foundation of his playing rugby at top level around the world.

Like "Griffy," Luke comes from an impeccable Dale rugby background, including playing for the 1990 Dale unbeaten side under Andrew Bennet, where he was the star flyhalf and vice-captain. That team produced two international rugby players. Stephen Hall for France in 2002 and Luke Smith for Springbok Sevens.

After school he played for the South African Air Force and the SA Defence Force rugby sides.

In South Africa he represented four provinces: Border under coach Gert Smal, East-

ern Province under All Black coach "Grizz" Whiley for Northern Transvaal and Natal, where he played a pivotal role in the side winning the Currie Cup.

Luke brings to Dale a wealth of rugby experience from the international arena where he played with and against players of wide knowledge and skill.

In the English Premiership league, he represented Saracens under coach Francois Pienaar and also the Rotherham Titans. He scored 255 points in English Premiership matches.

During one game reporters observed that "Smith, the South African drafted in as cover for the injured Jannie de Beer, equaled the Zurich Premiership record when he put over his ninth penalty during the game."

The London Telegraph referred to his "faultless kicking display" as the Saracens fly-half. In Scotland he played for Glasgow Caledonians but injury prevented him representing Scotland B. He could have played for Scotland being qualified and eligible through ancestral lineage - his grandmother was Scots.

Luke has played rugby in Italy for Miran, near Venice, and in France for Racing Metro. In England he played for Birmingham Solihull, Coventry and Esher.

In South Africa, after flyhalf genius Naas Botha took over at Northern Transvaal from former star Dale fly-half, Len "Tollie" Gerber, Luke later took over from Naas.

Luke holds two schoolboy records which are unlikely to be broken - one from Selborne College and one from Dale.

He has a brilliant tactical brain which who could change a game through pinpoint and accurate kicking to punish the opposition. Luke scored a record 207 points (24 penalties, 47 conversions, seven drop go and five tries). This record was broken three years later by Sean Sharp.

Luke played in the Border Schools Craven Week team for three seasons, but was dropped inexplicably while on form from the Border side in the final. This cost him the chance of SA Schools selection.

He knows that the ghosts of past Dale First XV coaches will be watching his every move. He knows that he has big boots to fill in meeting the expectations of Dalians, Old Dalians and Dale rugby supporters.

He knows that he has Dale rugby traditions to uphold and to try to

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*** This story has been extracted and updated from a report in the Newcastle Herald, New South Wales.**

RUGBY balls were made of leather; lifting in the lineout was illegal and Skins were what players grazed if they had the misfortune of being tackled on the cricket pitch.

The year was 1985 and it was Greg Gibson's first season with Wanderers, New South Wales. The evergreen centre notched his 500th senior game for the Two Blues when they beat Maitland 20-12 in C-Grade at Marcellin Park.s.

The 58-year-old South African was the third Wanderer to reach the milestone.

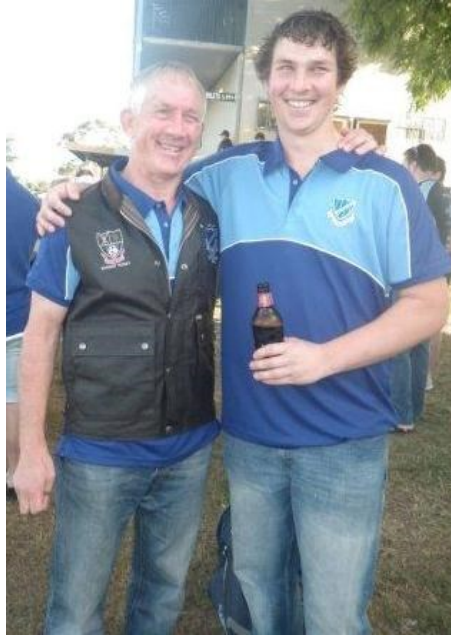
"It's not something that you set out to achieve, but I just love playing rugby," Gibson said. "I started when I was eight years old. There was one year when I was 18, that I played one game and then got called up for national service.

"Other than that, I have played every single year. I never miss training and just enjoy it, especially the camaraderie.

"Some of the guys I have been playing alongside for 27 years. I have only been married a few years longer."

Gibson, a quantity surveyor, migrated to

At 58, Greg plays 500th rugby game



Australia in 1984. He had ten seasons, highlighted by four in the South African Border provisional side under his belt when he arrived in Newcastle.

