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REVIEW



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DEAR OLD Bedfordian



L to R: Gina Worboys (Assistant Director OB Club), Bev Marshall (Liaison with Parents and Past Parents), Hugh Maltby (Director Bedford School Association), Anna Saunders (Database and Foundation), and Clara Policella (Communications and Website).

>Welcome to the 2019 OB Review, I hope that you will enjoy catching up on news and getting a feel for what the Club has been up to in the past year.

While I am very excited to be taking on the role of Director of the BSA, it is tinged with much sadness following the loss of Richard in December. He and I worked closely together establishing the BSA back in 2012. During that time I got to know him well enjoying his infectious enthusiasm, wise counsel, sense of humour and above all his friendship. His ability to identify even the most spurious connection was second to none, ensuring that new and old friendships were established across the whole School community, not just the OB Club. His loss to the Club is felt by us all.

My sincere thanks go to the BSA team of Gina, Bev, Clara and Anna, who under very difficult circumstances valiantly maintained an air of normality, ensuring “business as usual” in support of the Club. The huge and varied number of events outlined by Craig in his report is testament to their hard work and effort behind the scenes.

The OB Review provides an excellent opportunity to showcase the many varied activities that OB’s have participated in during the last year. Please feel free to share with us during the year any news items you may have, as we are always keen to know what you have been up to.

I very much look forward to connecting closely with OB’s and welcoming you back to the School. I hope that you will be able to join us at some of the upcoming events, of which more information is available on our website www.bedfordschool.org.uk/association/ob-club.

Hugh Maltby (73-83), Director

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A WORD FROM THE Head Master

Dear OBs,

Echoing the teachings of the Roman stoic philosopher, Seneca, Benjamin Disraeli is supposed to have said “there is no education like adversity”. Well, this year your old School has faced some desperately difficult times. The loss of our dear friend and colleague Richard Garrett, who had become in such a short time a colossus of the OB Club, was one of four staff deaths from cancer this academic year; and we also lost a talented, kind Fifth Form boy to a sudden heart defect. Through the inevitable and seemingly endless sadness shone the light of a strong and supportive community, a community which never ceases to amaze, and one which was led in both its grief and its healing by a wonderful new young Chaplain, Neil McCleery. Bedford School is such a busy place these days that it is hard to stop and take stock sometimes; but when you do, the camaraderie, friendship and good humour of both boys and staff is uplifting, even (and in fact especially) in the most challenging of times.

Through all this have been interlaced some marvellous achievements. There have been, I would guess, few sporting years like this one. The hockey players reached the National Schools Cup Final last week (as I write this); the cricketers reached the National Final in all three age groups in which they entered; and the rowers came 4th in the National Schools Regatta, our best for many years, beating Eton on their own Olympic lake! Only the rugby players (unusually) missed out this year – but even then, I imagine some sort of record was broken when we fielded 35 teams in School matches on a single Saturday: roughly 700 of our 1100 boys (from aged 7-18) played for Bedford in one day. Academically, we had our best GCSE results since 2010 (though the leavers’ results were well down on last year’s record); and in other areas, there were 14 boys with national selections in sport, music (eg National Youth Choirs and Orchestras) and drama (eg National Youth Theatre and Music Theatre).

The OB Club has been endlessly supportive of the current boys in all sorts of ways, for which (on all of our behalves, back here in De Parys Avenue) I pass on my sincere thanks. I hope that you enjoy the Review.

With very best wishes to you all,

**James Hodgson,
Head Master**



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

2018, a fabulous year for the Club, was ending so well, culminating in a tremendous annual dinner at the RAF Club in Piccadilly, held there at the suggestion of Richard Garrett - "It's the RAF's 100th anniversary year and Bedford has so many RAF connections!" Richard, as it happened was unable to attend, though he did ask me to acquire an oil painting of a Spitfire for his office. I think he was joking but there was always that mischievous twinkle in his eye.

Then the year went downhill rapidly as we heard of Richard's death on 22 December, going into Christmas with that great sense of sadness and loss. Richard was a great servant to the Club, a great enthusiast and an inspiration. He was a friend to many in the Bedfordian community – he seemed to know everyone, liked most (!) and got on well with all. He will be a great loss to the Club and, of course, most importantly to Emma and their family.

Lord ("Paddy") Ashdown (52-59), well known politician, former Royal Marine and Club Vice President, died on the same day. A few weeks later we heard that Chris Williams (68-79) had died on his return from a short holiday in South Africa. So sad and so shocking as it was so unexpected. Chris was Chairman of the Club when I first became President in 2016. We worked closely together and he did a great job. His funeral was well attended by OBs, my old 1st XV team mate David Harris (67-77) having flown in from California just to be there.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

In writing my summer message to the Old Bedfordian's Club, I would like to pay tribute to two key individuals. Richard Garrett, Director of the Bedford School Association sadly passed away in December 2018 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. I got to know him well at numerous OB events over the past years and he provided much valuable guidance and assistance during my first year as Chairman. Chris Williams (68-79) also sadly passed away in January 2019 following a short illness. He was my immediate predecessor as Chairman and it is clear that he was a passionate and committed supporter of the OB Club. Both men will be greatly missed.

The Club continues to go from strength to strength and now has over 9,000 members worldwide, three quarters of whom we are actively in contact with. During 2018 the Club organised an impressive 73 events in all, including 11 overseas reunions, 13 UK get-togethers, 18 sporting events and 31 other miscellaneous or joint events. For the first part of this year my own personal highlights have included reunions in Auckland, Sydney, Singapore and Zurich, an OB London Business Networking Forum, the 40th Anniversary of the School fire, the OB Careers Fair, the



L to R: OB Club Chairman Craig Mitchell (64-74) with OB Club President David Murray (69-76) on this year's OB Club Battlefield Tour (Waterloo).

I could go on in this vein – Tim Elkington (35-39), a former Battle of Britain fighter pilot and one of the last of "the few", Professor Talalay (34-40) of the School's Talalay Prize, and many more who have died this year alone, but I must stop. The future is upon us and it promises so much.

Richard has left big boots to fill but, in his replacement Hugh Maltby (73-83), the School has made an excellent choice and we wish him well. I was particularly delighted when the veil of secrecy was finally lifted and the appointment was revealed to me. Hugh had sat next to my wife at a dinner in Bedford a few days before and she had described him as "a charming man".... and Aileen is obviously a great judge of charming men!

Have a great summer. There is lots happening in your Club and we look forward to your involvement.

President, OB Club David Murray (69-76)

U20s England v Italy Six Nations Rugby Gathering, the DVP Bedfordshire Curry night, the OB Club sports weekend and a historical visit to the battlefields of Agincourt and Waterloo. Quite a variety!

However, there is always room for improvement and during 2019 we will continue to act on the feedback we received from the Member Survey conducted last summer, the results of which can be found on the OB Website. We are striving to build on the areas where we are doing well and develop some of the opportunities revealed by the findings, all with the aim of making the Club better for you, the members.

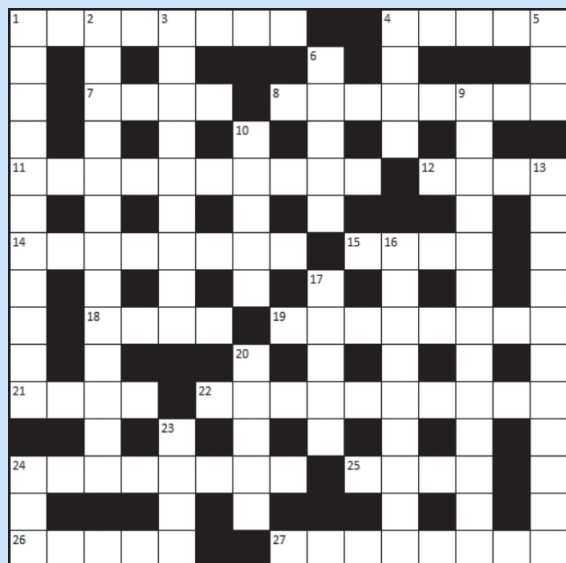
The School recently went through a rigorous selection process to appoint a new Director of the Bedford School Association. I am delighted with the news and am very much looking forward to working alongside Hugh Maltby (73-83), whom many of you will know as a loyal and enthusiastic Old Bedfordian with many connections to the School, the OB Club and the town.

Wishing you all a very pleasant and enjoyable time over the coming summer months.

Chairman, OB Club Craig Mitchell (64-74)

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

Thank you to a select number of masters who teamed up to create this crossword - for the time being they will remain anonymous....



ACROSS

1. Old Head Master takes a moment reflecting over Mr. Pertwee's introduction (3,5)
4. Overheard parents say their boy did not lose a day of school for this criminal act (5)
7. Swarm back for athletics event (4)
8. Innocent and 2! That's not an appropriate line of thought! (4,4)
11. It sounds like beer hut was a class venue after 24 ac & 15 (10)
12. Ignore backwards rolls! (4)
14. Explicit sequence's first character appears in DT paper (8)
15. See 24 across
18. Puts down classes? (4)
19. Subdue awkward terrains (8)
21. It is somewhat too soon to reflect on outcome of fire damage (4)
22. Currency on a trajectory that will end up in a state - not good news for my nerves! (10)
24. (& 15) Obsolete address engulfs large tree in infamous school event (3,5,4)
25. Medical officer sent back to enter infection site that might be marked with 2 (4)
26. Burning intermittently? Sadly, a crime that rings a bell! (5)
27. New arrangement for "Domus Pater" without our fanfare ending causes a mass exodus (8)

DOWN

1. Vacant cadets playing with live ammo ultimately is a mess, they just provide target practice (4,7)
2. Note: mixed tracks have a musical quality which provides a reminder of the past (8,5)
3. Due a chance to join day house, in short measure (4,1,4)
4. Alter abridged final word from Chaplain (4)
5. Make a catch in cricket practice (3)
6. Tremble at upset after question (5)
9. Staff account makes entry into school calendar which is accepted by the compiler - he's been part of the furniture for ages! (8,5)
10. (& 13) Catastrophic heads, primarily in Tyne, Severn and Cam - the date lives in infamy! (5,7-4)
13. See 10 down
16. Where the brightest students are at their very best (2,3,4)
17. Any time for a Maths teacher to dream? (5)
20. Corrective plenary arranged to avoid lines (5)
23. Last in set is on the edge; tidy up! (4)
24. Post match refreshment produces short sob (3)

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OLD BEDFORDIANS CLUB

MEMBERS' SURVEY RESULTS

HOW ARE WE DOING?

