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Once again it is a delight to greet all Abe Bailey Bursars both in South Africa and across the world. Here is news about bursars old and new.

1 THE ABES OF 2016

Congratulations to the new Abe Bailey Bursars whom we welcome warmly into our Fellowship, now numbering 890. From 22 of our 24 universities, 799 applications were received and 134 of these were interviewed by their university committees. This year the Trust selected 18 new Bursars from 17 universities. They are:

CAPE PENINSULA (CPUT)

Ms Annelie Lombard is currently reading for the B.Ed. (Intermediate and Senior Phase) degree on the Wellington CPUT campus. She is chairperson of the local SRC. She attended the *New Hope Summit* and also a *Capacity Building Programme for Conflict Resolution, Negotiation and Mediation* for SA student representatives. She is involved in community projects such as *Read Baby Read* and the *Haven Nightshelter*.

CAPE TOWN (UCT)

Ms Rehana Odendaal gained the B.Soc.Sci. and the BA(Hons) degrees and is currently reading for her Master's degree in History. She was National Chairperson of *InkuluFreeHeid* and a Deputy Director of *Ubunye*, UCT's flagship programme to develop youth in communities around Cape Town. She attended the *Global Engagement Summit* for young social entrepreneurs in Chicago.

DURBAN (DUT)

Ms Fathima Shaik gained the B.HSc. (Emergency Medical Care and Rescue) *cum laude*, and is reading for her Master's degree in this discipline. She serves as a Junior Lecturer in the Emergency Medical Care and Rescue Department. She is a voluntary worker for the Emergency Rescue Service and for the Netcare Ambulance Service, for the Centre for Rehabilitation of Wildlife, National Sea Rescue and for Islamic Relief.

FORT HARE (UFH)

Ms Inga Macingwane is studying for the LLB degree. She is Chairperson of the Fort Hare-East London Debating Union, and volunteered at the Student Governance and Development body. She is involved in outreach programmes for children's literacy and for understanding the SA Constitution and Bill of Rights.

FREE STATE (UFS)

Ms Candice Thikeson was awarded both the BA and the BA(Hons) degrees in Art History and Visual Culture *cum laude*. She is a Mandela Rhodes Scholar, and is pursuing an MA in Art History and Image Studies. She is a member of the *Golden Key International Honour Society*. Her community involvement includes leadership of the *Art History and Image Studies Initiative*, and in the *Fractal Contemporary Arts Forum*.

KWAZULU-NATAL (UKZN)

Mr Sivashen Reddy is pursuing the BSc degree in Computer Science. He is the Vice-President of the *Golden Key Chapter*, having been made a member of this Honour Society in 2015. In the community he was a voluntary mathematics tutor for SPARK in the Umkhumbane area, and is involved in a number of children's homes. A keen musician, he is a member of the *Glee Music Academy*.

LIMPOPO (UL)

Ms Annah Chuene is studying for the BA degree in Media Studies. She also works as a Student Assistant in the university's International Affairs Unit. She set up a company, *Reign Media House* to mentor young people through workshops, conferences and camps. She is a leader of the *BLW Campus Ministry* and was involved in a Gender Media Progress Study, and in running seminars.

NELSON MANDELA METROPOLITAN (NMMU)

Ms Ibanathi Nonkeneza was awarded the Nat.Dip. in Economics *cum laude* and is currently studying for the Advanced Diploma. She serves on the SRC. She does extensive community work through the *Unity in Africa Foundation* and the *Beyond the Classroom* and the *How2Buddy NMMU Orientation* programmes.

NORTH-WEST (NWU)

Mr Paul Maritz gained the BTh. and BTh.(Hons) degrees and is reading for the Master of Divinity degree. He serves as President of the Campus SRC and as Secretary General of the Institutional SRC. He was Best Speaker at the National Debating Tournament and is captain of the University Debating Team. He is the Director of the *Maritas Leadership Consultancy*, and is Programme Developer for *Varsity Debate* which was launched this year.

PRETORIA (UP)

Mr Gabriel Nel is studying for the MBChB degree. He also holds the Higher Certificate in Management. He was a member of the SRC. He founded *Future Health Africa*, an NGO to equip health sciences students with the necessary skills for National Health Insurance implementation. He also set up an *E-learning Management Programme for Health Science Students*. He participated in the *International Federation of Medical Student Associations* assemblies in Turkey and Macedonia in 2015,

PRETORIA (UP)

Mr Anleo Jansen is studying for the MBChB degree. He is a member of the SRC and Chairperson of the Faculty House of Health Sciences, and serves as a Mentor for 1st year medical students. He chairs the *Pulse Medical Student Society* that is involved in a number of community projects such as soup kitchens, charity runs and providing primary health care for rural people.

RHODES (RU)

Ms Alyssa Williams obtained the B.Soc.Sc and B.Soc.Sc(Hons) degrees *cum laude*, and is currently studying towards the Master's degree. She serves as an Intern in the Rhodes Human Resources Division, and was previously the Treasurer of her residence. She has done community work at the *Home of Joy* orphanage.

SEFAKO MAKGATHO (SMHSU)

Ms Boraine Barnard is studying for the MBChB degree, and has completed a course on Electron Microscopy. She has been involved in community work through *Jacaranda Hospital*, the *Dr George Mukhari Academic Hospital*, *Rosslyn Clinic*, an old age home and *Daycare* for underprivileged children.

STELLENBOSCH (US)

Mr Nicholas Wayne was awarded the BSc in Human Life Sciences *cum laude* and is presently pursuing the MBChB. He is chairperson of the Tygerberg Student Council. He created the *Stellenbosch University Organ Transplantation Society*, and co-founded the *Tygermatie Hub*, the *Tygerberg Postgraduate Student Council* and *Syndiyo* (for patients suffering from unknown or rare diseases). With NWU he is developing a curriculum module on *Management Sciences, Economics and Leadership*.

TSHWANE (TUT)

Ms Nalise Venter was awarded the National Diploma *cum laude*, and the B.Tech degree in Fine Art, and is now studying for the M.Tech degree in this discipline. She serves as a Junior Lecturer in Ceramics. She has done Ceramics workshops for young people at the *Pretoria Art Museum*, and gives volunteer service in the *Hospivision Project* at the Rehabilitation Centre of the Academic Hospital.

VENDA (UV)

Ms Mutshinye Manguvhewa is reading for the B.Psych degree. She is chairperson of Peer Education and a peer helper in the students' counselling unit and an academic mentor. She is Director of the *KCMathoma Foundation* which focuses on career guidance, talent development, cultural exchange and entrepreneurship development.

