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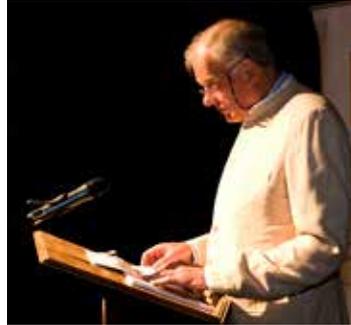
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FURTHERING OUR UK LINKS

The Vice-Chancellor, Dr Sizwe Mabizela, and the Director of Development & Alumni Relations, Guy White, visited the United Kingdom to attend the UK Reunion and Bequest Luncheon. Aply facilitated by prominent UK Trustee, Geoffrey de Jager, they had the pleasure of meeting with several Old Rhodians, UK Trustees, and other supporters of Rhodes University. Among these were Major-General Angus Ramsay, Secretary of the Beit Trustees, and fellow trustees, Sir Mick Davis, Sir Alan Dashwood, the David & Elaine Potter Foundation's Ben Stewart, Members of Magdalene College at Cambridge University, Peter Hain who is a Fellow of Swansea University, and the Pearson-Young trustees. At a luncheon hosted by De Jager and his wife, Caroline, they were able to meet with Professor Christopher Butler a new UK Trustee and Old Rhodian who is a Professorial Fellow at Trinity College and Dr Rebecca Surender, a former Professor of Social Policy at Rhodes and currently Pro Vice-Chancellor and Advocate for Diversity of the University of Oxford. Clive Eley, also an Old Rhodian and recipient of the Mandela Rhodes Scholarship in 2010 who completed a PhD in Inorganic Chemistry at Oxford, was also present.

Through Dr Surender and De Jager, Dr Mabizela also met with the Vice-Chancellor of Oxford, Professor Andrew Hamilton, from which emerged a mutual interest in collaboration between Oxford and Rhodes around established research and opportunities for postgraduate students. A visit to Cambridge to meet Lord Williams, Dr Tom Spence, Chris von Christierson and Corrine Lloyd, followed by a dinner with other Magdalene personnel, renewed the connection between the two institutions and reaffirmed the focus of the Magdalene Scholarship. On a lighter note, the Cambridge meetings were preceded by a spell of punting with Claire Collet, the secretary of the UK Trust, who took Dr Mabizela to inspect the marvel that is the Mathematical Bridge.



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IN SERVICE OF THE LAW

Sir Alan Dashwood is an Old Rhodian who has led a very successful career as a specialist practitioner in the law of the European Union. He describes himself as fortunate in being able to combine an academic career with a career as an EU civil servant and, more recently, as a Barrister: "After some 10 years teaching at the Universities of Aberystwyth (in Wales), Edinburgh and Sussex, I spent three years at the Court of Justice in Luxembourg (1978 to 1980) as Legal Secretary to Advocate General Jean-Pierre Warner. Since the Court of Justice is at the heart of the EU's legal system, there's no better training for a young EU lawyer."

After Luxembourg, he was a Professor at the University of Leicester for six years and then became an EU official again, as one of four Directors in the Legal Service of the Council from 1987 to 1994. The Council shares legislative power with the European Parliament and is composed of Ministers who take part in its meetings as representatives of their country. "My particular responsibilities included the legal side of the EU budget and economic and financial affairs, institutional questions, agriculture and fishing, and various aspects of the EU's external relations (including the negotiation of the first post-apartheid trade agreement with South Africa)," he said.

