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Well done, the King Dale Family!

CONGRATULATIONS to all those who worked hard to make the 125th Dale College anniversary celebrations a success.

The Reunion, in which 120 Transvaal boys and many parents shared, was an unforgettable climax to the year's festivities.

To the Headmasters and their staff, to the organising committee, local parents, Old Dalians, Dalians and the people of King, we say: Well done!

Next year the Reunion will revert to its traditional slot in May, for reasons that TransDale supported when the idea cropped up two years ago.

The 1986 Reunion will be a hard act to follow and the response is likely to fall off to some extent in 1987.

We hope many parents will still go. It is one of the highlights of the Dale calendar and a chance to see one's son and his friends in their happy school environment.

It's also a chance to meet the teachers, other parents and, for Old Dalians, a chance to renew old friendships. As Headmaster Malcom Andrew aptly puts it, it's the time Dale Family comes together. Treasure it.

Buy a brick for Dale

THE TRANSVAAL Dale Parents Association has forged closer links with the Dale PTA in King William's Town, which entertained the visiting Transvaal committee over Reunion.

One of the first Transvaal projects in which the King PTA is showing interest is a "Buy a Brick for Dale" drive. The "brick" will be a hardwood plaque with the donor's name and, if desired, the years of association with Dale.

This venture is to be launched in a few months and it is hoped parents associations and Old Dalian branches in other centres will join in.

This could be the start of stronger ties with other branches of the Dale Family. Transvaal Old Dalians have supported our Fun Days well. Natal Old Dalians have a lively branch which works closely with local parents. Let's get together for Dale!

The Dale money crisis

DALE has a massive problem, Headmaster Andrew told the Old Dalian Symposium at Reunion — a lack of money to keep up standards.

The Dale Educational Fund has fallen far short of its five-year R1million target. In three years the fund has drawn R420 819 in pledges from 483 donors and most of this has come from the King William's Town area. Most contributions to the fund have come from parents in King and elsewhere.

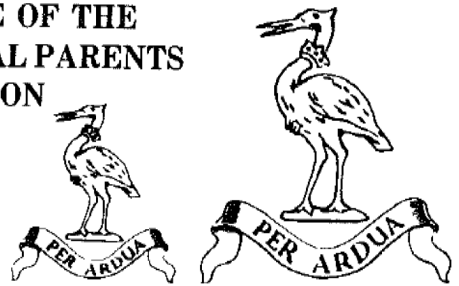
Of the money pledged R199 476 has been received and R157 788 already spent. The position is critical. The maintenance of key facilities like the swimming pool are in jeopardy and progress is being retarded in many fields.

The Transvaal parents association has given generously to the two schools in recent years — R10 000 this year, R4 000 in 1985 and will continue to help as much as possible.

We hope this will answer those who advocate higher fees for Dalians. The message at the Reunion Symposium was clear: It's time for Old Dalians to play a greater role.

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The Tvl Dale parents committee for 1986-87

THIS is the new committee of the Transvaal Dale Parents Association elected at the 1986 annual general meeting:

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● Ex-chairman Tony Boggett and his wife Sue (Phone 803-1562), and Clive and Anne Stuart (Phone 646-9590) remain co-opted committee members until the year's end.

● If you have a problem concerning Dale College boys you may approach any of these members.

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Congrats and thanks, Tony and Sue

CONGRATULATIONS to Tony and Sue Boggett on receiving the Per Ardua Award from Dale College at the Reunion for their services to the school and the Transvaal parents association.

Tony was chairman of the association for two years and he and Sue have been members of the committee for four years.

Their son Duncan, 18, is in his fifth year at Dale as a boarder at Paterson House and matriculates at the end of this year.

Among other things, Sue and Tony will be remembered by Transvaal Dale parents for the fabulous parties they hosted at their Rivonia home. One of the most notable was the party Tony missed — he was in hospital after a small argument with a kidney stone! Thanks, Tony and Sue.



The younger the kids are, the easier they settle down

A HOME away from home — that's Dale Junior's D V Taylor House, where the food is good and wholesome and boys are given enough independence to make them feel responsible.

The dormitories are alive with colour and the grounds are full of laughing children amusing themselves with schoolboy pranks.

What a transformation from the spooky, antiquated building which until the late seventies was a conservative school convent, shut off to the outside world!

Mike Hosty, Superintendent of Dale Junior's relatively new hostel, has opened the doors to 90 boarders. He has made them feel welcome in a hostel where every boy from Sub A to Std Five, from as far as Swaziland and the Transvaal, feels at home.

The boys TransDale spoke to had no complaints — other than feeling homesick during the first week after a holiday. They described the hostel as a home where the matrons, masters and their wives are always friendly and understanding.

One young lad said hostel made boys more mannerly and responsible. He and his friends had learnt to do things for themselves and, he felt, they had not turned out to be "mommys' boys" as had some of their "daypot" friends.

They had learnt to do their schoolwork instead of watching television, to be thrifty and to live with a lot of other people.

The positive attitude of these boys is a tribute to Mike and his staff. Mike and his wife Mandy, who come originally from Zimbabwe, decided to work with children when they graduated from Rhodes University in 1979.

By accident they came to live in King William's Town. They visited relatives there and they were offered a post as house parents at the local children's home.

With the home's principal Mike introduced the private house system, where about 10 teenagers live in a house with house parents. This replaced the institutionalised system of child care.