WESTERN CAPE (UWC)

Ms Nonelwa Ngcingane is pursuing the BSW Social Work degree. She serves as Project Manager for *Enactus* which involves students in community initiatives to create sustainable income through entrepreneurial activities. She participated in the *Emerging Leaders' Programme* and the *Peer Mentoring Programme*, and this year entered the *Advanced Leaders' Programme*.

WITWATERSRAND (WITS)

Mr Mulweli Mathagu obtained the B.Sc(Hons) degree in Chemical Engineering, and is studying for the M.Sc degree. A Mandela Rhodes Scholar, he participated in the *Unilever Leadership Internship Programme*, and works in the Academic Development Unit at Wits. His community outreach includes service with *Safripol*, tutoring and mentoring Soweto school children, and the *BONO Community Development Project* among high school students.

2. THE 2015 ABES REFLECT ON THEIR TOUR EXPERIENCE

Last year's tour was set against a background of turbulence on South Africa's university campuses that marked a significant turning point in tertiary education in our country. This was reflected in the lives of the bursars as they entered the tour space and shared deep anguish and painful scars. During the tour restoring healing took place. Some of this is reflected in their feedback:

Farai Mubaiwa (US) had this to say:

"The Abe Bailey tour was the most interesting experience of my life, and it came at the perfect time in 2015. After a challenging year with the rise of student activism, academic pressure, leadership crisis within the Stellenbosch SRC, and campus polarisation; I had anticipated that the tour would be a relaxing time to unwind. However, although The Burn was indeed the place for healing, the rest of the tour was also positively challenging in many ways. I have been in the ongoing process of learning and unlearning, and this tour was an incredible opportunity for me to further engage in this process. The discussion points have definitely played a key role in influencing my character and outlook on South African issues. I felt honoured to be surrounded by 17 other young South African students. We were able to share stories from our respective campuses, and discuss and debate about how each campus was engaging in the protests and negotiations. We engaged with one another frankly and sternly when we were in serious debate spaces, and kindly and jokingly when we were in social spaces."

Anesipho Mvelo (CPUT) reflected:

"Words cannot begin to describe what this tour meant to me, the physical, emotional and mental impact it has had in my life. The 17 other Abes who were chosen to embark on this journey with me, inspired me beyond belief. In my 23 years of living, I have never learned so much as I did in the 23 days I spent in the United Kingdom. It is a beautiful place; the people preserve their culture and are extremely proud of what they have achieved in every aspect. This made me sit down and think about South Africa and how far we still need to go to reach our full potential as a nation. During this tour something in me was awakened to go back and make a difference. The Abe Bailey Tour lit in me the desire not to give up on this beautiful country and to make a difference."

From **Cyan Brown (UP)**:

"The diverse selection of bursars for this experience moulded a frame of reference and unique South African lens through which to see the contrasts of the United Kingdom. It was one of the few encounters I have had with true diversity and gave me an enriched understanding of the many narratives of South African youths. Our dialogue sessions and presentations were fierce and thought provoking. I have formed a network of young South Africans as well as the many individuals whom we met along the way that contributed hugely to the tour, that will allow for a more collaborative and supportive effort towards creating sustainable positive change in South Africa. Our travels provided us with a platform to really interrogate our worldviews. The emphasis on understanding history, culture, politics and world events throughout the tour has become so valuable in understanding my place and context in not just my country, but also my world. I want to seize and use the opportunity and abundance of youth to do something really significant and meaningful with my life in the service of others."

Ditiro Moloto (UL) gave an unusual perspective:

"Being a Science student and seeing Sir Isaac Newton's Apple tree in Cambridge brought tears to my eyes and I loved experiencing the student life at Pembroke College. Meeting the diverse group of people that I shared ideals, courage, wisdom, respect, love and knowledge with was truly life changing. I got to experience a moment of shifting out of my comfort space, to think differently, to question things I never used to question."

From **Keaton Harris (UWC)**:

"This trip has taught me that it is okay to be confronted with topics in which I feel uncomfortable. It shows that my views are being challenged and allows for an altered perspective to be formed which could possibly contrast my initial interpretation of a topic. Thank you so much Abe Bailey Trustees for this amazing opportunity."

Simangele Msweli (UKZN) commented:

"Having a random assortment of room-mates taught me to face people irrespective of what differences might have come up during discussions. A very big life lesson. The tour was beyond my expectation. It improved both my personal and professional life."

Jessica Breakey (UCT) touched on deep things:

"2015 was undeniably one of the most intense and painful years of my very short life. Painful in a way ... that facilitates growth and change. Being a part of the #RhodesMustFall and #FeesMustFall movements respectively were life altering events, both for myself as an individual as well as publics in which I have spent huge amounts of energy. The structure of Abe Bailey is extremely thought through, it creates both an adventurous freedom as well as a carefully planned educational experience. It was a combination of pure and exhilarating fun, laughter and the blossoming of special and new friendships. But it was also a deeply introspective process that allowed me to think through many unfinished thoughts in my head, from identity to potential career paths and personal and professional ambitions. My fellow Abes helped co-create an environment of self-love and a deep love for each other. We had conversations, debates and shared laughter that will stay in my mind for a long time to come."

Katleho Ralehoko (VUT) gave this feedback:

"Being part of this prestigious bursary has enabled me to have a different world view about cultural diversity, understanding the role that education can play in sharpening future leaders. The group of Abe students that I travelled with taught me the true meaning of selflessness, and how we are shaped but certainly not defined by our experiences. Learning about different community development programmes that my fellow bursars are involved in, motivated me to do more for my community and engage in debates that will build our community.

I had to learn and unlearn certain things, and that made me realise how ignorant I was about certain aspects of political and cultural history. Breaking silence about the challenges we face in our communities, can help others understand issues that we face and create a platform to discuss solutions."

Sam Beynon (NMMU) from a unique perspective:

"I am a White African (South African) who identifies with and speaks IsiXhosa. I also live in an unequal and unjust South Africa, where economic and social exclusion on the basis of gender and race sadly still persist today. Essentially, this is now part of who I am. I, like any other human being, do not exist in isolation. As a social being, I co-exist with South Africans from all walks of life. The ABE Bailey Tour reminded me of the significance of three concepts - irrespective of place - history, context and culture and how each of these has the ability to shape one's personal circumstance and identity.