He played 141 first-grade games and has since filtered down the grades.

The Fierce competitor, known as "Elbows", has "about 15 premierships" to his name, but mate ship is what keeps bringing him back.

His eldest son, Brad 26, was alongside him at Marcellin Park. Second son Mitch, 22, plays second grade club rugby.

Gibson said, "I had a few games with Mitch when he was younger but I don't think there will be any more opportunities."

New South Wales. Have a great time, When having a beer or two, think of me."

See Page 7 for Greg and Alf Malan's exchanges about Alf's Guy Fawkes explosions.

FELLOW PLAYERS . . . Old Dalian Greg Gibson with his son Brad

Luke targets new goal: To build Dale rugby

From Page 5 equal or emulate the successes of every Dale successful coach.

He recognises his important role which includes keeping a watching brief and offering advice to those playing on the ODU Memorial fields and the fields of Dale Junior.

Luke's goal is to build Dale rugby; to watch the practices of other teams and identify talent for development and promotion.



He looks forward to working with all other college coaches as they prepare for the Super 12 Club competition.

FAMILY MAN . . . Luke with wife and son on a Dale Reunion visit

The stunning change in Dale

*** Prominent Johannesburg businessman JACK TREVENA, Dale headboy in 1972, reflects, with serious thoughts and some emotion, on his Reunion experience this year. Here are edited extracts from his remarks to TransDale Extra.**

OUR memories are amazing things. They lie dormant and, as in my case, are ignited by a face. Mike Snyman, Ken Jack, Patrick Flanagan all appeared like yesterday.

Most of all, Mike Greyvensteyn. Every class needs a leader and he has taken the mantle from Mike Hughes, whom I missed dearly. I think we all did and have continued to do so since the Reunion. (See sad story about Hughes on Page 12.)

On the lighter side, with few commendable exceptions, we toasted Charles Glass richly. I think our Class '72 helped make a dent in the bond over the Malcom Andrew Sports Centre.

Chatting, reminiscing was just so lekker and then watching Dale beat Queen's in a thriller.

Enjoying the Class and learning about their lives was wonderful. Some were open to share the pain with the pleasure. The handling of pain, deep life troughs, forms character and discipline.

Talking to people like Barry Turner, Jack Rosenberg and other College stalwarts is a privilege. No school can survive without its Old Boys, but there will always be few who make it happen while the rest of us watch it happen.

What a privilege to be invited into the Heron Club and receive my tie. I cannot wait to wear it when next I'm down there.

At the ODU AGM I watched the young Peter Minnie being elected national president. What a hardworking, caring, responsible person. I wish him success in rallying the troops like me.

I was deeply concerned at the state of the hos-

'72 headboy salutes the courage it took to preserve this



JACK TREVENA (right) with 1972 classmates John Bott (left) and Ken Jack

tels. This is not unique to Dale; TUKS' residences are also deteriorating rapidly. Budget constraints take their toll but renovation is needed. Where I did not see deterioration was in the boys.

As in 2000, when I went down for the Headboys' Millenium Reunion - the first time I had returned - I was struck by the boys. They have transformed.

I believe I am looking at future leaders of South Africa. Some like Kaunda Ntunja (who gave the breakfast address), will achieve fame. Others, like many of us, will simply, honestly run banks, industry, infrastructure divisions and companies.

The courage it has taken for Dale to transform from white to black is stunning and nation-building. Every teacher,

coach and pupil deserves congratulations and respect.

In 2002, with less emotion, I observed the same thing. I have evolved enough to allow the contrary view as to whether bashers, doffing caps, greeting "sirs" and buttoning blazers are all critical to character-building.

But to see it in action does ring true; somehow the values and traditions of the past do have a bearing on our lives and our integrity; call it manners, call it respect . . . it is wonderful to see.

2012 was no exception. The memorial service stands as a testimony of the power of remembrance. The fields are in good nick, the Sports Centre a great addition."

The good old days of Guy Fawkes night bombs

AT DALE in the early Seventies Alf Malan has an explosive reputation. He caused havoc with bombs he made and set off on Guy Fawkes nights..

During 2012, their 40th anniversary matric year, he and classmate Greg Gibson exchanged e-mails about his exploits.

