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Most schools are not-for-profit organisations that don't generate any meaningful financial surplus. Their key objective is to maximise affordability and therefore accessibility. The world's great schools remain sustainable thanks to fundraising through philanthropic and commercial endeavours. Hilton College is no exception.

As a longstanding community established in 1872, we firmly believe that Hilton College belongs to us. That it is a gift, in trust, that we must keep safe. In the words of one of our great benefactors, 'Wac' Campbell, **"We can do that by giving; by building up an endowment fund that will make it completely safe and independent for posterity."**

At Hilton, we encourage contributions to many worthy causes. By contributing, you could have a meaningful and lasting impact in many ways - from improving our school campus to opening our doors to deserving boys, to helping under-resourced communities or preserving threatened environments. We purposefully have four separate funds catering to these diverse interests.

<https://www.hiltoncollege.com/support-us/our-causes/>

- **The Lift Up Your Hearts Fund** - a Human Capital Fund
- **The Pinnacles Fund** - an Infrastructure Fund
- **The uMngeni Fund** - an Estate Fund
- **The Vula Fund** - a Social Responsibility Fund

We'd like to thank the first online bucket donors. This is not a comprehensive list of all donors. It is to recognize the donors who made a payment using the online payment portal:

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You are more than welcome to reach out to the Advancement team if you require more information, advancement@hiltoncollege.com

THE OLD HILTONIAN CLUB

Read our latest Old Hiltonian Club newsletter here.

<https://www.hiltoncollege.com/2021/04/09/a-letter-to-old-hiltonians-q1-9-april-2021/>

Anton Jooste (1992 PM, Falcon)
Chairman of the Old Hiltonian Club

SOME IMPORTANT BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

OLDEST OLD HILTONIAN

Happy birthday to our oldest living Old Hiltonian, Michael Hathorn (1938, Churchill), who turned 99 on 8 April 2021.



You can read more about Michael's story here. <https://www.iol.co.za/ios/news/meet-hiltons-new-oldest-living-old-boy-47759136>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD ALISTAIR FRANKLIN (1975, Ellis)

On behalf of the Old Hiltonian Club we wished the Chairman of the Board, Alistair Franklin (1975, Ellis) a very happy birthday on 18 April 2021, with a surprise visit to present him with an ox. He is now a member of the growing cattle project, and a proud cattle owner.

Find out more about the cattle project in the coming pages of this newsletter.



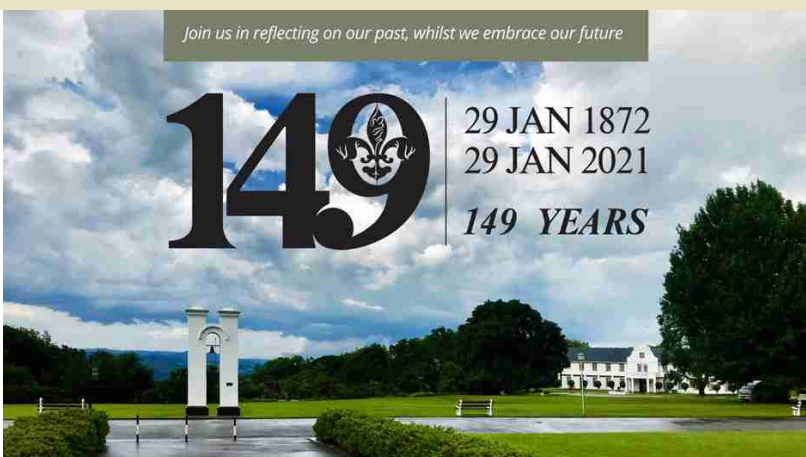
Join us in reflecting on our past, whilst we embrace our future

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29 JAN 1872

29 JAN 2021

149 YEARS



In 1872 our story began...

Today, 149 years later, Hilton College continues to thrive. Generations of educators, boys, parents, and Old Hiltonians have shared in this remarkable journey, ensuring that together as a community, we continue the legacy of

BUILDING HILTON TOGETHER.



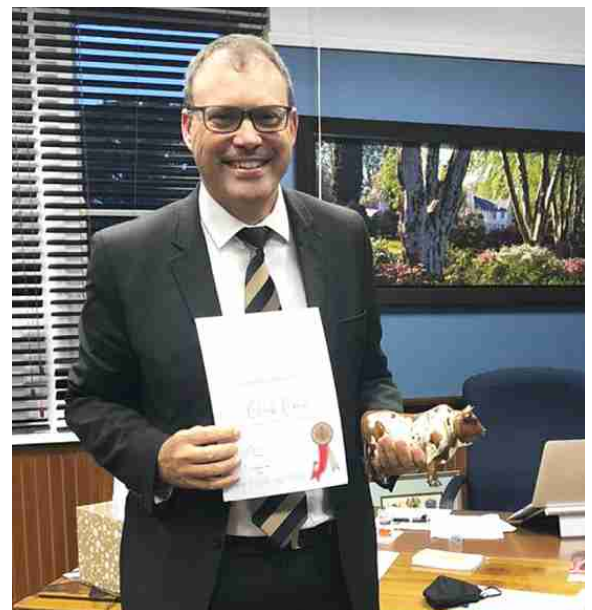
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...AND A 50th!

Headmaster George Harris also had a very special 50th birthday on 15 October 2020. In celebration of this milestone, he too gained cattle owner status when he received an ox of his own.



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**Message from Brett
Armstrong (1983, Pearce)**
150th Co-ordinator

Dear fellow Old Hiltonians and Hilton family,

Hilton College celebrates its 150th anniversary next year in 2022. There is just under a year until the big celebratory week from the 27th of April - 2nd of May. This will be a time for many of us to gather and appreciate the friendships we've made over many years, through our different associations with Hilton College. These big occasions don't come around often! This is a time to celebrate as we reflect on the people, the place and the events of the past 150 years. It's also a time to consider what the next 150 years could look like for a school like Hilton. We'll all play some part in this next chapter. We certainly hope that you will join us.

Over the past months, several events and projects have started to take shape.

The 150th Gala Dinner on the 29th of April is an event that should not be missed! A large book detailing 150 extraordinary and remarkable people, events and places of Hilton College is in production and should be on everybody's shopping list. The 150+-year-old fallen English Oaktree is being repurposed so that you can claim a piece of Hilton College's legacy for yourself.

A limited number of cases of 150th wine are also available to purchase, as well as a wide range of merchandising items.



A lot is going on and we still have a lot to do. We will let you know as soon as the online booking and purchasing platform goes live. One thing's for sure - 2022 will be a momentous year in our school's history.

In the words of George Harris (Headmaster) and Paul Rayner (150th Chairman), *"We urge you: participate enthusiastically, support vigorously and sponsor generously, as we continue the legacy of Building Hilton Together"*.