The ABE Bailey Tour helped me realise that I can and must use my personal story to have a positive impact in the lives of the economically and socially marginalised. It highlighted the importance of self-acceptance - in my case of one's unique personal identity...any one's story can be used to empower another; to, based on one's own difficult circumstances and lived experience, humanise another. It reminded me of the importance of antagonising untransformed spaces, spaces that do not allow for equality and social justice, spaces that reject the envisioned South Africa the majority of us want.

In fact, it saved me from adopting a 'single story' of what it means for Africans to be born into an unequal and unjust society and to make this their permanent reality. It re-emphasised the need for me, like others, to be part of a contemporary social movement that seeks to attain a more equal and just South Africa.

The ABE Bailey Tour has restored my determination and passion to restore South Africa and the rest of the African continent. I want to see people, from all walks of life, succeed for themselves and for their communities."

From **Realeboga Sebitso (SMHSU)**:

"I could have never imagined myself as a Fellow of such a prestigious Fellowship. Growing up in a very small town with slow and modest development, far away from institutions of Higher Learning and Training, a town of only "teachers and policemen" and being raised by a single mother, one was allowed to dream, just not beyond these borders. When I applied for the Abe Bailey Travel Bursary, I was strongly driven by my background. This experience was so overwhelmingly packaged with elements that served as a source of motivation, growth, empowerment and enlightenment; touching all spheres of an individual and leaving me better, wiser and stronger. I thank the late Sir Abe Bailey for funding this luxurious, generous, remarkable, enchanting and explorative tour that aims to groom leaders and develop South Africa further."

Palesa Nqambaza (UJ) commented:

"The tour helped me discover something about myself--that I had stopped dreaming, that I had limited myself, that I had gotten comfortable. In the UK I met black South Africans like myself, who also grew up in poor households with many challenges and they inspired me to want more and not be apologetic about it. I am inspired to go and inspire. I am thankful to the Abe Bailey Trust for this opportunity."

Sandiswa Sondzaba (WITS) reported:

"Being in Cape Town was such an important part of the trip for me. The farewell dinner introduced me to the calibre of individuals I often dreamt of interacting with. Hearing the Old Abes discuss the importance of the tour made me realise that I was privileged to be associated with such inspirational individuals. I also enjoyed listening to the stories of Old Abes as they relived their experiences of the tour. Right then and there I realised the importance of listening--allowing people to tell me their stories gave me greater insight into people's journeys and their attempts to be the best that they can be. I encountered females who refused to compromise on their convictions and doing what they felt was right. Speaking to my fellow female Abes made me realise that I had every right to command as much space and respect as my male counterparts. The most important thing I learnt during the tour was how to be more human. I began to understand the universality and particularity of all of our experiences as human beings."

Stefan Van Der Westhuizen (UFS) had this to say:

"2015 has been powerful in reshaping the limited definition of "leadership" that many of us believed to be absolute. It was marked by powerful movements emerging across our country, rarely pioneered by SRC presidents or dux students. Rather, these movements have been initiated by leaders very familiar with the inequality and injustices at ground level, whether experienced directly or not. Although this group of bursars can't be dubbed as being the leaders of South Africa's youth, it included a certain subset of student leaders I rarely come across. Some bursars resembled this rare mould of leader - one with the ability to advocate for those both phenotypically and fundamentally different than himself/herself. Leading groups of uncompromised sameness didn't seem like leading at all anymore.

The standout experience being ... individuals who have inspired and reassured me to aspire to greatness in both my personal endeavours and in my capacity as a change agent in greatly differing contexts. Quite often I get confronted with everyday situations that challenge my views which, more often than not, differ greatly from those of my white, male, Afrikaans peers. The reassurance in befriending individuals who not merely tolerate views on difference pertaining to religion, sexuality, race and gender, but who also subscribe to these "very different" ways of life themselves, have given me the courage to withstand the pressures faced in not merely acknowledging my privilege, but denouncing it more readily."

Simpiwe Duze (Rhodes) commented:

"I can honestly say that 2015 for me was a year in which God was restoring hope in my heart, and the Abe Bailey Tour was vital in that process. Here I met incredibly intelligent young men and women who were already doing amazing work to change their communities for the better regardless of how dire things looked. Some of these young people had overcome insurmountable difficulties themselves and some were still grappling with the hurts in their lives but understood that this was no reason not to push for change in society.

I realised that regardless of the oppression, discrimination and violence experienced by women in South Africa, there was nonetheless a generation of amazing female leaders rising up who are continuing the fight for gender equality and the empowerment of both men and women. What I am most thankful for was that the tour gave me a greater appreciation for South Africa. My hope in South Africa was restored. I realised that God can make a horror story into a beautiful fairy tale. The hope that I have is that one day every horror story that is told in South Africa will become a beautiful fairy tale. "

From **Simpiwe Khumalo (DUT)**:

"When we got to Cape Town I found myself amongst dynamic, radical, motivated, enthusiastic young leaders who are unstoppable and whose minds are great. At times I tend to question and doubt myself but this tour reconnected me to the leader and the strong woman in me. In my life I have been through a lot of hardships and I've never shared some of my lived experiences before the tour. Being around the Abes of 2015 opened me up. It was easy for me to share without being judged and I felt safe around them. I thought it was only me who was disadvantaged one way or the other but when I got there and listened to other people's stories, I realised that some have been through a lot more than me and I gained strength from all the stories they shared. I then got to realise that we are all privileged one way or the other.

This tour has made me a good listener and an unprejudiced observer. The more we toured Britain, the more I was drawing closer to Africa and the African in me. Each activity we engaged in inspired me to go back home and do great things for my community."

Zinhle Khumalo (MUT) gave some interesting perceptions:

"I was never quite familiar with live theatre--attending the musical 'Matilda' changed my view. The production was incredible. It made me realise and appreciate the hard work, dedication and loads of rehearsals by each and every one of them, especially the little children, in pursuit of excellence. I was greatly inspired by the show, inspiring me never to hold myself back and always working towards near perfection.

I listened to the address by Ms Nusrat Ghani, the Conservative Party's MP, on the challenges of being a woman in power but

still having to work twice as hard as men in order for her voice to be heard and be taken seriously. Her message of the present-day challenges women have to deal with has broadened my perspective beyond my having to deal with racial inequality or issues of xenophobia.

The bursars with their diverse backgrounds and experiences stirred me the most. They are amazingly smart, creative and futuristic."

Zoleka Ndolela (NWU) reflected:

"The welcome we received in the UK was amazing and heart filling. A highlight would definitely be when we met the deputy chairman of the Bank of England, Bradley Fried. It was an inspirational moment for me. There was so much growth and enrichment in this tour not only from the Abes, but also from the other students we met.