You will be aware that we embarked upon a survey from members over the summer of 2018. Thank you to all who took part. An overview of the results can be found here: bit.ly/OBMemSurvey

It has given the Executive Committee lots to think about and review. Looking ahead, we will discuss ways hopefully to incorporate your ideas and make appropriate changes to the Club's strategy. The overall picture is that the Club is in a strong position, and one of the most active school alumni organisations in the country. Although this is, of course, good news, we should continue to look for ways to improve. Thank you again for all of your support regarding the survey.



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All Old Bedfordians are invited to become Subscribing Members, support the Club and take advantage of the benefits of this additional level of membership.

Membership is £25 per year and you will receive:

- A hard copy of the primary annual OB communications, the Ousel magazine, full of School and Old Bedfordian articles, news, obituaries, event write-ups and photographs
- Discounts to some key Club events, such as the Annual Dinner and 'At Home' lunch
- Access to the Heritage site, with a searchable database of digitised Ousels back to 1876

bit.ly/OBMembership

Reunions

RUGBY PLAYERS REUNITE

Last autumn, we welcomed back a group of Old Bedfordians who had all been at the School in the late Sixties, with the majority overlapping in the 1st XV together at some point. It was also good to meet a number of brave wives who ensured that "the boys" did not get too carried away!

The group enjoyed a tour of the School, meeting the current 1st XV, lunch and watching the match in the afternoon against Rugby School. Sadly, on the pitch, despite a promising start, the day did not go Bedford's way, but everybody enjoyed catching up and swapping stories. It was particularly interesting to hear the great variety of things that the OBs had done since leaving the School.

A special thank you should go to Chris Foster (60-69) who was instrumental in organising the event. A number of messages were read out from those who could not make the occasion and at the end of lunch everybody raised a glass to "absent friends."



Remembering

Archie Irving

ONE HUNDRED YEARS ON



One hundred years after his death during World War I, the family of Old Bedfordian, Archibald Denys Irving (07-17) came together at the School to remember him. Archibald (Archie) was a 2nd Lieutenant in the 6th 'C' Battery, 82nd Brigade of the Royal Artillery and was killed just before his 20th Birthday at Moislans in France on 16th September 1918.



Archie won an exhibition to attend Bedford School and went on to win a place at Lincoln College, Oxford, although he was sadly unable to take this up as he had to join the war effort immediately on leaving the School.

Over thirty five family members, some travelling from as far afield as Zambia, spent the afternoon on the 100th Anniversary of his death in the Memorial Hall at Bedford School and laid a wreath in his memory. Archie is buried in Peronne Communal Cemetery in St Radegonde, France, and the inscription on his grave reads 'Bedford School 1907-1917, a cheerful giver'. Following the reunion, a number of family members travelled on to France to visit his grave and to pay their respects.



“The School That Never Closed”: Remembering the School Fire 40 Years On

The devastating fire that raged through our Main Building in the early hours of Sunday 3 March 1979 will be forever etched in the memories of all the boys, staff, firefighters and eye witnesses who were present on that momentous night. The fire destroyed 30 classrooms and 90% of the School, but that did not stop the Head Master of the time, Mr Ian ‘CIM’ Jones, running lessons as normal the following day and leaving a legacy of stoicism and resilience which remains woven into the fabric of our School ethos today.

On the 40th anniversary of the fire, around 130 Old Bedfordians, past staff members, firefighters, parents, past parents and local residents gathered for a special Evensong service in our chapel to remember that fateful night. We were honoured to welcome the Revd Michael Hepworth

back to School to give the sermon – Revd Hepworth was our School Chaplain at the time of the fire and he shared his vivid memories from the night, and also from the days that followed, describing the marvellous operation put in place to get the School back up and running for the Monday morning. Hymns from the service the day after the fire were chosen including ‘Jerusalem’, which was sung with much gusto by the congregation. It was a blustery evening and the chapel windows and doors whistled and creaked as a gale blew around outside, in stark contrast to the warmth of the community who had gathered within its walls.

The service was followed by drinks and canapés served in the Great Hall, which proved a poignant yet heartening reminder of how the Main Building and the School has risen since the





Monday after the fire

fire. Some guests brought their own memorabilia along with them to add to the display of archive material, which included photos, books, newspaper cuttings and paintings. It was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to share their memories of that night and the days that followed. Firefighters told how all of the Fire Stations in Bedfordshire contributed to tackling the fire and described the incredible task they had to keep the fire contained. Everyone had their own story to tell and all were hugely fascinating. Lower Sixth Formers Jack O'Donovan and Oliver Burrige-Dean recorded many of these stories so that they could be stored in the School's archives for future generations wishing to research the story of the fire.

The assembled guests also watched a short film put together by the School, which recounted the story of the fire.



Hockey as normal, just two days after the fire



Temporary classrooms on the day they arrived



Firemen back at the School for the 40th Anniversary

It included original footage from the fire interwoven with interviews from firefighters and eye witnesses, including local residents and past parents, Christopher and Jean Brown. It was Christopher who took those iconic colour photos of the fire. The film culminated with the Head Master's address to the School on the Monday after the fire – a powerful, Churchillian and inspirational speech. You can view the film here: bit.ly/BSFire40

The School would like to express their thanks to everyone who came to the event. The fantastic turn-out is testament to the strength of links between the School and local community.



Michael Hepworth preaching



Michael Hepworth and Rupert Mayo

CHARITY CHAMPIONS

We are always extremely proud to see Old Bedfordians supporting worthy causes and helping make the world a better place. Here are some of the great things they have done...

CHALLENGE 51!

By Emma Garrett

Richard will be remembered for his compassionate nature, his ability to make people feel special wherever he went and his brave stoicism as he battled against cancer for 9 years.

From his diagnosis with bowel cancer in 2009, and throughout his illness, my brave husband Rich always resisted extra support. I suppose this was typical of a man who loved nothing more than helping others - being the person needing help was anathema to him. So he got involved with the Bobby Moore Fund



and worked closely with Stephanie Moore on numerous fundraising initiatives - helping others, rather than himself. Initially he avoided the Primrose Unit, Bedford Hospital's oncology unit, choosing instead to have his treatment at home, which in the early days was an alternative chemotherapy option. He eschewed offers of visits by doctors or Macmillan nurses until very late in his illness and similarly he was reluctant to visit the local hospice to have a look round. The

only reason he went to the School's in-house counsellor was so that if either of our two sons felt they wanted to talk to him, he would know Rich and understand our family better. Always thinking of others.

Rich was a people magnet and was surrounded by a vast network of close friends, family and colleagues - the 750 + people who attended his thanksgiving service are testament to that - and it was



this community that he built, nurtured, valued and relied on, rather than anything else.

In time, as the cancer progressed, Rich did need the support of The Primrose Unit and the fabulous team there. We also regularly met with a Macmillan nurse at our home and he frequently spoke with Stephanie Moore about possible trials and new treatments, as well as fundraising opportunities for the charity. The last 26 days of his life were spent in the St John's Hospice at Moggerhanger, a truly remarkable place.



And so, it is not at all surprising that part of his legacy, and one of the ways we can all remember this incredible gentle giant of a man is through fundraising.



It is hard to believe that Rich was just 51 when he died after a 9 year battle against his cancer, as indeed was Bobby Moore. Challenge 51 grew from Rich's wish for us to fundraise for the organisations that had so supported him and we came



up with the idea of raising £51,000 in 51 different ways, the total ultimately being split between his chosen charities, namely The Bobby Moore Fund, The Research and Education Fund at Bedford Hospital and the Sue Ryder St John's Hospice at Moggerhanger. Anyone raising money in Rich's memory for any/all of these just let us know what they have raised and will then add it to our totaliser (very Blue Peter!). From marathon running to cake sales to 900km cycle rides to mufti days every little bit will help other cancer sufferers and their families.

bit.ly/Challenge51



Simon Briggs JoBerg2C

A big 'well done' to Simon Briggs (77-82) on completing the JoBerg2C race-cycling an amazing 900km in 9 days from Johannesburg to the coast. Simon took part in the event in memory of Richard Garrett to help raise money for the Bobby Moore Fund for Cancer Research as part of Emma Garrett's Challenge 51. justgiving.com/fundraising/fatnomis50

In March 2019 Stuart Gilbert (99-04) organised the third annual Mogadishu Half Marathon which took place inside the International Military base in Mogadishu. The event attracted over 465 runners over distances of 5k, 10k and Half Marathon. They were fortunate enough to



Stuart with the Iman Hospital Running Club athletes (including two Olympians)

have 45 Somali Athletic Federation runners take part in the event, winning both the male 10k and the male Half Marathon. The event in aid of the Aamin Ambulance, Mogadishu, which is the only free ambulance service in the city. In total, almost \$3,000 was raised for the charity.

Stuart also ran the London Marathon to help raise money for the Royal British Legion Industries (RBLI). uk.virginmoneygiving.com/StuartGilbert1



RBLI



Andrew Murphy (75-86) took part in the Deloitte Ride Across Britain event, in aid of The Princes Trust, cycling 969 miles in 9 days! bit.ly/2Ekn9YR



Prince's Trust

YOUNGMINDS
fighting for young people's mental health

Bob Eadie (staff 71-16) set himself the challenge of walking the Ouse Valley Way, a 153-mile walk, to help raise awareness and funds for YoungMinds, an organisation which helps young people with mental health problems. arcg.is/G00PS0



Bob Eadie at the end of the walk

ENTREPRENEURIAL ACTIVITY

OPEN SESAME

Not content with the cost and number of London's landscape of private members' clubs, exclusive venues and top-tier events, OB Alexander Assim (01-12) launched a venture earlier this year to aggregate them in one place at a price designed to be accessible to young professionals starting out in the city.

The start-up, Sesame, already boasts more than £3k worth of memberships in its offering, which currently costs just £30 a month, and has partnered with some of the city's biggest hitters including M Restaurants, Library Members' Club and 100 Wardour St with Quaglino's and Madisons set to make 10 venues this summer. Sesame members enjoy perks from free breakfast weekdays in Bank, to champagne on arrival in Soho for their group, in addition to an array of complimentary invitations to award-winning events that this year has already featured wagyu tastings, martini experiences and a masterclass in diamonds over cocktails.

Sesame are set to sign their first corporate customer this year following strong attention as a practical, packaged offering to enable the business development of young employees in the city's largest firms.

www.sesame-london.co.uk Launch video: bit.ly/SesameLaunchVideo



A CUT ABOVE THE REST

Tempus Chacuterie was set up in 2017 by Dhruv Baker (89-94) and Tom Whitaker who met through MasterChef - Dhruv was champion in 2010, Tom runner-up in 2011. Having both worked in the food industry since that time, they had a shared love of fine ingredients, which culminated in an obsession with charcuterie.