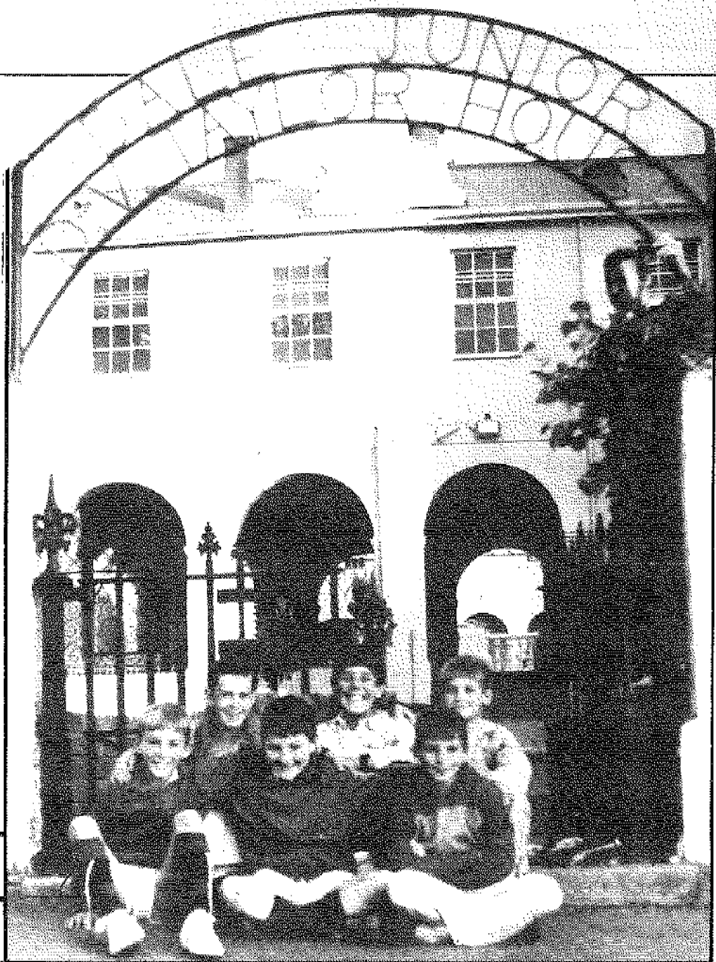
In 1981 Mike started teaching at Dale Junior and became a hostel master at Sutton House, then a junior hostel.

The old, cold Convent building was bought by the Department of Education for Dale and has

Transvalers outside their home from home. Front: Robert Gemmell, Ivan Greyling and Norman Opie. Back: Arno Newling and Etienne Roelofse. And from Natal: Arthur Herbert

That's Taylor House,

where every boy is made to feel at home



since been given a facelift.

Renovations started in 1983 and the hostel was finally opened in January 1984. It was named after a former Dale Junior Headmaster, Mr D V (Dummy) Taylor, who ran Taylor's Hostel for juniors in the Sixties and Seventies. Dummy is the father of the present head of Dale Junior, Roy Taylor.

Mike said the renovations were planned to take place over a period of three years, so minor painting and plumbing jobs still have to be done.

The dorms are spacious and each boy completes his homework at a desk next to his bed, a departure from the prep-room system, which Mike has decided to scrap to give the boys a sense of responsibility.

He said the hostel staff aimed to create a homely atmosphere by taking a personal interest in each boy and he praised the matrons for the time they spent with the boys.

"The matrons at Taylor House are superb. They really want to work and care for the boys.

They like it," he said.

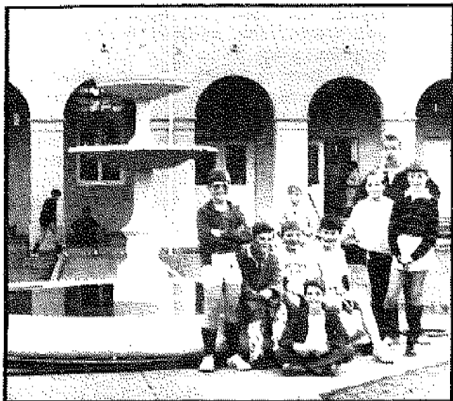
Mike's wife, a private remedial teacher, not only has time for her three own children, but time for the boys. From her and the other masters' wives, a good night kiss is a must and the boys have to be tucked in.

It is the wife's duty to listen to the younger boys reading. The Std Fives also supervise the youngsters' homework.

At six years old, little Dalians dress themselves and, according to Mike, have settled down well. "The younger the kids are, the easier they settle down," he said.

But at Taylor House, no matter how old a boy is, he will be made to feel at home. He will be supervised by people who have dedicated their lives to caring for children — because they want to, not because they have to.

Regrettably Mike and Mandy will be leaving King at the end of this year for Clifton Preparatory School, Nottingham Road, Natal. They will be sorely missed.



Transvaal lads around the quad pond



THE HOSTY FAMILY: Sarah, Mandy, Luke, Mike and Jason

Gendall: A little stick of dynamite

"DYNAMITE comes in small packages" — particularly when it's Dale College Deputy Headmaster Des Gendall.

This ebullient little man, also the Superintendent of Frank Joubert House, has been at the college for a year. He has become deeply involved and highly impressed with the traditions and goings-on at Dale.

Before he arrived he was told that Dale was a great sporting school. This implied to him that sport was Dale's main object, but he soon found out that this was not so.

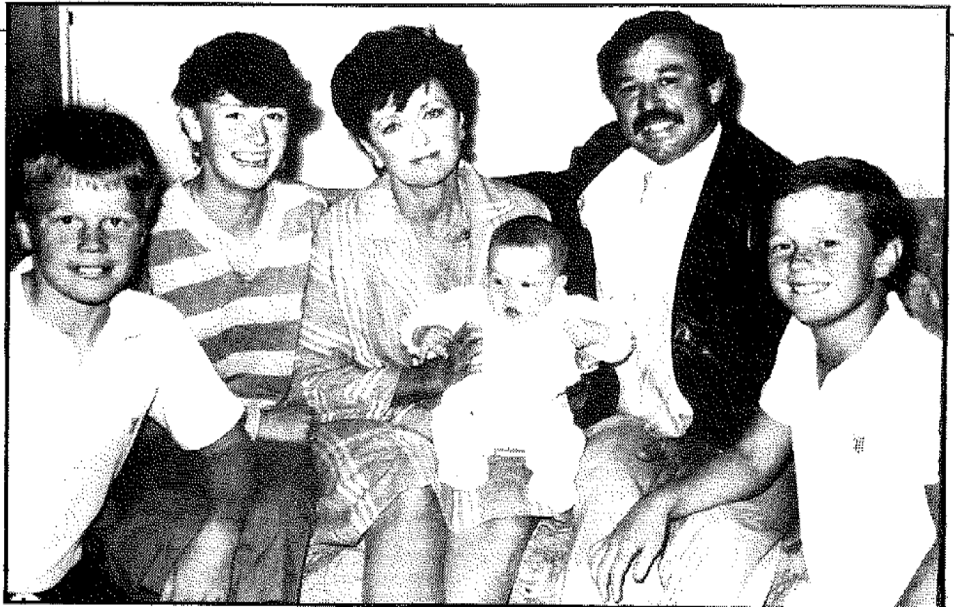
"Dale is good all round," said Des. "It produces more plays a year than I have ever known a school to produce and its pupils are successful at eisteddfods. So it is tops academically and in cultural activities."

