

OB REVIEW



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WELCOME TO THE 2021 OB REVIEW

L to R: Bev Marshall, Hugh Maltby, Gina Worboys, Clara Policella.



The OB Club - 130 years old, but fitter than ever!

Little did I know when I took on the role that I'd become the 'manager' of a postal sorting office for Captain Tom's cards, a 'virtual' publican, an 'online' chef and an organiser of multiple 'online reunions' – it's a funny old world!

Whilst the last year has presented many challenges for the OB community, it has been heartening to see these overcome in true 'Bedford spirit'. This year's OB Review is a celebration of success

over adversity with many heartening stories of help and support. No more so, than the help offered to our current and recent leavers, who face an uncertain and volatile job market. The Club's Annual Careers Fair, which this year was held online, attracted 300 students from across the local borough. This was a fine example of where we can have a positive impact beyond the Burnaby Road gates.

Our online series of talks have allowed us to showcase a range of fascinating topics and attracted audiences from across the globe. We are grateful to all of our guest speakers who have given up their free time to support us. If you missed any of these recordings, they are available on the Club website.

The 2018 OB Club survey identified a limited understanding amongst OBs of the fantastic work of the Bedford School Foundation and the community at large. In response, we recently published '**A decade of giving & changing lives**', which celebrates the many ways OBs and friends of the school have enhanced the day-to-day educational experience of the boys. We've included a copy with this year's OB Review, which we hope you'll find an inspirational read.

My sincere thanks go to the BSA team of Gina, Bev and Clara for all their hard work and efforts during the year.

As the restrictions across the country are lifted, we all look forward to the resumption of physical events and welcoming as many as possible back to the school.

Hugh Maltby (73-83), Director, Old Bedfordians Club

A WORD FROM THE HEAD MASTER

Dear OBs,

I hope you do not mind my starting this intro where I left off last year:

"Simply, therefore, thank you so very much for your support. It is always welcome, of course, but there are also a few times in a school's long history when it is even more welcome than usual. This is one of them. It will be a long haul, I suspect."

So, whilst much of the last year in schools has been a bit of a guessing game, it looks like I do get a few things right from time to time...! And indeed, your support has been magnificent, both of each other and of the current school. Hugh Maltby tells me that, one way or another, we have had meaningful contact in the last year with well over 2,000 Old Bedfordians; certainly, uptake for events

has never been stronger (helped, no doubt, by the ease with which one can join from one's own sitting room), connections have been forged through adversity, and many OBs have linked back in with their Club and the School for the first time since they left, usually to pleasurable effect.



James Hodgson

Your old school remains in good health and good spirits. As I write, it seems like we will have over 1,100 boys in the school in September for the third year in succession, something which has not happened much, at least in the last two decades. It has been hard work; but then again, Theodore Roosevelt once said that "nothing in the world is worth having or worth doing unless it means effort, pain, difficulty..." – perhaps a little overly stoic for some, but nevertheless something which feels strangely uplifting as we come through this period.

I look forward to seeing you again in person sometime soon!

With kind regards indeed,

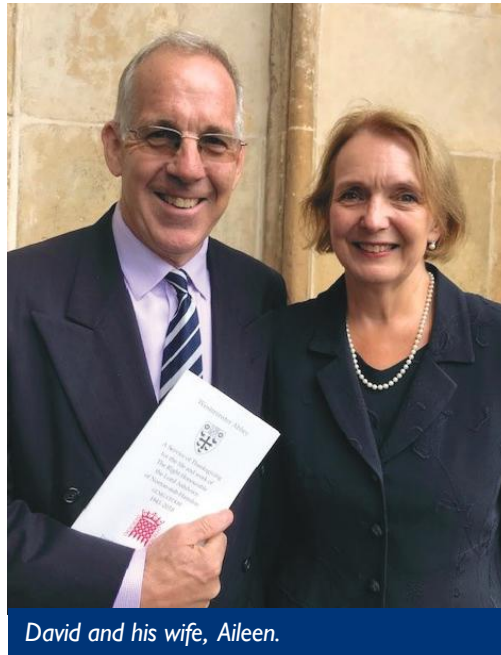
James Hodgson,
Head Master

FROM THE PRESIDENT

All good things come to an end and being President of the OB Club is definitely 'a good thing'! At the AGM in July, I will stand down after five years in office, three more than I expected, but all enjoyed.

The 'highs' have been many. They mainly involve meeting people, old friends and new, in the U.K. and beyond, young and not so young, all with a common bond. The 125th anniversary celebrations were certainly a highlight, in both Bedford and Hong Kong, followed by a great trip to Miami. Battlefield tours provide good memories, as much for the fun and camaraderie as the history. The Annual Dinners, the 'At Homes', the smaller regional and focused gatherings, all popular, all well attended, all much enjoyed. Seeing how the Club pulled together during the past year of the pandemic, in so many ways, was another definite 'high', showing the true spirit of the Club.

The lows have been very few. The death of Richard Garrett was obviously one and that required a considerable regrouping. On a different scale, my speech at the HK dinner was another(!)



David and his wife, Aileen.

- I blame jet lag, the truth is you should not follow Simon Murray (49-58) as a speaker unless, I suppose, you are an AI (77-86) of the Murray clan! If there is one thing worse than being barracked, it is receiving looks of sympathy... still another great evening though, sobering, if not sober!

The Club is in good hands. They have limited me to 300 words (barely a throat warmer) so I will not talk at length about the fabulous job Hugh Maltby (73-83) does as Director, ably assisted by his team in the OB office - just look at the fabulous

programme they produced during the long months of lockdown. We are very lucky. Let's continue to support what we are so fortunate to have.

A presto!

David Murray (69-76), President, Old Bedfordians Club

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

One of my first tasks as Chairman was to undertake a survey of our membership, to seek feedback on how we were doing and where we could improve. The results suggested that the Club was largely successful in fulfilling its core purpose, to the extent in which it was delivering value to OBs in each of four key areas. As a result, the overall OB experience was positive for the majority of OB Club members.

Interestingly, key insights from the survey involved the sharing of internship, mentorship and career opportunities amongst members aged 18-25, whilst several calls were made for access to an alpha list of fellow OBs, segmented by age, location, etc. The Club responded to this feedback with the launch of 'Eagle Connect', the subsequent success of which has helped to deliver on both of these requests.

Although physical events are always popular, many OBs had also indicated an interest in staying in touch with OBs via digital methods. The Club again reacted by enhancing its digital presence on social media and developing

various online events. In addition to this, the OB section of the Ousel and the OB Review are now available online.

Despite the restrictions of the pandemic, the OB team have been extremely active, creative and thoughtful in the way that they have continued to engage with more OBs than ever through their programme of virtual reunions and events, and in the way that they have provided some vital financial support to those OBs in need.

Virtual presentations such as 'Bedford's Hidden History', 'Bedford's Highlanders', 'Living in the Antarctic' and the 'Beer Tasting with Brewpoint Brewery' were all hugely popular, whilst more than a dozen OBs were provided with significant financial assistance from the Bishop Memorial Fund.

Wishing you all a very pleasant summer with plenty of sunshine.

Craig Mitchell (64-74), Chairman, Old Bedfordians Club



Craig on the OB Club Tour to Berlin, April 2017

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS HELPING PARENTS IN LOCKDOWN



MATHS CIRCLE™

It has been an exciting year for Maths Circle Ltd, local Bedford based EdTech company created by **Bruno Reddy** (88-98). Their maths learning platforms were in high demand over lockdown, helping millions of children continue their maths learning from home during school.

To assist teachers and pupils, Maths Circle offered full free access to their programmes to schools that had not already subscribed, for the duration of the initial lockdown period; an offer that thousands of schools across the

world took up. To keep pupils engaged and motivated to practise their tables from home, they ran numerous initiatives including a campaign with Guinness World

A parent and child playing NumBots on a laptop



Records to find 'the fastest times tabler in the world', a title held by a 10-year-old boy from Nottingham, who achieved an astonishing 202 correct answers in one minute! They also teamed up with BBC Bitesize to offer free maths video and worksheet resources to help parents with home-schooling. To help tackle the digital divide, the company supported Luton based charity - The Level Trust - to provide free laptops to local Bedfordshire schools.

To coincide with the end of lockdown, Maths Circle ran a 'Rockdown Relief' inter-school online times tables competition that doubled up as a fundraiser for Comic Relief, seeing 174,000 school-children from across the country taking part by dressing up as Rock Stars for the day, purchasing red noses for their online avatars and raising in excess of £5,000 for Comic Relief.

More recently they have collaborated with BT Sport to create 'All Stars v Rock Stars', a series of short TV programmes showing celebrities (Peter Crouch, Trent Alexander-Arnold, Clare Balding and others) take on school children in times tables battles to raise the profile of maths. If you missed it, you can watch the videos at www.bt.com/tech-tips

ALL STARS v ROCK STARS

Trent Alexander-Arnold BT All Stars

We're taking competition off the pitch and into the classroom

Search **BT** TechTips



During the last year, the OB team have been conscious of the impact that the pandemic has had on all parts of the OB community, young and old alike. While physical events, combined with emails, have historically been the mainstay of our networking and communication strategy, the growing use of technology and the impact of the pandemic necessitated the need for a digital offering to maximise our impact. Our goal has been to offer something for everyone including informative Club news, online careers talks and innovative new ideas, like our online yoga session and a 'cookalong'!