"It is good to hear that you have not blown yourself or anything up, though I'm sure your life is a bit boring now." remarked Gibby.

"I remember those dynamite bombs you made at Guy Fawkes and threw some on the Presby tennis courts. When they did not have much of an impact you threw one on the balcony which smashed all the windows.

Alf responded: "Have not blown anything up in decades! Ah, the halcyon days of explosives when you could get away with stuff like that without being arrested for terrorism.

Turning to their army days, Gibby recalled national service in Grahamstown, with five Dalians Alfie, Mick Randall, Craig Heeger and Robin Dugmore (who has since passed away).

"With Alfie there you never slept peacefully. One afternoon I had been on night duty so had the afternoon off. I was in a deep sleep when I was woken up and nearly jumped out of my skin.

"Alfie had poured a jug of ether over my head and shoulders. He brought his Frank Zapper LP's and record player and played them at late at night over the system in the sick bay."

Now living in New South Wales, Australia, Greg Gibson (greg@hotmail.com) recalled: "After the army I went to UPE and did



ALF MALAN . . . nights of havoc

quantity surveying, 1974 - 1978) and worked in King before emigrating to Australia in 1984. I Married Sharon in 1979 and have two boys aged 26 and 23. Fortunately they

both play rugby. "We spent six weeks in Melbourne then I was transferred to Newcastle where we have been since. I have had a varied career, all construction related."

FROM BERMUDA, (alfmalan@aim.com) responded: "Sorry I couldn't make it to the Reunion.. Hope all had a good time. Are you planning another one in ten years? Probably all in wheelchairs by then.

On his career: "After graduating with a diploma in electronics engineering, I was transferred to the UK in 1978 and then to Canada where I married an Italian Canadian and had a son. We've been married for 30 years.

"I returned to Cape Town from 1990 to 1998 but went back to Canada and have worked in Bermuda for four years in wireless engineering."

Per Ardua Awards for some who have served Dale well



Headmaster Mike Eddy . . . with Warwick Osmond, deputy headmaster of Dale College for six years



. . . with Pat Volker, headmaster's secretary for eight years and previously Old Dalian secretary for seven years



. . . with Debbie Mollentze (left), treasurer of the College PTA for two years, and Mel Osmond, PTA member and Central Primary School principal

Headmaster Eddy honours loyal nine at Reunion



HEADMASTER Mike Eddy with Fathima Munga, chairperson Dale Junior PTA, and Ismail Munga, chairperson, Dale Junior SGB



HEADMASTER'S WIFE Terry Eddy receives award from outgoing ODU president Paul Smit



HEADMASTER Eddy with Dale Junior staff Buyelwa Zana (isiXhosa teacher) and Thembela Mbada (sports administration officer and head of cricket)

Music and delicious snacks for Old Dalian visitors



DELICACIES at the welcoming Dale Junior Reunion reception, flanked by Assembly entertainers, guitarist Mitchell Geer and the KHS Steel Band. Front (from left): Tara Lombard, Danica Smit, Pavisha Govender, Ziyanda Nqavashe. Back: Sabina Releni.

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Breakfast with Kaunda Ntunja

Pioneer isiXhosa commentator tells of career on SuperSport TV

By BARRY TURNER

POPULAR yet humble Old Dalian rugby star Kaunda Ntunja, as guest speaker at this year's Reunion breakfast, gave guests an entertaining, off-the cuff insight into life as a sports commentator for Super Sport TV.

The breakfast at Dale Junior's DV Taylor House was a relaxed and fun morning of good food great banter among Old Dalians and friends.

Kaunda traced his life from Butterworth, where he had never seen or touched a rugby ball till he arrived at Dale College. His father advised him to stay under the radar and listen and answer sharply when asked a question.

His humorous impersonation of English commentator Hugh Blaydon and his Jack Daniels slip when commentating had all in stitches of laughter. No one know if Hugh was thinking of his favourite tippie or had one too many before going on air.

Kaunda says that rubbing shoulders with Blaydon and commentator and former Springbok captain Bobby Skinstadt has been a dream come true.

His take on rugby matters and particularly on the Border is that more has to be done to retain promising youngsters. But as things stand Border is in shambles, he says it is time for rugby players to take



INSPIRATION and fun ... Kaunda Ntunja TransDale sportswriter Barry Turner, Kaunda Ntunja and ODU leader Peter Minnie. * Pictures: RICHARD DOMERIS

Border must keep their promising young players, Dale must seek more sponsorship, he says

charge again. Politically-connected officials have a place to fill provided they know their rugby.