Dhruv and his team work closely with a small number of highly specialised and passionate farmers to ensure that they have a sustainable supply of amazing animals raised to the very highest welfare standards (all of their pigs come from RSPCA approved and outdoor reared farms). Their process of spicing, curing and ageing is specific to each cut, but is always about accentuating the flavour qualities of the animal in order to deliver outstanding charcuterie. The results are well worth all

the extra care, attention and effort from everyone involved, from field to fork...in 2018, Tempus was named Champion Producer at the inaugural British Charcuterie Awards.

www.tempusfoods.com



Dhruv Baker





STEPPING STONE

After a career in TV, directing shows such as Great British Menu, Saturday Kitchen and Richard & Judy, James Cook (90-99) became a director and partner of independent production company, Stepping Stone Media in 2012.

Stepping Stone are based in London's Fitzrovia and work with brands such as Waitrose, P&O Cruises, and Disney, producing video content for all platforms. James splits his time between the office and shooting on location as a producer, director, camera and drone operator, and has recently filmed with fellow OBs Dhruv Baker (89-94) and Sir Alastair Cook (98-03). Stepping Stone have recently scaled up and are looking for new business so get in touch with James if you're anyone looking for video content.

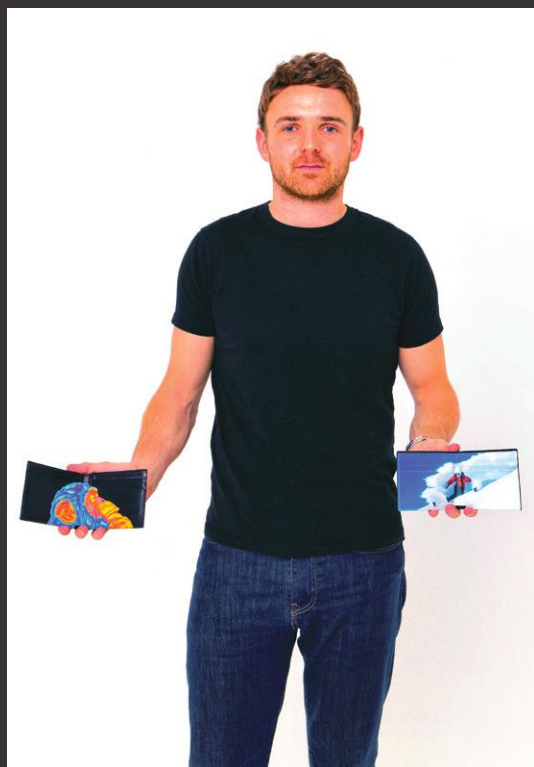
www.steppingstonemedia.co.uk

Top photo: James Cook left, working with England cricketer Jos Buttler, on a shoot for Hardys Wines.

Bottom photo: James Cook on location.



SELCOUTH LONDON



TRACK YOUR WALLET

Ryan Hudson (99-09) has recently started his own wallet brand. Ryan thought the wallet market was outdated, lacking in style and character so created Selcouth London producing unique wallet and cardholders which have the ability to be tracked!

Selcouth is old English and stands for 'something which is unique, rare and inspiring'. The wallets and cardholders have artful and classic oil painting sport designs to offer distinctive yet understated products and a point of difference.

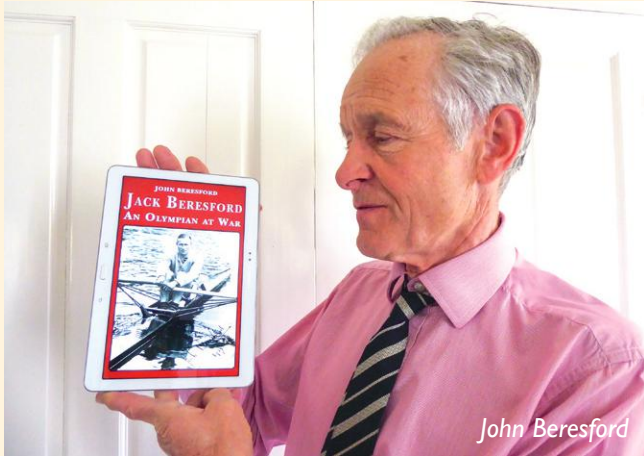
With modern practicality in mind, the ability to track your wallet using the world's thinnest Bluetooth tracker means you can locate your wallet or phone, making misplacing either a thing of the past. Ryan is offering 20% off all wallets & cardholder to Bedford School Alumni using the discount code: BEDFORDSCHOOL

www.selcouthlondon.com



Jack Beresford - AN OLYMPIAN AT WAR

by John Beresford (59-64)



Jack Beresford (1913-17) was one of Bedford School's most illustrious sportsmen. His fire was kindled at Bedford, developed in the Trenches of WWI & blossomed into 5 Olympic medals (3 Gold, 2 Silver) in five consecutive Games. Not until Sydney 2000 did Sir Steve Redgrave surpass this with his 5 all Gold medals.

I was inspired to write this book as a tribute to my father after watching Peter Jackson's remarkable film "They Shall Not Grow Old". His 119 letters from the Line to his parents, with his eye for detail, tell a similarly remarkable story of fighting, boredom, excitement, relaxation and training of an infantry officer in 1918.

The book is also about his Bedford School exploits and remarkable rowing career leading to his greatest victory in the 1936 Berlin Olympics with some of the drama at those infamous Games. Jack's life post competition was equally full and interesting, making this far more than just another Rowing Book. Published in June this year, those wishing to get their hands on a copy can do so from the School Shop.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT



Former England rugby player Martin Bayfield (80-85) made his way through to the finals of BBC One's Celebrity MasterChef 2018, vowing the judges, John Torode and Gregg Wallace, with his impressive culinary skills.

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ROYAL OPERA HOUSE

In 2018, The Royal Opera House announced that Jonathan Lo (02-06)

would be one of nine artists to join its professional development programme, the Jetter Parker Young Artists. Already a well-established and renowned conductor, this has given Jonathan the opportunity to immerse himself in the life of the Royal Opera House and will work primarily as a cover conductor for the Royal Ballet.

Jonathan is currently the Principal Guest Conductor of the Xi'an Symphony Orchestra and the Principal Conductor of the New Bristol Sinfonia and the Haffner Orchestra. He is also the Music Director of the Manchester Chamber Choir, Guest



Musical Director and Conductor for Northern Ballet's 'Victoria' on their UK tour (which has recently been shown in Milton Keynes) and a regular chorus master for the BBC Philharmonic.

UNITED BY MUSIC

Andrew Manze (75-82), Chief Conductor of the NDR Radiophilharmonie, Hannover, and Principal Guest Conductor of The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted Britten's 'War Requiem' in Liverpool Cathedral on 10th of November 2018, the day before Remembrance Sunday which commemorated the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One. This was preceded by a performance in Hannover (on 3rd November). The two concerts united 300 musicians and choristers from Britain and Germany.

Andrew Manze, photo credit: Chris Christodoulou





FOUNDATION UPDATE

Since the establishment of the School by Sir William Harpur, benefactors have played a vital role in taking the School forward, and it is interesting to see, looking over material in the archives, that there were several formal fundraising campaigns long before the Foundation was established in 2003.

At the moment the Foundation is not engaged in a specific fundraising project, although it continues to engage with the wider School community and promote support for scholarships and bursaries in particular. As always, the Trustees take their steer from the School, and believe that the role of the Foundation is to support, where needed, the overall objectives of the School as laid out in its Strategic Plan, whilst respecting the wishes of our donors. We are aware that various projects are currently being explored and we look forward to knowing more details as these take shape.

I am pleased to say that the Foundation continues to flourish, thanks to the continued support of so many OBs, and it has been encouraging to see how this has enabled the School to complete some exciting projects on the School estate, ranging from the new Quarry Theatre to the refurbished Science Block and the Art School, and to offer an extended bursary and scholarship programme.

It is also encouraging that there is much interest in the Foundation and its objectives, and to see how the work of the Foundation continues to contribute to the School, as it



Chairman, Lance Feaver (67-74)

always has done since it was established.

It is therefore important that we remember the contribution of many generations and keep this tradition of giving alive. We may now have a Foundation, actively fundraise, and sensitively promote giving through our campaigns, but ultimately the rationale has not changed and that is to provide the best start in life possible for the boys of Bedford School. Many boys have directly benefited from the generosity of others, and we hope many more will do so in the future.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Trustees for their continued work and support of the Foundation, and in particular, to welcome Mark Sismey-Durrant (a past parent) and Phil Wallace (a Governor appointed Trustee, and also a past parent) to the Foundation as Trustees and I look forward to working with them in the future.

Thank you to all supporters of the Foundation and also to those who have made a pledge to support it in their wills. All gifts, big and small, are much appreciated.

**Chairman, Lance Feaver (67-74)
of the Bedford School Foundation.**

Commemoration of Founders and Benefactors

OBs joined boys, staff and other guests at the annual Commemoration of the Founders and Benefactors on Sunday 7th October 2018. This is an important event in the annual calendar which provides us all with the opportunity to reflect on how fortunate we are to be part of this wonderful institution and to mark its heritage and the generosity of a large number of benefactors over many generations. The sermon was given by Doctor Priscilla Chadwick and was followed by a lunch in the Great Hall.

Gifts of all sizes are much appreciated and, in recent years, it has been particularly kind of people to plan ahead regarding legacy donations. Such support has played a vital part in assisting the School's development plans and in the provision



of a comprehensive scholarship and bursary programme.

Commemoration of Founders and Benefactors Lunch in the Great Hall

THINKING OF MAKING A GIFT TO BEDFORD SCHOOL?



There is a long tradition of philanthropy amongst the Old Bedfordian community and, over the years, many generations of boys have benefitted from the generosity of others in a variety of ways. Without doubt, this has given boys a great start and hopefully helped them to go on and live a full and rewarding life.

Since 2003 the Bedford School Foundation has had the responsibility for raising funds to support education and enhance School life.