Our use of technology has enabled us to deliver a co-ordinated series of online activities designed to support everyone and appeal to a wide audience. Delivering our programme digitally has enabled us to provide an enriching experience to over 2,000 members of our global community.

Eagle Connect, our online networking platform, has grown to over 1,500 global members, drawn from our parental and alumni bodies, over the last 15 months. It provides a safe place to focus and develop business connections, with over 80% of members offering help and support in areas such as CV-writing, mentorship, answering industry questions and general career advice. Our latest addition is a digital business directory, which provides businesses with the opportunity to advertise their product offering for free.

With the cancellation of A-Level exams last summer, we offered an online **'Career and Professional Skills Course'** to our Upper Sixth Formers. Parents and alumni rallied together to create an enriching course covering career experiences and professional interests. Held over a five-week period, the sessions provided valuable insight into a myriad of different careers representing a varied selection of industries. Pupils and guest speakers joined the calls from around the globe, making it an international experience.

Today's job market is more competitive than ever and looking for work can be a daunting prospect. Our December **'Careers Course'** aimed at young alumni addressed practical skills such as the art of networking, creating the perfect CV and preparing for that all-important interview.

Our **Annual Careers Fair**, now in its fifteenth year, normally attracts a broad range of career topics for young members of the school community to explore. This year we went virtual. Our aim was to ensure that participants still had the opportunity to explore a variety of career options. The fair was open to schools throughout the borough of Bedford

BEYOND PHYSICAL

and had over 1,200 bookings from participants across the 56 sessions – making it our largest ever Careers Fair! With 28 careers represented from Lawyers and Doctors, to Engineers, Investment Bankers and Scientific Researchers, and many more, horizons were broadened.

In an attempt to appeal to all of our alumni and the school community, we created a series of **Interactive Online Talks** across a varied list of topics. Audiences have ranged from 50 to over 350 participants, with the Beer Tasting Experience being our most popular! Our **'Wellbeing Week'**, attracted over 170 members of the community who enthusiastically took part in a series of different events including yoga, mental and physical wellbeing talks and our first 'cookalong' (see page 6 for more details).

We hope you agree that we've provided something for everyone.



Come and visit us this autumn
at one of our open events.



Boarding and day for boys aged 7-18

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GOING VIRTUAL

AN INSIGHT INTO DAVID HOCKNEY

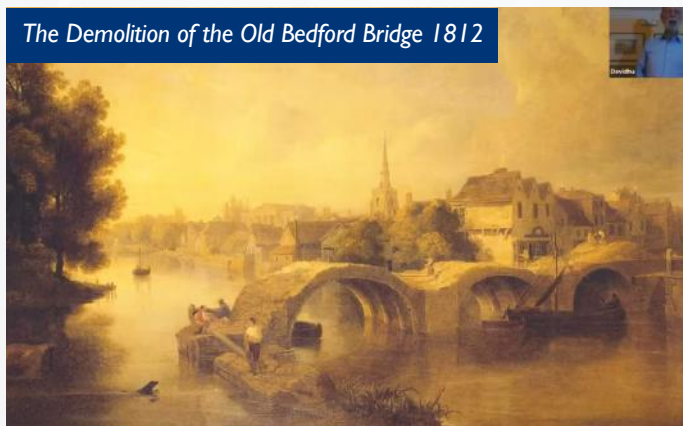
OBs and members of the Bedford School community joined accomplished art historian and lecturer **Peter Webb** (54-59) for an evening of art appreciation. Entitled 'David Hockney as I have known him', Peter took us through the various styles of David's art and showed us how he has developed over the years to establish himself as one of the world's foremost living artists. A particular highlight was his insight into 'Boy Doll' which was inspired by Hockney's admiration of Cliff Richard. The picture contains many hidden references to the singer, which Peter was able to share with us.

Mr Michael Croker, Director of Art at Bedford School, said, "Peter's lecture was enthralling and provided an excellent and



comprehensive overview of Hockney's extraordinary creative versatility and range. Peter's enthusiasm was totally engaging and entertaining and his personal connection to Hockney provided a real insight into his personality and working process."

The Demolition of the Old Bedford Bridge 1812



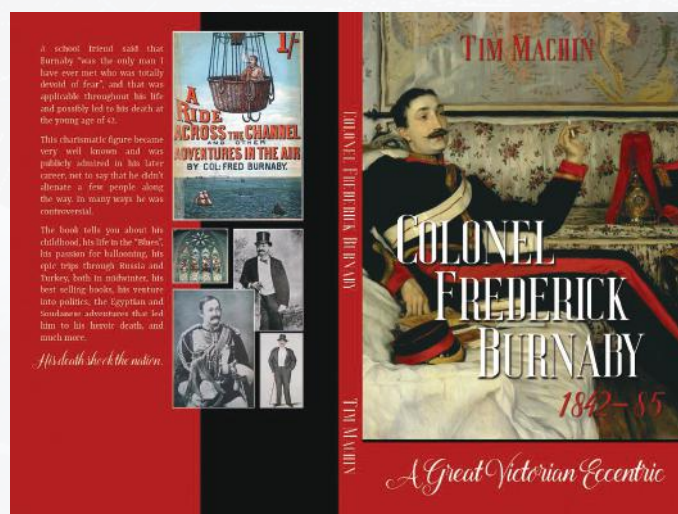
BEDFORD'S HIDDEN HISTORY

David Fowler's (47-56) talk on Bedford's Hidden History took us on a journey from Saxon times to the present, introducing us to the many historical characters who have shaped both our town and the world. One such individual was Guglielmo Marconi, the pioneer of radio transmission. Whilst his brother, Alfonso, attended Bedford Grammar School (now Bedford School, 1876-1880), the family lived in Bedford. During this time, the school hosted an Art and Science Exhibition which included a telegraph machine and a morse recording register. We like to think that the young Guglielmo attended this with his brother and was inspired by what he saw!

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF BURNABY

Take a walk around Bedford and you will come across several references to 'Burnaby' – from Burnaby Boarding House, to Burnaby Road and even The Burnaby Arms, a charming pub. But have you ever asked yourself: who was Burnaby and what link

Chris' carpet-making workshop in Khiva



does he share with the town and, indeed, the school? Former Burnaby Housemaster, **Tim Machin** (staff 70-05), and **Chris Aslan Alexander** (86-92), gave an insightful online talk on this larger than life Old Bedfordian who lived from 1842-85.

OPENING NIGHT AT THE EAGLE ARMS

For one night only, over 350 members of our community from around the world joined us as we opened the doors to the 'Eagle Arms', making it quite possibly the largest 'virtual bar' in the UK! The event was hosted by current parent **Peter Wells** (Managing Director of Wells & Co) and his team of expert brewers at **Brewpoint Brewery**. As we sampled each of their selected beers, the brewers walked us through the Brewery, enabling us to get a real look and feel of the whole process. Once our tour was over, we held several virtual lock-ins, giving everyone the chance to get together, with both new and old friends, on their own virtual tables. The conversation in these rooms must have flowed as the last person to leave their 'virtual table' didn't do so until 4am!



OB CLUB ANNUAL DINNER 2020 STYLE

Despite having to cancel last year's Annual Dinner, this did not stop OBs coming together for a virtual Annual Dinner on **Saturday 28th November**. OBs and their partners, across the generations and from all corners of the globe, joined the President, **David Murray** (69-76) and the Head Master, **James Hodgson**, to raise a glass to the OB Club and the school.

This was the first time the Annual Dinner had been cancelled since 1947 when rationing meant that we could not get permission from the Ministry of Food in time. This year marks the 130-year anniversary of the formation of the Old Bedfordians Club and we're looking forward to a very special Annual Dinner!



1915 Highland Sports -Single Stick



BEDFORD'S HIGHLANDERS

Richard Galley (72-82) gave a fascinating insight into the role the town played when over 15,000 Scottish soldiers descended on Bedford in 1914 and how the townsfolk made the men welcome and took them into their homes – and in many cases, their hearts. It was lovely to hear that some of the soldiers ended up marrying the girls they had met here!

Richard's research into the journey the men made to get here, and their life in Bedford for those 9 months, is tremendous. His anecdotes about the individual characters certainly did bring them all to life.



BEDFORD'S COLOURFUL CHARACTERS

For his second virtual talk, **David Fowler** (47-56) helped us discover some of the 'colourful characters' born in and around Bedford over the years. Amongst one of the many interesting characters we learnt about was Cecil 'Nobby' Clarke (see photo above) who, with a condom, an aniseed ball and a bowl of porridge, created the highly effective Limpet Mine in WW2!

ANTARCTICA – THE LAST WILDERNESS

Peter Ganczakowski in Antarctica



Peter Ganczakowski (64-75), gave us a wonderful insight into the role played by the British Antarctic Survey (BAS) and his visits to the Antarctic over the years. The photos he shared were absolutely stunning and show not just how remote the area is, but how simply beautiful the scenery and the wildlife are. We also learnt some amazing facts – that Antarctica is the largest desert in the world, due to its low rainfall, and that it has 90% of the world's fresh water – albeit in frozen form! Peter showed us what life would be like as a research scientist living for up to 6-18 months at one of the 5 research stations based in the area and the importance of the work they carry out, not only on the marine and bird life there, but also the effects of global climate change and weather patterns.