Find out more about the celebrations on our website <https://www.hiltoncollege.com/150th/>

OLD HILTONIAN DATABASE OVERVIEW

Our database, managed on Development Manager (DevMan) allows for colourful, individualized records to create the full picture of the Hilton family. The user-friendly interface helps us manage our advancement strategies.

There are 6 300 living Old Hiltonian records on the database and we have contact details for more than 70% of them. 80% of Old Hiltonians live in South Africa and the top three provinces are KwaZulu Natal, Gauteng and the Western Cape. Internationally, the top countries where we have Old Hiltonian communities (in order of size) are the United Kingdom, Australia, the United States of America and Canada.

The best way to keep in touch with other Old Hiltonians

The Protection of Personal Information (POPI) Act, no 4 of 2013 - meant to protect and not to frustrate - prevents us from sharing personal information without an individual's consent, so we can't share anyone's contact details with you. If you want to contact an individual or a group of people, you can legally send an email, via the database, with your contact details, requesting the recipient(s) to contact you.

In fact, we recommend that all communication is sent via the database. This has many benefits including email statistics (for example, the open and sent rate). You're most welcome to draft an email with a descriptive subject line - I'll be happy to send it to your chosen demographic.

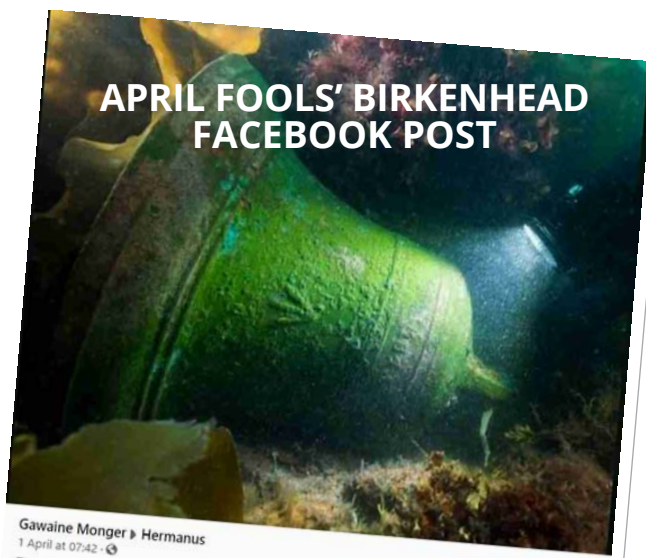
If you'd like to connect with a fellow Old Hiltonian, please email Amanda Pistorius at database@hiltoncollege.com.

We greatly appreciate your help in connecting the community and building the Hilton network together.



Amanda Pistorius,
Database Manager of
the Old Hiltonian Database

APRIL FOOLS' BIRKENHEAD FACEBOOK POST



Gawaine Monger Hermanus

1 April at 07:42 · 🌐

The long lost bronze ship's bell from the HMS Birkenhead, has just been discovered in the early hours of this very morning, lying submerged within the Old Harbour of Hermanus 🐟 This bronze bell could only have traversed across the ocean floor, dragged by the mighty and powerful Benguela current. It took an incredible 169 years, to reach the Old Harbor entrance, all the way from Danger Point, Gansbaai 📍



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I'd love to find out more detail about this. The founder of Hilton College in 1872, Gould Arthur Lucas was aboard the Birkenhead when it was wrecked! He was one of the few survivors, with a few horses that also made it to shore. 150@hiltoncollege.com

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please share it/when you do!!

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will do. I'd really like to find out what happens to the bell. A huge amount of history behind the Birkenhead 🐟

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FDL SHOP IS ONLINE

Now you can buy your favourite Fleud-de-Lys items, delivered to your door in South Africa. The Fleur-de-Lys Shop is now online. You also have the option to collect in person at the FdL shop on the Hilton College campus.

Here are some of our top selling items:



<https://jimbu.co.za/fleur-de-lys-online-ordering-platform/product/fleur-de-lys-panama-hat/>



OLD HILTONIAN

news



GRAEME JARVIE (1989, Churchill)

Old Hiltonian and Co-Founder of HelloChoice, Graeme Jarvie, recently launched the OneFarm Share initiative in cooperation with Standard Bank and Food Forward SA. OneFarm Share matches requests for food relief in South Africa to suppliers with good quality excess fresh produce, and has, since November 9, 2020, collected and distributed more than 270 tonnes of food to accredited beneficiary organisations, providing over 1 million meals to vulnerable people.

Watch the video here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fHopdNx7a5g>

We call on all farmers, suppliers and logistics companies to please register for OneFarm Share and join the community to donate produce or financial contributions or pledge logistics support for food relief. <https://www.businessinsider.co.za/lockdown-led-to-an-oversupply-of-veg-in-sa-this-platform-saved-270-tons-from-the-waste-pile-2021-3>

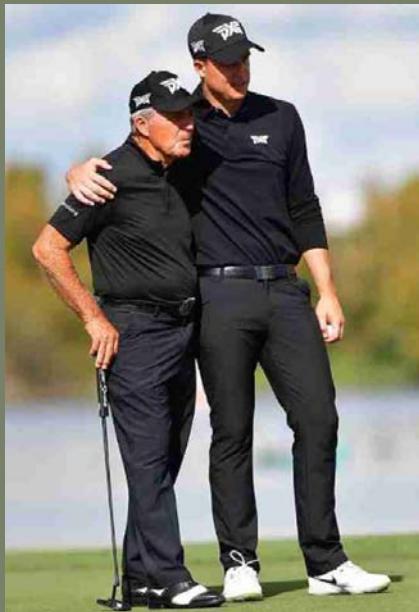


JAMES WILLIAM THROSSELL (2010, Ellis)

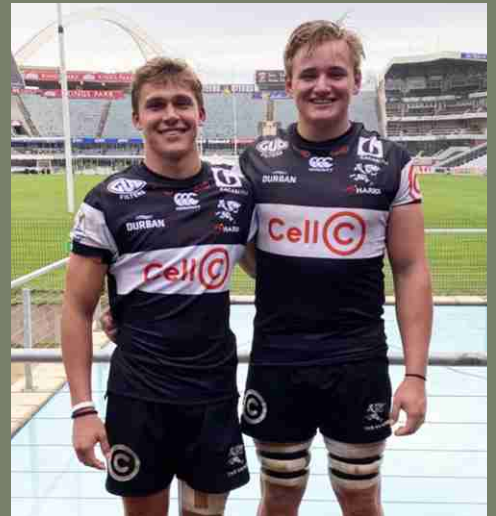
Gary Player and grandson James Throssell, competed in the PNC Championship together. Gary Player posted on Instagram:

"One week until one of my favorite events of the year, the @pncchampionship. There's nothing more special than enjoying the game with my family and seeing other players share in the fun with their families as well. I'm looking forward to another great event!"