Travel in any form is a special kind of adventure, but there is extra beauty in travelling with people who are so hungry to be world changers and make South Africa a better country. One thing I took from this tour is to be the change I want to see in my country."

Sarisha Daya (TUT) wrote:

"From the hustle and bustle of peak hour underground trains in London to the silence and serenity at The Burn in Scotland, the Abe Bailey Travel bursars were able to soak up the English and Scottish culture in the three weeks of the tour. My experience on this trip has done exactly what Sir Abe Bailey intended all those many years ago; to bring young South African leaders together, to build a better country. Meeting my fellow Abes in Cape Town, opened my mind to the differences and similarities we all have. Spending the time visiting Sir Abe's gravesite and learning about his history, gave me a better understanding of how change in South Africa took place during his era.

The discussion sessions included in the programme were, for me, the best part of the trip. Learning from peers with such passion and knowledge, changes you. I learnt and unlearnt so many things during these sessions, where we were able to express and share experiences that shaped or changed who we are. Breaking barriers of race, age, gender, religion and societal norms, to bring consciousness to each other on how these factors affect our intersectionality. The knowledge sharing not only made me want more but also gave me a feeling of excitement to see the potential that young South Africans have and are capable of. Thank you to the Abe Bailey Travel Bursary Trustees for giving me this life changing experience!"

3. THE FAREWELL TO THE 2015 ABES

Eighty-one of us--Old Abes from 23 tours, Trustees and new Abes--celebrated the 64th Abe Bailey Tour last November, and bade the 2015 bursars farewell at the *Atlantic Imbizo* in the Cape Town Waterfront. It was a very happy occasion with 6 of the 2014 Abes joining in the fun. Earliest Abe bursars present were *Neville Rubin (UCT)* and *Johnny Nell (UP)* from 1956, as were 1965 bursars, *John Gurney (UCT)* and *Boy Geldenhuys (US)* marking their 50-year re-union.

Nhlanhla Dlamini (Wits 2004) and *Kgotsi Chikane (UCT 2014)* addressed us, recalling their tour experiences and the impact made by the tour on their lives.

4. ABES TO ADDIS ABABA IN ETHIOPIA

A suggestion by two old Abes has come to fruition: The 2016 Abe bursars will include a one-day visit to the *Headquarters of the African Union* in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, en route to the UK for the usual 3-week tour programme. One of the Trustees, Dr Eltie Links, a former SA Ambassador to Belgium, is co-ordinating this venture, and will accompany the tour group on this pilot occasion. This should prove a fascinating extension to the Abe experience as bursars gain some insight into the acceleration of the political, economic and social development of our own continent.

5. GALLERY OF ABES OVER THE DECADES AT THE BURN IN SCOTLAND

David Turner, manager of The Burn House, has created an Abe Bailey Display in the upstairs Sports Room at the Burn House. This is a handsome array of photographs of tour groups from over nearly 65 years, which each new tour group can enjoy, as well as any other Old Abes who visit The Burn. We are keen to obtain photos of groups in the missing years. As formal photographs were no longer taken after the mid-70's (restarted in 2014), we are requesting any informal pictures of your whole group which you may still have hiding somewhere. Please scan a copy and send it to me so that I can print it and take it to The Burn in December. We need photos from these years: 1951-1955, 1957-1958, 1960, 1971, 1974-1975, 1977-1981, 1983, 1985-1994, 1997-1999 and 2001.

6. WELCOME TO THE 2016 ABE BAILEY BURSARS IN LONDON

All Old Abes in the UK who are in or near London are warmly invited to join us for the Welcome Reception at Goodenough

College in Mecklenburg Square on **MONDAY 28th November at 6.30 for 7 p.m.** Director *Andrew Ritchie* will be our host. In October the College will send out email invitations with details about the event. Please send your name, tour year and e-mail address to the Director's P.A., *Ms Amanda Streeter*, at amanda.streeter@goodenough.ac.uk so that she can send you the official invitation. It would be a great pleasure to have you join us for that function.

7. NEWS FROM ABES AROUND THE WORLD

We are sad to record the death of these Fellows, and offer our sincere condolences to their families and fellow bursars:

- **Bob Hepple (Wits 1955)**
- **Eugene Louw (US 1957)**

Interesting to note that currently four bursars hold Vice-Chancellorships of our universities. They are **Max Price (Wits 1978)** at the University of Cape Town, **Nehemiah Mokgalong (UNorth 1981)** at the University of Limpopo, **Albert van Jaarsveld (UP 1984)** at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, and **Sizwe Mabizela (UFH 1985)** at Rhodes University. We wish them well through the difficult waters of negotiating university fees.

Willem van Zyl (US 1955) sent appreciation for Fellowship Newsletters, and informed me of Gene Louw's passing in October last year: *"Your missive carrying the list of those exceedingly fortunate to have been bursars of the illustrious Abe Bailey Travel Bursary Fellowship refers. Just from the contents of the Newsletter, we as Abes are fully aware of the painstaking diligence you are devoting to the administration of our Fellowship. Kindly receive our sincere admiration and deepest gratitude."* Thank you Willem-many Abes assist in this process with their contributions and in locating "lost" bursars.

Gordon Pirie (Wits 1977) informed me of the passing of one of our earliest bursars. Many thanks, Gordon. *Cambridge News* published a tribute to **Bob Hepple (Wits 1955)**:

Former Master of Clare College, Sir Bob obtained a BA and LLB at the University of Witwatersrand, becoming an Attorney in 1958. His involvement with the ANC and Nelson Mandela led to him leaving South Africa in 1963, following a period of detention without trial for anti-apartheid activities. He was called to the Bar at Gray's Inn in 1966. He was Professor of Law at Cambridge, publishing widely in the field of labour law. He retired from the Mastership of Clare in 2002, and has since been an Emeritus Fellow. He became a Fellow of the British Academy and received honorary degrees from the University of Witwatersrand, UCL, the University of Cape Town and the University of Kent. He was awarded the South African Order of Luthuli (Gold) in 2014, the country's highest presidential honour for 'exceptional contribution to the struggle for democracy and human rights, nation-building, peace and conflict resolution.'