FESTIVE WINE TASTING



Christopher Burr

Master of Wine, **Christopher Burr** (58-69), treated guests to an evening of Festive Food and Wine Pairing. Taking place online the week before Christmas, it was a fantastic way to get everyone in the Festive Spirit. In advance of the evening, attendees purchased a selection of reasonably priced wines which had been specially selected by Christopher. On the night, Christopher took us through each of the wines, providing a fascinating insight into their origins, production processes and advising which foods they could best be paired with. Everyone who attended had a wonderful time and went away with a better insight into what to look for when choosing wines.

OB CLUB WELLBEING WEEK

Our inaugural Wellbeing Week took place from 16 to 19 March... and what a week it was! With over 240 sign-ups, the week was packed with a variety of free activities and events to help support OBs and the wider BSA (Bedford School Association) community during these unprecedented times. We also held a Wellbeing Prize Draw and are extremely grateful to both the contributors, who donated some fantastic prizes, and all those who took part. All monies raised will be used to help repurpose the old theatre into a state-of-the-art Strength and Conditioning facility.

“During the last year, our focus has been on the wellbeing of everyone concerned with the school community. We were delighted that so many could join us for our inaugural ‘Wellbeing Week’ which offered a diverse mix of different events, including our first cook-along. A big thank you to our contributors, who made the week so enjoyable.”

Hugh Maltby, Director BSA

YOGA AND MEDITATION

Nigel Wilson (64-74), founder of **Tenterden Yoga**, ‘kicked off’ Wellbeing Week in true ‘Zen’ style with a gentle yoga and meditation class. Before taking everyone through their sun salutations, he shared the many benefits of yoga, for both the body and mind, and how the practice has taught him to slow down and express gratitude. He then concluded the evening with a colour therapy meditation session, ensuring that, by the end of the class, everyone was feeling super relaxed...ready for the week ahead!



HEALTHY EATING COOK-ALONG

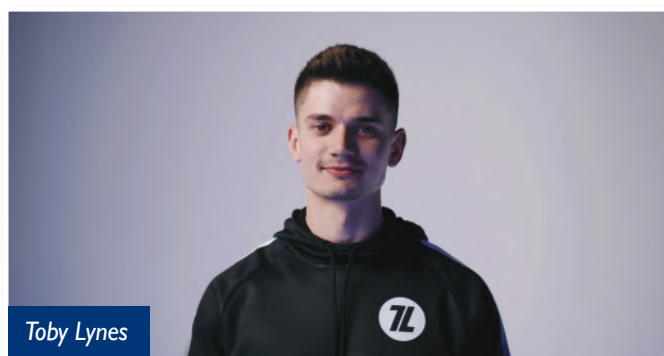
Foodies were in for a real culinary treat when, Helsinki-based chef, **Tom Gouldesbrough** (01-12), hosted our very first virtual cook-along. Together, he took us through the steps needed to rustle up a delicious, plant-based take on a classic pasta dish – Pasta Carbonara. Tom was there to answer any questions along the way – ensuring that, by the end of the evening, everyone had created a restaurant-quality dish. As it was a Friday, and the night was still young, attendees enjoyed chatting over the fruits of their labour in our virtual restaurant the 'Eagle Bistro'.



Tom Gouldesbrough

BUILDING LONG-LASTING HABITS FOR HEALTH & FITNESS

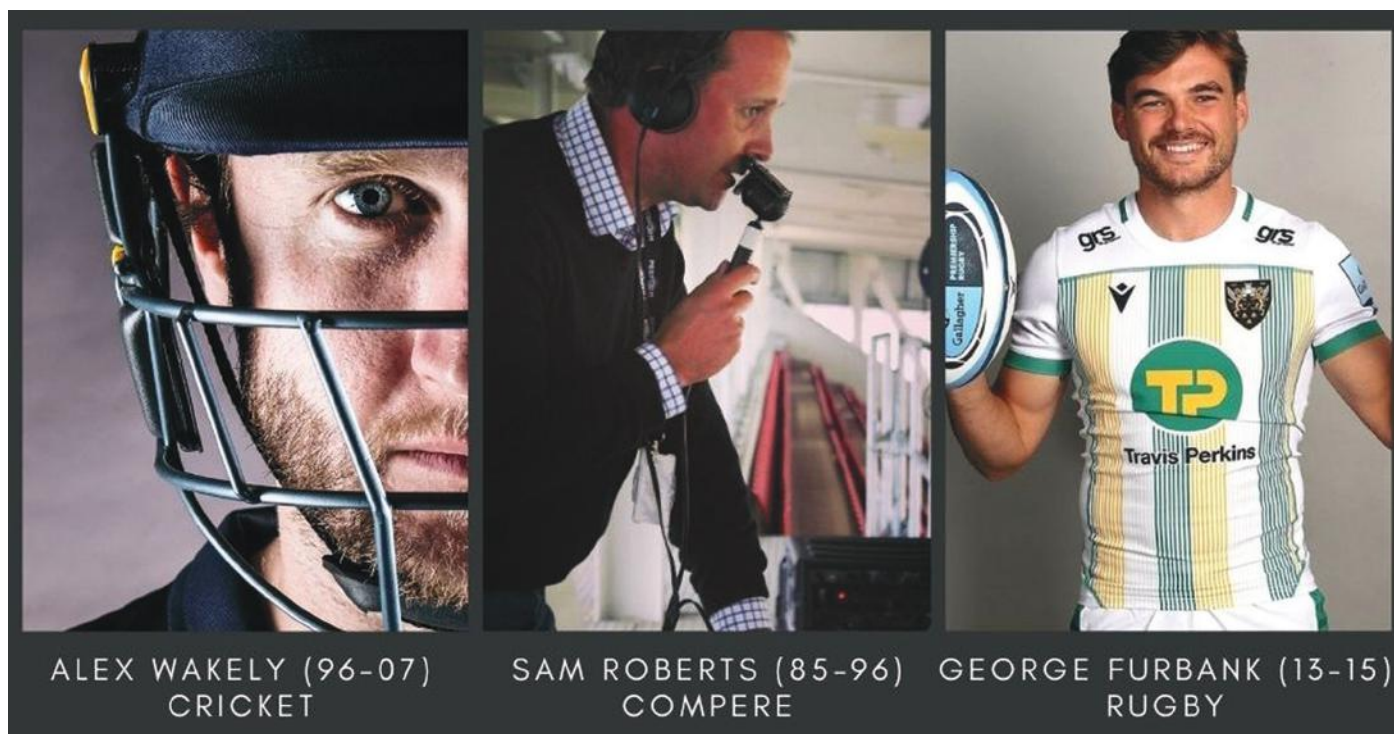
Toby Lynes (07-12), founder of **Tobias Lifestyle**, asked whether we wanted to become fitter and more motivated? Did we have our goals and objectives set out but didn't know where to start? Toby took us through the psychology behind his coaching programme and the importance of creating small, achievable habits to help us reach our goals. During the interactive session, Toby asked attendees to identify a goal before taking us on his step-by-step process to achieve this. Everyone came away feeling extremely positive, with the knowledge that they could use the tips and tricks they'd learnt in their every-day lives.



Toby Lynes

LIFE AS A PROFESSIONAL SPORTSMAN

Never one to disappoint, our compère in residence, **Sam Roberts** (85-96), led a fantastic interview with Northamptonshire County Cricketer **Alex Wakely** (96-07) and England Rugby International **George Furbank** (13-15). The evening was fun and informal in nature but also very informative – a real eye-opener into the world of elite sport. Both George and Alex shared their individual stories and described what really goes on behind the scenes. They highlighted the importance of looking after their mental wellbeing and the resilience needed to make it in such a competitive environment. At the end of the talk, guests asked some fascinating questions about the sportmen's extraordinary lives.



ALEX WAKELY (96-07)
CRICKET

SAM ROBERTS (85-96)
COMPERE

GEORGE FURBANK (13-15)
RUGBY

Careers

VIRTUAL CAREERS SKILLS TALKS

Looking for work can be a daunting prospect, whether you are looking for your first job or find yourself back in the job market after a number of years. One of the OB Club's key objectives is to support Old Bedfordians throughout their career journeys in a fast-changing job market. With this in mind, we invited four OBs, who are experienced in their field, to share their career journeys and give practical advice to help OBs in their job searches.

THE ART OF NETWORKING

"The activity of meeting people who might be useful to know, especially in your job"

We were very fortunate that **Oliver English** (07-12) and **Nigel Aylwin-Foster** (64-74) were able to join us for our first virtual Career Skills talk on 27th November to share their experiences and explain how networking has helped them. Both at different stages in their careers, they gave some great examples of where networking has helped progress their careers and how it has become embedded in their everyday lives. They reassured us that we should not be afraid to approach people and ask for help, but also how important it is to offer help to others.



Nigel Aylwin-Foster



Oliver English

LANDING THE PERFECT JOB

Tuesday, 1st December saw our second virtual Careers Skills talk, this time hosted by **Harry Austin** (01-12) and **Nigel Wilson** (64-74). Both Harry and Nigel work in the recruitment industry and spent over an hour sharing some great advice and tips. They talked about the importance of finding and working with the right recruiter, explained how to put together a CV that will stand out from the crowd and provided insights on preparing for that all important interview.