Kaunda captained the Dale First XV in the first game of 2000. His selection and as captain of SA Schools forced him to stand down from this Dale honour.

ODU president Peter Minnie reminded Kaunda of a tackle that he made on Minnie at a Dale practice. Peter still feels the power of that.

This sums up the hard- playing player that Kaunda was. He went on to play for the Cheetahs before pioneering the commentating of rugby at top level on SuperSport channels and in isiXhosa.

The language of commentary is evolving all the time, he says. An advantage is that none of his bosses have any idea what he says on air.

One thing he made clear in his address was that he plugs Dale College and Old Boys like Bandise Maku, Keegan Daniel and Bjorn Basson whenever possible as products of Dale.

He emphasised that Dale needs someone out there to be courting sponsorship. He mentioned as an example individuals who were giving large financial support to the Golden Lions franchise. As he put it – get out there and get bit – it is waiting for you given what Dale has achieved.

Kaunda's talk was an inspiration. Wel- presented, sincere and humble as we know our Kaunda Ntunja can be.

Dale College has an emotional place in his heart. His handling of questions was as articulate and honest and knowledgeable as anyone could have hoped. Nothing was spared in criticism or acknowledgement.



ON REUNION parade: Cadet student officer Kwakhanya Masoka. AT PRAYER TIME: Col- lege headboy Humelo Nonxuba and Junior headboy Mohammed Zakarya Munga.

40 Years on!

From SA and abroad, the Matric Class of 1972 celebrate the return for Reunion 2012



Front Row - Rob King, Mick Schuddinh, Richard Boote, Pat Flanagan
 Second Row - Colin MacLauchlan, Garth Harris, Colin Lawlor, Mike Snyman, Bruce Smith, Keith (Puppy) Cawthorn, Jack Trevena, Mick Randall, John Bott, Hugh Rowles
 Third Row - Mike Greyvensteyn, Graham Stapleton, Alf Malan, Polly Pautz, Colin Monto, Gary Kirton, Rusty Muller
 Back Row - Robin (Lappies) Dugmore, Craig Heeger, John Maytham, Greg Gibson, Pat Bailey, Lawrence Ausmeier, Gary Turner, Chappie (Cosmos) Wales, Phillip Scheel, Gavin Jepson, Ken Jack, Ray Sansom, Alan Muller, John Crawford, Roy Bartels, Howard Warneke
 Top Left Insert - Alistair Johnston, Mike Hughes, Dennis Willows Top Right Insert - Ian Semple Shelton Fitzpatrick (From '72) Background - J Trevena Collage by - R Bartels 2012

Those were the days, say old mates as fond memories endure

THIS remarkable collage tells how the 1972 Dale matric class across the globe celebrated their 40TH anniversary of leaving the college. Eighteen returned to King Town for the annual Old Dalian Reunion and were joined by friends from adjoining classes.

Others – from Melbourne, Brisbane and Newcastle in Australia, from the Seychelles, Bermuda, the Virgin Islands and nearer home – sent greetings and were there in spirit.

They sent pictures to organiser Mike Greyvensteyn, an insurance broker from Port Elizabeth, who arranged with Roy Bartels of Nelspruit to compile this collage, including those who were at Reunion and those who could not make it. Pictures came in from 1972 matrics across South Africa and faraway foreign lands.

It was a nostalgic return for the 1972s. Many had not been back in 40 years and some had not met colleagues since then.. Fond memories of fun and frolics were relived and embellished. Some who had



1972 matric class return organiser Mike Greyvensteyn

passed on or were in poor health were recalled with sadness.

Ken Jack and Mike Greyvensteyn, commented in this joint message:

"Ken was impressed that the traditional events still take place, eg. the Memorial Service, the Saturday rugby vs Queen's, now on our own Dale fields (in our day matches were held at the town recreation ground), at the Old Boys' conduct and meeting so many of

Forty years on, when afar and asunder. Parted are those who are singing today.

EE BOWEN, Harrow School Song

them at the MASC. The conduct of the school-boys in general impressed him.