If you feel that you may like to make a donation please do not hesitate to contact the Foundation. Your support would be much appreciated. Please feel free to contact Anna Saunders on 01234 362256 or

foundation@bedfordschool.org.uk

OUT & ABOUT

ON TOP OF THE WORLD

Craig Mitchell (64-74) and his son George Mitchell (99-04) undertook a challenging trek in October 2018 to the foot of the greatest mountain on Earth, Mount Everest (8,848m). Slightly longer and tougher than the standard Base Camp route, the circular trek diverged westwards after Namche Bazaar into the quieter neighbouring valley of Gokyo. Lining the valley were a string of turquoise glacial lakes, which against the sheer mountain backdrop made for some of the most striking scenery found anywhere in the world. They climbed Gyoko Peak (5,360m) for some spectacular views of four of the highest seven peaks in the Nepalese Himalaya. The following day they climbed the steep boulder field to cross the Cho La Pass (5,420m) which presented the biggest challenge of the trek for them. From the glaciated top of the pass, they descended and re-joined the

main trail toward Everest Base Camp (5,364m). They then followed the Khumbu Valley all the way back to Lukla. Unfortunately they were stuck there for a day due to bad weather and had to be helicoptered out to Kathmandu the next day. A very memorable trip all round."



Yak trains



Craig Mitchell & son George

LONG WAY DOWN

Not wanting to disappoint in their role as 'snowflake millennials', after 5 years hard graft in the city Doug Worboys (98-09) and Dan Jackson (03-09) decided some long overdue R&R was needed. The best way to recuperate? Pass their motorcycle tests, fly to Alaska, buy bikes and head due south!



Doug & Dan



Back on the road

Their plan was to try and make it as far south as possible, while stopping whenever and wherever they felt like to partake in the local activities or getting themselves in to (and hopefully out of) trouble. Whether it was fighting off bears and wolves while fly-fishing on the Yukon; drinking bourbon from a glass with a dead human toe in while watching the Can Can girls in Dawson City; or getting themselves on the local radio station 'Moose fm' to successfully hitch a ride (with a very broken motorcycle as a plus one) 1200km through British Columbia, it's safe to say Alaska and Canada were not the smoothest of starts to their trip.

Mainland USA was a little kinder. Sticking mainly to the west coast, they took Route 1 south heading to see Dan Algar (98-09) in San Francisco. Then after a quick and necessary trip to Vegas to replenish to piggy bank (or not!), and a week at Burning Man Festival, they were riding on in to the unknown...Mexico.

Putting their heads down, avoiding police bribes and speed guns, going unnoticed whilst wild camping outside one of the most dangerous cities in the world, they successfully made it through Cartel territory before swapping the Pacific coast for the Caribbean and into Belize.

With Google maps to thank, taking them straight over mountains, rather than around - Guatemala is when they really pushed the bikes to their limits. Hiking active volcanoes, caving through Mayan burial grounds and trekking through jungle temples, they arrived in El Salvador to attempt surfing on some of the world's most famous breaks - one of them successfully, the other pathetically!

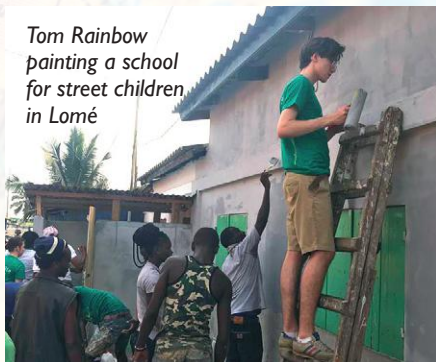
Finally, after 4 months, on reaching Honduras, and a week's diving on Utila Island they had come to the end of the (financial) road. They turned back north, sold the bikes in Texas, and flew back to reality and the rat race...

Pilkington Family Trust GAP YEAR GRANT

A number of boys were fortunate enough to have been awarded a Pilkington Trust Gap Year Grant. These grants enable successful boys to take part in worthwhile projects that would bring long-term benefits to a community. We were delighted to hear from Tom Rainbow (08-17), Chris Lamb (10-17) and Matthew Fordham (07-18) about their experiences.

From January to April 2018, I was fortunate enough to use my Pilkington Trust grant to volunteer in Togo, a small country in West Africa. Working with a small human rights organisation in Lomé, my experience in this often overlooked country could not have been more enjoyable. From football matches with street children to dancing and drumming in board meetings, I found the Togolese to be some of the most affable people I have met, even in the face of poverty, child-trafficking and explosive politics. Coming from the privileges of Bedford School, my experience certainly

Tom Rainbow painting a school for street children in Lomé



made me appreciate the education I have so far received, and ever more eager to continue with charitable work in the future.

Tom Rainbow

Matthew Fordham is coaching rugby in Africa for the Bhesi Pride Foundation. He will be starting his adventure in Gaborone, Botswana before heading to Namibia, South Africa, Botswana, Zambia before ending in Malawi. The aim of the charity is to: Unite communities through rugby; empower staff and young leaders and inspire long-term development.



Matthew Fordham



Togo students



For the first three months of 2018, I worked with an NGO called 'SADA' in Togo, in two schools. The students were great to work with and were extremely enthusiastic about learning.

By the end of the trip, I had made many connections with the locals and learnt a great deal from them about Togolese culture. In particular, I enjoyed their emphasis on community which is often lost in the UK. They told me that 'friend' in French, 'copain', derives from the idea of eating together - sharing ('co') bread ('pain'). I'm not sure how true the derivation is but the Togolese certainly believe it! Many thanks to the Pilkington Trust for helping fund my trip. **Chris Lamb**

Jack Murphy (08-18) is spending his GAP year working on feature films, working on Star Wars Episode IX and Wonder Woman 1984. Jack is looking forward to what the future holds and currently looking for another film to work on.



Jack Murphy

Last autumn, old classmates Brian Bircham (98-09) and Will Knight (98-09) embarked on another motorbike adventure...this time around India. The 1,000 mile round trip led them through rural villages, starting and finishing in Goa on the West coast. Highlights include: Temple exploring in Hampi, hiking up to Badami's old Fort, a 165 mile epic to return to the coast (including one bike being towed) and a 3 day stay helping out at a vegan yoga retreat! A real adventure!



Brian Bircham & Will Knight

Back to School

Thank you to OB Tim Skeet (70-77) for coming back to talk to US boys in an Assembly on 28th September. Tim spoke about his varied and interesting career and explained how studying modern languages had provided him with a great start with lots of different opportunities. Tim has held several high profile roles in the world of banking and in recent years also enjoyed providing advice to Government departments. This event was part of a series of events to mark the European Day of Languages on 26th September 2018.



Sixth Form boys were inspired by a talk from a rather special guest as part of their Movember Citizenship day. Bob Barrett (74-84), who plays Dr Sacha Levy in the popular TV soap Holby City, came back to

School to talk about mental health and how important it is to open up about our feelings. Bob's talk was in the wake of a recent storyline, which saw his character, Sacha, taken to the brink of suicide. It was a truly inspirational visit.

What does it take to represent and win gold for your country? Determination, training and at least two school lunches was the message from recent OB and British rower Connor Sheridan (07-18). Connor, who has won one bronze and three gold medals for Great Britain to date, joined Y7 and Y8 boys for a special assembly last September and shared his story and some of the highlights from the recent Junior World Championships.

In his stirring message, Connor told the boys that he did not believe in natural talent—hard work is what it takes to win. Whatever each boy's interest, they should aim to be happy and proud of what they do by giving it their all.



It was good to welcome back a recent addition to the OB Club, Alfie Orchard (13-18) (2017 1st XV Captain), who came in to talk to the boys about university sport and the application process. The boys asked plenty of questions and learnt a great deal about university life!



COMING HOME FOR SUMMER



Have you booked your ticket for the OB At Home, on Saturday 6th July, yet? Taking place on the last day of the academic year, over 200 OBs and guests of all ages are set to join us for a drinks reception and three course lunch. All are welcome to start the day earlier with a tour of the School and we are also inviting the following classes to take part in our reunions programme:

- 10 Year Reunion - the Class of 2009
- 20 Year Reunion - the Class of 1999
- 30 Year Reunion - the Class of 1989
- 40 Year Reunion - the Class of 1979
- 50 Year Reunion - the Class of 1969
- 60 Year Reunion - the Class of 1959

Tickets for the lunch are only £25 / £19 for subscribing members - find out more and book your ticket online at bit.ly/athome19

PER ARDUA AD ASTRA - OB Annual Dinner 2018



One hundred and thirty Old Bedfordians, staff, and guests gathered for the Club's Annual Dinner at the Royal Air Force Club in London last November. As 2018 marked the one hundred year anniversary of the official formation of the RAF, we were delighted to be able to host this special occasion in this prestigious and, indeed, fitting setting. Thank you in particular to Squadron Leader, Tony Anderson (50-60) for kindly arranging this. Thank you to all for attending, particularly to those (young or old!) who travelled from abroad and those who came to their first OB event since leaving School – you are all most welcome and we hope that you will all join us at this year's Annual Dinner, which will be held here at the School on 16th November.



EXPLORING HAMPSTEAD VILLAGE AND HEATH

OBs and partners joined us on our third London Guided Walk. After two successful walks in the City, this year, we decided to branch out to explore Hampstead Village and the Heath in its full autumnal colours. We met for a delicious pub lunch and then set off to explore the area with our very knowledgeable guide. Everyone enjoyed getting to know Hampstead a little better and learning some fascinating facts about its history. A special thank you to Richard Northern (63-72) for acting as our 'Master of Ceremonies'!





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OB CAREERS FAIR

The annual OB Careers Fair was once again a resounding success. Now in its thirteenth year, over 60 OBs, parents and friends of the School came to give career guidance to over 200 boys on their profession and industry. From doctors and lawyers to pilots, journalists and investment bankers, it was wonderful to have such a wide range of fields represented. This year, Senior Marketing Manager and Marketing Week's Masters of Marketing 'Rising Star of the Year', Jawad Safdar (02-09), also gave an informative presentation on how to 'Maximize Your Potential on LinkedIn'.



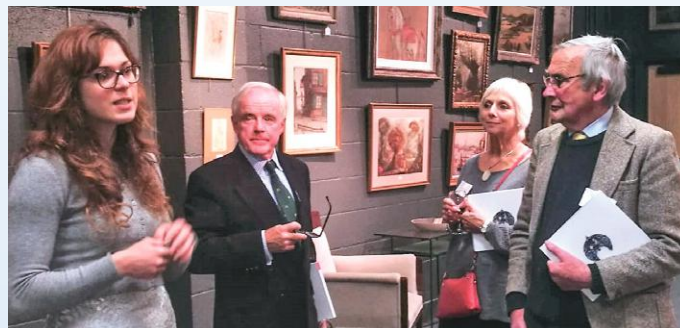
We are extremely grateful for everyone's support – the students really did gain a great deal from the evening. If you couldn't make it this year but are interested in getting involved, please do contact us at the OB Club and help inspire young people who might be considering your profession.