Nigel Wilson



Harry Austin

EXPLORING CAREERS

The OB Club Careers Fair was once again a resounding success. After exploring many different scenarios, we decided to make it a virtual, all-inclusive affair and extend the invitation across the Harpur Trust schools, other local schools, as well as recent leavers. In total, we had over 1,200 bookings from participants across the 56 sessions – making it our largest ever Careers Fair! With 28 careers represented, from Lawyers and Doctors to Engineers, Investment Bankers and Scientific Researchers, and many more, horizons were broadened.

"This year's Careers Fair was a great opportunity to learn about many different professions. It was very useful and interesting and gave me lots to think about!"
5th Form Student

"We are extremely grateful to everyone who gave up their time to support this event. As always, this was a great opportunity which allowed the students (and young OBs) to explore a host of different professions and ask questions to help shape their career journeys in an informed way."
Gina Worboys – OB Club Assistant Director

The career representatives were very impressed with both the participants and the new virtual format this year, and we've received some excellent positive feedback.

"I enjoyed the Careers Fair and was impressed with the engagement of those involved. The 30-minute sessions seemed to fly by, which would suggest that the time was well used."
Careers Representative

If you were unable to make it this year but are interested in getting involved, please do contact us at the OB Club (obclub@bedfordschool.org.uk) and help inspire young people who might be considering your profession.

OB CLUB CAREERS FAIR 2021





EAGLE CONNECT

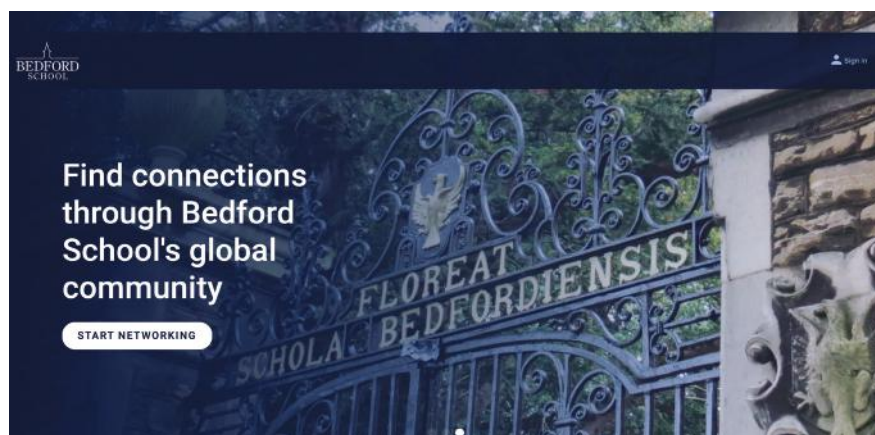
Our online social and business networking hub continues to go from strength to strength, with over 1,500 members now registered. Designed to bring the Bedford School community closer together, it enables willing OBs, past and present Bedford parents, grandparents and staff to stay connected and support each other in all aspects of their life.

Eagle Connect is different to other networks like LinkedIn, because everyone who joins has a shared affection for Bedford School and its community. This means we can create a highly engaged and supportive online community of those who are willing to help each other, both socially and professionally. From finding accommodation on a gap year trip to giving advice to someone who wants to change their career, **Eagle Connect** is a forum for people to support each other. The hub allows members to:

- connect with each other
- keep up to date with news and events from the OB Club
- mentor recent leavers, find jobs
- advertise their businesses
- expand professional networks

Over 80% of all members have offered some form of support, whether that is mentoring, reviewing CVs or simply giving advice on business sectors.

The platform functionality continues to develop with a number of new features recently added to enhance the user experience. bit.ly/BSEagleConnect

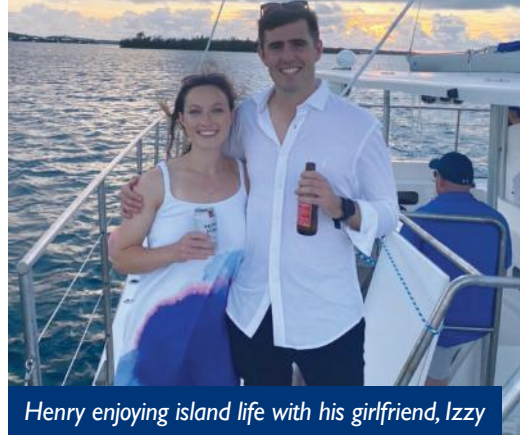


AN EARLY SUCCESS STORY

Thanks to the power of **Eagle Connect**, Old Bedfordian **Henry Banks** (01-11) was able to fulfil a lifelong ambition of working overseas.

"I was hoping to move to Bermuda to pursue a career in the insurance sector but lacked any business connections. I got in touch with the BSA office and soon found, via Eagle Connect, a number of local contacts who introduced and advised me on suitable roles for myself and my girlfriend. We recently moved out there, and are already making new connections. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity that Eagle Connect offered to me."

Other members of **Eagle Connect** have used it to get work experience and enhance their knowledge of industry sectors.



Henry enjoying island life with his girlfriend, Izzy

MEET OUR ENTREPRENEURS



Carlon Fitzpatrick



Bee Sting Cosmetics is the luxury skincare brand disrupting the beauty industry. Bee Sting Cosmetics has created a Bee Venom skincare range that rejuvenates, revitalises and replenishes your skin. Director, **Carlon Fitzpatrick** (91-02) has built a team of medical professionals, marketing

experts and industry specialists to create a line of products that holds true to the principles of innovation and ethical sourcing using only natural ingredients. Find them at www.beestingcosmetics.com



NETWORK AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Are you an entrepreneur looking to promote your business?

Join Eagle Connect and share your company's details with other members of the OB community.



Josh Jackson (06-13) founded Hakamount in September 2020 with the aim of ensuring no one has to consume nasty 'filler' ingredients to achieve their health and sports goals. Since launching, they have featured in a variety of magazines, including Men's Health, Women's Health and Runner's World, placing a spotlight on their Daily Driver multivitamin. Over the next 12 months, the brand's objective is to expand its product range with additional research-led products, enabling individuals to reach their goals with premium quality supplements. www.hakamount.co.uk



Josh Jackson

Cloud Geeks is a Microsoft Gold Certified UK Based Cloud IT and Telephony Supplier started by **Mike Ianiri** (92-03) with a focused on providing Cloud IT and Managed Services, Cloud Telephony Solutions, Cyber Security, Data Broadband Circuits and Mobile Solutions. With their consultative approach, combined with years of experience, they strive to provide clients with the best available business solution and unparalleled support. Discounts available for OB owned/managed businesses.

www.CloudGeeks.co.uk

Mike Ianiri



Tiff and Alex Burns

Tiff (96-06) and **Alex Burns** (92-02) founded LuckyTrip - a travel inspiration app that lets you find a trip in one tap. Set your budget and preferences, tap the 'Lucky' button and instantly see a personalised trip to an amazing destination. LuckyTrip was awarded App Store 'Best of the Year' by Apple and is backed by big names such as Brent Hoberman (founder of Lastminute.com). With a new Covid Refund Protection scheme in place, thousands of people now use LuckyTrip to plan their next adventure. www.luckytrip.co.uk

SHRUUD



Robbie Leigh (93-04) and **Christian Honan** (94-04) co-founded Shruud water bottles in 2020 together with Robbie's wife, Claire. The ethically-driven company creates bespoke, branded water bottles in an extensive range of colours. In fact, Shruud produced a customised navy OB bottle which is available to purchase from No Limitz (bit.ly/OBFlask). The team works with schools, clubs and corporate clients and their unique silicone caps allow bottles to be individually named. To create your own branded bottle, email hello@shruud.com and visit their website: www.shruud.com

ARTS



On Saturday 26th June, The Quarry Theatre will enjoy its 5th birthday and will have surpassed 1,000 events! Since opening, we have enjoyed a wealth of fabulous events with highlights, for me, being Griff Rhys Jones, The Trench, Frozen Light Theatre productions for young people with PMLD and, of course, all our internal productions!

It's been a tricky year for all venues not being able to host many events since March 2020, but we were lucky enough to open up in October and December to run some socially distanced shows.

We look forward to reopening this summer (fingers crossed) and continuing to bring high quality events to the school and surrounding community.

James Pharaoh, Director of Theatre

Established comedian, **Al Murray** (77-86) recently featured on ITV's, 'Made in Britain', talking about his drum making business. The programme focused on the craftsmanship it takes to make a set of drums and the phenomenal success the business has enjoyed in the last five years.

A keen and enthusiastic drummer, Al has played since childhood, and is currently active in the band 'Fat Cops'. He has played drums with the likes of Phil Collins and Queen as well as touring the world appearing on TV and radio. Al is extremely passionate about all things drum related and sees the British Drum Co as a chance to get involved with something he loves at the very highest level.

www.britishdrumco.com



Dog lovers amongst you will have seen Pooch Perfect, a new dog styling show, on BBC One. Hosted by Sheridan Smith, we were thrilled to hear from the series Co-Creator / Executive Produced, **Damon Pattison** (82-87), who gave us an insight into what it was like producing the series during a surreal year.