"The highlight was just spending time with old friends and reminiscing about our youth at Dale. Many stories were told about the hostels and day-boys - who won inter-house rugby, squash, tennis and cricket.

"The accommodation problem in King meant that most people stayed in East London had to travel back relatively early.

"One amusing story was told by Basil Sutton (1971 matric. A guy claimed that he was the best fullback Dale had ever had, including anyone named Basil.

"Schwulst tapped him on the shoulder in the end and all was forgiven. Basil, recovering from cancer, still holds the record of 71 First XV caps.

"Sadly, we also had thee 1972 matric friends to remember -. Derrick Redelinghuys, Mike Hughes and Alistair Johnston had passed on. RIP fellas." TONY PAUTZ writes: "I had a great time. My first and only return to Reunion. I really

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How Day Goms shocked Joubert in final

RUSTY MILLER (matric 1972), now deputy principal of Westering High School, Port Elizabeth, who attended the '72 matrics' 30th reunion, the Dale anniversary 150th and the '72s' 40th reunion, writes:

IT was really was great to see all the "manne" again and reminisce about the past. Really wonderful to still see Dale competing at the highest level.

As an Eastern Cape teacher, I have, over the years, been on quite a few tours and tournaments involving Dale. Without doubt the behaviour and discipline of the Dale boys was always a talking point.

After a prestigious PE boys' school had played Dale in King William's Town, one of the visiting staff told me that after they got back to PE, their rugby staff met to discuss their way forward.

They felt Dale had left them behind in manners, discipline and competitiveness!

Although there have been many changes and challenges over the years, I still look at Dale with pride, knowing that the school's structures, traditions and ethos are still prevalent.

With fond memories Mike Randall, captain of the Mighty Thirds, reminded us at Reunion of the inter-house rugby final between the Day

RUSTY MULLER ... Impressed by Dalians' conduct



Goms and Frank Joubert.

He recalled how the Day Goms walked past the mighty Joubert House with its seven or eight first team players. We were ridiculed by the hostel boys, who had many KHS girls with them to see the slaughter, and how they were pulling rude signs and mocking us.

What a fond memory it was to hear, with Mike Snyman and some of the Joubert "manne" at Reunion, how the Day Goms, with three first team players and a few from the Thirds and Fourths, stunned Joubert House with three tries (I think) from Leon Seeber who played for the Dale Thirds.

Another fond memory was how Day Boys and Presby Boys clashed on Guy Fawkes Night.

At the first sign of an explosion hostel boys would fly out of the prep-room and chase the Day Boys who were disturbing "their right to learn!"

If you were caught, you were frog-marched to "Schloef's" office and threatened with phone calls to your parents. Hostel boys were allowed to shave you in the nether region and apply polish to complete their handiwork.

A good time was had by all and I look forward going back to Dale at Reunion time.

18 of '72 Class, with some mates, were at Reunion



PAT AND MRS FLANAGHAN



MIKE SNYMAN



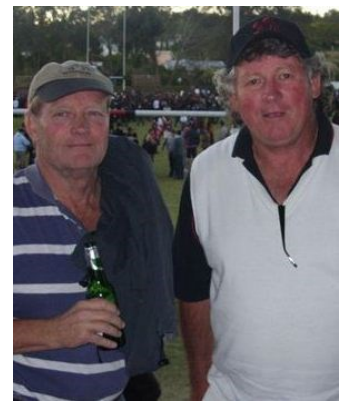
JACK TREVENA



MIKE RANDALL



TONY PAUTZ



LES SMITH & BASIL SUTTON

WHO CAME?

APART organiser Mike Greyvensteyn, Ken Jack and Jack Trevena mentioned on Page 7, these 1972 matrics and thereabouts attended th Reunion:

FROM EAST LONDON: Alan Muller, Bruce Smith, John Bott, Patrick (and Mrs) Flanagan, Les (Smiler) Smith, Mike Snyman, Basil Sutton and Kenny Watson, later-day Springbok cricketer.

FROM ELSEWHERE in the Eastern Cape: Rusty Muller and Ewen Turnbull, of Port Elizabeth; Clive Muller, Hamburg; Mike Randall, Stutterheim; Patrick Bailey, Komga and Gordon McCune, King William's Town. * Pictures: on 1972 pages: Pat and Mrs Flanagan



1972 Matrics had a ball!



Organiser Mike praised for 'great job' in successful '72s return

enjoyed seeing my old classmates again and had a few good chuckles at the "games" we got up to back then. I was a "tag-along".was sober and drove the car.