Rudolf Gruber (US 1959) wrote: *"I shall be visiting Cape Town in May, and am wondering whether you are likely to be there at the same time, and whether I could call on you. Although we have been in touch with each other by circular letter and by correspondence over the years, we probably last met as far back as early 1960 when we ended our Abe Bailey Travel bursary tour. There will thus be no lack of subjects to discuss or reminiscences to review."* **Bernard Lategan (OFS 1959)**, a professor at a Stellenbosch University Policy Unit, joined me (**John Gibbon UCT 1959**) to spend a fascinating morning with Dolf, reminiscing about our tour, catching up with our life journeys, and exchanging views on South African and European Union issues - a wonderfully inspiring interaction - all initiated by an Abe tour over 50 years ago!

From **Neil Callie (Wits 1962)**: *"Thank you for the Abe Bailey update...it served to bring back wonderful memories of our tour, infused with the incomparable spirit of camaraderie and hospitality that obviously seems to have endured over the years. In those days we were a resolute band of all white males from the six recognised universities in South Africa...how things have changed and enriched us all! I now live with my wife in Plettenberg Bay, semi-retired...I remain active in the financial/mentoring fields. My very best wishes go to all the new Abes in these exciting times, and to all the background admin infrastructure so pivotal in keeping it all together."*

Mike Raath (Rhodes 1963) was in touch: *"Many thanks for the latest Abe Bailey newsletter, which I have read with interest. I was particularly interested to read the comments by Stan Ridge (Natal 1963), who was a fellow-member of our 1963 team. Attached is a photo of our group when we visited the Houses of Parliament, on a typically miserable and wet London morning! I'm rather embarrassed to note from the picture how many of us were smokers in those days!"* A handsome group you were nonetheless!

Willie Coetzee (Potchefstroom 1966) wrote: *"I have been meaning to communicate this for fifty years and just never got around to it. However, after half a century, now is the time. The Abe Bailey Travel Bursary supplied not only a unique and wonderful experience, it also gave me a life influencing trip. My mind often wanders back to our twelve guys (as it was then) and now, many, many years later, recognises that each one touched my life in some or other way. The mind-stretching tour and everyone involved in it, made a major contribution to my way of dealing with life. And I assume something like this had been Abe Bailey's original intention with such a bursary. In short: for me it worked. For this I want to thank the Abe Bailey Trust and Fellowship and express my deep and sincere appreciation. Let me add that your regular newsletters are constant reminders of all of the above."* Congratulations to our 1966 half-centurions-we are hoping to see many of you at this year's Farewell Dinner (details below).

Fika van Rensburg (Potchefstroom 1973) put me in touch with **Johan van der Walt (Potchefstroom 1968)** so that we re-established contact. Johan het geskryf: "*n Voorreg om na soveel jare van julle to hoor. Was een van die hoogtepunte van my lewe. Waarskynlik een van die redes vir 'n Art21 maatskappy waar ek vir 14 jaar met meer as 11 000 potensiële jong leiers gewerk het en bruê gebou het tussen leiers van verskillende kulture in SA.*" Dankie Fika vir jou moeite, en welkom in ons midde, Johan.

Lloyd Smuts (UPE 1982) spoke at a Rotary meeting and came across two Old Abes **Rex van Olst (Wits 1969)** and **Ricky Buwalda (Rhodes 1969)**. He also obtained contact details for another three bursars-sterling work, Lloyd, greatly appreciated. His Rotary host, **Rex**, wrote: "*Thank you so much for following up on Lloyd's contact with you. My wife and I have been in the KZN Midlands just over a year. I am still working on a part-time basis for the University of Witwatersrand, but I really am retired and enjoying the peace and quiet of the country and its fresh air! Warm regards.*" Good to be in touch again, Rex. **Michiel le Roux (US 1971)** had floated the idea of the Abes visiting the African Union, and was very happy to hear of the pilot visit this year: "*This is great news. The Abe rejuvenates itself! Pretty impressive, and thank you for taking a vague impression and implementing a real change.*" Thanks to you and **Le Roux van der Westhuizen (US 1985)** for your initiative and foresight. Tyding van **Kobus van der Walt (Potchefstroom 1972)**: "*Baie dankie vir u getroue kommunikasie met al die beurshouers deur die jare. Na 40 jaar in die kerklike dienswerk het ek nou afgetree en woon ek nou in Potchefstroom. Beste wense.*" 'n Baie rustige en vreugdevolle aftrede, Kobus.

Bill Pierce (Natal 1973) raised the idea of a Johannesburg Old Abes' dinner: "*A farewell dinner here in Johannesburg perhaps at the same time as the one in Cape Town. A few years ago...we had a delightful dinner. The only negative is that there were only about 10 people there. Is it possible to arrange a more "numerous" function?*" Any Gauteng and Free State Old Abes who are partial to this idea, why not make contact with Bill at billpierce1951@gmail.com

Kit Vaughan (Rhodes 1974), CEO of the Cape Town medical technology company Cape Ray, was quoted in the newspaper at the launch of a 'breakthrough' breast cancer machine which combines digital mammography and ultrasound technology: "*Normally what you need to do is to have a separate X-ray and separate ultrasound. That could take about 90 minutes. With this system you can do four views in 10 minutes, so we can see many more patients. By combining the two technologies you have a higher chance of diagnosing cancer.*" Congratulations to you and your team, Kit.

Anton van Niekerk (US 1978) sent a biosketch: "*From our group Max Price (Wits) became VC of UCT, Izak Smuts (Rhodes) became a judge, Willem van der Linde (UPE) is an advocate, and Douw Breedt (Potchefstroom) became the moderator of the Reformed (Dopper) Churches in SA. We were the last group to which no women were allowed. These were the years immediately after the murder of Biko. We had vehement political debates, but remained friends. Danie Uys (RAU) had just recuperated from Guillane-Barre syndrome, and could only walk at one pace. He has since emigrated to Australia. We saw the Mouse Trap and Evita in London, as well as Anthony and Cleopatra in Stratford-upon-Avon. The part of Cleopatra was played by Glenda Jackson, at that time one of the most famous (also movie) actresses in the world. The funniest moment on tour was when a few of us found ourselves in Aberdeen in a lift going up to the top floor. We were supposed to be guided (for the first time) by an awkward Scotsman who had no idea what to say to us. Eventually, while the lift was still moving, he managed: "Are you from all over South Africa?" To which Chris Hugo-Hamman (UCT) laconically answered: "Yes. Are you from all over Aberdeen?" Our guide in London was the famous Major Badcock, who never tired (unlike the rest of us) and who opened up British history in an unsurpassable manner. Regards.*"