"I still can't quite believe that we have made it to the end. Fate has not been our friend. From the moment the show was commissioned,



someone in the Cosmos threw everything at us - including a global pandemic, followed by a total lockdown. We totally changed the format to allow social distancing, we rebuilt the set, we changed how we filmed everything, we never met a groomer in person before they were cast, nor met any dog face to face until they turned up at 07:30 each morning. We had to contend with a myriad of other tiny issues from a total set redesign to a complete rethink on how to film it all. We had to question everything, but we also made TV like we used to do with a director, a set designer, and a lighting director who (thanks to Covid) were suddenly free to join our endless Zoom calls. They helped shape key decisions, rather than joining us late in the day with everything set in stone (for better or worse). So, whilst Covid may have messed everything up, it may also have made things better."



James Curle (pictured on right)

After the global success of 'Man of the Hour' (on Amazon Prime), **James Curle** (02-09) is set to direct a new short film this summer; 'Under The Blue' - a true story about a police officer. Previous credits of cast and crew include *Mission Impossible*, *Syriana*, *Unforgotten* and *Chernobyl* among others. The production is in the last funding stages and still in need of finishing funds, so if you are an OB who is interested in donating and/or becoming an executive or associate producer, do get in touch with James via info@inquisitivepictures.co.uk, he'd love to hear from you. www.underthebluefilm.com/



Kev Hoole with Madeleine Harris

Kev Hoole (69-76), and Madeleine Harris (Judy Brown, Paddington) have created and written 'Make Way for Maddie Harris', a comedy drama about crashing the barriers of power, wealth and self-doubt. Between now and a possible Paddington 3 production next year, Kev and Maddie are looking to get the drama into development. If you're in the industry, or would like to get involved, they'd love for you to get in touch so they can send you their pilot script.

kevin.hoole@fivepercentnormal.com

Richard Summers-Calvert's (99-10) first feature film, *Drive Me to The End*, a beautiful comedy that touches upon autism, communication and depression - starring Claire King (Emmerdale, Bad Girls), Kate Lister (Clickbait (Netflix), The Heights) and David Bower (Four Weddings and a Funeral) - has been released worldwide on 'video on demand' including Amazon PrimeVideo and DVD. He is now looking for funding and investors for his second feature film, which will be a Sci-Fi drama. If you are an OB who is interested in donating and/or becoming an executive or associate producer, do get in touch with Richard via richard@cruciblefilms.com and he will send over the press-kit for the film, along with the investment memorandum.



Richard Summers-Calvert



James Gooch

Antiques fans may have spotted **James Gooch** (90-01) on BBC One's 'The Bidding Room'. The series, hosted by Nigel Havers, sees valuation expert Simon Bower presiding as a group of expert dealers attempt to outbid each other to buy extraordinary items brought in by the public. James and the team have just filmed series 3, which will be released in the late summer and will then start work on series 4.

James, originally worked in TV but gave it up to pursue his love of antiques. He first worked in antique shops and then worked his way up to open his own vintage store, Doe & Hope, which is based in Tempsford, Beds. James has an impressive clientele and collection – major TV shows, including 'Game of Thrones' use his stuff!

www.doeandhope.com

ARTS cont...



Jules Endersby

Jules Endersby (85-96) - who has worked on many well-known prime-time programmes across BBC1, BBC2 and Channel 4 (amongst many others) - is the Director for recent ten-part BBC2 series 'Forensics: The Real CSI'. A hit show where multiple cameras follow serious crime investigations in real-time, revealing the crucial role cutting-edge forensic science now plays in bringing criminals to justice.

Pete Devaney (01-11) has spent the last 6 months working as an Assistant Producer on the third series of "Europe From Above", which will be broadcast on the National Geographic channel. The series is an aerial tour of the continent's most historic and vibrant countries, and uncovers the culture, history and engineering that built the European nations we see today.



Leon Butler (83-92) has written the screenplay and is producing *The Chelsea Cowboy*, based on the colourful life of British actor, tough guy and lothario, John Bindon.

Set between 1966 and 1979, the project will chart the rise and fall of underworld hard-man turned actor Bindon, who, despite a successful acting career and passionate romantic liaisons with various socialites, was unable to leave his criminal past behind.

The film shoots this coming September in London and Berkshire and Leon is keen to have OBs involved as extras, or however they can offer their services. You can contact him on contact@thechelseacowboy.com

Leon and fellow OB **Chris Cottam** (82-92) also record the High Anxiety podcast, which has included including some famous OBs and is available on all podcast platforms.



Leon Butler

130th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Book your place for this year's special OB Club Annual Dinner. Taking place on Saturday, 27th November, it's a fantastic opportunity for OBs and guests of all ages to get together again. Join us for a drinks reception and three course lunch – including wine (guest speaker tbc).

We are also inviting the following classes to take part in our reunions programme:

- 10 Year Reunion - for the Class of 2010 and 2011
- 20 Year Reunion - for the Class of 2000 and 2001
- 30 Year Reunion - for the Class of 1990 and 1991
- 40 Year Reunion - for the Class of 1980 and 1981
- 50 Year Reunion - for the Class of 1970 and 1971
- 60 Year Reunion - for the Class of 1960 and 1961



Invitation from our first OB Club Annual Dinner in 1891



Find out more and book your ticket online at bit.ly/OBClubEvents

Remeniscences

The Founding Fathers of the Old Bedfordians Club

On the evening of Thursday, December 18th 1890, about forty Old Boys made their way through a bitterly cold easterly wind to the Boarders' Hall at the site of the old school in St Paul's Square. Their main purpose in gathering was to consider the question of establishing an Old Bedfordians' Society or Club.

H.M. Burge took the chair and the meeting commenced. H. Cross proposed the motion, seconded by F. Prior, that an Old Bedfordian Club be formed. It was carried unanimously. Considerable discussion then ensued about the question of the title of Old Bedfordian and of the qualification for Membership of the Club.

It was agreed that the money already subscribed for the issue of a register should be applied to sending out notices of School events, and that the register should be kept at Bedford

without being published yet. H. Cross was elected to carry on the work of collecting the names and addresses of OBs and issuing notices.

Finally, a provisional committee was elected to report to a General Meeting of "Old Bedfordians". Five young men, all previous Heads of School, stepped forward to volunteer their services. The committee consisted of H.M. Burge (aged 28), H. Cross (aged 25), P. Christopherson (aged 24), C.S. Jackson (aged 23), and W.F. Surtees, who had only just left the School that summer, (aged 19).

The members then repaired to the Large Hall at the Old School at 9pm that evening for an Old Boys' Supper.

But just what happened to these five young men, the "founding fathers"?

HUBERT MURRAY BURGE M.A., D.D., K.C.V.O. (1878-81)

An Anglican priest, headmaster of Winchester College, Bishop of Southwark and Bishop of Oxford.

His first post after graduation was as a Sixth Form Master at Wellington College in 1887, after which he became a Fellow and Tutor of his old college in 1890. In 1895 he was elected Dean of University College, Oxford. He received a Bachelor of Divinity in March 1902, and at the same time received a Doctorate of Divinity.

He was Headmaster of Repton from 1900 to 1901 and then of Winchester from 1901 to 1911, before his elevation to the Episcopate as Bishop of Southwark in 1911. He became *ex officio* Chancellor of the Order of the Garter and appointed Clerk of the Closet. He was later also a Sub-Prelate of the Order of St John of Jerusalem and Chancellor of the Most Noble Order of the Garter. Burge was made a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order in the 1925 Birthday Honours, days before he died in office.



PERCY CHRISTOPHERSON B.A., M.A. (1882-85)

An English sportsman who played rugby union as a three-quarter for Blackheath and represented England at international level. Christopherson also played cricket, making two first-class appearances. He taught at Wellington College Berkshire and at Lockers Park, Hertfordshire.

Christopherson played in three Varsity Matches, from 1886 to 1888. All three matches ended in losses for Oxford. In late 1888, Christopherson was selected for his county team Kent, to face the 1888 touring New Zealand Natives. Kent lost 4-1.

After leaving university, he joined first-class English club Blackheath, and it was while representing the senior team that he was approached to join the newly formed invitational touring side Barbarian F.C., making him one of the club's founding members. The next season, Christopherson was selected by the Rugby Football Union to represent England in the opening game of the 1891 Home Nations Championship. This is believed to be the first time a Bedford boy had attained to International honours.

In July 1887 Christopherson made his first-class cricket debut for Kent against Sussex, playing alongside his brother Stanley. Following his retirement from sport, Christopherson became the Headmaster of Lockers Park School, in Hemel Hempstead between 1902-1918.



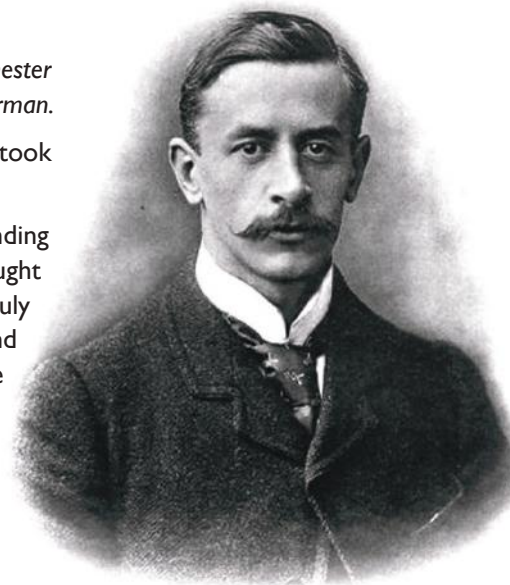
HENRY CROSS (1873-84)

A teacher at Bedford Grammar School and a war correspondent for the Manchester Guardian covering the Khartoum Expedition. He was present at the Battle of Omdurman.