"Mike Greyvensteyn was the driving force behind getting the Class of '72 together. He did a great job and put in a great effort to make our reunion such a success. " The 1972s were joined briefly by 1973 matric Gordon McCune, a King William's Town attorney, and insurance agent Ewen Turnbull, 1971, formerly of Johannesburg and Durban and

now of Port Elizabeth, and later Springbok cricketer Kenny Watson, who was with the class in Std 6 but did not matriculate till 1974.

EWEN commented: "At the rugby I saw guys briefly I had not seen for years - Pat Flanagan, Pat Bailey, Polly Pautz, Jack Trevena, Bruce Smith, Kenny Jack, Mike Randall, Mike Snyman and Kenny Watson. I thought we were lucky to beat Queen's, but I really enjoy watching Dale play, particularly when their backline starts running the ball.

FUN AND GRIEF AT REUNION 2012

BACK TO THE 70's . . . Old mates celebrate: Ken Jack (left), Rusty Muller, Gordon McCune, Bruce Smith and John Bott

Picture: RICHARD DOMERIS, Photo King



Ken Jack, Rusty Muller, Gordon McCune, Bruce Smith and John Bott

RIP MIKE HUGHES

Amid celebrations, sadness for his '72 classmates

1972 MATRICS recalled with great sadness at their 40th anniversary Reunion last year the tragic death of classmate Mike Hughes.

A popular and prominent Old Dalian, Mike took his life a year earlier on May 18, 2011, on the eve of Dale's 150th celebration Reunion.

Said 1972 matric return organiser Mike Greyvensteyn: "Mike phoned me about 10am on that fateful Wednesday.

I had no idea about any predicament he was in. Nor could I pick up in his voice that he was upset at all. He was his usual, normal, cheerful, chirpy self.

The news was broken by Roay Rochat of BP Rondebosch Motors on May 19, 2011: "I'm terribly sad to say that Mike Hughes took his life yesterday by shooting himself."

In a further e-mail to Mike Greyvensteyn, he



IN HAPPIER DAYS. . . Mike Hughes (third from left) with ex-classmates in June 2006. Craig Heeger sent this picture from the Seychelles, where he looks after a development, Eden Island.

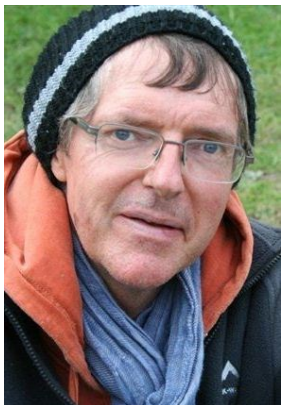
added: "Terrible about Mike - a larger than life character whose memories will be with me and everyone forever."

Mike passed his Hoertaalexamen in 1972 although he did not matriculate with his

classmates.

Other 1972 matriculants' deaths recalled with grief: Derrick Redelinghuys and Alastair (Wafer) Johnson.

R.I.P. LAPPIES: Wife tells of 'amazing life'



Dr (Lappies) DUGMORE

Dr (Lappies) DUGMORE (at Dale 1967-72) died in November 2012. His memorial service took place at St John's Methodist Church, Port Elizabeth, on December 1 that year.

Before Reunion, which Robin, because of his declining health, could not attend, his wife Antoinette wrote a poignant letter reflecting on their amazing life together and thanking Mike Greyvenstein for pictures he sent.

These, she described as "a very special trip down memory lane for Robin. He was all smiles, checking out the guys and reminiscing. Our lives have been an incredible journey. We met in the early '80s and married in 1984 and have been friends since. We have cycled, played squash, camped, hiked, canoed and spent hours on the rocks at Seaview, where we lived for seven years.

Sometimes when Robin came home from work we

would pack the old Landy drive out and make a huge fire on the beach, just watching the sunset, sometimes we braaied or took a potjie.

We spent hours in the kitchen, making amazing food: we both loved good food and preparing it for ourselves.

We travelled to the US and to Europe, but were always happy to be home again. We took a year off to live at Kasouga, to be with the birds, the bush and the ocean. It has been almost eight years since Rob had surgery. This, too, has been an amazing journey, not one of hardship but experiencing life in a different way. It's easy to make adjustments in life if the road takes a turn."