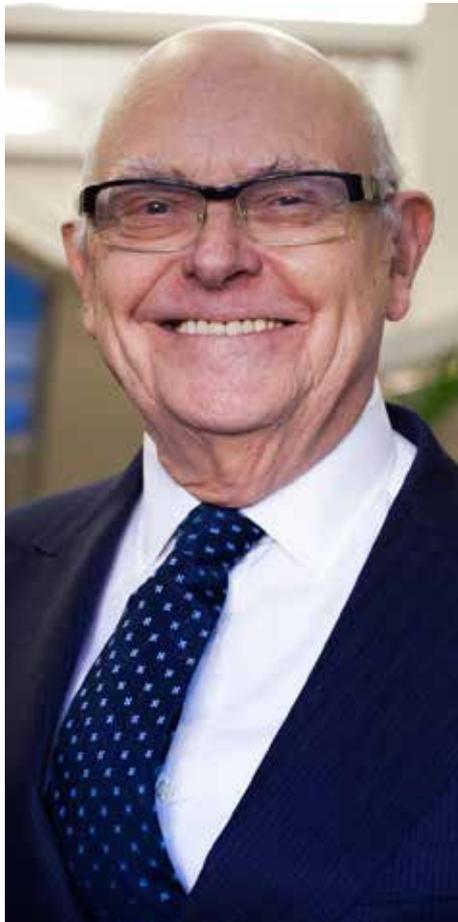
Later he became Professor of European Law at Cambridge and a Fellow of Sidney Sussex College, retiring from his Chair at Cambridge in 2009. "I did a lot of litigating on behalf of the Council while I was in the Legal Service and decided, when I came back to the UK, that it was time I completed my Barrister's training by doing pupillage (at a rather advanced age)," said Sir Dashwood, who has been a fully fledged Barrister since 1997 and became a QC in 2010. He is also a part-time Professor at City University in London. His Knighthood was conferred in 2013 for services to the development of EU law in the UK.

Having met with Dr Mabizela and Guy White during their UK visit, Sir Dashwood has only recently renewed contact with Rhodes: "It was the Knighthood that prompted a number of old friends to get in touch and one of them, Robin Anderson, mentioned my name to the Rhodes Development Team."

Sir Dashwood has been away from South Africa since he left the country in 1963 but hopes a visit will become feasible before long: "I have very happy memories of my four years at Rhodes (where my Father was also a student, incidentally). At that time, I was reading for a BA, majoring in Classics (Greek and Latin) – I changed to Law when I went up to Oxford. I had excellent teachers at Rhodes (Guy

Butler for English, Oswald Dilke and Lydia Baumbach for Classics, among others) and had a thoroughly enjoyable and rather rucky time as a member of Botha House. I was quite active politically and became Vice-Chair of the SRC and a member of the NUSAS Executive, and also did a great deal of acting. It was altogether an excellent student experience."

And what are his views on Rhodes University today? "The University is fortunate to have found an academic leader of the outstanding quality of Dr Mabizela," he said. "I hope that it will be possible for Rhodes to maintain its international standing, while also providing the openings that are needed for those who may have suffered in their school education, owing to the strains upon the system. You have all my admiration and respect in facing up to this task, and my confidence in your success. And I hope that I may be able in the future to contribute to that success in some small way."



OLD RHODIAN, SIR ALAN DASHWOOD



KNIGHTS OF THE REALM

Rhodes University is delighted to congratulate Sir Michael (Mick) Lawrence Davis (above) who was recently one of several figures from the worlds of education, business, inter-faith relations and philanthropy to have been knighted by the Queen. Sir Davis is head of the Jewish Leadership Council and the chair of David Cameron's Holocaust Commission, launched last year. He received the honour for supporting the commission's international engagements. He paid tribute "to the many that have promoted and funded Holocaust education and particularly research into how best to educate society on this dark, dark hour of human history when humanity was thrust into the deepest abyss of moral depravity." Sir Davis is the second Old Rhodian to receive this Honour from the Queen.