Freshly in touch with the Fellowship again, **James Gardener (UCT 1979)** wrote: "*I have been dutifully tracked down by tourmate Johann Ahlers (UP)! Apologies for allowing my contact details to lapse. My wife and I are currently based in the UK, just outside Chester, from where I run my one person management consultancy following many years with Royal Dutch Shell in Cape Town and The Hague. Thank you (and Johann) for keeping the Fellowship flourishing. Cheers.*" Another 1979 bursar tracked down by Johann was **John Gultig (Natal)**, who wrote: "*I currently live in Toronto, Canada. I am the Managing Partner in an executive communications training and consultancy company, called Pitch Communications. We work primarily in North America, but also in the UK, South Africa and Australia, and teach investment bankers and advisors how to set up deals, sell to high net worth clients, negotiate, present and use stories in keynote addresses.*" Welcome back to the Fellowship, and well done Johann on excellent detective work. Another 1979 Abe **Ebrahim Ameer (Durban-Westville)**: "*I went into semi-retirement after 37 years in practice but have again commenced practice...on a time share basis.*"

Lloyd Smuts (UPE 1982), enormously helpful in locating a number of "lost" Abes, sent news of his activities: "*Greetings to all the Abe's, especially the Abes of '82. I am based at Hilton College as Director of the Vula Programme, an outreach programme which aims to improve the teaching and learning of Mathematics and Physical Science in township and rural schools in KwaZulu-Natal. We interact annually with some 2500 pupils and 700 teachers from more than 100 under-resourced schools. Our work is challenging and demanding, but also greatly satisfying. The 2015 Vula Programme annual report has just been printed, and I will email a copy to anyone who might be interested - please contact me on LS@hiltoncollege.com, or pop in if you are ever in the KZN Midlands. My main responsibility is to raise the R 3 million needed each year to operate the programme, so I will be happy to hear from any Old Abes who are looking for a maths/science outreach project to support!*" Also from 1982, **Brian Schapiro (UCT)** who lives in the USA, wrote: "*Thanks for the updates I receive via email. I am still in Ann Arbor in medical practice (dermatopathology). I do make it to Cape Town fairly regularly and if there are any Abe events let me know.*"

Roneé Robinson (RAU 1985) wrote: *"Thank you very much for the latest member list. Just to let you know that I was awarded silk towards the end of 2015."* Congratulations Roneé on this significant professional achievement.

Pierre van den Hoven (Rhodes 1986) requested newsletters by email, and wrote: *"Just received your newsletter-always a pleasure. Thank you. Last year I launched an app called Tuluntulu. It is a free Pan African mobile content platform with 18 TV stations and 11 radio stations. I am in touch with Madia Korsten-van der Walt (US 1986) who recently got married."* Congratulations Pierre on the launch, and Madia on your marriage. All the best for the future.

It was a great joy to welcome to the 2015 Farewell Dinner **Jean Greyling (UPE 1988)** who is a professor and Head of the Computing Sciences Department at NMMU: *"I was an Abe Bailey bursar in 1988 from UPE. For the past 10-15 years I have been on the bursar selection panel for NMMU."* So good to have you among us; thank you for your selection work. **Riaan de Lange (UPE 1990)** sent greetings to the new bursars: *"My best wishes to the new bursars. What an absolute privilege. May all of them enjoy the journey, life experience and wonders of building new relationships."*

Corné Oberholzer (UPE 1992) wrote: *"Thank you very much for the mail and the newsletter - indeed inspiring reading and the source of much reminiscence! It would be great to receive the newsletter by e-mail, thanks. I attach a photograph for interest's sake. This was a photograph of 4 of our Directors at Deloitte (all Old Abes) taken with former President FW de Klerk (Potchefstroom 1958) (also an Old Abe) at a Deloitte Directors' function a couple of years ago where he delivered an address. They are Marius Alberts (UP 1993), myself, Coenraad Jonker (US 1992) and Gaba Tabane (UNW 1994)."* Thank you, Corné-a fascinating memento and unique grouping. I'm happy to send an electronic copy to any interested Abe.

Good to reconnect with **Ndumiso Luthuli (Natal 1998)**: *"Monnapula Motlogelwa (NWU1998) has just forwarded me your email and I realised that my details are not up to date and that is why I have not been receiving your communications."* Welcome back to the Fellowship, and thanks, Monnapula.

An update from **Thabe Matsebatlela (UNorth 1999)**: *"I am still at the University of Limpopo but now serving in the Biochemistry and Microbiology Department as a senior lecturer in the Biochemistry discipline. My main area of investigation is cancer, immunotoxicology and trace elements research. I obtained my PhD in Biological Sciences at Clemson University."* Well done, Thabe, on achieving your doctorate, and best wishes in your work at UL.

Christopher Thurman (Rhodes 2000) was in contact: *"Thanks, as always, for keeping the Abes in contact. I am sorry that since our move to Johannesburg eight years ago now, we haven't been able to attend any of the farewell dinners. I am still at Wits and have been enjoying some sabbatical leave. Last year the Thurman family decamped to Germany for six months so that I could pursue a Shakespeare studies collaboration with colleagues in Cologne-a very enriching experience...I am kept busy with post-graduate supervision, writing, editing the journal Shakespeare in Southern Africa...and I have a column in Business Day."*

An up date from **Christiaan Bezuidenhout (Potchefstroom 2002)**, now living and working in London: *"A quick update on things from my end: I still work in Banking for Deutsche Bank and have recently taken up the post as CIO for Global Markets Finance. I'll also be starting an Executive MS in Technology Management at Columbia University from September this year. I'll soon be experiencing firsthand the challenges involved with juggling the demands of work, family and now studies - something I remember you have great experience of doing for a number of years. I look forward to seeing you this year with a new crop of aspiring Abes in November at the London reception!*

Please let me know if I can help with any part of the Abe programme this year. I'm not sure whether you still have meetings with the group at a financial services institution. I remember meeting executives from Cazenove & Co as a group in 2002 on our Abe tour. I will be happy to help if any gaps in scheduling or opportunities in the programme to do so." Looking forward to meeting you with the new Abes. Thank you for your generous offer of assistance, Chris.