"I'll be competing again with my grandson, James, at this year's @pncchampionship. After our first time competing together last year, I am confident that we can put a greater challenge together this year! If he doesn't deliver, I have 21 other grandchildren to choose from for 2021."

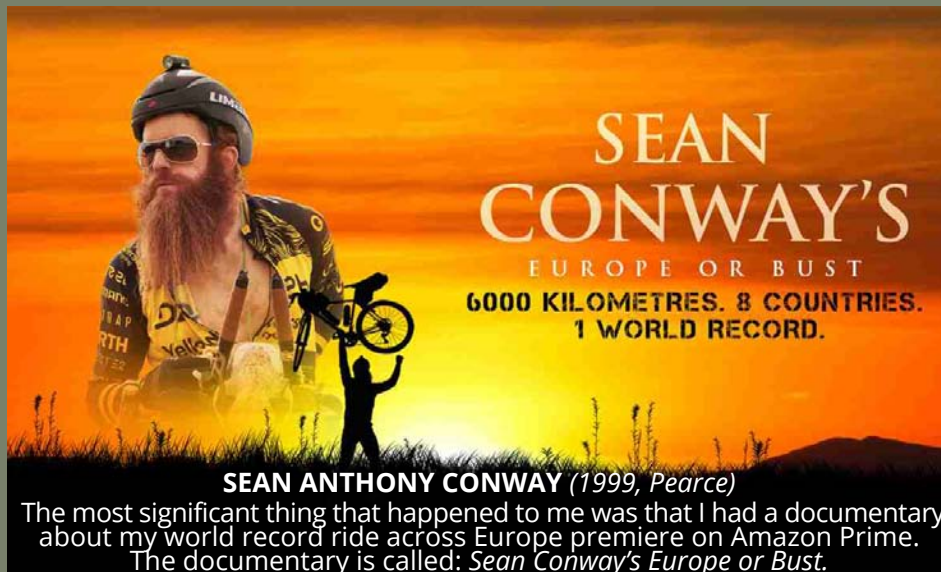


Gary Player and grandson James Throssell (2010, Ellis)



JOSH MILLER (2020, Pearce) and WILLIAM PROUDFOOT (2020, Falcon)

Congratulations to Josh Miller and William Proudfoot who played their first game for the Sharks U20 Rugby team.



MARK WILLIAM HEMPSON (1997, Pearce)

The only wonderful news I have for you was the birth of my son Finnley Nicholas Hempson, on the 5th May 2020 at Hilton Life Hospital.

MIKE PROCTER (1964, Newnham)

3 April 2021 saw the 50th anniversary of the historic Newlands Walk Off - where members of two South African cricket teams walked off the pitch in protest against their Government's Apartheid policies. Barry Richards and I were two of the players involved in the walk off.

These policies enforced racial segregation for non-white members of the South African community, also meaning people of colour and white men could not be on the same cricket team at the time.

We have come a long way since those dark days of state-enforced racial discrimination, although, as we have seen all too often in the recent past, there is still a long way to go to eradicate racism from sport and society in general.

Actions like those of the cricketers at Newlands 50 years ago were, on their own, small protests, but the cumulative effects of those and other similar small and larger events helped to accelerate the imposition of a worldwide ban on South Africa in international sport.

To read the full article on the Newlands Walk Off, visit the news section of the Mike Procter Foundations website here.
<https://mikeprocterfoundationuk.org/news-hub/>



TODAY IS THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEWLANDS WALK OFF



ROBERT ALISTAIR ELLIS (2011, *Ellis*)

Simon, Robert and Christopher Ellis are now all living and working together in London. We founded and now run a UK based real estate investment and development company called Nutbrook Property, serving high net-worth individuals looking to invest their money throughout the UK. We also established a South African FinTech company called SmartWage, which gives employers the ability to offer their employees access to their wages as they earn them.

There is an amazing community of Old Hiltonians in the UK that we are all in regular communication with. Simon recently became Chairman of the UK Hilton Old Boys society and aims to bring everyone together to utilise the incredible and powerful network that Hilton has.

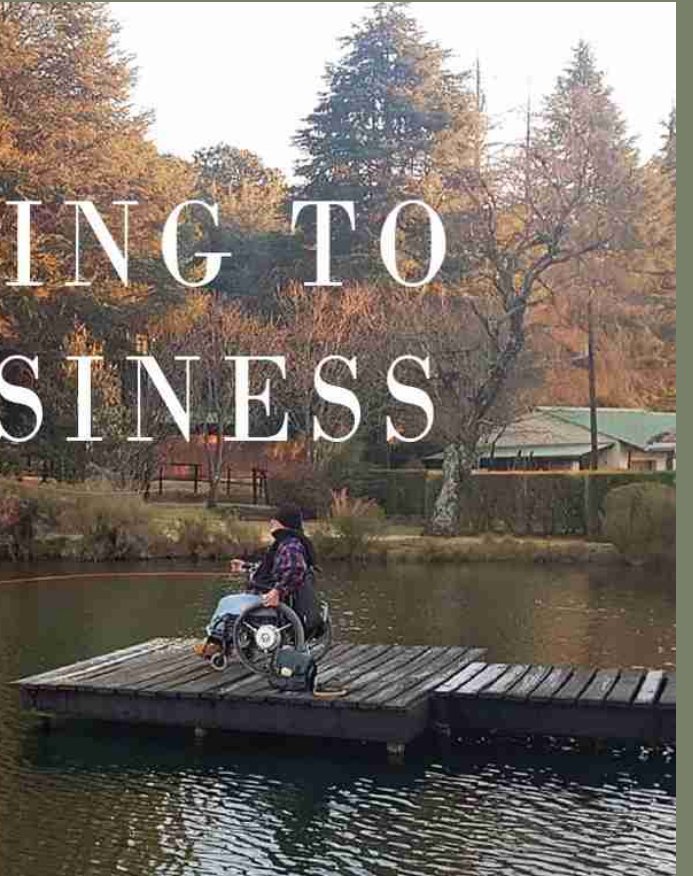


Robert, Christopher and Simon on one of their work trips visiting their property in the Lake District, UK.

FLY FISHING TO GOOD BUSINESS

ARI SEIRLIS (1979, *Pearce*)

Old Hiltonian Ari Seirlis was featured in a cover story in ***Rolling Inspiration*** magazine in August 2020 entitled: "FLY FISHING TO GOOD BUSINESS". The former QASA CEO shared his life story and some great business advice for entrepreneurs and business owners.



Ari talks about his love for fishing, especially fly-fishing, from a young age, and says "it still remains an art that not everybody finds interesting or is successful at; however, I've never seen an ugly outlook or unwise fishing buddy. I've always enquired about the fly that works or the condition the trout is in. Those are the two most important elements to balance, besides rhythm and patience."