Coming to King was like coming home for Des, who taught in East London before going to a co-educational school in Port Elizabeth. He graduated from Rhodes University in Grahamstown.

Des and his family have always had a hankering for a small town, so moving from PE to King was a change but not a problem. He believes schools in a small town are very much part of the town and that he likes.

He found Kingites very proud of Dale. He was amazed when during the Cape Schools Rugby Week held at Dale recently townspeople approached the school about why they had not been asked to accommodate players from other schools.

"I think the fact that King is part of the Dale Family is something an outsider is not aware of. Dale and King grew up together and without Dale, King would not be the same. You see, Dale is not a school, but an institution and its old buildings and tradition go with it."



THE GENDALL FAMILY: Murray, 12, Bronwyn, 15, Shelagh with baby Matthew, Des and Parry, 10

Dale has something different to offer, says deputy head Des

Des knows of children who have come to Dale from city schools in the Transvaal, because Dale has something different to offer them.

This does not mean that city schools are unsuccessful, he said, but that schools in a town are more closely knit.

His wife Shelagh is involved more with Dale than she has been with any other school at which her husband has taught.

She helps Des with administration work at the hostel and often helps the headmaster's wife, Pam Andrew, with catering for school functions.

"If I saw Alexander Road School, where Des taught in PE, once a month, it was a lot," said Shelagh. "I enjoy the involvement here very much and playing host to visiting schools who often have meals at Joubert. I also help supervise the gardening," she said.

Traditions are very much part of Dale and Des found that they bring the boys closer, especially at a hostel. Des recalled an incident when

a new boy really earned his traditional "graze-up" after doing his duties for the year.

"I was told by a new boy that his old boy had been bitten by a flea. I had to please make sure his bed was checked in case that was where the flea was."

Des, a geography teacher, has encouraged boys to use the school's video machine and computer while doing schoolwork. This, he said, will liven up subjects.

At Joubert House he has insisted that each duty master has a project per term. So far, the prefects' study has been painted, a tuck shop has been opened and a braai built for monthly use. In the future he would like to see better accommodation for masters.

"However, we have a headmaster who has got everyone — staff and boys — firing on six cylinders," said Des.

"Dale is growing and always will, because if something stops growing, it dies."

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'Cinderella' art joins the matric class

HOW do first team rugby and cricket players take to the finer expectations of drawing and painting in a macho environment?

This may be the first reaction of anyone who finds that art is now a matric subject at Dale College. That is anyone who believes that art is for sissies only.

In fact, art has brought an extra dimension to the normal academic curriculum of the college. Not every boy is set on doing purely academic subjects. Many young men feel they would like to express their creative talents in an artistic way.

This year the first group of matric pupils will be writing art as one of their exam subjects. A great challenge and one for which they hopefully are well prepared.

Art is no new subject at Dale. It has been offered as a Std 6 and 7 subject for many years, but unfortunately that was the end of the line for those who might have liked to go on with the subject.

To say that art at Dale College was neglected is no understatement. The present museum or President's Room was the original Art Room. Art was later relegated to the downstairs storeroom.

With the arrival of Mr Malcom Andrew as Headmaster the need for art as a matric subject was seen and after all the due applications, the subject is now fully fledged at Dale.

That there is artistic talent among Daliens there can be no doubt as they seem to be consistently winning prizes in competitions. At the 1986 Grahamstown Eisteddfod Daliens took six silver and eight bronze awards.

The scope for the subject is continually widening and more exhibitions and competitions are foreseen.

In this way there will be a continued comparison of Dale's work in helping to maintain and build up a high standard.

The planned alterations and renovations of the Art Room will improve the facilities greatly and it is hoped that any young man with aspirations in this field will take full advantage of what the subject has to offer.

— ARDI LEURS

The day young Robert Gemmell was Naas Botha!

TEN-YEAR-OLD Robert Gemmell from Sunward Park, Boksburg, must have been the proudest Dalian at the 1986 Reunion Assembly.

He was the little "witkop" called up to the platform by Old Dalian rugby Springbok H O de Villiers to be presented with a green-and-gold jersey numbered 10 (for captain Naas Botha).

And watching proudly in the audience were his parents John and Janet and his grandparents, who came to the Reunion with them.

"His grandpa was over the moon," said John. Young Robert was "lost for words". He is in Std 3 at Dale Junior and a boarder at DV Taylor House with his older brother Michael.

It is their first year at Dale and they have settled down well. "After what we saw at the Reunion, we don't regret sending them to Dale," said John Gemmell.

This has been Robert's first rugby season, playing wing for the Dale Junior Under 10B — at Parkrand Primary, Boksburg, the boys play soccer. Does Robert dream of being a Springbok? "Well, he talks about it now," says father John.

The Gemmells are keen rugby fans. John played at Christian Brothers College and he and the boys enjoy going to Ellis Park to watch Transvaal. But John says he's never been to a



match quite like the Dale-Selborne encounter at Reunion '86.

John and Janet Gemmell brought Robert's Bok jersey home with them after Reunion and Robert will treasure it for the rest of his life. It's far too big for him now, but when he's older he'll be able to fit into it better.

And, says his Dad: "Maybe one day he'll get one of his own."

PROUD MOMENT: Old Dalian Springbok H O de Villiers with the four boys in their coveted jerseys (from left): Malcolm Lentz (N Transvaal), Andrew van Zyl (E Province), Robert Gemmell (Springbok) and Mark Wainwright (W Province)

● Picture: Daily Dispatch

HOW TO SUCCEED — IN TWO EASY LESSONS

- **HO:** The harder you work, the luckier you get
- **Andy:** If you choose to work, you'll succeed

TWO dynamic Old Dalians, prominent in sport, business and the academic world, sparked a flame at the 1986 Reunion with inspiring addresses.

● Henry (HO) de Villiers, the Dale First XV captain in 1963 who became a Springbok rugby hero of the Sixties, gave this message to young and old at the opening Assembly: "The harder you work the luckier you get" — a motto he learnt from golfer Gary Player.