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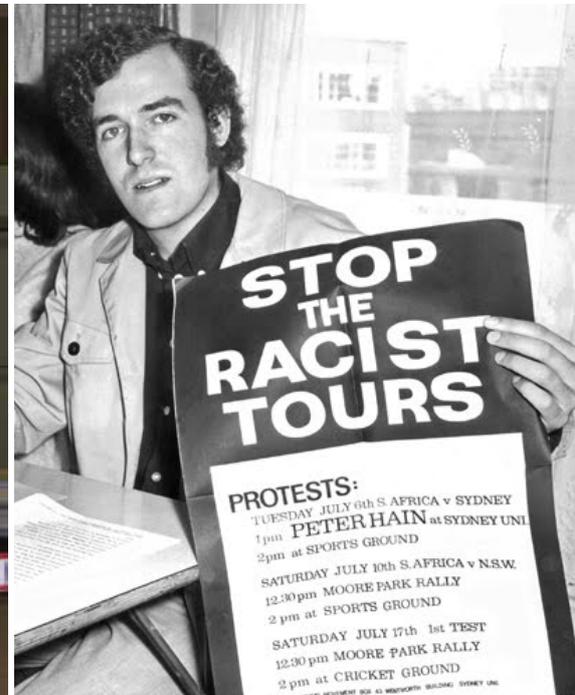
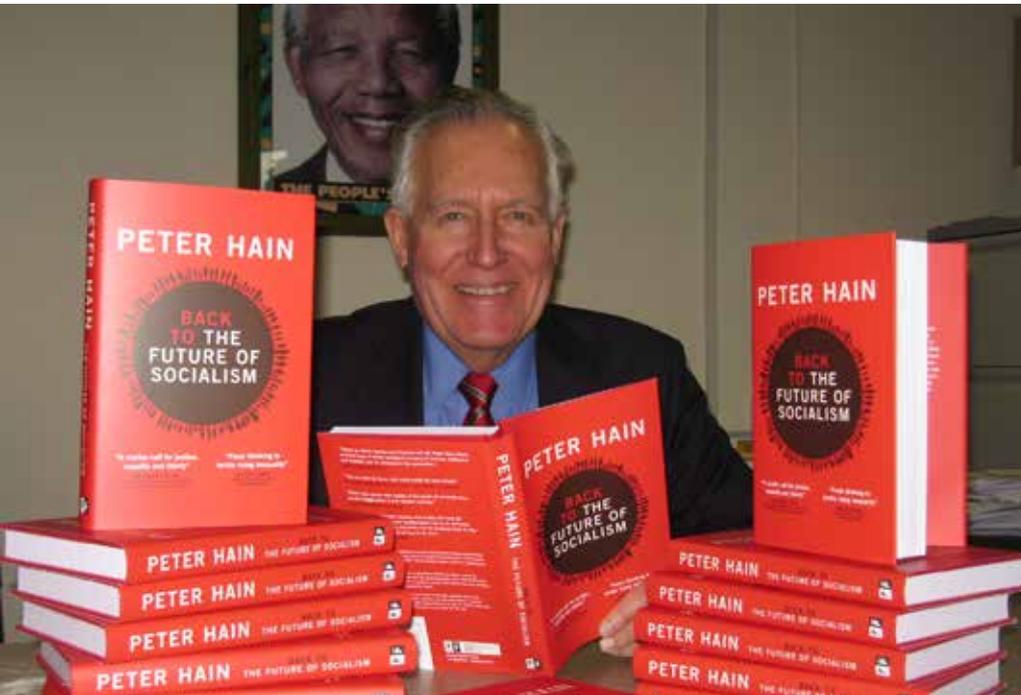
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ABOVE: PETER HAIN WITH HIS LATEST BOOK • ABOVE LEFT: PETER HAIN AT THE STOP THE SPRINGBOK TOUR CAMPAIGN IN 1971. NEXT PAGE: PETER HAIN WITH NELSON MANDELA ON THE EVE OF THE 1994 ELECTIONS

DRIVEN BY SOCIAL JUSTICE, LIBERTY AND EQUALITY

Peter Hain, former exiled anti-apartheid leader turned British Cabinet Minister visits Rhodes University in September. His visit follows a meeting with Dr Sizwe Mabizela and Guy White in the UK where discussions began around potential collaborations between Rhodes and Swansea University, of which Hain is a newly appointed Fellow. Hain and his wife, Dr Elizabeth Haywood, were invited to be guests of Dr Mabizela at The Lodge on their trip to South Africa.

We took the opportunity to ask Hain about his interest in Rhodes and of course to find out a little more about the man behind the anti-apartheid activist. The son of well-known anti-apartheid activists, Adelaide and Wal Hain, he has been involved in anti-apartheid activism his entire life. "Growing up under apartheid, with my parents under constant surveillance and harassment before being banned and then exiled, made me passionate about social justice, liberty and equality. That's what drives me still," said Hain. At the age of 19 he led the campaign of direct action in Britain from 1969 which successfully stopped all-white South African rugby, cricket and other sports tours. Two decades later he became a Member of Parliament, and served as a Labour Government Minister for 12 years to 2010 during which time he negotiated an end to the horror of conflict in Northern Ireland.

Higher education institutions operating within the current educational context of Southern Africa push strongly to increase access to academically talented but financially needy students from underperforming schools. This is in part what prompted Hain to connect with Rhodes: "I am very impressed with Rhodes' achievements, including the outreach work with deprived communities

– absolutely vital since South Africa's school system sadly is massively underperforming and failing far, far too many children." However his connection to Rhodes and Grahamstown goes back a generation and he says he has "always had a soft spot for Rhodes and Grahamstown because my mother was born in nearby Port Alfred and she went to Victoria Girls High School in Grahamstown."