He then shared what this hobby taught him:

"It's not how you get there, but it's what you do and how you do it when you're there."

OWETHU LUTHULI (2020, Pearce)

My Hilton College Rugby Journey
Tighthead Prop No. 3 for the Hilton 1st XV 2020

As a young boy, living out part of his dream, trust me when I say there is no greater honour than wearing the iconic 'WHITE' jersey. My Hilton College rugby journey was filled with growth, disappointment and success. It taught me valuable lessons I'll forever cherish.

In 2016, with little understanding of the game, I made the U14B side and played my first match for Hilton at loosehead prop. I moved to the U14As; unfortunately we only won 3 games that season.

In 2017, I made the U15As. At the Parktown Boys' tournament, we won all our games and gained experience VS Jeppe, Pretoria Boys' High and St Johns. Sadly, we lost all of our home games. That's when I began to figure out what type of game suited me and what I could bring to Hilton rugby.

After humiliating U14A and U15A seasons, it seemed everyone had lost hope - except the coaches, who saw our potential. I made the U16A side. Through the brilliant coaching of Mr Tony Richter and our determination, we played well against the Westville, Kearsney and Pretoria Boys. Our team had a 70% win rate. I learned that the team that most wants to win and is willing to sacrifice and 'Bar Up', as Mr Richter would say, wins. It taught me to respect all opponents, but to not fear them, and to back myself. I got the opportunity to try out for the Grant Khomo Week side, making it to the third round. I wasn't selected, but what I learned from coaches and more experienced players was valuable.

Preseason in Grade 11 was brutal. Due to my fitness, an ankle injury and concussions, I was dropped to the 3rd team. We went unbeaten until halfway through the season where we lost to Westville. That weekend I was called up to play for the unbeaten 2nd team in an electric match against a proficient Westville side. Westville prevailed. I then played half a match for the 2nds against the Linpark 1st XV, immediately after playing for the 3rd team against a physical Howick 1st XV. I assumed my day was over, but boy was I wrong. I then played in the 1st XV game VS Sarel Cilliers. I was ecstatic to represent the 'White' - we won convincingly. That day challenged my endurance and my determination. Wearing the 'White' jersey gave

me the drive to conquer it in my matric year. I was brought up to the 2nd team for the season's final game against Michaelhouse (MHS). We defeated MHS on their home turf. I learned how mindset determines success; the importance of preparation and trusting in that process; and that failure is an opportunity to learn.

Wearing the White jersey, you feel like a superhero - unstoppable and powerful. I was willing to do anything to attain it again. I attacked the 2019-2020 preseason with determination to realise my dream of playing for the 1st XV, and did so VS Glenwood in March 2020, at tighthead prop



- a tense and physical match. In overtime, we scored a game-winning try, etching ourselves in Hilton history as the first side to beat Glenwood in 7 years. Due to COVID-19, our rugby season was cut short. From the build-up to my one 1st XV game and even more from my journey from 3rds to 1sts, I learned that to achieve your goal, you must work for it. Talent alone isn't enough.

I will miss the dreaded early morning sessions, exhausting practices and gruelling fitness sessions. I thank Mr Greg Miller (Director of Rugby at Hilton) for his advice and encouragement. I truly appreciate every opportunity Hilton afforded me in allowing me to realise my dream.

My teammates: you play a huge part in whom I am today. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. To the remaining Hiltonians: Enjoy every second you have at Hilton. Don't die wondering. Time moves quickly. Use it wisely.



THE MYSTERIOUS HILTON COLLEGE LAPEL BUTTON

We received an email at the end of last year from a friend of Hilton, Kira-Beth Everton, who lives in Derbyshire in the UK. Kira-Beth found her father's old lapel button from Hilton College.

We don't know the age of the button or its significance. If this looks familiar and you have any information, please share it with us at advancement@hiltoncollege.com



THE CATTLE PROJECT



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At the start of this project, the Old Hiltonian Club agreed to loan the school farm the funds to purchase a beef herd, on the understanding that the profits be directed to bursaries. The results have been excellent. From an initial herd of 40 oxen, donated by friends and family of Hilton, a herd of over 700 oxen is now run on the estate. Given the scale reached the management of the cattle project was handed to The Hiltonian Society. In a way, this marked the coming of age of the cattle project and the Old Hiltonian Club can be justifiably proud of originating this project for our school. This will enable the cattle project to continue to grow in the best possible way.

You are invited to donate an amount of R8 000, which will be used to buy an ox. You will receive a section 18A tax certificate for the donation. At the end of the season, the animal will be sold, and a portion of the profit will be paid to the school's bursary fund. The original capital amount is retained, and you will automatically be allocated an ox every year. All participants are listed in the Hiltonian Magazine.

Participants will "own" an ox and have the chance to name it. There is a competition to see whose animal gains the most weight and the owner of the Best Performing Ox will be awarded the floating trophy at the Old Hiltonian AGM as well as the grand prize of 1kg biltong.

This novel project allows Old Hiltonians to be part of an excellent cause, while providing them with a fun opportunity to farm and to compete with their desk bound friends.



RULES OF THE GAME:

1. To play you need to deposit R8000 into the account of the Hiltonian Society. This will constitute as a donation and a Section 18a tax certificate will be issued to you.
2. You may sponsor more than one animal if you choose.
3. Once the cattle have been purchased, you will be allocated an animal and be given the opportunity to name it.
4. The cattle will be reared on the Hilton Estate under the very careful watch of the Estate manager, and the cattle team.
5. The winner of the competition will be the "owner" whose animal has gained the most weight, on an ADG basis.

BANKING DETAILS:

If you would like to be involved, please deposit R8000 into the following account and confirm your ox's name by email cattle@hiltoncollege.com.

Account name
THE HILTONIAN SOCIETY NPC

Bank
First National Bank

Account Number:
62811385063

Account type
ENTERPRISE BUSINESS ACCOUNT

Branch
MIDLANDS MALL

Branch Code
257355

Beneficiary Ref
Initials, Surname, Cattle
Example: TEM Gibson Cattle

For further information, please contact Amanda Pistorius on the following address cattle@hiltoncollege.com.

HILTON COLLEGE'S OAKTREE LEGACY



In November 2019 a storm ripped through our school campus, causing the ±170-year-old legacy English Oaktree near the Sanatorium to fall. Fortunately no one was injured.