Back after ten years: The Class of 2002

TEN YEARS after leaving Dale, the 2002 matric class returned for Reunion this year. "At least 25 guys came back," writes Murray Ranger, 2002 headboy and rugby captain, "It was fantastic to see them again, not having seen most of the guys since we left school. "Most of us met at the Malcom Andrew Sports Centre on the Thursday evening. We had a few drinks and we moved on to a braai Dale Junior principal Pat Thatcher's house. "We continued having a good time, catching up with everyone. On Friday morning at the Reunion Assembly most of the guys were nursing sore heads from the previous night's shenanigans! "That afternoon, the class of 2002 entered two teams in the touch rugby tournament on the CB Jennings rugby fields. Good fun was had by all and many a laugh shared – we certainly were not as fit as we were ten years ago.

"On Saturday, watching rugby and hockey against Queen's, it was great to see Dalians playing with passion and flair, always looking to the run the ball at every opportunity. "The cherry on the top was the First XV's victory over our arch rivals. After the game it was back into the MASC and back to socialising with young and old. "It is always fantastic hearing stories from Old Dalians about their time at Dale. That is what Reunions are about and this year's was no different. "Of the class of 2002, many of the guys have not changed much since our schooldays. Some body shapes have changed some guys



AHA, AHA . . . Neville McLean leads the Class of 2002 in the War Cry
**Pictures RICHARD DOMERIS, Photo King*

Old tales recalled in fun weekend

were looking a bit rounder than they were at school. "It was interesting hearing about different career paths everyone has taken. Some are doctors (GPs) some architects, some engineers, some financial planners, some attorneys and even some still studying. Everyone was in fantastic spirits and happy to be back. " A lot has changed at Dale over the years, but it was good to see some old traditions still evident. When the red and black take to

the field, especially on the CB Jennings fields, with the rest of the school singing our rugby songs, that is enough to give anyone goosebumps. " This Reunion was no different. It was great to be back and a fantastic weekend."



2002 MATRICS at Reunion (back row, from left): unidentified, Pinder Nogoduka, Sheldon Krause, Douglas Hondo, Sonwabile Mxaka, one ident apparently missing in back row). Third row: Gordon Poortman, Grant Kennedy, Grant Howell, Marcel Strydom, Luyanda Mpande. Guy on extreme right apparently unidentified. Second row: Antonio Stride, Dhesigan Govender, Kevan Robertson, Murray Ranger, Front row: Neeran Jooste, Neville Mclean, Craig Haseleau, Onesimo Zonke, unidentified, Ebenezer Smith and unidentified.

Speedy Dale pip Queen's in nail-biter

THE highlight of any Old Dalian Reunion is the First XV rugby clash between traditional rivals. This year it was against Queen's College.

Reunion sport had begun on Friday night with hockey under lights the Dale Astro field. Encouraging results, reviewed on Pages and,, auger well upcoming years.

On the Saturday afternoon after a morning of senior and junior matches, Dale cheer leaders set the day ablaze by arriving in an appropriate "Blue Light" convoy escorted tongue in cheek by SAPS outriders and vehicles showing flashing blue lights and sirens wailing.

To describe the First XV clash it is best to quote from the Queen's College perspective so as to not show bias towards Dale College. Hayden Bucholtz, a former Dale Junior teacher know in a marketing role for Queen's, had this to say:

Queen's College lost a nail-biting rugby fixture to arch-rivals Dale College, in King William's Town. The match was the culmination of Dale's 151st Reunion celebrations and finished with a final score of 21-18 to the hosts.

The score has many stories to tell. First, it was very much a game of two halves and second Dale looked as though they would run away with it in the beginning. Third, Queen's College showed enormous courage and shed blood, sweat and tears in the second half to claw their way back into the game.

The opening try of the match came in the sixth minute and was scored when Dale turned over possession from a Queen's College scrum feed. The resultant tighthead gave their captain and centre, Sibanye Bukani, plenty of room to weave his magic and to score under the posts. Akhona Sihunu added the extras.

The hosts continued their assault with blistering speed and wasted no time in getting back into their opponents' half. It was at this point where Queen's College began to flex their muscles.

The visitors worked their way into their



Action in the Reunion match

opponents' half and attacked the goal line with a continual barrage of muscular forwards and skilful halfbacks.