● Professor Grenville (Andy) Andrews, head of the Graduate School of Business Administration at the University of the Witwatersrand, told an adult audience at the Old Dalian Dinner: "If you choose to work you'll succeed."

The Venerable Archdeacon Michael Hall, an Old Dalian who gave the address at the Memorial Service in the Hallowed Courtyard, summed up their remarks: "You've got to work at it to make it happen."

HO didn't work very hard at his schoolwork at Dale and when he passed matric his reaction was: "I'm glad I didn't work any harder."

He worked instead at his first love — rugby. "I was obsessed with it," he told the gathering of Dalians, Old Dalians, teachers and parents.

At 13 he decided he wanted to wear the Springbok jersey. He dedicated his life to reaching this goal and achieved this.

"The rewards," said HO, "were fantastic". He added: "I had more than my share of luck in rugby and in business."

The first bit of luck was when his parents sent him to Dale — "a fantastic grounding to launch me into adult life. Dale provided the springboard for me."



Prof Andy Andrews . . . parents are the customers

Picture: Financial Mail

"When I look at young Dalians it reminds me of a TV 'kyk weer'. I see myself in assembly or class when I was scheming what I was going to do on the rugby field that afternoon."

HO went to university to advance his rugby career. In three years, he said, he probably attended four lectures, but he went on to represent UCT, Western Province and then South Africa at rugby.

He played 39 matches for Province and 29 Tests for South Africa, but his rugby career was cut short by a knee injury. At this time, he said, he wasted a golden opportunity to further his education and get a degree.

"Had I done this I could have been far more successful in business."

HO told young Dalians that achieving success would be much harder for them. "The competition will be harder, the opportunities far less."

But he advised them to apply the principle of

"the harder you work the luckier you get."

An earlier speaker had advised the boys that the way they played the game against Selborne was more important than the result. HO's approach was somewhat different.

"I said to the Dalians: Donner them!"

Professor Andy Andrews, now 41, admits he did not shine at Dale either in work or in sport. But he has since shot to the top in the field of business management studies.

After leaving Dale he worked as a storeman and then went on the road selling tea. He took a B Com at Rhodes ("My wife worked while I played squash and studied") and then rejoined his former company in marketing. After another working stint he took an MBA at the University of Cape Town and later, after a spell in advertising, took his doctorate at Harvard.

In 1980 he accepted a chair at the Wits Business School and has been Dean since 1982. In 1984 he was named one of Jaycees' four outstanding young South Africans.

Professor Andrews made a remarkable impact at the Old Dalian Symposium and as guest speaker at the dinner.

With his customary aggressive approach he advised the Old Dalian Union and the school to adopt a business strategy towards achieving their goals.

There was a need for leadership, organisation and vision. "The Headmaster has this vision but he and his teachers need help. They can't do it on their own."

It was necessary to set priorities and agree on

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THE WEEK THE DALE FAMILY CAM



AMADODA EWE, DALE! The 2nd XV give the War Cry as the firsts take the field



THE KICK that sealed the game: Flyhalf Martin

Old Dalian stars give recipes for success

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a key objective, then go for it, using strategic planning.

One technique was to identify "critical performance areas such as academic programmes, good teachers, good facilities, good public relations, and "contact projects" with Old Dalians and parents.

Then for each critical area one should do a "deficiency analysis" and set specific objectives to correct these deficiencies.

Other points by Prof Andrews:

ON PARENTS: Parents are the customers and you've got to satisfy them and the boys. Parents need to be reassured like a man who has bought a car.

You need an active programme to reassure them. Parents are the heart of the matter.

ON LEADERSHIP: You've got to find champions — men with a mission.

ON SUCCESS AND FAILURE: Find out what things done well will guarantee success and what things done badly will guarantee failure.

ON DALE: You've got to look at your school and think differently from other schools.

Dale has to sustain its competitive advantage. We have to develop this as we are getting into a third world society.

ON PEOPLE: Give your people recognition. Give them a challenge.

In an inspiring and typically quick-fire address at the Reunion Dinner, peppered with jokes, he told of his association with Mossie Hawkes, outgoing ODU National President.

He said he was given a hard time at Dale by his prefect, who gave him a hard time when he was a trainee rep at TW Beckett. "And," he added, "he's still giving me a hard time now."

In similar vein to that of HO de Villiers Andy Andrews advised his audience: "If you choose to work, you'll succeed."

"Winning is a habit," he said, "but so is losing." Among the reasons for failing were a resistance to change and a tendency to over-elaborate.

To win one required a strategy and a drive to succeed, a sense of quality and teamwork.

"You can't do it alone. Wives and colleagues are important," he said.

Victory crowns '125' celebration

Pictures: The Mercury, King William's Town

TODAY the Dale family comes together . . .

With these words at the Reunion Assembly in the Hallowed Courtyard, Headmaster Malcom Andrew launched the final phase of the 125th anniversary celebrations.

The 1986 Reunion provided a memorable and at times moving climax to the year's events. Among the week's highlights:

WHEN Old Dalian Springbok HO de Villiers gave four young juniors the thrill of a lifetime. He called them up to the platform to don outsized jerseys of their rugby heroes, provincial and Springbok — and then told the boys they could keep them.

WHEN the Reunion Dinner guests gave much-loved former Dale cricket coach Percy Davis and his wife Marge a standing ovation.

WHEN two nights later Percy got up on the stage

and sang a "golden oldie" for his old friend Cocky Farrer.

WHEN the Ciskei Police Band played "Auld Lang Syne" and "Scotland the Brave" on the CB Jennings Field and, after a fine performance, marched off to the strains of "We're no' awa' to bide awa'".

WHEN young Old Dalians took to the field before the main game against Selborne College on the Victoria Grounds to give their team rousing support with the Dale War Cry.

WHEN scrum-half Rodney Long took a gap to score a brilliant try and put Dale on the road to victory before 6 000 spectators.

WHEN Dalians, Old Dalians and Dale supporters — black and white — swarmed onto the field after the game to form a huge circle and give the final War Cry. Amadoda, Ewe!