A keen sportsman, he stroked the Oxford boat in 1888. After graduating he took a post as a teacher at the school.

While dining with a friend, Ernest Bennett, in 1898 who talked of his pending journey to the Sudan as a war correspondent, Henry was excited by the thought and obtained a similar job with the Manchester Guardian. He set out on 27 July 1898 and on 29th he and Ernest sailed aboard the Sind out of Marseilles bound for Alexandria in the company of the young Winston Churchill bent on the same adventure.

He wrote many reports for his employers and was present at the Battle of Omdurman on 2nd September 1898, going about his business although he was very ill with a fever. Henry died at Atbara on 10 September 1898, aged just 33. A memorial Inscription was placed on the pavilion at Bedford School.



WILLIAM FREDERICK SURTEES (1882-90)

Archdeacon of Exeter and Bishop of Crediton

Born in 1871, the third son of Alfred Wright Surtees (1820-1906), he was educated at Bedford School where he became Head of School 1889-1890.

He went to Kings College, Cambridge where he obtained a B.A. in 1893 and an M.A. in 1903.

He was appointed Archdeacon of Exeter (1925-30), Assistant Bishop, Diocese of Exeter and Canon Residentiary and Precentor of Exeter Cathedral.

He finally embarked upon a 24-year stint as Bishop of Crediton from 1930 to 1954. He died on 23 March 1956 in Exeter, Devon aged 84.

CHARLES SAMUEL JACKSON

(1881-96)

A scholarly mathematician.

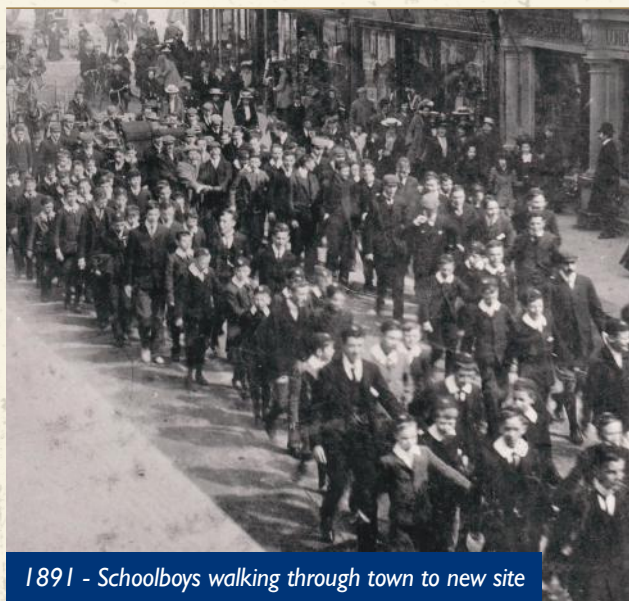
The young Charlie entered the school in 1881. He rose to be Head of School between 1885-86, won a leaving Exhibition, and a Scholarship at Trinity College, Cambridge.

He was appointed Instructor in Mathematics at the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich from 1891-1898 and was an Equity Draftsman and Conveyancer. He was called to the bar at Lincoln's Inn in 1894.

His mathematics publications included, 'A First Statics' (1907), 'The Teaching of mathematics in the United Kingdom: being a series of papers prepared for the International commission on the teaching of mathematics' (1911), 'Slide-Rule Notes' (1913) and 'Examples in Differential and Integrated Calculus' (1921). These helped him earn the nickname '**Slide Rule Jackson**'.



Charles Samuel Jackson is pictured with his fellow monitors and the Head Master



1891 - Schoolboys walking through town to new site

A History of the OB Club

The Old Bedfordians Club celebrates its 130th anniversary this year having been founded on the 28th August 1891, making us the 6th oldest alumni Club in the world.

To celebrate our wonderful history, the OB Council recently commissioned author and former school history master, Tim Machin (staff 70-05), to write a history of the Club.

The book will chart the ups and downs of the Club through challenging world wars, explore the many OB colourful characters and chart the relationship between the School and the OB Club.

The book promises to be a fascinating read, full of facts and anecdotes that hitherto have remained in the archives.

OB Reminiscences...

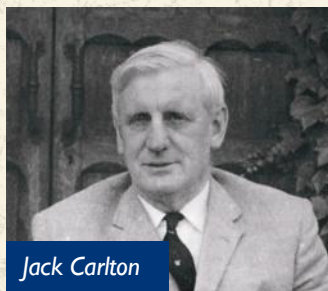
Over the last year, we've been asking OBs to send in reminiscences of their school days. Tales of hidden motor vehicles, illicit drinking, inspirational magic lantern shows, obligatory cold plunge baths and the introduction of 'pop music', have kept us all amused.

If you'd like to share your reminiscences and help us create a unique insight into the life of the school, please get in touch. If you missed these stories, they're available on the OB Club website.

QUOTES

"Jack Carlton's regime of a cold plunge bath for everyone, every morning, before breakfast was unique to Sanderson's and something I admit I did not continue once I had left the School!"

Sandy Gray (59-64).



Jack Carlton

"The 60s delivered most of their social change later in the decade, but even early on, the frowned upon fashion for drain-pipe trousers resulted in strict control on the circumference of the lower trouser leg hem at the School; and by March 1963 the Beatles had issued their first hit album 'Please Please Me', starting on their way to the modern music stratosphere. The electric gramophone in the Sanderson's common room was routinely throbbing to the sound of many new pop groups." Sandy Gray (59-64)

"At Bedford School - the Ancestors (i.e., the 'Old Boys') are everywhere! There are photographs and paintings of old Headmasters and teachers hanging in the hallways. In the Memorial Hall there are the names of the 756 old boys who died for our Country in 1914-1918 World War and in the Second World War." John Allan (49-59)

"Probably most influential to me was when the Old Bedfordians returned to the school to give lectures of their

exploits and adventures. Usually, these lectures would take place on a Saturday night in the Great Hall. The Hall would be packed and, because we were Inky, we would be sitting upstairs, at the back, in the balconies. These were lantern slide shows of where the OBs lived and worked- Kashmir, the Himalayas, China, Norway, tea farms in Kenya, South Africa, the police force in Hong Kong, etc. These lectures sparked a sense of future adventure for me." John Allan (49-59)

"We went to Pangbourne Regatta but came second of three in the first round. On the way home Mr Agelasto took us all, as was his annual custom, for a drink at Leander Club at Henley. It being the day that the school drinking scandal had come to a head and the Headmaster suspended most of the monitors and options at the one o'clock prayers. We rang to find out the situation and discovered it included some of the crew, and one was made one of the temporary triumvirates to act as Head of the School until the last week of term. We were therefore reluctant to accept a beer, however Mr Agelasto would not allow such action in Leander, regardless of the Headmaster, so we were probably the first Bedford School boys to drink after that fatal day!" John Jenner (49-54)



1957 - Boys drinking milk

REUNIONS

1983 1st VIII VIRTUAL REUNION



1983 1st VIII Competing at the Head of the River Race, London

Last September, the 1983 1st VIII held a virtual reunion, 'meeting' for the first time since they competed in the Bedford Sprint Regatta on 10th July 1983. Remarkably, five of the crew had been in the same class in the Inky. A special thank you to David Jones (73-83) for taking us back to 1978 with this great photo from Mr Poulton's class.



1978 - Mr Poulton's class

1982 1st XV SQUAD REUNION

Almost 40 years since they were last together, members of the 1982 school 1st XV squad enjoyed catching up on each other's life stories. The conversation moved on to the highlights of the 1982 season – including an unforgettable game against the OBs held in a 'mud bath', which reputedly featured one of the last competitive outings for the legendary Budge Rogers (49-57).



1982 1st XV against the Old Bedfordian Club, the School won 9-4.

1979 AND 1980 1st VIII REUNION

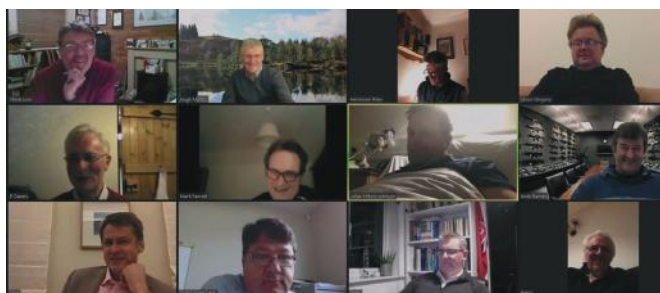
Members of the 1979 and 1980 boat club squad gathered for a 'virtual' festive drink with legendary OB and coach John Osborne (60-65, staff 71-82). Some of the squad members, who are now based across the UK, Singapore, USA and Ecuador, hadn't seen one another since leaving school, although it didn't take long for the banter to begin! All agreed that their experiences in the Boat Club had shaped their lives, due in no small measure to John's inspirational coaching both on and off the water.