The Dalians, however, had other ideas and were unyielding in their defence and refused to give an inch. This barrage lasted for all of ten minutes and all Queen's College got out of it was a penalty.

Dale answered quickly and scored an almost unbelievable try, in the 23rd minute, through fullback Thabani Mgugudo and Sihunu added the extras. The halftime score was 14-3 to the hosts who, despite a ten minute respite, were firmly in control at this stage.

The second half started with a frantic pace. Dale scored an early try in the corner, through rightwing Lloyd Mudzoza, Sihunu, who seemed to be oozing confidence moment, slotted the difficult conversion with ease.

At 21-3, many were expecting a hiding, and rightly so. This Dale College team is just unbelievable to watch. They do everything at full speed and are such a wonderful example to youngsters who watch them play.

Their skills are almost ridiculous and they are able to change direction from one end of the field to the other in just two passes.

Queen's College started the second half with a different plan. They held onto the ball through multiple phases and used their brutish forwards to good effect.

They began to claw their way back into the game through tries by Stander (47th minute) and wing Chumani Mase (50th minute and 68th minute).

Unfortunately, the visitors forgot their kicking boots at home and missed all three conversions and a further two penalties, which could have given them victory. They spent virtually the entire second half in the Dale College 22m area and battered them into submission.

The hosts had very little to offer by way of counter measures, but when they did manage to get their hands on the ball; they were awfully dangerous and exciting to watch.

The final scoreline of 21-18 left a bitter taste for the visiting supporters and sweet taste for the home supporters. Dale College continue on their winning ways.

Scores for Dale

**TWO-MINUTES TO GO
A three - point
Reunion victory**





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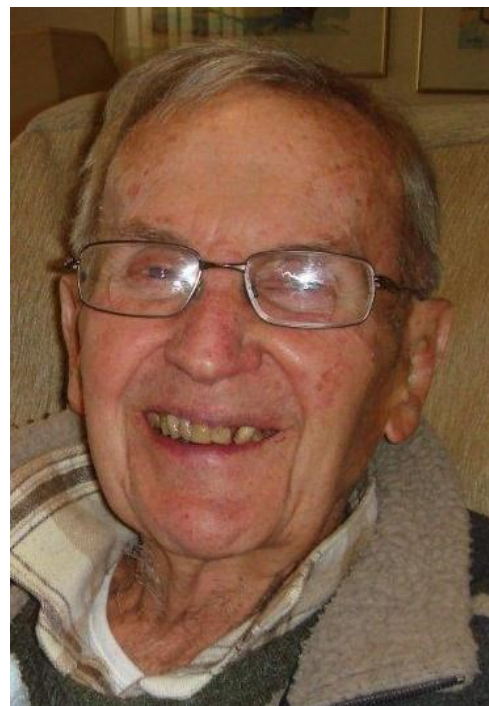


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Joe Sutton, was born in Sutton House and matriculated in 1944. Sadly, he died in Johannesburg on 7th February, 2013 at the age of 85. The Johannesburg Branch remembers Joe with great affection and appreciation of his untiring efforts to advance the cause of the Dale schools and the Old Dalian Union. He truly must be one of the grandest Old Dalians of all time!

For as long as most of us can remember, Joe was an integral part of Dale College affairs, and that was manifested in just a few of the following ways:

- He was a key member of the Transvaal Dale Parents Association which recruited large numbers of boarders to Dale from Gauteng as well as organizing the annual Old Dalian Golf Day in Johannesburg for many years, including last year. At last years' Golf prize giving Joe was awarded the LLF Wood Trophy for being the Old Dalian of the Year, an award that was long overdue.
- For 30 years he designed and edited the glossy TransDale Magazine which recorded the activities of Johannesburg Dalians and Old Dalians. This TransDale magazine was then converted to an online publication which the JHB ODU has been sending to Gauteng and other Old Dalians for almost 10 years. He derived so much pleasure from the research process and talking to the Old Dalians he wrote about.
- For several decades he was a most active and key member of the JHB ODU committee.



The memorial service for Joe was held at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Edenvale. The service, which was a cheerful celebration of a wonderful life well spent, was attended by a large group of Old Dalians who paid their last respects to a good friend.

**R.I.P. Joe. We will remember you fondly
Per Ardua ad Astra**