His visit to South Africa, undertaken in his capacity as the Chair of the Donald Woods Foundation, has health and education projects at its heart: "The Donald Woods Foundation is delivering some of the very best health projects tackling especially HIV-Aids and TB, as well as school projects, in a very poor part of the Transkei. I see very close synergies with Rhodes' own impressive work and the scope for even greater collaboration."

As a fellow of Swansea University, Hain sees further potential for collaboration between the two institutions in terms of Rhodes' initiative to not only improve educational outcomes but also to produce graduates qualified to address these challenges either through professional, research or academic careers. "I would love to see exchanges of students, including Rhodes graduates, undertaking PhDs at Swansea under the South African Government's new programme for sponsoring postgraduates who wish to return and become academics," he said. The South African PhD Project Partnership is an initiative of the National Research Foundation which aims to increase the number of PhD research graduates in South Africa. In addition to creating South African opportunities, the PhD Project sources and manages international research doctoral training opportunities, forging strategic partnerships with government



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departments, local and international Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), funding agencies, foundations, science councils, research and development institutions, and private industry.

Finally, on matters on inequality and the effects on a country's growth, Hain's recent book, *Back to the future of socialism* is a recommended read. "Published by Policy Press earlier this year it challenges the neoliberal orthodoxy gripping the global economy, especially in Europe, which is widening inequality and damaging growth and prosperity," he said. "It presents a radical alternative but one which is practical and not merely idealistic. I have always been an 'all or something' political activist, not an 'all or nothing' one."

Hain will address students, academics, members of the public and invited guests on 3 September at Eden Grove. The topic of his talk will be *From Pretoria to London: Freedom Struggle and the Future of South Africa*.

FINDING A WAY FORWARD

Hosted by the Beit Trustees at a lunch where a speaker from the British Foreign Office also gave a presentation, Dr Sizwe Mabizela and Guy White met Jonty Driver, the anti apartheid activist, political prisoner, educationist, poet and writer, and Beit Trustee who will visit Rhodes in October.

According to Driver, there was little doubt among the Beit Trustees that Dr Mabizela is serious about his leadership role in education, not just for Rhodes University but for the country as a whole. "Dr Mabizela is clearly an impressive man, thoughtful, careful and considered in his responses, highly intelligent, not likely to be rushed into decisions before he has heard all the details," said Driver. "Given the current problems in SA higher education, these attributes are likely to be very significant."

The Beit Trustees are supporters of the Hardship Fund for students from Zimbabwe, Zambia and Malawi. Rhodes is intent on remaining one of the preferred places of study for students from these countries and constantly seeks ways to fund them. "We think Rhodes has used the funds we supply very sensibly," said Driver. "We hope very much (despite the many uncertainties in the funding environment) that the shared postgraduate scholarships we now have will not only continue but develop."

During his trip in October, Driver will visit the Public Service Accountability Monitor (PSAM), an important beneficiary of Beit Trust funding that undertakes research and work in the advocacy and monitoring of good governance. "The idea of finding ways to improve governance in the beneficent territories has been important to the Trustees for some years now; but implementing that idea is trickier," he said. "We hope that Rhodes has found one way forward."

Driver himself has an historic family connection with Grahamstown and Rhodes University which, to Rhodes' good fortune, he hopes to maintain. "The fact that I have all sorts of old connections with Rhodes does of course mean I am especially keen to cooperate with it. I am a descendant of an 1820 settler in the Eastern Cape. I was at St Andrew's, as were my father, grandfather, brothers, various uncles, and dozens of cousins. My sister taught at Rhodes, as does my sister-in-law; my younger brother worked there for many years. My mother was



JONTY DRIVER, A BEIT TRUSTEE, WILL VISIT RHODES IN OCTOBER.

sometime Warden of St Mary's Hall, and Rhodes as institution was very good to her (and I think she served it well, too). Although my only directly personal connection with the University was when I was President of NUSAS (1963-4), I regard it as standing for values which I hope will survive in South Africa."

Driver's latest book, *The Man with the Suitcase: The Life, Execution and Rehabilitation of John Harris, Liberal Terrorist*, is being published by the Crane River Press in September.