The 1980 1st VIII competing at Bedford Regatta

RIFLE CLUB

Sharp shooting OBs from the golden age of the Bedford School Rifle Club got together earlier this year for an online reunion. Unlike other sports, the passing of the years is no deterrent, as those on the call talked enthusiastically about returning to competition once the current pandemic restrictions are lifted. This March's annual fixture against the school had to be postponed and has been tentatively pencilled in for Saturday 27th November, the same day as the OB Club Annual Dinner.



Shooting Reunion



OB rowers got together over the Christmas period to start planning for the following season and the launch of Phoenix Boat Club. While the spectre of Covid may have hung over the meeting, there was a general feeling of optimism that there would be a return to racing in the summer. Although this year's Bedford Regatta has been postponed to 2022, the Club are looking to compete in the 2021 Henley Royal Regatta this coming August.

If you would like to be part of the rebirth of Phoenix Boat Club or would like to find out more, please contact Hugh Maltby at h maltby@bedfordschool.org.uk – we'd love to have you on board!



Phoenix get together

1964 1st VIII REUNION

Members of the 1964 School 1st VIII, spread across five separate continents, enjoyed their first 'virtual' reunion. Despite being separated by thousands of miles, the camaraderie was soon evident with the night spent reminiscing and catching up on each other's news.

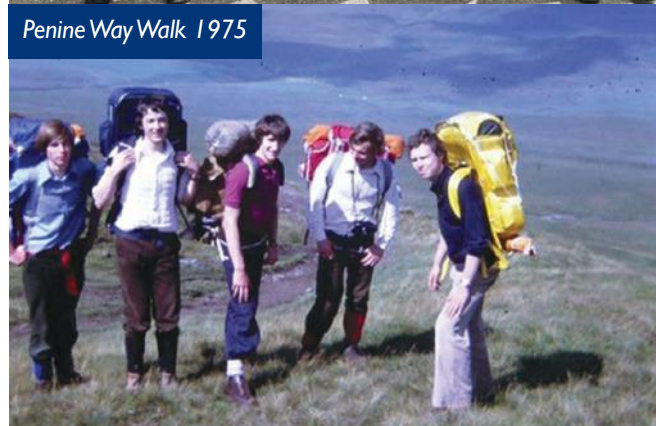


1964 1st VIII reunion

OBs from the 1985 1st VIII and a group of walkers from 1975, used the virtual lock-ins following our beer tasting event as an opportunity to have a virtual reunion. "The chat room afterwards with our group was a great addition – a first reunion of a group of us OBs who'd walked the Pennine Way together way back in 1975! Suffice to say, we stayed online chatting until midnight, or late afternoon in the case of one team member living in Maine, New England." Peter Ganczakowski (64-75)



1985 1st VIII



Penine Way Walk 1975

Back at School

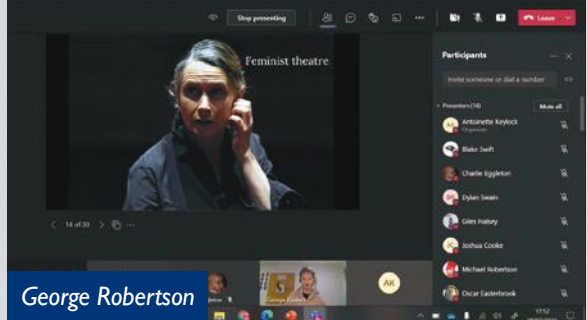
NO DRAMA - WE'RE ONLINE

To kick off the new academic year, the first Drama Society meeting was held by video conference, and led by **Jonny Hosking** (12-19), a well-recognised face in school after excelling in drama during his time at Bedford, starring in many school productions. Jonny is currently reading English at Manchester.



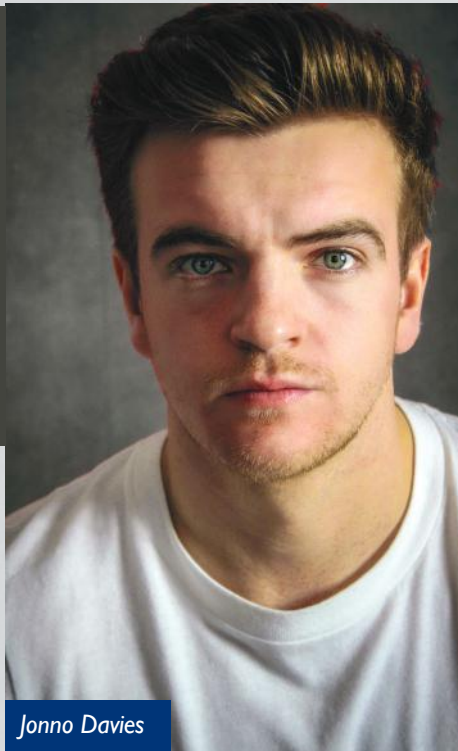
Jonny Hosking

George Robertson (15-20), who is currently at York University studying Theatre, spoke with the boys about some different theatre directors who have inspired him over the past few years, including Katie Mitchell. A thoroughly thought-provoking session from the school's former Drama Society president!



George Robertson

Jonno Davies (01-10) took a remote Drama Society lecture on **7th December**, which members of the OB community were invited to join. Jonno, who is probably best known for his role as Tobias in the Amazon Prime series 'Hunters', spoke about his acting career and his approach to film and theatre.



Jonno Davies

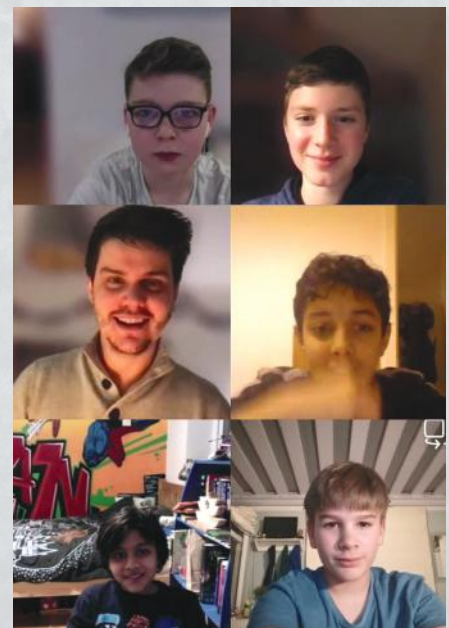
Royal Shakespeare Company practitioner, **Oliver Lynes** (02-07), led a series of online workshops to help five Prep School boys prepare for the English-Speaking Union's annual Speaking Shakespeare Competition. Oliver introduced the boys to the fundamentals of Shakespeare's language, before teaching them an array of Royal Shakespeare Company techniques to use in their chosen speeches.



Logan Jones

Logan Jones (06-17), who is currently reading Theatre Arts at York, gave an insightful talk on 'Drama at University' which was well attended.

Antoinette Keylock, Head of Academic Drama, said, "Despite the current pandemic, I was determined to make sure this society remains popular and allow all boys at Bedford School to attend remote lectures that will enrich their education."



Oliver Lynes talking to the boys

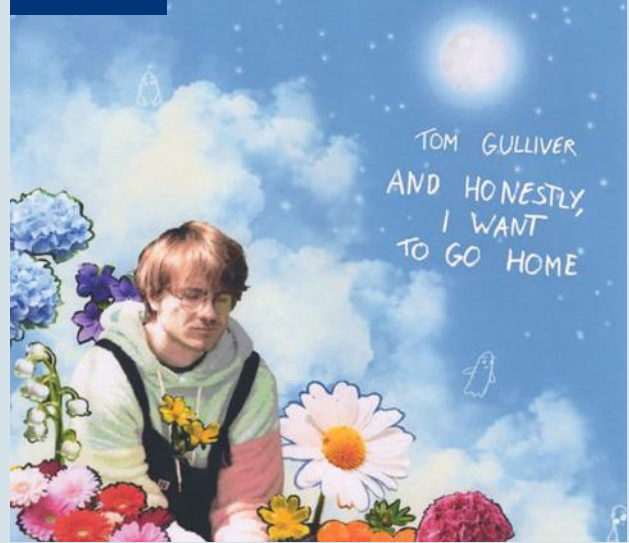
MUSIC

DJ and Music Producer **Olly Walker** (10-19) joined the School's Music Tech lesson remotely, to give a masterclass on sampling techniques including a live demo of a project the boys are doing to help give them some creative and technical ideas. Following the success of his recent single, *Sorry (I had to leave)*, which has had 1.2 million Spotify streams, Olly is fast making a name for himself with his unique productions, remixes and DJ sets.



Olly Walker

Tom Gulliver



Producer/guitarist **Tom Gulliver** (06-17) released his new album '*And Honestly, I Want to Go Home*', in September 2020, compiling material from his three years at university - an album that is somewhat bitter and emotional but also full of hope. Tom is studying an MA in Record Production at the London College of Music and recently joined the School's Record Club's on-line conversation to discuss the release.