Other bursars from 2002 made contact: **Philip Kneebone (UPE)**: *"I am well and I hope things are good with you. Keep well and thanks for all you do to keep us in contact as times and technologies change."* **Themesha Khan (Natal)** said: *"I hope you are well and must thank you for your continued involvement in and support of the Abe Bailey Fellowship over the years. My maiden name was Murugas. Best wishes."*

Elbereth Donovan (RAU 2003) wrote from London: *"Receiving the Abe bursary was a very important event in my life ... the tour changed me in many ways. Not only did Ian's (our guide) passion for history ignite a similar lifelong interest in me, but the visit inspired me to apply to the University of Cambridge to complete a Masters degree...the MPhil in Educational Research. The year at Cambridge was an extraordinary experience; absolutely amazing to be surrounded by very intelligent and interesting students from across the world, and in such a historical setting. I enjoyed every minute, and am thankful that the legacy of Sir Abe Bailey inspired me to follow this dream...I moved to Edinburgh, where I helped establish the first Scottish office of the Stroke Association. Then in London at an international development organisation, Crown Agents, where I was part of a team that advised governments in emerging economies across the world on improvements to public finance management systems...travelled and worked in a variety of countries, from Barbados, Guyana and Mexico to Zimbabwe and Mozambique - via Belgium and Oman! Now a role at a niche consultancy firm, the Law and Development Partnership...a new and exciting chapter in my life, working for a development and consultancy firm in London.*

I am based in 'Dickenson's London' - an area which Ian knew well and told many stories about on our Abe tour, and I did not for one minute expect 12 years ago that I would one day work here. It can't be denied that the Abe tour really did change my life,

and for that I will always be thankful. Please do convey my thanks to the Trustees, and to all the staff who make this wonderful experience possible for students each year."

On social media, **Marike Groenewald (US 2004)** intimated: "I took a step towards a new adventure and realising my dream: I have resigned from my role as the DA's Executive Director of Development, Learning and Training and will be starting my own facilitation, development and coaching business. I am excited to stay involved with the Party, albeit in a different capacity."

Philip Phatudi (UP 2005) wrote: "There have been a few changes in my life since we last communicated. I have by God's grace finally completed my specialisation in Ophthalmology...My family and I have relocated to Johannesburg, and we are currently setting up private practice. It is really amazing to think that eleven years have passed since our trip. I am constantly reminded of the fellowship and the amazing friends we made, and the heated political discussions we had at the Burn, especially in our current political climate. I cannot wait to see some of the Fellowship recipients become involved in the future of our country (including myself), one way or another."

From London, **Lourens du Plessis (US 2006)** sent word: "Studies at Oakhill Theological College are going well. We're just over halfway through year one of three...it's been a great blessing and continues to be a daily privilege."

Lorraine Roux (UFS 2007) wrote: "For the past 2 years I call myself a citizen of the Western Cape. I married the man of my dreams in July 2014 (a fairytale wedding in Italy just south of Verona) and since then we live in the beautiful town of Stellenbosch - we are really fortunate to be able to live and work in the Winelands! I am still with Deloitte and instead of focusing on business development in Africa, my focus is Fraud Risk Management and Ethics in the Western Cape." Congratulations and welcome to the Cape. Also from **2007, Glendon Ascough (UKZN)** shared: "Since the middle of January, we have been helping start a new church here in Modderfontein, Johannesburg, not far from where we live. It has been a wonderful, eventful and adventurous journey so far, and we have been amazed at what God has been doing. We are being officially ordained as elders (pastors/ministers) in this church, and are thrilled to be taking this next step in our journey of faith." An exciting venture-rich blessing in your ministry.

From **Abigail Ramakoaba (UZ 2008)**: "I am an Old Abe living at Goodenough College. It would be lovely to meet the group and to see you in London once again." Tumi, be sure to join us for the Welcome Reception.

Sanrita Haripersad (DUT 2009) wrote: "I can't believe that it has been almost 8 years since I was awarded this prestigious bursary. I can remember everything so clearly. It was such a wonderful and amazing experience that I will never forget. It was a once in a lifetime experience." Also 2009, exciting news from **Garreth Bloor (UCT)**: "I was admitted as a Fellow of the Aspen Institute in the US, who host an annual gathering called the 'Aspen Ideas Festival.' Last year I was fortunate to join the Harambe Entrepreneur Alliance which convenes at Harvard University annually to execute on issues around entrepreneurship in Africa. The tour remains an inherent part of my life in ways I could scarcely have imagined at the start of my 2009 voyage of a lifetime. My wife, Claire, and I were married in February 2016...one of her bridesmaids was an Abe from my year, **Adele Croucamp (UNW)** as was one of my groomsmen, **Hein Visser (NMMU)**. Distances at any given time from Cape Town to London, and everywhere in between, have been no barrier to lifelong friendships with incredible peers grounded in the common bond of a tour that really is the stuff of legend." Congratulations-a real Abe team effort. Blessings on your future.

Now practising in Alberta Canada, **Keeve de Villiers (US 2010)** wrote: "It's a very small world here and you'll be happy to hear that I now work in a practice with **Hercules van der Watt (UP 2007)** also a member of the Fellowship." Warm greetings to you both. From **Ziyanda Stuurman (US 2011)**: "I hope you are well and that you are enjoying the preparations for the coming year's tour. See you later in the year for the 2016 cohort's farewell dinner." We look forward to that.

A Facebook post: "The University of Fort Hare salutes **Awonke Tshifu. (UFH 2011)**. A young boy from Nonibe Location...assumed responsibility of being man of the house at a very young age, when his grandfather was murdered in front of him. Awonke was awarded the Abe Bailey travel bursary to spend a month in the United Kingdom among other top 20 students chosen from all the South African Universities. In 2013 he was selected by the National Research Foundation to spend a month at the Joint Institute for Nuclear research to learn scientific instruments in Russia...He volunteered at the FOSST Discovery Centre based at the University of Fort Hare whose main objective is to give career exhibitions to the youth of the surrounding villages, as well as organising the National Science week annually. In 2015 he was selected by President Barack Obama as one of the top 500 young African Leaders to spend two months in the United States attending courses from the best Universities. During the same year he was listed as one of the top 200 young South Africans by the Mail and Guardian." Congratulations Awonke on these outstanding achievements.

Eugene Davids (UWC 2011) was awarded his doctorate, and this post also appeared: "If this week couldn't get any better, been awarded the Donald J. Cohen Fellowship for International Scholars in Child and Adolescent Mental Health." Hearty congratulations, Eugene. Another 2011 Abe, **Ann-Maree Tippoo (UCT)**, responded to my congratulations on her permanent appointment to our **Abe Bailey Trust**: "I am excited about my appointment and am very grateful for the opportunity to serve on a board with such distinguished individuals, ensuring the continuation and support of many noble causes. It's been a wonderful journey to date, and I'm sure it will continue to be so into the future."