NO WAY! Bruce Holmes sidesteps Selborne's Alister Ronaldson



WE TOGETHER (Magic moments, lots of fun... and thrilling rugby to top it all)

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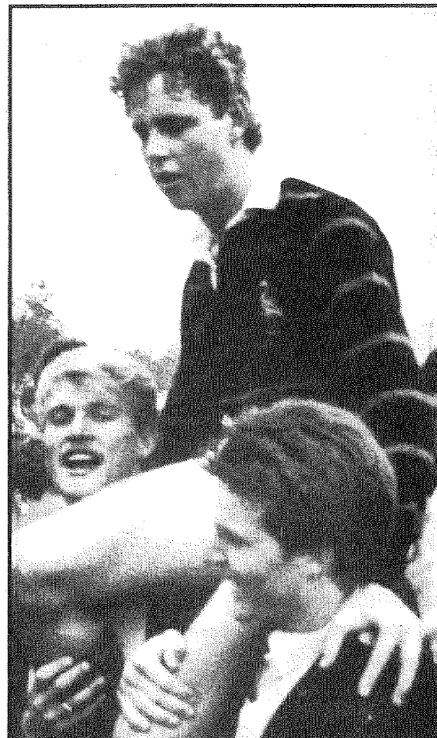


Staffen lines it up

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COME ON BOYS! Here's a song for dear old Dale... And sitting among the lads, 75-year-old "Pops" Mardon



TIRED HERO: Scrumhalf Rodney Long is hoisted high after Dale's rousing win

These were some of the magic moments in a week marked by a spirit of fun and camaraderie unmarred by untoward incidents.

Some travelled far to join in the celebrations. Lawrie Connellan, a 1961 Dale matriculant, came from Australia. Hollander Marc Bakker, a 1983-84 Rotary Exchange Scholar paid a return visit from Europe, and former cricket coach Percy Davis and his wife Marge came from England (See Page 9).

There were Old Dalians and parents from all parts of South Africa. Almost the entire committee of the Transvaal Dale Parents Association and many other Transvaal parents and Old Dalians made the trip.

Back at Dale for the first time in 17 years was a former Transvaler, Old Dalian Ian Bender, a former Springbok soccer player now living in Aman-

zimtoti, Natal.

Mr Sonny King, a 75-year old parent from Komgha, gave a cheque for R1 000 to the Dale Educational Fund from money he raised by restoring and re-selling old furniture. At the Reunion Dinner, attended by a record 370 Old Dalians, staff, friends and parents, an auction raised R3 600.

Special guests at the Reunion were the 1976 Dale matrics, who were introduced by Dale master Ardri Leurs — "the man who knows most things — good or bad — about our old boys." He said he had many memories of these lads — "some unmentionable, some unpardonable and some a great education."

The Dale Cadet Corps paraded through the streets of King and were granted the Freedom of Entry into the town by the Mayor, Mr KJ Hartley, at a ceremony outside the Civic Centre (See Page 8).

The Reunion play, "Chase me Comrade", an hilarious comedy presented by Dale and KHS, played to packed houses on three nights. Regrettably, there were no further performances later in the week.

But most of the thrills were reserved for the first team match with Selborne — the first time the traditional rivals had met at Reunion in 18 years. It was a rousing game played in excellent spirit and won by Dale 12-7 after being down 3-4 at half time and 7-3 into the second half.

Victory was the cherry on the top of the school's sparkling 125th anniversary celebrations. Dale also won the second and third team games played at the Victoria Grounds earlier that afternoon.

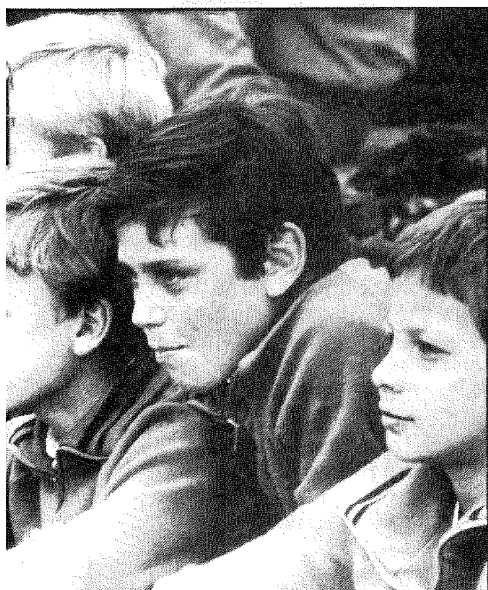
Headmaster Andrew described the Reunion as "fantastic". He added: "The organisation was the slickest I have ever seen and the attendance of Old Dalians and parents was remarkable."

"The behaviour of the crowds was impeccable, which made everyone's job so much easier."

● More Reunion pictures — Page 8

TODAY'S FANS, TOMORROW'S STARS?

Russell Coward, Jonathan Staples, Arthur Herbert, Ian Sheard and Grant Griffith, at the Reunion rugby



QUOTES

● What do I miss most about South Africa in Australia? Farm sour milk, samp and beans and biltong. — Laurie Connellan, Deputy Headboy of Dale in 1961, now farming near Melbourne, who returned for the 125th anniversary Reunion.

● I believe it is better to ask for forgiveness than to ask for permission. — Professor Grenville Andrews, Dean of the Wits Business School, speaking at the Reunion Old Dalian symposium.

● Headmaster Andrew? He's a Dalian! — Former Dale cricket coach Percy Davis.

● Dale College is founded on optimism. The boys here live a wide variety of experiences and have a tangible something when they enter their chosen careers. — Mr J Fourie, Director of Education of the Cape Province, speaking at a civic luncheon to mark the 125th anniversary Reunion.

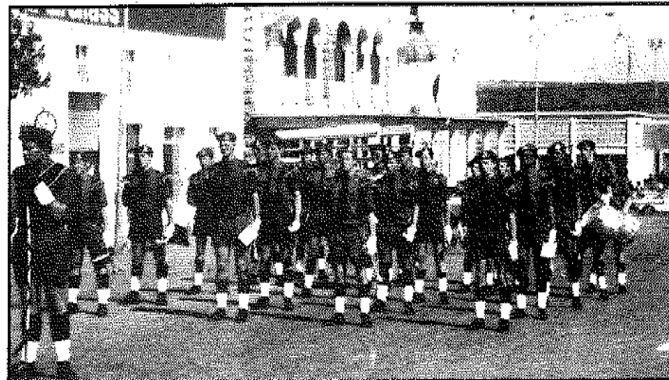
● Never before have I experienced camaraderie like at the Dale College 125th anniversary Reunion celebrations. I got shivers down my spine on several occasions and even a lump in my throat. — Mercury reporter Traci Mackie.