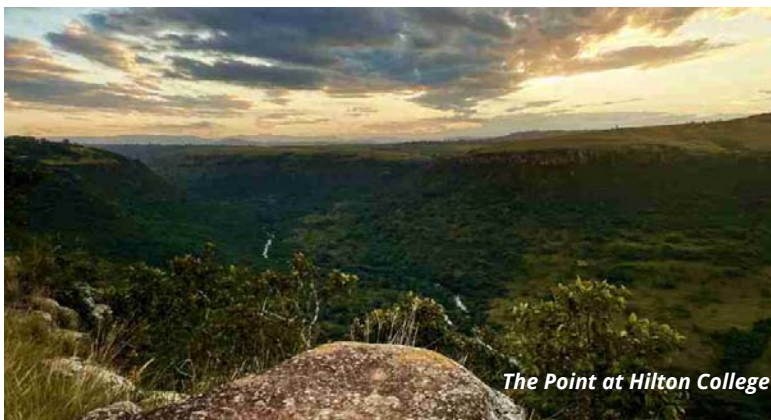
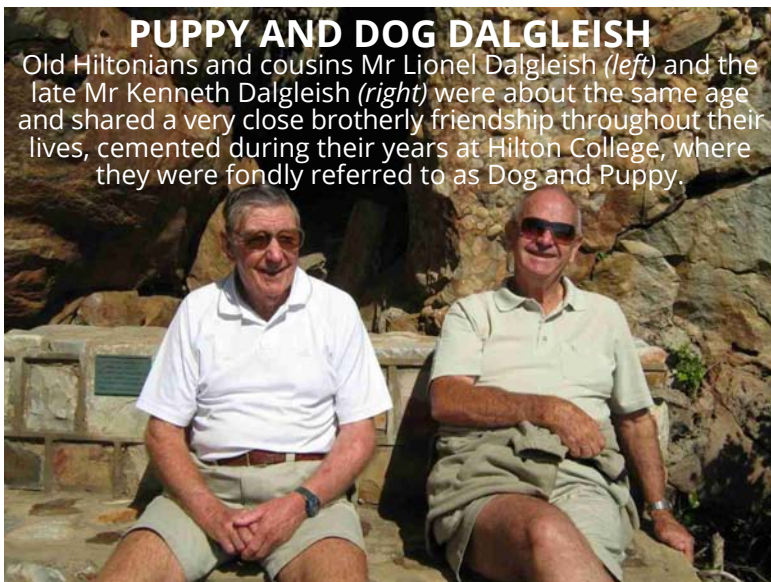
Almost 150 years ago, a great school was planted alongside this grand tree. Now we are symbolically using the wood that holds the stories of so many wonderful years to make tables and other furniture pieces that will be sold as part of our 150th celebrations.



Headmaster George Harris on the day of the tree cutting

PUPPY AND DOG DALGLEISH

Old Hiltonians and cousins Mr Lionel Dalgleish (left) and the late Mr Kenneth Dalgleish (right) were about the same age and shared a very close brotherly friendship throughout their lives, cemented during their years at Hilton College, where they were fondly referred to as Dog and Puppy.



The Point at Hilton College



The Dusi 2020 Masters (65- to 69-year category) Champions, Rob MacLean and Guy Haines, both members of the Hilton Matric Class of 1968.

Pictured is the K2 canoeing combination, Guy Haines and Rob MacLean, both members of the Hilton Matric Class of 1968, shooting Taxi Rapid during Day 1 of the 2020 Dusi Canoe Marathon.



K2 canoeing combination, Guy Haines (front) and Rob MacLean (back)

The pair won the Masters category of the event (65 to 69 years), with Guy completing his 40th Dusi, a milestone which only a handful of SA paddlers have ever achieved.

The pair paddled together again on the 2021 Dusi and Umkomaas River canoe marathons in March, 2021.

OLD HILTONIAN FOUNDERS SELL YUPPIECHEF TO MR PRICE

Shane Dryden (1992, Maritzburg College), Andrew Smith (1998, McKenzie) and Paul Galatis (1998, Ellis) started Yuppiechef in a lounge in a middle-class Cape Town suburb. After waiting years for it to take off, the founders will now finally hit a massive payday. Mr Price announced that it is buying 100% of Yuppiechef.

Read more about the Yuppiechef buyout here.
<https://www.businessinsider.co.za/meet-the-yuppiechef-founders-2021-3>



2020 E-REUNIONS

Making news with our 2020 e-Reunions

During 2020, Covid-19 forced us to host our traditional class reunions online in the form of e-Reunions, an approach that worked remarkably well. Held from April to June, the 20, 40 and 60+ year reunions proved to be a great success. The 60+ year reunion group requested another session to reconnect with their classmates in August 2020. This special e-Reunion even featured in the Sunday Tribune.

Hilton College alumni host an online reunion

LETHU NXUMALO
lethu.nxumalo@jini.co.za

OLD "Hiltonians" from across the globe reconnected and revived old friendships when Hilton College hosted their first online reunion last Saturday for the class of 1956 to 1961.

The elderly men, some well into their 80s, from as far as the UK, Switzerland, the US, Australia and Zimbabwe began preparing for the reunion months before the announcement of the country's lockdown.

A full weekend of activity was on the cards, with events including a picnic on the estate, a sports match, a cocktail party and an opportunity to meet the headmaster, staff and pupils.

Without wanting to miss this opportunity, Mandy Thorburn, advancement manager at the school, enlisted the help of her son Nicholas, who is in Grade 9.

Nicholas successfully connected three generations of his family over the Easter period using the Zoom application, and it was decided that the same app would be used to make the e-reunion an online reality.

Thorburn said prior to the meeting, the old boys were encouraged to test



Hilton College hosted its first online pupil reunion last Saturday for the class of 1956 to 1961. They shared the loss of two school boys' lives during the polio pandemic of 1955 before the vaccine was rolled out reminding us that pandemics are not new to South Africa.

the app with their friends and families.

While some were familiar with the technology, it was a first experience for most.

"They all spoke fondly of Sundays – swimming in the uMngeni River and

exploring the estate. They all laughed at how awful the boarding school food was in those days. On a more serious note, they shared the loss of two school boys' lives during the polio pandemic of 1955 before the vaccine was rolled

out in that same year, reminding us that pandemics are not new to South Africa," she said.

During that time, the Old Hiltonians were not allowed to leave their dorms until temperature checks were

done. Those who displayed symptoms of a fever were sent to isolation at the sanatorium.

"Some boys were advised to keep camphor and garlic in a little bag around their necks to ward off the virus, and Mike Ryan recalled Monty Brett eating clove upon clove of garlic to ward off the virus," said Thorburn.

"One Old Hiltonian recalled contracting this virus twice in one term during his matric year, but he made a great comeback after his confinement to the San."

Pete Thorburn, 77, Mandy's father-in-law, shared his 1957 experience of when Asian flu broke out and he and other pupils were tasked with pushing food trollies to the sanatorium for a number of their ill mates.

He eventually caught flu, too, and was confined there when others had recovered.

Hilton College marketing director Peter Storrar said it was fascinating to learn about the different paths taken, and lives lived by the Old Hiltonians.

"To connect all these paths together in a way that wouldn't have been possible until recently, and during a global pandemic, too, is truly amazing," he said.



