

Transcript of Testimonial videos

**John Inverdale**

Dicky, its John here, just to say hope you're having a great evening as a reward for your many years of indomitable spirit in Kenya and of course with the Pirates.

I'm really proud to have shared so many of those experiences along the way and I think I may be wrong here, but I think its my round next time we meet and I look forward to having a beer before too long.

Hope you have a brilliant evening and with very, very best wishes to each and every one of you

Bye bye

**Simon Shaw**

Dicky, Shawsey here. Just wanted to congratulate you on your testimonial, what a huge honour

but not just an honour, a thoroughly merited honour.

You are a true rugby man, and what you've done for the game not only in Cornwall

but in Kenya as well and beyond

You've assisted, certainly the charities and campaigns I've been involved with over the last few years with gusto, and

we thank you for that, and I look forward to sharing a beer either in Cornwall, London

or Kenya or wherever .. and toasting your success. Well done Sir.

**Dave Ward**

Hey Dicky, Wardy here. I just want to say huge congratulations on your testimonial.

The three years that I spent at Pirates were three of the best years of my career and I absolutely owe that

down to you and your unwavering support for the team. To lift the British and Irish cup

to get to two Champ finals was an incredible achievement for the team and I just want to

say thank you. You deserve every plaudit that you get tonight

and hopefully I'll see you soon.

### **Matt Evans**

Hi Dicky, congratulations on your testimonial in Kenya. I'd just like to say a massive thank

you from myself and the Pirates. Eleven years I've been here and you've been nothing but

a leader, a great man and just a, a supportive person for so many of us.

You stood by, you know, me personally through thick and thin

and to work for you and with you it's been an absolute pleasure.

You're a great fella and I hope you have a great day.

Best of wishes.

### **Gavin Cattle**

Hi Dicky, Gav here from sunny Cornwall hope you're having a great evening.

What a fitting tribute to a man who's done so much for both Kenyan and Cornish rugby.

I've had the pleasure of working alongside you for now 18+ years, time's flying eh?

Yeah I just want to say thank you from, from a personal point of view, but

I've also had the the pleasure of seeing so many people especially at the Pirates benefit for

from your generosity your support and passion for the sport.

I'll be forever indebted. It played such a big part of my adult life and yeah

what a role model and I wish I was joining you right now for a Tusker beer but I'm sure

that can wait for some other time. Have a great evening, richly deserved, an outstanding

man, and see you soon mate. Have a good one.

### **Alan Paver**

Dicky I just want to say congratulations on your testimonial, I hope you're having a fantastic

night. I just want to take the opportunity to thank you for everything that you've done

for the Cornish Pirates and also Kenyan rugby. I think you will have always left your mark

on rugby in the UK and around the world. I do recollect one story that you told us many

years ago about how you got your opportunity in Kenya and I do think if you guys do get

a couple of minutes it's always worth telling that story because me and Gav have had many

laughs over it. Again on a personal note I just want to say thank you I've had 20 wonderful

years been involved with the Pirates as a player and now as a coach and I thank you

for all your support. You're a legend and you're so massive to everything about this

club and about rugby. Thank you very much.

### **John Stevens**

Hi Dicky I hope you're having a great evening

just a quick thank  
you from everyone at the Cornish Pirates and

congratulations on your testimonial year.  
Cheers.

**Jack Andrews**

Hi Dicky I just want to say congratulations on your testimonial dinner.

Thank you for what you've done for me and now with also for the Pirates as well. Cheers.

**Becki Thomas**

Hi Dicky, congratulations on what can only  
be described as a phenomenal support of rugby

in Kenya and in Cornwall. We're all very lucky  
to have you. We hope you have a fantastic

evening celebrating. It's been a hell of a  
ride with you over the last 12 years but one

I've enjoyed tremendously. So, enjoy the evening and  
it's everything you deserve and more.

**Joe Hudson**

Hey Dicky, it's Joe from the UK I believe you're having a little celebration event over there

and I'm sorry I can't be with you but just  
wanted to say a few words from my side...

Well first of all, it was amazing you even  
ever gave me a chance to come and work for

Homegrown back in the day. I remember doing an awful job of refereeing Banda versus  
Kenton

and I think you were rather upset about that,  
but you gave me a chance and I got to end

up working for Homegrown, and I have to say  
it was probably one of the most formational

parts of my career. What an excellent operation, great set of people, but just an organisation

that you set up with an incredible, you know, just supply chain, people, structures and

everything. So, thank you for giving me that chance it was really probably the most important

part of my career to set the, the rest steps. I went up to Timau, I went, you know and Timau,

Timau Depot and all those sort of radio things and yeah, I was there for about seven years

and it was just incredible to watch the impact that that company had actually on Kenya, on

the people, on employment and on the whole economy really. So, it was great to be part

of that and I just want to say a big thanks, to you. I'm doing all right now, I'm, I'm

running a FTSE 250 business in the UK. The biggest, biggest sort of brick maker and concrete

products business which is quite hard work, but, but you know a lot of those foundations

that I'm using today were set from Homegrown.

Just about you, I mean, you are probably one

of the most impactful guys I've ever worked with, and you know that not only the pace

setting and the vision, but also the things like, you know, I remember even when I, every

operation you would go to you would go and give the, the guy in the toilet, you know

a thousand Bob or whatever it was so you just had that attention to detail, care for people

from the top to the bottom and, yeah so it was just a real privilege Dicky, and I wouldn't

be where I am today if it wasn't for you and  
the chance that you gave me and the great

sort of experiences I had to develop my career  
at the foundational level. So you know, not

many people in life have made an impact like  
you in terms of, you know, business, economic,

you know, progress for a whole country and,  
you know, I'm still pretty much in awe of

you like most people who will be there today.  
So have a great day, I wish I could be there

but I hope to see you again before long and  
just a huge thanks. Take care 👍