To find out more about the man and his work visit www.jontydriver.co.uk



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MEETING CHALLENGES

As a Rhodes alumnus, Chris von Christierson, who is an Honorary Fellow of Magdalene College, Cambridge University, has been instrumental in rekindling the relationship between Magdalene and Rhodes. Dr Sizwe Mabizela and Guy White met with Lord Williams (the Master of Magdalene College), Dr Tom Spence (Tutor for Graduate Admissions), Corinne Lloyd (Magdalene Development Officer) and Von Christierson. "The recent meeting confirmed the desirability of re-establishing a co-operative arrangement and it was proposed that one of the Mandela Magdalene Scholarships be dedicated to Rhodes and agreed that the arrangement would be recorded and formalised in a Memorandum of Understanding to enable it to endure people changes and secure it for the future," said Von Christierson. Lord Williams will also visit Rhodes during his next visit to South Africa in October 2016.

Broader discussions were also held around co-operation between Rhodes and Cambridge and in particular the Cambridge-Africa Programme where the biggest opportunities for future exchanges rest: "Cambridge, through its partnerships, initiatives and fellowship schemes, makes available to African Universities the full range of Cambridge's world class resources and research expertise to support and mentor African researchers working on African priorities, in Africa, thereby assisting African Universities such as Rhodes to develop internationally competitive and sustainable African research and academic excellence," he said.

Von Christierson, who remains well engaged with educational initiatives in South Africa and is familiar with the context in which Rhodes operates, commented that Rhodes, as presented by Dr Mabizela, was very well received at Cambridge. "Clearly, one of the biggest problems with the broken schooling system in South Africa is inconsistent and sub-standard teaching at the most basic levels," he said. "However, with Rhodes's strong and dedicated Education Faculty it has a clear leadership role that can be directed towards addressing one of the biggest long term challenges facing the country, a role which by necessity requires the University engaging with Government at the highest levels."

A loyal alumnus with a passion for education, Von Christierson has his own insights into the educational challenges Rhodes is helping Grahamstown to tackle: "Grahamstown is a small academic city which has some of the finest private and government schools in the country, all of which are serviced by an impoverished pool of labour which is continually expanding with migration from rural areas in the hope of work. The problem with Grahamstown is that it has no significant industrial, manufacturing or commercial businesses to absorb this increasing pool of unemployed. Add to this the breakdown of municipal services and the situation becomes of crisis proportions – probably one of the most dire in South Africa. The challenge of responding to local challenges thus reverts to the City's academic institutions, of which Rhodes as the biggest and most prominent, is the leader," he said. "Clearly early childhood development is a crucial area of engagement with Rhodes uniquely positioned to take the lead. The State does not cater for pre-school children in the informal settlements so many are 'lost' to society at this vulnerable formative age with parents either unable or unwilling to care for them. In the meantime the only hope many of these pre-children have of being rescued from the vagaries of unprotected shantytown life are the few wonderful surrogate mothers within the community who perform miracles by taking these toddlers into their humble homes and providing them with very basic day care. There could be potential future Rhodes and Cambridge students among these children!"

Following a visit by Von Christierson, Nick Jaff and Richard Carss to Grahamstown in early March, funding for the first early childhood development centre (ECDC) prototype container, to be overseen and monitored by Rhodes, has been secured. All stakeholders wait with anticipation approval for a land site on which to base this centre and future progress.



ALUMNUS CHRIS VON CHRISTIERSON IS AN HONORARY FELLOW OF MAGDALENE COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

The Mandela Magdalene Scholarship relationship was originally established following a meeting in Cambridge between Rhodes Vice-Chancellor, David Woods, and the Master of Magdalene, Sir John Gurdon, around 2000. This original meeting was followed up with a visit to Grahamstown by Sir Derek Oulton (a senior Magdalene Fellow). This cooperation worked well for some years but unfortunately, with the change of people both at Rhodes and Magdalene, the relationship subsequently faded.

The Mandela Magdalene Scholarships to Cambridge are granted annually to qualifying South African postgraduate students to read one year MPhil degrees or the equivalent thereof. Thirty Scholarships have been granted to-date. The Mandela Magdalene Memorial Foundation was recently established and Magdalene College and Cambridge University have embarked on a fundraising campaign to augment the Scholarship endowment to secure its long term future and to expand it to include scholars from other African countries.