● I am only one little person but wherever I go I try to defend South Africa as much as I can. — Marc Bakker, Dutch Rotary Exchange Scholar at Dale in 1983-84, on a return visit for Reunion.

Dale College Cadets get the Freedom of King



LEFT: Captain Pierre Ferreira, Dale College Cadet Corps instructor, accepts the scroll from the Mayor of King William's Town, Mr KJ Hartley, granting the corps the freedom of the town.



RIGHT: Ready to strike up — the Dale Cadet Band

●Pictures: ARTHUR SIMPSON

ODU honour for Alan Davis

CONGRATULATIONS to Alan Davis, a Transvaal Dale parent, who was elected National Junior Vice-President of the Old Dalian Union at the 1986 Reunion.

Alan and his wife Maria are in their second year as committee members of the Transvaal Dale Parents Association.

Alan, 42, was at Dale from 1957 to 1962 and became a prefect at Diocesan Hostel. He was awarded colours for rowing, played first team squash and, as he puts it, "managed to scrape through matric."

He and Maria have two children, Sean, 14, who is at Frank Joubert and a daughter, Samantha.

Take me back to the old Transvaal!

THE Headmaster of Dale College, Mr Malcom (Andy) Andrew, clearly enjoys his visits to the Transvaal.

Addressing the Reunion Assembly, he spoke of the "incredible privilege" of spending a few days in the Transvaal in June. "Those days were unbelievable, fantastic," he said.

Andy noted that 23 members of the Transvaal Parents Association committee were present at the Reunion. He presented the Per Ardua Award, for loyal and devoted service to Dale, to former chairman Tony Boggett and his wife Sue.

He said there were 120 Dale boarders from the Transvaal and part of this success lay in the enthusiasm of the parents.

After referring to the Transvaal Fun Day and its fund-raising efforts, he presented the SA Oil Mills Floating Trophy to Hannes Aucamp of Joubert House (see Page 10).

Mr Andrew later told the Old Dalian Symposium that Dale had a massive problem in 1986 — lack of money to maintain its high standards.

"We need six more teachers, a media centre and a library. We are still in the dark ages. We need up-to-date hostels, modern equipment, two-way radios, computers, more classrooms. The prefab classes are a stopgap."

Responding to suggestions that pupils' fees

should be raised, Mr Andrew praised the fund-raising efforts of the Transvaal Parents Association (which handed over R7 000 to Dale and R3 000 to Dale Junior at its last AGM).

On Dale's position in a changing society, he said: "I do not believe this school exists to change South African society. It tends to reflect the society in which it exists."

"We are not crusaders. Parents send their boys to Dale because they like what they see."

But the Head added: "We are looking at the future, not just existing to hold the status quo."

Mike Maurant, Dale parent and incoming ODU National President, explained what had been done in Natal, which had a vibrant and successful Old Dalian branch.

Part of the reason for this was that "we involve the parents", he said.

"We run a PTA-cum-service club which may be appropriate for outlying branches. We decided to get more Natal boys at Dale. We talk Dale and now have 45 boys. We run a bus service for Daliens to and from King."

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A 'Sparrow' flies south again

● Percy Davis brings his wife Marge on a sentimental journey to his second home

THE MAN who turned winter into summer for 33 cricket seasons came back to Dale in August for the school's 125th birthday Reunion.

And for Percy Davis, at 71 as bouncy as ever, it was like coming home — to his second home.

This time he brought Marge, the wife he left behind during those long English winters when he came out to the sun to coach the boys of Dale.

When winter came to South Africa he returned home to England to coach the boys of its famous school, Harrow.

It was only Percy's second Reunion. The first was in August 1981 when he came out and stayed on for the last term before retiring to spend his first Christmas at home in 33 years.

The man known as "Sparrow", "Uncle Percy" or "Uncle Dave" had never had much love for rugby, but the 1981 Reunion changed all that.

His description of his return visit abounds in superlatives... like "marvellous, unbelievable, wonderful! And he means them.

"Marvellous" — that's how he describes the progress Dale and Dale Junior have made since he left after coaching there for 28 summers.

"Marvellous" — that's what he calls the reception he received in King during his Reunion visit from Old Dalians, teachers, parents, townsfolk and boys he coached as youngsters in Dale Junior several years ago.

"It's wonderful how the old boys support the school and keep the Reunion going," he adds.

He's impressed with Headmaster Malcom Andrews whom he met for the first time on this visit. "He's a Dalian," he says — and from Percy that's a real compliment.

Percy Davis is a little man with a big heart who loves Dale and Dalians. And everywhere he



PERCY and MARGE... she kept the home fires burning

Picture: JAMES SOULLIER

went in King he was besieged by old friends and young fans.

He wandered around his beloved playing fields and stomping grounds and renewed friendships with several of his cricket proteges of yesteryear.

They included Old Dalians who went on to become provincial players — like Charlie Pope, Peter Fenix, Trevor Macdonald and Buster Farrer, who became a Springbok at hockey as well as cricket.

Percy would have loved to have seen Springbok Kenny Watson and Hylton Ackerman, who was chosen for a Springbok tour that never took place, but unfortunately they could not make it to Reunion.

In Johannesburg Percy and Marge stayed with Donald Searle, once a Dale first team cricketer and the son of the man who recruited him to coach at Dale in the early fifties.

Percy came out to Port Elizabeth to coach at 12 schools for four seasons. Every Wednesday afternoon he went to Muir College, Uitenhage, and got to know Russell (Rusty) Searle, then headmaster there.

It was Searle, himself a provincial opening batsman, who asked Percy to join him after he moved to King in 1952 as head of Dale.

"I was scared of him because he was a strict disciplinarian but I loved him," said Percy, who always called him "Sir".

"He loved cricket and gave me the inspiration

● Dale welcomes back the man who spent 28 summers here coaching cricket

to carry on at Dale after his death. He made me learn to love the school and South Africa."

Mr Searle, one of Dale's great post-war headmasters, died in 1964 of a heart attack after a game of golf. Percy retired 17 years later.

On their visit to King, Percy and Marge stayed with the Farrers, Buster and Maureen, and Buster's dad Cocky, now 79, one of King's favourite sons and once a leading Border cricket player and administrator.