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AN EVENING OF FINE ART AND GOOD COMPANY!

OBs and guests joined Sarah Flynn, who has many connections with Bedford School, at Cheffins Fine Art in Cambridge. It was a wonderful, informal evening where guests were treated to a private preview of their 'Art and Design Sale' and had the chance to make a bid for anything that caught their fancy! This particular sale included paintings, furniture, ceramics, glassware and jewellery from the 1880s to the current day. As guests mingled over drinks and canapés, Sarah and her colleague, Patricia, kindly talked us through some of the items on show in great detail, these included some rather charming pieces by the British painter, Mary Newcomb.



Peter Mellor (57-62) got in touch to tell us about a reunion of Burnaby House friends (1957-62) held at El Vino's in Blackfriars, London last October. He also sent us a beautifully poignant poem he wrote to celebrate the occasion...

Reunion

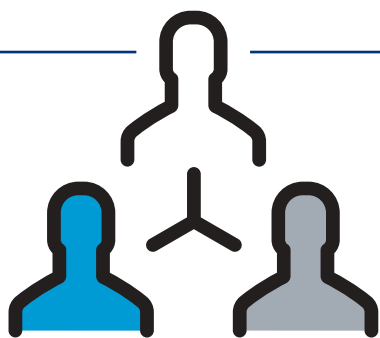
*In an instant time had passed
All we knew but never asked
Memories desperate to be born
Pictures dance but have no form
Hopeful words away in spate
Like curious fish and dangling bait*

*And yet insistent strands were strong
Finding solace, clinging on
Joining, shaping, recollecting
Long straight lines reconnecting
Into focus charged the past
Anchored now and set to last*

Peter Mellor



l-r: David Skinner (51-62), Peter Mellor, Mark Coley (54-62), Peter Brewin (51-62) and George Westropp (57-60).



OB LONDON BUSINESS NETWORKING FORUMS

We have continued to see our ever-popular London Business Networking Forums flourish, with meet-ups taking place around the city. It's been especially pleasing to see a number of OBs who had not attended any of our events previously and we do hope to see them again at our future events. We'd like to say a big thank you to both our hosts and to all those who supported these forums...we hope to see you again soon. If you have a suitable venue for a networking event, please do make contact with the OB Club Office, it would be great to hear from you.

THE CASTLE - OCTOBER 2018

Old Bedfordians joined us for our final London Business Networking Forum of 2018 at The Castle – a charming pub in the heart of the city. With a good mix of regular attendees and new faces, the buzz in the room was fantastic! As the evening progressed, the noise level rose and it was wonderful to see how quickly everyone relaxed and started chatting with one another!



Networking - The Castle



Networking - The Castle

SCHRODERS' - FEBRUARY 2019

Our first Business Networking Forum of 2019 was held at Schroders' stylish Headquarters in London. The event was kindly hosted by Alex Schoenenberger (00-09), an Institutional Manager at the firm, and gave everyone the opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new contacts within the OB Club. It was great to see OBs of all ages and from a variety of professions get together and share ideas over a drink or two with the Head Master joining us and saying a few welcoming words. Thank you to Alex for hosting us and making us feel so welcome.



Networking - Schroders'



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The OB London Networking Forums were set up to give OBs the opportunity to meet like-minded professionals, make new contacts in an informal, friendly atmosphere, with no formal pitches or showcases. The idea is that it is open to all – from those who are well established through to those who are just getting started or are still at university.

DVP EVENTS

We are very fortunate to have a fantastic network of District Vice Presidents (DVPs) who volunteer as local representatives for the Club across the globe. Not only do they act as local contacts who can provide advice to visiting OBs, but many also organise local gatherings. Could we make a request for all OBs to try and support DVP events in their area? They are always very friendly and fun. Whether you have been to many OB Club events or never been to anything since leaving School you will always receive a warm welcome! We are always on the lookout for proactive individuals who would like to join the DVP network, so please do get in touch if you'd like to be involved.

NEW DVP FOR LINCOLNSHIRE



Rob Kendrick

We are delighted to welcome Rob Kendrick (62-71) to our team of District Vice Presidents (DVPs). Rob has kindly agreed to be the Club's DVP for Lincolnshire and will act as the point

of contact for OBs living or travelling to the area.

Rob is now retired, having worked in the NHS for 30 years managing volunteer services for a Mental Health trust and running communications for an NHS trust. He has been very much involved in public service work and served in the Royal Observer Corps during the Cold War period. Currently, Rob is keeping busy as both a District and County Councillor for his area of Lincolnshire. Along with his wife, Jane, he has been a great supporter of the Club over the years.

DORSET, HAMPSHIRE AND WILTSHIRE

The annual Bournemouth Luncheon for Old Bedfordians and partners living within or visiting Hampshire, Dorset, Wiltshire and Isle of Wight was held on Saturday 29th September. DVP for the region, Paul Mantell (66-71), was delighted to welcome the Head Master who kindly updated the group on current news of the School.



Dorset, Hampshire and Wiltshire

BEDFORDSHIRE

A Fantastically Festive Lunch

Twenty-seven guests joined DVP for Bedfordshire, Dr Jason Reddy (79-84), for a delicious Christmas lunch at The Mermaid last December. Situated in an idyllic Cambridgeshire village, this beautiful gastropub is run by two OBs; Oliver Swain (91-02) and Nick Marriott (92-02). The beer was supplied by the Blackpit Brewery, run by a trio of entrepreneurial OBs: Ben Williams (91-02), Duncan Wheeler (95-02) and Oliver Whiteley (92-02). A fantastically festive time was had by all!



Bedfordshire Lunch

OB Six Nations Rugby Gathering

OBs, partners and friends gathered to watch England take on Italy for the U20s Six Nations fixture at Goldington Road on 8th March. There was a real buzz in the atmosphere for what was a sell-out event! Unfortunately, Fraser Dingwall (13-17), who had been selected to represent England's Under 20s Elite Player Squad and had played outstandingly at earlier matches, was unable to play due to an injury – however, it was good to see him support his teammates on the night. Thank you to Dr Jason Reddy (79-84), DVP for Bedfordshire, for organising the pre-match drinks gathering, giving everyone the opportunity to have a good catch up.



Bedfordshire Rugby

DVP GET TOGETHERS AROUND THE WORLD

A recent trip to visit their son Oliver (97-02) in Wellington, New Zealand provided an opportunity for OB Club Chairman Craig Mitchell (64-74) and his wife Krystyna to spend some time with their first grandchild, Edith Rose. On their travels they also managed to meet up with DVPs, Old Bedfordians, partners and friends in four different locations. OB Gatherings were organised by DVPs Lawrence Coward (98-08) in Dubai, UAE; Ted Shorrock (44-50) in Auckland, New Zealand; Richard Spivey (89-96) in Sydney, Australia and Russell de Chernatony (98-03) in Singapore. Thank you to all of you for organising these events. Great locations, great entertainment and great company!



Krystyna, Edie and Craig



UAE



Singapore



Sydney

BERLIN

The thriving OB Deutschland E.V. group enjoyed its 14th reunion last December in Berlin. The group met for 'Glühwein' at one of the vibrant Christmas markets and then moved on to a traditional brewery/restaurant, Brauhaus Lemke, for supper, where everyone enjoyed sampling some homemade beer and regional dishes. Please do keep a lookout on our events page for details of the next Deutschland gathering.



Berlin

SINGAPORE

Local DVP, Russell De Chernatony (98-03), organised a great get-together dinner to welcome Andrew Morris (79-11), former Director of Music, during his visit to Singapore last September. As usual, it was a great opportunity for everyone to catch up and enjoy good food and drink together.



Singapore

JAPAN

A group of OBs had a very enjoyable after-work get-together last November on what turned out to be the end of a four day week thanks



Japan

to one of Japan's many bank holidays. The group met at The Hobgoblin British pub (Roppongi), which is run by the Wychwood Brewery in Oxfordshire, and were able to share many fascinating memories from their time at the School.

ZURICH

DVP for Switzerland, Mike De Morgan (55-60), organised a fabulous reunion lunch for OBs and partners at the Da



Zurich

Capo restaurant in Zürich on Friday, 5th April 2019. It was a fantastic opportunity to meet up, make connections and enjoy a lovely meal whilst reminiscing about the School.

NEW ZEALAND

Across the other side of the world, OBs in Auckland gathered on 3rd March to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the School fire. Chris Sansome (73-83) and Marc Proctor (75-85) were at the School when it happened, so enjoyed sharing their memories with the others.



New Zealand

Bedford School Remembers



Jeffrey Bryan

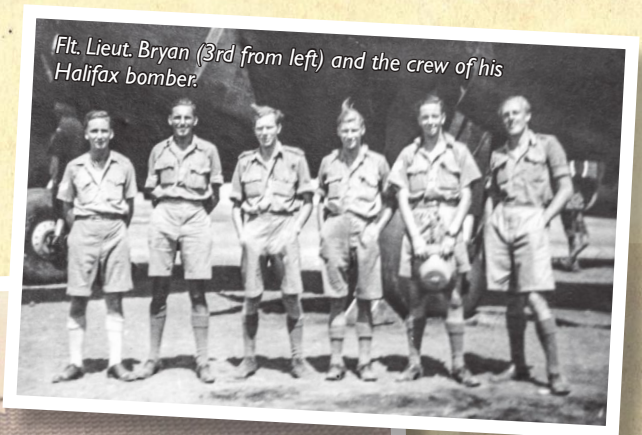
The First World War took the lives of an estimated 16 million soldiers and civilians, and left countless others physically and psychologically wounded. The Second World War took an even more staggering 60 million lives. The human cost of the wars has seen the creation of a new language of remembrance, which remains to this day. It can be seen in war memorials in cities, towns, schools, places of worship and workplaces, as well as in rituals such as Remembrance Sunday and the two-minute silence at 11am each 11 November.

During the School's Remembrance Assemblies and Service, we remembered all of the fallen and in particular the 756 Old Bedfordians who lost their lives in the two wars, all of whose names are inscribed upon the walls of the School's Memorial Hall.