Four of the 2012 Abes have been in touch. **Roné McFarlane (US)**: "I had the privilege of dining with the group at Green

Templeton College and the Randolph Hotel in Oxford. After a number of months in the UK it was incredible to meet up with a bunch of such energetic young South Africans. The highlight was seeing them perform Sithi Hallelujah at Green Templeton College at formal dinner. The joy and warmth they brought with them was incredible and wonderful for a slightly homesick South African to experience :). It is also encouraging to see that the programme continues to draw such extraordinary young people and creates a space for challenging and critical conversations to take place. I am really excited to see new initiatives such as the LinkedIn group and electronic newsletters to help us stay in touch with the incredible network of people that has formed through the years. Thank you to John for continuing to invite old Abes in the UK to connect with the new Abes - it is great to meet them and also creates valuable networks to share opportunities and tips on studying abroad." And the splendid news, seen on social media was: "Roné gained the Master of Science in Education (Comparative and International Education) with distinction from Oxford." Warm congratulations!

Meme Mathobela (NMMU) gave an update: "I'm finishing off an internship at NMMU at the Centre for High Resolution Transmission Electron Microscopy and as I was going through the address list you sent, I realised one of my colleagues here, Prof. **Japie Engelbrecht (UPE 1972)**, was also an Abe. I forwarded him the e-mail and oh how happy he was to learn that there are two of us Abes right here in one building and we didn't know until today. What a lovely revelation! We then chatted about the tour and everything; of course we could chat for days about it." **Jessica Standish-White (UCT)** replied to my enquiry about her whereabouts after her Oxford post-graduate work: "It's great to hear from you. I am back in Johannesburg and started a job at McKinsey last October. All the best with this year's Abe tour preparations."

From **Kameel Premhid (UKZN)**: "Thank you very much for the address list. Incredible to think that the Bursary has come so far and that those 12 pages represent such a diverse and dynamic history. I am now permanently based in Johannesburg. I have completed two years at Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar, graduating with an MSc (Education, Higher Education). I was recently admitted as an Advocate of the High Court of South Africa. While this means, technically, that I would be able to practise law in the courtroom, I have chosen to become a 'pupil' at the Johannesburg Society of Advocates for this year."

Post graduate study also for **Tessa Dodds (TUT 2013)**. "The tour made such an impact on me. After the tour, I worked in an architectural practice and went to the University of Pretoria in 2015 where I successfully completed my Honours degree. However, the Abe Bailey tour inspired me to complete my postgraduate degree in the UK. I am very happy to say that I have been accepted by Oxford Brookes University." Congratulations-all the best for the time ahead. Also embarked on further study is **Caitlin Stobie (Rhodes 2014)** who wrote: "I was in the city and Stellenbosch with **Faith Pienaar (US)**, **William Clayton (UFS)**, **Curwyn Mapaling (UWC)** and **Blessing Masuku (UJ)**. We had a lovely time reminiscing about our 2014 tour, and all agreed that it was a life-changing experience. I really wish it could happen all over again! I was awarded a scholarship from the Commonwealth for an MA in Critical Theory at the University of Kent in Canterbury. It has been so rewarding to hear news from my fellow Abes and watch them shine." Congratulations Caitlin. So good to see you and William at the Welcome Reception for the 2015 Abes at Goodenough College, as well as **Abrie Marais (UFS 2010)**.

A delightful photo of 5 Abes sent by **Sindi Sithole (MUT 2014)**, with **Curwyn Mapaling (NMMU 2014)**, **RonéMcFarlane (US 2012)**, **Sandiswa Sondzaba (Wits 2015)** and **Stefan van der Westhuizen (UFS 2015)**: "Last week we attended the Brightest Young Minds summit with 4 other Abes. The summit is sponsored by Barclays Africa and it was held in Sandton over a period of 5 days. It was really good to see the other Abes after a few months of not being in contact. We thought you might be happy to see a picture of the 5 of us together." Thank you, Sindi-another unique Abe group!

8. FAREWELL FOR THE 2016 ABES: Wednesday 23rd November 2016

Please note the change of day to Wednesday this year because of the earlier departure of the tour group to Addis Ababa.

Join us at the ATLANTIC IMBIZO, the venue in the Cape Town Waterfront to give the new Abes a good send-off this year. An invitation to the Farewell Dinner with all the relevant details, directions and free parking information is enclosed with this Newsletter if you live in or near to Cape Town, or attached if you receive the Newsletter by email. If you live further afield and can arrange to be at the dinner, please contact me and I shall send an invitation to you-see my contact details below. We would be delighted to enjoy your company. A special invitation is given to the 2015 bursars to share in the send-off to their successors, and to the Abes of 1966 to mark the 50th anniversary of their tour as half-centurions, by attending the dinner as a group. Please let me know if you and your partner will attend, preferably by e-mail or by way of the enclosed reply slip, so that we can make accurate catering arrangements.

9. A REMINDER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GOODENOUGH COLLEGE

"I repeat my assurance that all former Bursars have honorary membership of Goodenough College for life and I very much encourage them to stay with us when they are in London, either as visitors or full college members if they decide to study here as postgraduates. I am pleased to say that a number of Old Abes continue to take up this invitation. I look forward to maintaining

our longstanding and close relationship with the Abe Bailey Trust in the years ahead." Major-General Andrew Ritchie, Director.

10. ABE CONTACT DETAILS

A significant number of Old Abes with whom we had lost contact have been traced by fellow Abes or have reconnected with the Fellowship. Good to welcome you back! If you know details of any bursars listed as '*unknown*' in the March 2016 official address list, or of Fellows who have passed away, please send them to me. Please inform me of any changes in your own e-mail or postal details, especially if you receive newsletters by email.

11. FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTERS BY EMAIL

Some 215 Abes now receive Newsletters by email in place of posted hard copies. This Newsletter has been sent to them electronically. **How about YOU?** Please send me a quick email if you are willing to receive future Newsletters/Address Lists by email. As from 2014, all new Abes receive them electronically.

12. THANK YOU!

- To those who sent in news, contributions and up-dated contact details
- To those who located Abes with whom the Fellowship had lost contact
- To those who have agreed to receive Fellowship Newsletters by email
- To Brian Robinson and fellow Abe Bailey Trustees for all that they do to maintain the annual bursary award programme
- To Dr Eltie Links, Trustee, for making arrangements for the AU visit and for accompanying the tour group to Addis Ababa
- To Morag Naylor for ensuring that the whole Abe Bailey programme runs smoothly, and for her communications with new and old bursars.
- To Andrew Ritchie, Amanda Streeter, Alan McCormack, David Turner and their colleagues who co-ordinate arrangements in the UK and welcome each year's bursars so warmly

Warm greetings and good wishes to you all

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