KwaZulu-Natal Branch

Following an unprecedented year, I would like to start by thanking all the KZN Old Boys who have reached out to the committee in these challenging times. We realise the importance of having the events and are committed to getting back on track as soon as regulations allow and it is sensible to congregate.

The loose plan for the year ahead is as follows:

- Three social evenings on the North Coast, Durban Central, and Hillcrest respectively
- Possibility of a family weekend at Cathedral Peak in the 4th Quarter.
- Golf Day in Durban against the MHS Old Boys - also 4th Quarter.
- A social event with the MHS Old Boys and families in Durban - TBD

I have been in contact with the MHS Chairman and their committee is quite keen to combine a few events, on top of a few unofficial events already in the pipeline.

For now, I just ask for your patience with these events, and we will be in touch throughout the year.

Stay in good health, and here's to a prosperous year ahead.

Warm Regards
Adam Oldfield (adam@cousinssteel.co.za)

United Kingdom Branch

Message from the Branch Chairman, Andrew Richmond

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that I will be stepping down as Chairman of the UK Old Hiltonian branch. It has been a privilege to have served you for the past four years.

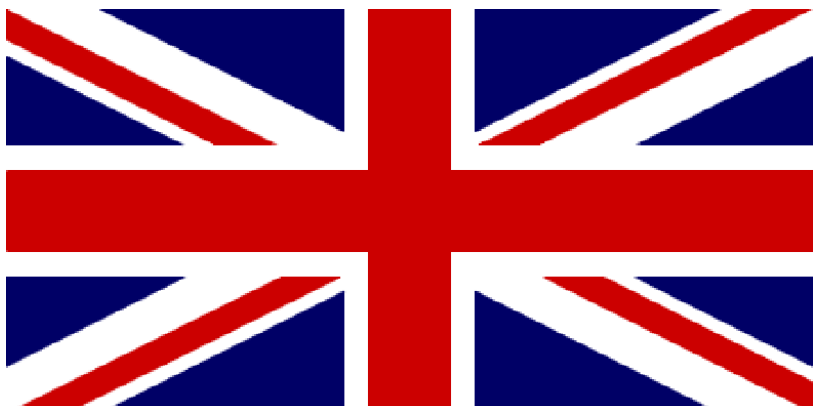
I would like to thank my committee - Andrew Morgan, Matthew Moxham, Simon Ellis, and John Don-Wauchope - as well as Sean Lumley and his committee from Michaelhouse. I would especially like to pay tribute to John Don-Wauchope who has served on the committee for a staggering 24 years - including serving as chairman for five of those. John will continue to serve on the committee this year. John, on behalf of the school and the Old Hiltonian community, we thank you for your incredible contribution and support over the years.

I am delighted to announce that Simon Ellis has been appointed as the new Chairman. Simon is a true Old Hiltonian - he is passionate about his school and has a strong desire to build the Old Boy community. Simon will introduce his committee in due course. I wish Simon and his committee all the very best.

Lastly, I would like to convey my sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone who has supported and continues to support the UK branch - whether that be through contributing to the UK trust fund or attending an event. It's your participation that makes this Old Boy community so special.

I look forward to seeing many of you at one of our Old Boy events in the (hopefully) not too distant future. Until then, stay safe.

Warm regards,
Andrew Richmond



Hilton College continues to thrive despite Covid-19 conditions and restrictions like the current prohibition on inter-school sports. Our school now has 592 boys, just short of full enrolment, whilst we understand that several other independent schools have not been able to fill their schools.

Our 2020 Matrics produced exceptional results and several A symbols, with many pupils being named in the IEB's top achievers.

In 2021 we introduced various A-Level subjects from Grade 10. To date, 25 pupils have enrolled. Whilst separate from the IEB classes, A-Level classes are fully integrated into the timetable, and often complement the IEB lessons. In time this programme may require some additional A-Level specialist teachers, but for now, the teaching load is manageable. We are exploring the possibility of offering A-Levels online to remote students.

SCHOOL NEWS

Thanks to an Old Hiltonian's very generous project-specific donation, the long planned extensive Music Centre upgrade will begin in the coming months, to be completed in time for our 150th celebrations.

Our Beaumont Pavilion upgrade, including a wheelchair-friendly toilet, is completed.



We wear this badge to signify our pledge to each other;
We wear this badge as a commitment to everyone being treated equally;
We wear this badge as a brotherhood: a brotherhood united by a shared vision;
A vision for our school, our country and our world that affords people the opportunity to be who they are without being judged according to their skin colour, their gender, their sexuality or their status in society;
We pledge to live this common vision every day;
And to lead through our example to others;
A brotherhood united.



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DUSI CANOE MARATHON

Dusi Canoe Marathon Results: Matt Allwood and Travis Holdsworth 11:24:16; Simon Chubb 11:32:01 and Duncan Hawksworth and James Robey 11:46:20. Well done, we are very proud of all of you.



ROLL OF HONOUR

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families during this time.
January 2020 to March 2021



CHRISTOPHER JAMES SAUNDERS

Hilton College honours the life of Christopher James Saunders, an Old Hiltonian, past Member of the Board of Governors and benefactor.

Chris died on the 17th October 2020 in KwaZulu-Natal, aged 90. He is survived by three children. His two sons, Stephen and Douglas and grandsons, Christopher and David also attended Hilton College, and we extend our sincere condolences to the Saunders family.

Chris was influential within the business and political communities of South Africa and Zimbabwe. He was Chairman of the Tongaat Group of companies (later Tongaat Hulett) which his great grandfather had started in the 1800s. It was largely through Chris' initiative and drive that the company grew from a single mill sugar estate into one of the largest cane sugar companies in the world, with the acquisition of Huletts Corporation. Diversifying further into the fields of aluminium, textiles and brickmaking, Tongaat was one of the largest companies on the JSE.

CJS, as he was often known, was a director of the Anglo American Corporation, Standard Bank, Urban Foundation, and South Africa Foundation, a member of the Sugar Association Council, and was appointed to the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council. He was very active in the tumultuous politics of the 1980s and '90s and worked closely with Prince Buthelezi and others to try and find a positive way forward for Natal and South Africa.