It is also particularly poignant to see the family links between current boys and Old Bedfordians that have served, been injured or made the ultimate sacrifice in war. We want to do our very best to keep their memories alive, which is why we



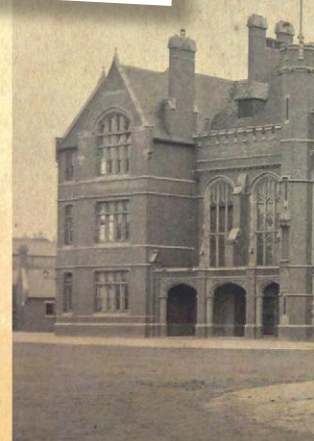
▲ The wedding of Jeffrey Bryan and Rita Edmondson at St. Martin's Church, Bedford, on 13th May 1942. (The wedding photographs were taken by A. Drake Sadler, the father of Mrs. Beryl Blythe.)



Ft. Lieut. Bryan (3rd from left) and the crew of his Halifax bomber.



1936 OTC 2 Bryan is 3rd row, 12 from left



have written a booklet 'Bedford School Remembers', which features the stories of four fallen Old Bedfordians who are related to pupils in the school today, as well as the touching story of OB Louis Lipsett (1887-92), who was the last General to be killed in the First World War, just one month before the war ended.

We have also produced a short film which tells the story of OB Flight Lieutenant Jeffrey Bryan (1934-37), who gave his life to save others, in the Second World War.

We hope that all their stories will resonate with you as much as they did with us as we researched them, and that you will share the tales of their bravery and ultimate sacrifice to keep their memories alive.

The album of letters and photographs were very kindly loaned to the Old Bedfordians by Jeffrey Bryan's son, Michael Jeffrey, who was born on 3 February 1943.



Short film:

bit.ly/FlightLieutenantJeffreyBryan

Bedford School Remembers booklet:

bit.ly/BedfordSchoolRemembers



In Memoriam

Full obituaries are printed in the Ousel in December

THE RT HON LORD J J D 'PADDY' ASHDOWN	1952-59	MICHAEL C LAPAGE	STAFF 1973-75
JACK A BAILEY	STAFF 1958-60	P JOE LE FANU	1949-59
REX C BAKER	1959-65	GEORGE P F LITTLE	1952-58
JOHN F BARNES	1943-50	CHRISTOPHER R S LLOYD	1951-54
DAVID BARRINGTON-WELLS	1943-45	W PAT LONG	1990-95
COLIN BASS-WALKER	1944-53	PATRICK CV MACCULLOCH	1939-47
JEANETTE 'JJ' BEALE	STAFF 2005-18	GORDON H MACLEAN	1945-49
NORMAN R BEESLEY	1950-54	PETER MANGOLD	1947-66
SIMON R BODDINGTON	1949-59	JOHN P MARCHANT	STAFF 1950-71
J BEN BRIGHTWELL	1939-50	A D (DERRY) MARTIN	1940-44
RONALD C BROOKS	1929-38	DR LEO M McEWEN	1943-50
W BRIAN BURROWS	1937-45	LEONARD (LENNIE) W McLEAN	1938-44
THE REVD CANON MICHAEL J BUTLER	1943-52	CAROLINE MEDLEY	STAFF 2004-18
ALARIC J CAMPBELL-HILL	1963-67	GEOFF E MELTON	1942-49
JOHN R CARLISLE	1949-54	JOHN F MONK	1940-47
A JOHN CAVE	1945-50	GAVIN K MONTGOMERY-SMITH	1953-59
ALAN CHARLTON	STAFF 1999-02, 2005-09	CHRIS P MORGAN	1974-76
JULIAN B CHILDS	1964-67	CANON RICHARD H NORBURN MBE	1943-52
PATRICK M CONNOLLY	1966-73	VICTOR G OGILVIE	1940-50
JEREMY N COOK	1974-81	IAN M W PETTIGREW	1948-57
TERRENCE (TERRY) A COSLETT	1932-38	OSVALDO J PRATT	1928-38
LAWRENCE (LARRY) D CRADDOCK	1936-43	ROBERT (BOB) D PROUDLOCK	1933-42
ALAN J CRIPPS	1951-57	ANTHONY J (TONY) RENWICK	1948-59
H MARK DARLOW	1924-34	PROFESSOR ROGER W RIDEOUT	1946-53
SQD LDR ANTHONY D (TONY) DAWES	1937-49	PETER J ROSE	1944-54
DR MICHAEL EDMONDSON-JONES	1950-59	IAN ROWE	1973-84
DAVID A EDWARDS	1946-57	ROGER W H SARGENT	1937-44
THE RT HON LORD ALAN D'ARDIS ERSKINE-MURAY, 14TH LORD ELIBANK	1935-41	COL PETER W G SEABROOK (RE RET'D) OBE	1935-46
WG CDR J F D 'TIM' ELKINGTON	1935-39	JO SPIR	STAFF 2011-19
PETER A FORDHAM	1951-58	SQD LDR CHRIS J STRONG	1946-51
MICHAEL H GALE	1945-51	CHARLES A O SUTHERLAND	1935-45
ALAN C GARDNER	STAFF 1958-71	JAN W SYLVESTER	1974-84
RICHARD P GARRETT	STAFF 2010-18	PROFESSOR PAUL J TALALAY MD	1934-40
ROBERT (BOB) F GOODACRE	STAFF 1961-97	CDR KEN M TEARE RN	1930-38
ALAN L GREEN	1964-66	THE REVD RICHARD F THOMAS	1937-42
NEIL GREENWOOD	1956-60	PETER J THOMAS	1963-72
DEREK J HART	1942-49	SUE VAN HEERDEN	STAFF 2010-18
DAVID C HARTLEY	1939-47	ANTHONY C VINER	1942-50
TERRENCE (TERRY) A HASDELL	1946-54	MICHAEL V WESTON	1944-48
ROY G HUGHES	1937-45	CAPTAIN P GEORGE R WHITAKER	1944-46
PROFESSOR PETER W HUTCHINGS	1975-80	H REX WHITMORE	1944-51
SIDNEY C JEFFERIES	1933-38	DR SIMON S WILLDER	1951-61
MAX A KEEP	1944-50	CHRIS W WILLIAMS	1968-79
EAMONN G KELLY	1968-75		
WILLIAM S KNAPP	1964-68		

NEWS OF OBS

WE ARE ALWAYS THRILLED TO HEAR FROM OBS ACROSS THE GLOBE

Little would Sir Thomas Erskine May (1826-1831) know when he started writing the official parliamentary rulebook in 1844 that his name would be in the papers today and he would be still influencing politics and Brexit 170 years later!



Veteran marathon runner James Kelly (42-50) has just 'clocked up' his 200th park run! It is a remarkable achievement for the 86 year old

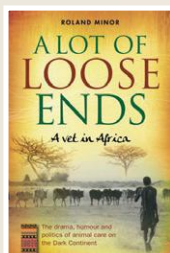
who took up park running only six and a half years ago. James has completed 30 marathons and about 148 half marathons and 483 other events. Keep on running!



Adrian Arnold, the son of Ean Arnold (43-50) ex DVP for Perth, Australia, visited the School in December accompanied by Sadie Mann, mother of Alex

Mann (92-02). Adrian is the Theatre manager at All Saints College in Perth and is keen to build on the connection between All Saints and Bedford School.

Roger Gore (46-51) and his daughter visited the School from his home in Norfolk. Roger came to Bedford on a Scholarship to the Upper School and joined the Police after he left, rising to be a Chief Superintendent in the Hertfordshire Police Force.



Roland Minor (52-57) knew early on that he wanted to become a vet. After graduating from Cambridge, he left the UK in 1963 for his first post, in Uganda. He has since

spent most of his life in Africa, holding senior government posts or practising independently in Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan and Botswana. He is now retired to the island of Lamu, off the north coast of Kenya and has written a book, A Lot of Loose Ends, about his experiences.

Dr Peter Roseveare (48-59) has now been working in one capacity or another in the NHS for over sixty years commencing with being a nursing assistant in ward 9 of Bromham Hospital in 1958, and now still chairing a panel on the decisions to fund individual requests for treatments not routinely provided in south London.



Keen oarsman and 1959 1st VIII crew member, the late Simon Boddington (49-59) has had a boat named in his memory at the Marin Rowing Club in Greenbrae, California. His brother Bill (57-62) and nephew Rowan (89-96) were at the launch when a wreath was placed in the IV where Simon would have sat. Mike Lohnberg (53-58) gave a short speech.



Lord Taylor of Holbeach (57-61) is the current Captain of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, the bodyguard to the British Monarch. Today,

the duties are purely ceremonial: the Gentlemen accompany and attend the sovereign at various events and occasions, including state visits by heads of state, the opening of parliament, and ceremonies involving the various orders of chivalry, including the Order of the Garter.



3 generations of Bedford School rugby players: - Richard Simmonds (50-61), captained the 1st XV in 1961, son Robin (81-91) played for the 1st XV in 1990

and grandson Oliver is a budding player in the Prep School.

In his role on the board of the Oceanic Society Finn Longinotto (57-62) is helping to organise an expedition to Vietnam in April 2020. The trip visits Vietnam's coral reefs, culture and cuisine giving a chance to explore the beautiful coastline and diverse marine life and immerse oneself in its fascinating history and vibrant culture. For more information and the itinerary please contact the OB Club. The Oceanic Society has also released the first in their five-part "Blue Habits" film series that builds on their 'Five for 50' expeditions. The latest was filmed on their expedition to Palau in November in partnership with Sylvia and Mission Blue. Watch the video here:

<https://youtu.be/1NaOq0x5KVQ>



Finn with the Oceanic Society in Trinidad in May.



Kevin Benn (56-62) is a Malmö based stage performer, actor, storyteller and voiceover artist, and has been

performing to audiences in Sweden for many years. He is the founding member of the theatre company 'Playmate'.

©Playmate Theatre

David Holland (58-63) recalls the late Bob Goodacre (staff 61-97) in the Workshops at Bedford, who helped him to build a PBK22 canvas covered wood frame double seater kayak which served him well for many years until



his emigration to Canada. Happy memories indeed! *Llangollen Canal - David (58-63) & Jonathan Davies*

Stuart Wilkinson (59-66) has just passed his HGV driving test – first time and a mere 54 years after he passed his car driving Test! He suspects he is one of training company's oldest students!



Andrew Randall (61-66) organised a Classic Car Party at the Tunbridge Wells Constitutional Club in July 2018. 19 cars attended, and the drivers included OBs Andrew in a 1934 Aston Martin, Stuart Wilkinson (59-66) in a 1964 Lancia Flaminia and Peter Burns (59-66) in a 1972 Triumph Stag.



John Hakner (61-66) celebrated his 70th birthday in style with a short helicopter ride over downtown Toronto. Despite having in excess of 500 hours piloting light (fixed wing) aircraft, he had never before flown in a helicopter!