"Cocky Farrer and Mr Searle gave me the confidence to do what I've done in my life," he said.

Buster, he rightly says, was one of the most talented sportsmen to come out of Dale — in addition to being a double Springbok he has been a scratch golfer and a top squash and tennis player. He played five sports for Border.

Percy met and swapped yarns about old times with another old friend and Old Dalian, Les Gardner, former editor of The Mercury and a member of a great King cricketing family.

On a return visit to Port Elizabeth after Reunion Percy and Marge stayed with Peter Fenix and his wife Valerie, daughter of Russell Searle.

Since he left Dale Percy has continued to coach at Harrow as he has done for the last 20 seasons. He goes home for weekends.

"This season we created a record at Lords by being bowled out for 37 by Eton.

"Then the clouds opened and that was the end of the game! (In the Eton side were two South Africans, the wicketkeeper from KES and also a boy from Bishop's).

Down the years Percy has lived for the Eton-Harrow encounter at Lord's and the Dale-Queen's clashes on the Border — "the two best school matches of all."

Percy Davis will carry on coaching at Harrow for one more season before handing over to Middlesex professional Clive Radley.

His successor at Dale, Peter Morris, has been assistant groundsman and coach at Harrow for some years and is now there full time. He left Dale at the end of the last season.

But what of Marge the wife who kept the home fires burning during those long cold winters at the Davis home at Houghton-on-the-Hill, a village outside Leicester?

Percy couldn't have done what he has without his beloved "Midge", as he calls her. "She let me do it," he says. She has one word for her visit to King: "Fantastic."

Last word from Percy: "We'll be back." We hope it won't be long.

— JOE SUTTON



OLD FRIENDS: Cocky Farrer and Percy
Picture: The Mercury

WATCH OUT FOR THOSE TRANSVAAL GOLFERS...

THERE were cries of "Transvaal handicaps" at the prizegiving after the father-and-son golf tournament played at the King William's Town Golf Club on the Sunday of the 1986 Reunion.

About 70 players turned out — more than last year — and Transvalers were prominent.

Local knowledge, however, won the day. The first prize went to the Dale golf master and Border representative, Anton Reynolds, partnered by Marc Bakker, the 1983-84 Rotary Exchange Scholar from Holland, whose father gave him a return trip to Dale for Reunion as a 21st birthday present.

Second were the Transvalers Dave Armstrong and his Dalian son

Richard and third were Old Dalian Stuart Sutton from Edenvale, up for Reunion from the University of Cape Town, and former Transvaler Kenny Mourant, an Old Dalian parent now living in Pinetown, Natal.

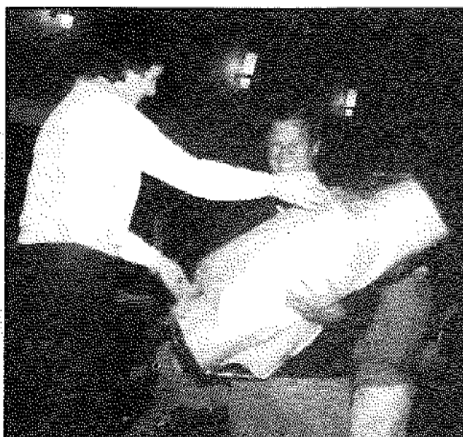
Stuart, who also partnered his father, pivoted as Ken's son Mike was ill. Other Transvalers among leading prizewinners were Lawrie Troxler and Tony Boesch and Dave Aldendorff and his Dalian son Mike, from Pretoria. Peter Shirley, who presented one of the top prizes, couldn't stay and play as he had to catch a plane, but his son Warren won a prize.

The players found the scarrified greens very tricky, but the course was otherwise in good shape and the game proved a fitting and enjoyable Reunion climax for those who turned out.

A family day of sport and fun



BEST GOLF: Visitors Adrian van Niekerk and Dave Briggs received "The Transvaal Dalian," from John Hallows, marketing manager of the donors, SA Oil Mills



MOST GOLF: Maureen Truscott congratulates new Dale parent John Devlin, who shared this honour with Jim Gillmore



BEST SQUASH: Robert Mellon, a visitor with strong Dale connections, receives his prize from Maureen, wife of the chairman

IT was a real family day with parents and their Dalian and Old Dalian sons enjoying the fun and carrying off some of the prizes.

The second Transvaal Dale Parents Association Fun Day was as enjoyable and successful as the first and raised about R2 200 for Dale and Dale Junior.

Nearly 200 people, including parents, their families, Old Dalians and friends, were at the Benoni Country Club, on Sunday June 22 for a day of golf, tennis, bowls and squash.

Golf drew the biggest entry with close on 120 players. Once again there were too many tennis players for the number of courts. For the first time squash was included and attracted a small but enthusiastic entry.

The bowlers included the president of the Old Dalian Union, Mossie Hawkes and his wife Gill, both former committee members of the Transvaal Dale Parents Association, who came from East London for the weekend.

From King William's Town came the Dale staff's star shrink and golfer, Anton Reynolds, who has played for Border and is the school's counsellor. And from Durban came those Transvaal expatriates Serf and Michele Serfontein.

Regrettably Headmasters Andy Andrew and Roy Taylor could not be at the Fun Day — they had to fly back to King to welcome teams gathering for the annual Cape schools rugby week, which Dale was hosting.

Star guest was SABC's legendary Esme Euvard, who had only lately heard of Dale College but did her homework to discover that a gem of a school had existed in King Williams Town for 125 years.

In a touching speech Tannie Esme struck a chord with a message to young and old — carry on the traditions of the past and make new ones



TENNIS: Second prize went to a new Dale parent, Brian Ayres



BOWLS: One of the best losers' prizes went to secretary Maureen Simpson

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for the future.

The first and second prizes in the golf tournament were won by visitors.

A young Benoni Country Club member, Adrian van Niekerk, struck it rich — and by chance. Adrian came to the club to fetch his clubs he had left there the day before, heard there was a vacancy in the field and asked for a game.

He was teamed with Dave Briggs, a New Zealand friend of former Dale parent John de Klerk, and the two swept home to win the better-ball stableford competition with 44 points.

They won "The Transvaal Dalian", a handsome floating trophy donated by SA Oil Mills, two

miniature trophies, tog bags from UTC, hampers of assorted pharmaceuticals and two R20 vouchers from Cuthberts.