NAME	YEARS AT HC	HOUSE	DECEASED DATE
Mr Michael Eustace ARONSON	1940 - 1942	Ellis	Sep-20
Mr Desmond Ponsonby Mulock BENTLEY	1942 - 1945	Ellis	Jan-20
Mr Michael Andrew R BERNHARD	1953 - 1955	Newnham	Nov-20
Rev Robert A D BIRCHER	1964 - 1969	Ellis	Dec-20
Mr Nathan Craig BROWN	2004 - 2008	Churchill	Mar-21
Mr Michael F BUSH	1956 - 1960	Ellis	Jun-20
Mr David Reginald CALDER	1939 - 1942	Ellis	Jan-21
Mr Lutando Walter CHARLIE	1983 - 1984	Falcon	Feb-21
Mr Leonard Robin CHURCH	1948 - 1951	Newnham	Aug-20
Mr Robert Gordon COLLINS	1954 - 1957	Pearce	Mar-20
Mr James Clarence CROOKES	1998 - 2001	Ellis	Jan-20
Mrs Paddy CURTIS	Friend of Hilton		Oct-20
Mr Lionel Stanley DALGLISH	1943 - 1945	Newnham	Nov-18
Mr Charles Edward A DEARLOVE	1959 - 1964	McKenzie	Feb-21
Mr Peter Colin Glyd DELL	1957 - 1959	McKenzie	Dec-20
Mr Peter Douglas DORWARD	1951 - 1956	Newnham	Apr-20
Mr Charles Ross FERGUSON	1978 - 1982	McKenzie	Jan-20
Mr William Storm (snr) FERGUSON	1959 - 1962	Newnham	Aug-20
Mr Kevin GRINAKER	1970 - 1973	Pearce	Feb-21
Mr Malcolm Ralph HAMLIN	1953 - 1956	Churchill	Feb-20
Mr John Graham HARRINGTON	1945 - 1949	Pearce	Jan-21
Mr Christopher Alfred Louie HENWOOD	1950 - 1953	Churchill	Oct-20
Mr Stephen Tadeusz HENWOOD	1987 - 1988	Ellis	Jul-20
Mr Richard Andrew HODGES	1954 - 1955	Ellis	Sep-20
Mr Henry Richard HUGHES	1941 - 1944	Churchill	May-20
Dr John Lockhart HYSLOP	1944 - 1948	Churchill	Jun-20
Mr Arthur Bruce Douglas JOUBERT	1953 - 1955	Ellis	Dec-20
Mr Graham Clive KAHN	1945 - 1946	Newnham	Mar-21
Mr John Michael KNOWLES	1975 - 1978	Pearce	Feb-20
Mr Heath R LAMPANEY	1990 - 1994	Churchill	Feb-21
Mr John A MAPSTONE	1947 - 1949	Pearce	Feb-20
Mr Donald Mitchell MARTIN	1948 - 1952	Churchill	Feb-21
Mr David Haddon MITCHELL	1947 - 1951	Newnham	Jun-20
Mr Denis Samuel Hulett MONTGOMERY	1947 - 1950	McKenzie	Apr-20
Mr Nils Fredrik MURMAN	1951 - 1954	Churchill	Jun-20
Mr Silva PILLAY	Staff member		Jan-21
Mr Theodore Rein Mark REIN	1951 - 1955	Ellis	Mar-21
Mr Paul-John Anthony (Tony) RICHTER	Staff member		Feb-21
Mr Anthony Graham (Tony) ROGERS	1954-1958	Pearce	Aug-20
Dr Christopher James SAUNDERS	1943 - 1946	Ellis	Oct-20
Mr Trevor Clive SCHWEGMANN	1951 - 1954	Churchill	Jun-20
Mr Carolus James (Rolly) SHORTEN	1940 - 1942	McKenzie	Jan-21
Dr Ernest Desmond SONNENFELD	1939 - 1942	Churchill	Nov-20
Mr Christopher John STRONG	1946 - 1950	McKenzie	Aug-20
Dr Maxwell James TAYLOR	1951 - 1953	Ellis	Feb-20
Mr David Symes THOMAS	1942 - 1946	Churchill	Sep-20
Mr Prof Richard Arthur (Tiny) WALKER	1972 - 1976	Pearce	Feb-21
Prof Nigel Oscar WEISS	1949 - 1952	Pearce	Jun-20
Mr Michael Wynne WELLS	1943 - 1946	Pearce	Aug-20

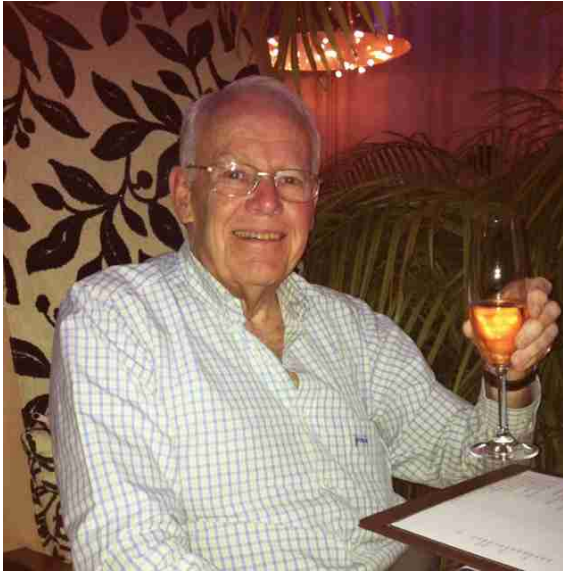
Economic growth with dignity for all was uppermost in his thinking and initiatives. This was epitomized in the progressive manner in which Tongaat tackled the challenges of housing and caring for its large workforce in South Africa and Zimbabwe.

He was a talented sportsman earning a rugby Blue whilst up at Oxford, representing Natal and the British Barbarians at rugby. He loved golf and extended this passion through Tongaat's development arm in the development of golf courses such as Mount Edgecombe and Zimbali.

He served as Chairman of the Golden Circle horse racing syndicate during his illustrious career and was a well-known and respected horse owner and breeder. In his very private life, he also created one of the foremost collections of Africana furniture and paintings. In all his endeavours he was energetically supported by his charming wife Pam who regrettably died earlier this year at the age of 91. Pam (née Butcher) was a member of another prominent family in the sugar business.

Thank you, Chris, for all you did as a generous benefactor to Hilton College and as a member of the Board of Governors in the '70s and '80s; we will remember you.

DAVID HADDON MITCHELL



David Mitchell was a second generation Hiltonian after his father, FH Mitchell (HC 1917-1919), who many fondly remember as 'Duna'. David was a prefect in Newnham house, and matriculated in 1951, after his older brother Brian (HC 1943-1949) who completed his post-matric two years previously.

He was involved with the Old Hiltonian Committee from an early age and is on the Roll of Benefactors of the Hiltonian Society, established by the Board of Governors in 1991. He contributed greatly towards the cost of the chapel expansion some 20 years prior to his death and also to the Campaign for Hilton, which was launched in September 2011, which aims to extend the culture of benefaction throughout the Hiltonian community.

His primary school education was at St John's College (Johannesburg), and his tertiary education was at Witwatersrand University, where he met his wife to be, Norma McKenzie.

David qualified as a Quantity Surveyor and moved back to Johannesburg to join the family business, DF Corlett Construction (Pty) Ltd. He went on to have a distinguished business career in the construction industry with his appointments including: Deputy Chairman Fedsure Holdings; Director - Investec Bank and Federated Employers' Mutual Assurance Company. Chairman - The South African Builder. President - Witwatersrand Master Builders Association and Chairman - Building Industries Federation of SA (BIFSA).