Ali Mills (61-67) and his band, The Alligators, still gig regularly, performing 60's, 70's and 80's covers and can often be seen at The Plough and Harrow, Harpenden. 'Available for weddings, parties and bar mitzvahs'!



Will Newcomb (56-67) is enjoying life in China. He has now retired and has joined some singing and dancing classes,

seen here performing a solo in the end of term show!

Jim Palmer (56-67) is living in happy retirement in North Cumbria having spent the last 22 years of his career as a consultant surgeon at the Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle. He often thinks of Bedford School as above his desk is a watercolour painted by former Head Master Bill Brown.

Having stepped down from full-time executive life Tim Marshall OBE (58-67) has moved back to Penn, Bucks, finding that David Bonnet (56-66), lives in the next village! He now enjoys a mixed portfolio of non-executive roles which include Chairman of Getmapping PLC – an aerial mapping/geospatial business. He remembers visiting the RAF Wyton in his school CCF days to see the Victor and Canberra reconnaissance aircraft based there. Tim is also Council Member of Bucks New University and reminiscent of his production days still produces some music shows. He recently met up with Rory McArthur (58-67) in Oxford at a choral evensong at New College.



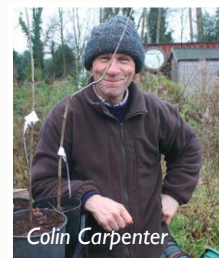
On the 11th November OBs took part in Remembrance events up and down the country, and overseas. Colonel Jack Stenhouse (57-67) was spotted

on television marching past the Cenotaph in Whitehall with his old regiment, The Gordon Highlanders, while Sergeant Simon Miller (97-06) was on parade more locally at the Bedford War Memorial on the Embankment. Simon is with 158 Regiment, RLC, based at Kempston.



Munich based Hugh Culverhouse (65-69) is still very active in spite of his disability (non-functional left leg). Many will remember Hugh as a member of the 1988 Seoul Paralympics Cycling team and he is

still the holder of one-legged cycling records for Trans-America (LA-NY, 13d11h4m) and Lands' End -John O'Groats (69h5m4s). Hugh came out of retirement last year to run in the Prague Marathon.



Richard Smith (47-58) and Colin Carpenter (67-77) have got together with Chris Jones (Staff, Ickwell reserve) to highlight the

plight of Britain's remaining elm trees. Richard, a nurseryman and elm tree expert based in Chichester, alerted Chris, who manages our reserve at Ickwell, to the plight of a giant hybrid elm in Foster Hill Rd cemetery. Colin had already saved some cuttings from this now deceased tree, growing them on as part of his business that propagates, grows on and sells local provenance trees. The elm cuttings are now at Ickwell reserve where they will eventually be planted out.

NEWS OF OBs CONTINUED



Professor David Dance (67-73) has been awarded the Cross of Labour by the Lao People's Democratic

Republic in recognition of the 8 years of service and outstanding contribution he has made to Laos and his hard and excellent work in leading multiple research projects on infectious diseases.

It's been a busy year for the Bardner brothers. Last year Mark (78-82) married Monique in Taiwan and James (78-82) married Rebecca in Mauritius. This completes the full set for parents, John and Rose Bardner, as Tom Bardner (79-86) has been married to Kelli for 24 years and Ben Bardner (79-88) has been married to Nikki for 2 years. Visiting Taiwan for Mark's wedding, James met up with Ted Pull (78-82) and on a stopover in Hong Kong after the wedding he also met up with Andrew Escott (76-85) and Jeremy Doubleday (81-86).



L-r James, Tom, Monique, Mark, Ben



James and Jem



James and Ted



Hugh Elliott (73-83) has been appointed Her Majesty's Ambassador to Spain and Non-

Resident Ambassador to Andorra and will take up the post in summer 2019.

Chris Henley QC (79-85) has been appointed the Chair of the Criminal Bar Association.



AI Murray (77-86) seems to have combined two of his great passions in life, history and comedy, with a new series on the History Channel last autumn entitled "Why Does Everyone Hate the English?" In each episode AI, together with a local comedian and proud patriot, found out what lies behind England's greatest feuds with its closest neighbours: Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Germany and France.



Philip Pope (81-92) visited the school with his 3 children on a trip back from Brisbane. Philip currently heads up the Communications for the Queensland Rugby Union. Pictured here in front of the signed cricket bat from the 2010/11 Ashes Test Series he donated to the school when he was Media Manager for the Australian cricket team.

After some globetrotting, Damian Skeeles (87-92) finally settled in Sydney, Australia to raise his young family whilst working as a principal consultant in a Cybersecurity firm for Asia Pacific. These days he sails and kayaks on Pittwater, which is far less demanding than was rowing on the Ouse in terms of the need to travel in a straight line!



Senior First Officer Callum Beal (88-94) got a bird's eye view of the School when he took Colin Baker (staff 79-16) up in his light aircraft for a wonderful afternoon in the skies above Bedford.

Documentary Cinematographer, Producer and Director Jules Endersby (85-96) has been working on his latest TV series, the BAFTA winning 'Ambulance'. Other programmes in his portfolio include '24 hours in A&E', 'Special Ops' and 'The Secret Life of the Holiday Resort'. He is currently working on 'The Great NHS Experiment'



Shahrir Raja (94-96) had a good excuse to come to the UK from his home in Malaysia – he was picking up his MA Masters in Art from Cambridge University, 18 years after he graduated! It was a flying visit but he managed

to take time out to come and visit the School as well.



Sydney based Richard and Dominique Spivey (89-96) are proud to announce the birth of their son, Charlie, in January 2018.



Brian Marshall, father of Duncan (86-96), Alistair (93-98) and Chris Marshall

(95-02), had a very lucky escape. When his dog Bella got into difficulties in a field near Ickwell Brian waded in to help. Having freed Bella unfortunately Brian himself then got stuck in the slurry heap and started sinking. Only his eyes nose and mouth were visible when the emergency services arrived having been alerted when Bella ran for help, the state of her fur and extreme agitation raising the alarm.



To celebrate turning 40 a group of OBs took to the slopes of Mayrhofen, Austria.

Lt Dan Wayte (89-97), Mark

Simpson (87-97), Franc Lowe (92-97), Stewart Norton (92-97), Mike Cumming (92-97), Ric Bodhani (89-97)

Joe Roberts (90-01) is the Director, Producer and writer of the short film 'Bellmouth' which has been chosen as the opening film at the Kinomorpha short film festival in Sofia, Bulgaria. It was also nominated for the Best Music at the Redline International Film festival whilst Joe was



nominated for Best Director. This debut short film examines the line between camping for fun and camping for shelter, seen through the eyes of a young girl watching her father figure fade away. It highlights the lack of support for grieving families in need and the corrosive nature of secret keeping between parents and their children. *Photo Credit: Bellmouth*

Dr Carlon Fitzpatrick (91-02) organised an Innovations in Surgery at St Thomas's Hospital, London in February featuring speaker Channel 5's Live Surgery star Professor Shafi Ahmed.



Christian Saenger (92-03) has been appointed headmaster of Dumpton Preparatory School in Dorset from September 2019.

Gareth Nellis (96-04) recently completed his PhD in political science at Yale University. He specializes in comparative politics and South Asia.



Civil Engineer Ben Davison (95-05) married ex DAH pupil Abi Mason in Emberton Church with the reception at Ben's family farm in Moggerhanger. Abi's brother Josh Mason (00-05) was best man. OBs at the wedding included 4 decades of schooling at Bedford School!

Top L-R: Nick Parrish (77-80), Will Parrish (79-88), David Parrish (78-83), Giles Cockings (76-87), Jerome Cockings (71-81), Simon Gillett (96-05), Alex Burt (00-05), Tom Yeomans (98-05), Hugh Davies (95-05), Will Lepper (98-03), Mark Cazaly (01-05), Chris Payne (00-05), Chris Archer (00-05)



Bottom L-R: George West (00-04), Sam Phillips (98-08), Michael Kendall (00-11), Tom Davison (98-08), Ben Davison, Guy Davison (74-78), Paul Mason (68-77), Josh Mason, Greg Watson (95-03), David Monk (94-05)

Jamie Worboys (98-05) has announced his engagement to Michaela Leach. The couple met when they were



both competing in the Army Ski Championships in the Alps representing the Royal Artillery. They plan to marry in December 2019. Jamie is now

working for Barclays Investment Bank in Canary Wharf.

Bedford Prep School teacher Ed Loader (97-06) married Sarah Portsmouth in April.

Ollie Turner (97-06) and his wife were delighted to announce the birth of their son, Leo, in November, named in honour of Ollie's grandfather famous England rugby player, Lionel 'Leo' Oakley (32-43)

Oli Yew (00-05) and his wife are delighted to announce the birth of their first child, Emilia Ruby on the 11th February.



Lt Tim Dunning RN (01-06) has been spotted in the Channel 5 series 'Warship: Life at Sea' as a helicopter pilot aboard HMS Duncan. The ship and

its crew were deep in the heart of the Black Sea, heading towards Crimea, when a Russian ship they been tracking suddenly disappears. The crew discover that the missing ship is most likely a spy vessel and that Russians are also tracking them! As they get closer to Crimea, the situation escalates and Tim is sent up to investigate.



Dr Sam Ashley 'ran' into OB Club's Gina Worboys when he was out cycling on the Greek island of Meganisi.

Sam is currently working as a GP in Crouch End.

NEWS OF OBs CONTINUED

Captain Alex Walsh (01-08) will be joining with 3 others from the Army Foundation College in Harrogate representing the British Army for the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge 2019. To sponsor Alex visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/force-atlantic>



Captain James Gilbert (02-07) and his wife Isabel are proud to announce the birth of their first child in December 2018

Essen based Energy consultant Peter Worth (05-07) married Sirinrat Satondee whom he met while they both studied Law & Diplomacy at The Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy in Medford, USA. Sirinrat has been working as a diplomat for the Kingdom of Thailand with a focus on New Zealand. The couple got married in Bangkok, Thailand on 24th November 2018 and in Wiesenthau, Bavaria, Germany on 23rd March 2019. OBs at the wedding included;



Ir Gene Zinngrebe 05-07; Gustav von Kessel 09-11; Marc Bohnes 06-08; Sirinrat; Gian Zinngrebe 12-14; Peter; Wilhelm Kleiminger 04-06; Jan Siering 05-06 and Peter Lang 06-08.

Not in the photo - Ansgar Heese (06-08) and Gian Zinngrebe (12-14).