And to cap it all, Adrian and his wife won the special prize — open to all participants of the sports day — of a week at the San Lameer Hotel on the Natal South Coast, donated by Miller Weedon Travel.

Second on 42 points were D Clamp and D Taljaardt, who won two garden benches from Stiletto Lawnmowers donated by Old Dalian Jack Middleton.

The first parents home (ex-parents in fact) were Serf Serfontein, now of Durban but still a member of Benoni Country Club, and Joe Sutton, who found Serf's local knowledge helpful as they nosed into third place.

Their prizes were a weekend at a Southern Sun hotel and the Elangeni. Surely an opportunity to get in some golf at Durbs!

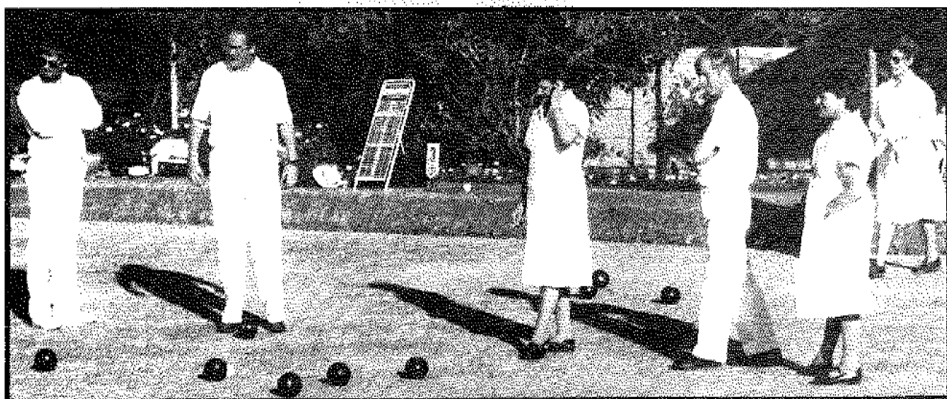
They were followed by two former Dale parents E Fisher and his partner E Nosworthy. Son Garry Fisher, who played in the Dale first golf team a few years ago, was in the same fourball.

A father and son team of Dave Armstrong and his son Richard were fifth, with Dale parent Alan Davis and his partner "Kedge" De Winnaar, brother of Lesley Shirley, on sixth.

Also among the prize-winners were a Dale father, Percy Cockeran and his son Grant, who also won a nearest-the-pin prize, and Transvaal Old Dalian secretary Kim Copeland and his father, B Copeland.

Husband-and-wife team Ellen Pope and E Pope were seventh and father and son visitors D and K Millington also won a prize.

Two golf bags, awarded for the Most Golf (or



KEEN BOWLERS: A rink of Old Dalians, parents and friends keep a sharp eye on a head

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PRIVILEGE for whites in this country is coming to an end. Let's make sure Dale boys can compete! This was the appeal made to the Dale Family by Tertius Myburgh, Old Dalian Editor of the Sunday Times at an ODU reception in Johannesburg earlier this year.

Mr Myburgh said Dale's teachers should be given the tools to enable the school to meet the challenges of the future. "It depends on us whites to keep Dale on the forefront and maintain its cherished traditions."

In the years ahead, when whites could no longer depend on the colour of their skin, Dalians needed to be properly equipped.

"We need to give Dale's dedicated teachers the wherewithal to produce boys we can point to with pride and say: There goes a Dalian."

Dale was one of the few institutions to reach the venerable age of 125 — something very precious. At Dale, boys were given more than mere book knowledge — but an education to shape the whole person.

"Good schools, great schools, have that X-factor. And it is the old boys

WHY NOT GIVE DALE A BIRTHDAY PRESENT?

and parents who make Dale different."

Appealing to Old Dalians and parents to support the Dale College Educational Fund in its 125th anniversary year, Mr Myburgh said: "Give Dale a birthday present!"

● The fund, launched in 1983 and aiming at R1million over five years, has raised R420 819 in pledges from 483 donors, most of this from the King William's Town area. Of this R199 476 has been received and R157 788 already spent.

Day of fun raises R2 200 for the two Dales

the Longest Day) went to two indefatigable parents, Jim Gillmore and John Devlin from the East Rand, whose boys went to Dale for the first time this year.

Anton Reynolds and his partner Laurie Troxler, whose son Gavin is a Dale prefect, carded 38 to be counted out of 15th place, but they led the field with the best gross of 79 strokes.

Adding to the family atmosphere were the Old Dalian Crosse brothers, Neil and David, whose father Ted helped found the Transvaal Dale Parents Association in the Seventies, and Bob and Brent Worth. Bob's Dalian son Bradley, back in King this year as a post-matric student, missed the Fun Day as he had another sporting engagement.

Among the other golfers were Dalian Denton Ferreira and his father Angelo, parent Ted Hodgkinson, former Dale parent Heiner Krauss and his

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son Nicky, and Old Dalians John Imrie and Robin Pringle, last year's winners Ian Macintosh and Kevin Dollery (who did not shape so well this time), George Daws, Robin Hammond, Dave Ellwood, the Transvaal Old Dalian chairman, James Johnson and Alan Sutton.

Prizes were awarded to the first 15 pairs, then to a further ten pairs chosen at random among the next 26 couples.

This year it was the turn of the new chairman's wife, Maureen Truscott, herself a daughter of the Eastern Cape, to present the prizes to the successful golfers, bowlers, tennis and squash players.

The SA Oil Mills trophy is to reside each year

at a Dale hostel nominated by the winners of the betterball stableford competition. This year's winners, both visitors, chose Joubert House.

First prize in the tennis played as a round robin went to 15-year-old Brian Bisseu with 39 points. He won a weed-eater donated by Dale parents Edwin and Claire Holloway, of Lawnmower and Garden Services, Boksburg. He was followed by Brian Ayres, Luke Johnson, Mike Bisseu (Brian's dad) and Margaret Switala.

Maureen Bluett (a sister of treasurer Coleen Patience) won the ladies squash, with Alison Noble, second and Aileen Murrin third. Robert Mellon won the men's squash followed by Kevin Ross and Jack Noble. Alison Noble and Robert Mellon are grandchildren of a former headmaster of Dale College.

The bowls was won by B Millward's team, with M Fitton's team second. A special prize to the best loser went to the G. Henson's team.

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