In addition, he was a Member - SA Institute of Building Associates, and an Associate Member - Institute of Arbiters (UK) and Fellow - Association of Arbiters (SA).

In later years he was Chairman and Trustee of the Endangered Wildlife Trust, and Chairman of the Board at St Mary's Girls School in Waverley, Johannesburg (2003-2006).

On the sports field, David was a talented and accomplished cricketer. He was a lower order right-hand batsman and right-arm fast medium and leg break bowler. He was coached by his uncle,



A collection of David Mitchell's Hilton ties donated by Kevin, David's son

Test opening batsman, Bruce Mitchell and Test umpire Jack Hart-Davis. He could well have made more than three first-class appearances, had he not needed to focus on work commitments.

David made his debut for Transvaal against Natal, at Kingsmead, in December 1954. Coming on as first change bowler he had an analysis of 12.2-1-58-3 (his career best innings analysis) in the Natal first innings total of 278. He had the rare distinction of taking a wicket in his debut first-class delivery in dismissing Natal captain and opening batsman, Jackie McGlew, who was out hit wicket after scoring 23. David batted at number eight in both Transvaal innings being dismissed on both occasions by Test spinner Hugh Tayfield. Natal won the match by 147 runs and subsequently the Currie Cup that season.

His second first-class appearance for Transvaal was just over two weeks later, in the New Year's Day clash at Newlands, against Western Province. He caught Gerald Innes for 24 off his own bowling in the first innings.

Prior to the start of the 1957/58 season, he moved to Port Elizabeth to work for Murray & Roberts. He made what turned out to be his final first-class appearance in October 1957, for Eastern Province against Orange Free State, in a friendly on the Union CC Ground. He bowled the final ball of the match, having the last opposition batsman stumped, in a game that was completed inside two days with his side winning by an innings and 81 runs.

In his four innings, once not out, he scored 21 runs with a highest score of 10. He took five wickets at 40.40 runs apiece and held three catches.

Apart from cricket, David was actively engaged in other sports and played competitive hockey, tennis and squash. He was a keen golfer and a Past President of the Royal Johannesburg Golf Club. He also had a passion for wildlife conservation and fly fishing, as well as sports shooting (fostered early from his time in the Hilton shooting team).

From a hobby perspective, he took magnificent pictures, often developing and enlarging his own photos. He was an early adopter of home film making innovations, and his cinematography through the years was in a class of its own. He was also a scale model train enthusiast and built an impressive scenic and functional railway set at his home in Waverley. His music collection was impressive, reflecting his lifelong passion for many genres of music, musical instruments, and musical theatre.

David Mitchell passed away at the family home in Johannesburg, where he had lived since 1963. He had suffered ill-health in the final two years of his life. He is survived by his son Kevin (HC 1978-1983) and daughters Colleen, Jenny, Shirley, Lynne and 9 grandchildren. His wife, Norma, pre-deceased him in 2008.

NIGEL WEISS

NIGEL WEISS, who has died aged 83, was Professor of Mathematical Astrophysics at the University of Cambridge and distinguished for his work on magneto-convective eddies in the Sun through which magnetic fields rise from the solar interior to the solar surface and beyond – processes which lie behind the development of sunspots and solar flares.

In early work in 1966 he discovered the process of “flux expulsion” by which a conducting fluid undergoing rotation acts to expel the magnetic flux from the region of motion, a process now known to occur in the photosphere – the visible surface – of the Sun and similar stars.

Nigel Oscar Weiss was born in Johannesburg on December 16 1936. His father, Oscar, from a Jewish-Hungarian family, was a geophysicist. His mother, Molly (née Kisch) was active in anti-apartheid circles in South Africa in the 1960s.

Nigel was educated at Hilton College, Natal, then at Rugby School and Clare College, Cambridge, where he read Natural Sciences and stayed on to take a PhD in 1961 on Variable



Angered environmentalists

mounting evidence that the earth's climate responds to changing patterns of solar activity.

In 2006 in an interview with *New Scientist* he pointed out that while the late 20th century had been “a period of abnormally high solar activity”, such periods do not last long – “perhaps 50 to 100 years. Then you get a crash. It's a boom-bust system, and I would expect a crash soon.”

The *National Post* article, which branded him a climate-change “denier”, led him to be vilified by environmental campaigners and scientists unfamiliar with his work.

But Weiss was nothing of the sort. Describing the claims as a “slandorous fabrication”, he pointed out that he had long believed

Hydromagnetic Motions.

After a spell at Culham Laboratory in Oxfordshire, where he developed the mathematical techniques he used for his later flux expulsion work, he returned to Cambridge in 1965 as a lecturer in the Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics, and as a fellow of Clare College. He became Professor of Mathematical Astrophysics in 1987 and an emeritus professor in 2004.

Weiss published extensively in the field of mathematical astrophysics, and wrote two important textbooks, *Sunspots and Starspots* (with John Thomas, 2008) and *Magnetocvection* (with Mike Proctor, 2014).

He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1992 and from 2000 to 2002 served as president of the Royal Astronomical Society, whose Gold Medal he was awarded in 2007.

That year, however, he was infuriated by an article in the Toronto-based *National Post* which maintained that he had claimed that global warming could be accounted for by fluctuations in solar activity.

In 1999 Weiss had observed that there was

that the warming is caused by greenhouse gases produced by human activity, and that “any temperature changes caused by variations in solar activity are small compared to the global warming that we are already experiencing, and very small compared to what will happen if we continue to burn fossil fuel at the present rate.”

Weiss subsequently took legal action against the newspaper, which published a full retraction and apology.

A man of many interests, including 20th-century opera and art, Weiss travelled widely, and in later life served as a member of the National Gallery scientific consultative group.

In 1968 he married Judy Martin, an expert on Anglo-Norman literature, with whom he established an educational trust in Cape Town to provide school and university bursaries for young South Africans from the townships.

She survives him with their two daughters and a son.

Professor Nigel Weiss, born December 16 1936, died June 14 2020



Hilton Fencing Club 1952



TONY RICHTER

Excerpt from Mike Mill's tribute to Tony and Alice Richter at his memorial service:



In Ellis Tony had another one of his sayings **“Presence is Powerful”** written on huge wall posters in a few places in the House. My interpretation of what he was getting at is that you need to be there to contribute, you needed to have the right attitude to contribute and you need to look the part, you needed - as Burger Nel described it - to have the right ‘houding’.

Tony's presence at Hilton was powerful and will be sorely missed by all who crossed his path. Rest in peace Tony, together with your beloved Ali.



CLICK HERE to watch the memorial service online:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uBND6mk-h0w>

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