EY auditor Will Turner (98-09) is taking time out to go round the world starting in South America. He successfully managed to propose to his PwC auditor girlfriend Clare Cheng (BHS 06) whilst scuba diving around San Andreas Island, Colombia!



Will Simkins (98-09) has become engaged to Lucy Earl (BHS). The couple met thorough Bedfordshire Young Farmers and plan to get married in 2020. Lucy is the creator of 'English with Lucy' an online English based learning programme featured on YouTube and Instagram with audiences as far reaching as South America, Indonesia and India.



Supporting the 1st XV in their match against Dulwich were *Ir Ruairi Charlesworth (04-09), Bhavesh Panchal (98-09), Alex Schoenberg (00-09), Tom Whitehouse (98-09), Will Knight (98-09) and Will Rosser (98-09).*



Good to see Richard Wharton (05-10) in action as referee at the recent local cup final between Leighton Town FC v Stotfold FC in the U25 Development Division Challenge Trophy.

Oli Kearey (99-10) is currently teaching at New Hall School in Essex in his NQT year.



Cristian Grajner de Sá (02-11) been awarded a place on the 'New Masters On Tour' programme of The International Holland Sessions, Cristian will give his debut recital at the Concertgebouw, Amsterdam in September 2019 as well as performing at other concert halls in Europe in the 2019-2020 season.



VIP Ski Manager and logistics coordinator in Val D'Isere over the winter season Tom Bingham (02-11) was delighted to find James Phillips (03-14) joining him as one of his

seasonaires. Tom has now given up his life on the slopes and is working for a financial membership organisation FIA, in Canary Wharf.



Since his retirement and following on from his time in the VSO in Ghana in 76-78 Charles Duckworth (staff 88-

12) has been visiting a school in that country, doing a little science teaching and holding practical electronics programmes. He has also taken out a lot of simple electronics components and runs a Basic Electronics Certificate. In recognition the local community has made Charles a Chief with the title: "Togbe Ngoryifie I" (1st Development Chief).

James Bottomley (07-12) is currently working in Cardiology as a Foundation Doctor at Bedford Hospital.



Gary Berezin (01-13) is presently making his film debut opposite Benedict Cumberbatch and Merab Ninidze in Dominic Cooke's next feature titled 'Ironbark', set

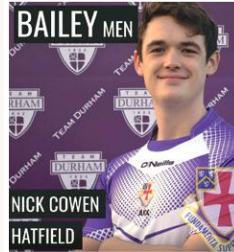
to be released in cinemas later this year. The film is about a Cold War spy and his Russian source trying to put an end to the Cuban Missile Crisis. Gary, whose professional name is Harry Carr so he isn't type cast as a Russian, is playing one of the Russians! Gary has also been seen in 'House Party Raiders' in 2016 and at the Edinburgh Fringe.



Architecture graduate and joiner Robb Wright (03-14) is a new up and coming British furniture designer who is making waves with his beautiful octagonal inspired Scandinavian

collection. One of Robb's designs for lighting was recently on the shortlist for display at the Milan Design Week. See more of Robb's work at www.lombok.co.uk

Tom Crowson (11-16) was a member of the GB U21 Hockey squad that won the Sultan of Johor Cup with a superb victory over India in October 2018. Tom is currently representing England and GB at U23 level as a midfielder and forward.



Philosophy student Nick Cowen (12-16) captained the Bailey men in the annual Hill v Bailey Charity rugby match at Durham

University. The match raises funds for The Perfect Day Foundation. In a hard fought match the Bailey narrowly lost 21-19.

We are delighted to hear that Biomedical Sciences student at UCL Max Williamson (05-16) has just been offered a place at St Peter's College, Oxford to read post-graduate Medicine.



When St John Ambulance Cadet Ged Hargreave Mawson (10-16) saw a fire at the old hospital building in Kimbolton Road from his home

he rushed to put his training into action standing alongside scores of firefighters and other emergency response staff. Ged has been selected by St John's Ambulance to represent his country in an Annual International First Aid Competition in Cape Town.



1st year Choral scholar at Trinity College Cambridge and ex Wells Cathedral choral scholar, Harry Guthrie (07-17) has set up a London based choir called 'Continuum', made up of up and coming young singers from Trinity and King's College, Cambridge, Merton College, Oxford, The Royal Northern College of Music and alumni of Wells and Truro Cathedral Choirs amongst others. They held their first concert in January in St Gabriel's Church, London.



Congratulations to Tiger Feng (11-18) who has won an international scholarship to the BA (Hons) Games Art and Design course at the Norwich University of the Arts based on the strength of his portfolio and interview.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD ANSWERS AND EXPLANATIONS

ACROSS

1. CIM JONES, 'I'M JON' in 'CES' (SEC returned)
4. ARSON, Sounds like 'our son'
7. MEET, 'TEEM' backwards
8. PURE SMUT, Innocent + synonym of soot (21)
11. PORTAKABIN, Sounds like Porter + cabin
12. BUNS, 'SNUB' backwards
14. GRAPHICS, 'GRAPHIC' (explicit) + 'S' (sequence's first character)
18. SETS, 'Puts down' or 'classes'
19. RESTRAIN, Anagram of TERRAINS
21. SOOT, Some of 'TOO SOON', backwards
22. NEUROPATHY, 'EURO' + 'PATH' in 'NY'
- 24 & 15. THE GREAT FIRE, 'GREAT FIR' inside 'THEE'
25. TOMB, 'MO' backwards in 'TB'
26. ALARM, Alternate letters from 'SADLY A CRIME'
27. STAMPEDE, Anagram of 'DOMUS PATER' without 'OUR' + 'E' (fanfare ending)

DOWN

1. CLAY PIGEONS, anagram of 'CS' (vacant cadets) with 'PLAYING' and 'EO' (live ammo ultimately)
2. MEMORIAL STONE, 'MEMO' + anagram of 'RAILS' + 'TONE'
3. OWED A SHOT, 'WED' + 'ASH' in 'OOT' (foot shortened)
4. AMEN, 'AMEND' abridged
5. NET, 'Make a catch' or 'cricket practice'
6. QUAIL, 'AIL' after 'QU' (abb. of question)
9. MOUSEMAN TABLE, 'MAN' + 'TAB' inside 'OUSEL' all inside 'ME'
- 10 & 13. MARCH SEVENTY-NINE, Anagram of 'H' (heads, primarily) + 'TYNE', 'SEVERN', 'CAM'
16. IN TOP FORM, 'Where brightest students' or 'at their very best'
17. YEARN, 'YEAR N' (mathematical way to say any year)
20. PENAL, Anagram of 'PLENARY' without 'RY' (railway lines)
23. TRIM, 'T' (last in set) + 'RIM'
24. TEA, 'TEAR' shortened

SPORTS OB SPORTS WEEKEND 2019

Our annual OB Sports Weekend was a great success. This year, we 'kicked-off' on the Friday with a deliciously spicy curry night hosted by our local DVP, Dr Jason Reddy (79-84). On the Saturday and Sunday, over 70 OBs then took on the boys at squash, rifle shooting, fives, hockey, football and rowing. Many thanks to you all, and to the students and staff involved, for a wonderful weekend of events...we couldn't do it without you!

■ See reports here: bit.ly/OBSports2019



GOLF UPDATE

The OB Golf Society remain as active as ever with a current membership of over 100 Old Bedfordians. The golfing year commenced in the usual fashion on the 23rd March at Royal Worlington Golf Club for the first match in the calendar against the Old Oundelians. At one point four down, the OBs rallied superbly to gain a victory against their opponents. The Halford Hewitt tournament and Spring Meeting, then followed in April, with some new players and some great golf played! Thank you to all those who took part - a fantastic time was had by all. Read the full reports here:

■ bit.ly/OBGS0019 ■ bit.ly/OBGSApr19



FOOTBALL



FIVES



ROWING



ROWERS' FOOTBALL

The classic game of rowers attempting to play football happened on the last senior squad session before Christmas break and was, as ever, a shocking but fun event. The complete lack of skill of certain members of the OB side meant that their physical approach, using the well earned 'univeristy bodies', was the only resort. Each team played 7, 5 minute matches - more than enough for most... and although the defibrillator wasn't required, there were only a few suggestions of questionable decisions by the ref, chief coach Pete Mulkerrins. Hugo Moon even made the journey back from the States, just to keep up his tradition, and for some it was their 10th year attending. The School teams were clearly the fitter, but eventually it was the 'young' OB side who were victorious - but certainly not



l-r George Christian (08-18), Ally Satchwill (01-12), Oliver Mitchell (13-18), Tom Christian (08-18), Olly Satchwill (98-09), Jared Sheridan (07-16), Will Reynolds (04-15), Connor Sheridan (07-18), Schoolboy, Schoolboy Michael Ruta (00-11), Hugo Moon (00-11), Schoolboys...

through skill. Tradition of a refreshing drink in the De Parys after was maintained, and some of the university boys even saved up to buy a round. Cracking event as always - let's aim for a big one next time, although strictly only rowers allowed to keep the standard at rock bottom.

OB SPORTS

It's been a great season for Fraser Dingwall (13-17) who signed his first senior contract with the Northampton Saints last November, making his Premiership debut for Northampton against Leicester at Twickenham Stadium. He was also selected to represent England's Under 20s Elite Player Squad and captained England U20s in their first game of the 2019 Six Nations against Ireland.



Ethan Vernon's (07-18) journey in the world of professional cycling has been going from strength to strength. Amongst his many achievements, it was great to hear that he had been selected to represent the Great Britain Cycling Team at the TISSOT UCI Track Cycling World Cup in London last December. The team went on to win bronze by three hundredths of a second.

SIR ALASTAIR COOK

We were delighted to hear that Alastair Cook (98-03) received a knighthood in the Queen's New Year's Honours, becoming the first England cricketer to receive a knighthood for a decade. Alastair has been, and continues to be, a true inspiration to everyone at Bedford School. He is, without doubt, a shining example of true sportsmanship, great leadership, personal fortitude and conviction. We are hugely proud of all that he has achieved and a knighthood really is the most honourable recognition of his achievements, his character and everything he has given to the sporting world.

■ bit.ly/AlastairCookHon



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Bath University swimmer Oliver Maltby (04-15) recently retired from competitive swimming. Training in excess of 25 hours a week, Oliver won multiple medals at the British University & Colleges Sports (BUCS) Championships and was frequently in the top five at the annual British National swimming championships. His time of 54.04 secs in the 100m butterfly puts him third in the all-time list for Team Bath swimmers behind Olympians Mark Foster and Chris Walker-Hebron.



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