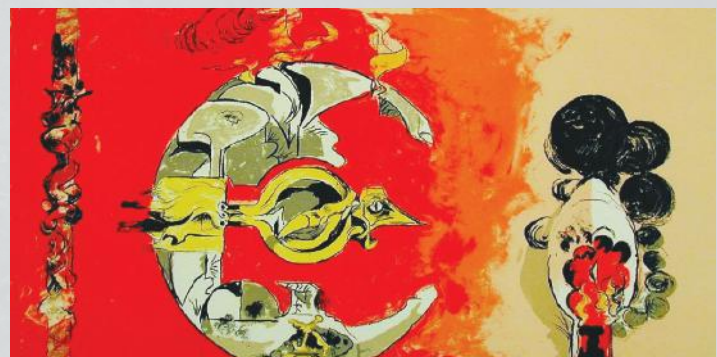
ART SOCIETY LUNCHTIME TALKS

Stephen Laird (73-84) is a University Chaplain and Lecturer (Theology), and Parish Priest. As a mature student in 2006, he took a PhD in Art History at the University of Kent, specialising in John Piper, Graham Sutherland and Peter Lanyon and the 'moral meaning' of British 20th century landscape painting. He has written a number of books and catalogue essays and regularly describes Piper paintings for Christie's. For his talk, Stephen focused on the work of Graham Sutherland, one of the major British artists of the 20th century.

Matteo Mastrandrea (97-07) studied architecture at St John's College, Cambridge – followed by a four-year stint making films, completing a Masters in Philosophy at St Anne's College, Oxford while also working as an architectural assistant in London. He then went to the Royal College of Art in 2014 to complete his Architecture studies, where he has been teaching since 2016 and working for Es Devlin, designing stages for popstars and theatres. Matteo's talk illustrated that an architecture degree can lead you down unexpected and exciting routes!



Matteo Mastrandrea



Sutherland Print 'Fossil with Rocks and Flames'

Rahul Sheemar (12-19), who is currently reading Philosophy at Durham, delivered a fascinating talk for the German & Philosophy lecture series. Rahul discussed the works of German philosopher Martin Heidegger.



Rahul Sheemar

Remembrance

Last November, Acts of Remembrance took place at the school which brought our community together and highlighted the sacrifices made by many OBs, servicemen, servicewomen and civilians from around the world. With Covid guidelines to adhere to, however, we had to do things a little differently.

On Wednesday, 11 November, with the help of digital streaming, for the first time, members of the OB community were able to join the boys and staff, albeit virtually, to watch the school's Remembrance Assembly, broadcast live from the grounds outside our Memorial Hall. The Head Master continued the tradition of reading out the names of fallen Old Bedfordians – this year resuming with surnames beginning with 'R'.



A Modest Hero

In the Upper School, during Tutor periods, the school shared the story of Old Bedfordian, Sub-Lieutenant Arthur Walderne St. Clair Tisdall (1900-1909), who was awarded the Victoria Cross for his extreme bravery in the face of the enemy.

Arthur Tisdall joined Bedford School in 1900 aged ten and was Head of School in his final year. After leaving Bedford, he attended the University of Cambridge, where he gained a double first and the Chancellor's Gold Medal for classics. He then went to work in the Foreign Office, where he remained until the outbreak of the First World War.

In October 1914, Tisdall was commissioned and sent to Egypt as a Sub-Lieutenant to prepare for the Gallipoli landings. It was on 25 April 1915, the first day of the Gallipoli landings, that he earned his Victoria Cross. Tisdall and his crew arrived on 'V' Beach aboard the SS River Clyde, a landing ship that featured openings on its sides. However, as soon as the ship beached, it came under fire from the guns of the entrenched Turkish forces. As its troops hit the beach, they were mown down by heavy machine gun fire.

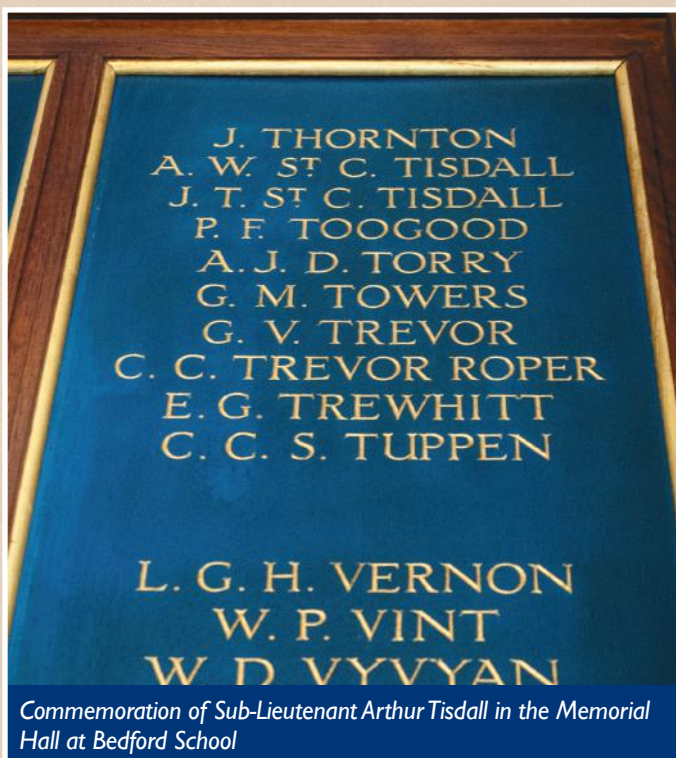
No sooner had Tisdall and the crew landed than they heard the cries of gravely wounded men on the beach. It soon became apparent that the men were under fire and were calling for help. Ignoring orders, Tisdall wasted no time jumping into the water, pushing a boat in front of him to go to their rescue.



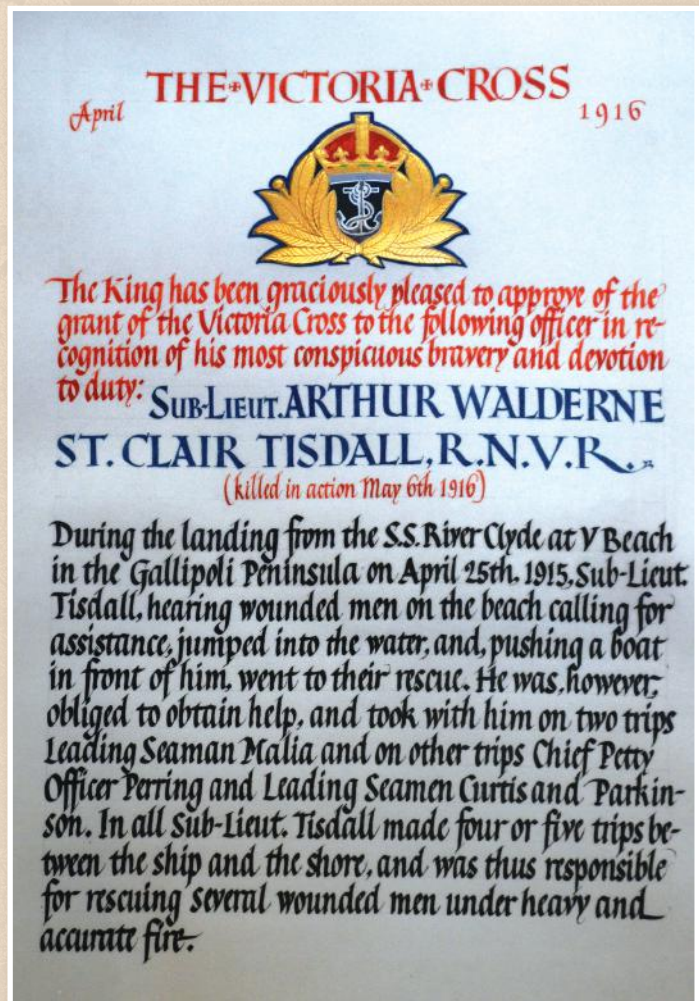


After the offensive, Tisdall's great bravery was not forgotten. Letters were sent to Churchill and the military leaders by many men in Tisdall's platoon as well as other witnesses describing his valour.

Just a week later, Tisdall was killed by a sniper as his Royal Naval Division platoon took part in a failed attempt to advance along Turkey's Gallipoli peninsula. He was buried where he fell.



Commemoration of Sub-Lieutenant Arthur Tisdall in the Memorial Hall at Bedford School



Tisdall's Plaque in the Prep School

In March 1916, Tisdall was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross with the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal. One man in his platoon wrote, "He was one of England's bravest men. All the boys thought the world of him."

Today the name of Tisdall lives on with one of our buildings named in his honour, along with that of his brother, as well as on our First World War memorial boards close to where his Victoria Cross citation hangs.

DID YOU KNOW?

With the recent announcement of this year's winners of the Academy Awards, popularly known as the Oscars, we thought you might be interested to know that **Henry Byron Warner** (1892-96) was nominated for an Oscar for Best Supporting Actor in 1937. He began his career playing lead



roles in many silent films but, with the advent of the sound era, he took on more supporting roles. He played cricket for the Hollywood Cricket Club alongside many Hollywood greats (such as Boris Karloff, David Niven, Errol Flynn) and has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame at 6600 Hollywood Boulevard.

Henry Byron Warner

This year marks the eightieth anniversary of the crash of the R101 airship over France on its maiden voyage to India. The airship was based at the Cardington hangers near Bedford and one of those

who died in the crash was **OB Air Vice Marshall Sir Sefton Brancker** (1891-94). He was travelling with Lord Thompson, the Secretary of State for Air. Sir Sefton was reputed to be the very first recipient of the Air Force Cross. All the victims are buried in Cardington churchyard.



Air Vice Marshall Sir Sefton Brancker

Gamers amongst you will be interested to learn that **Major Martin Clemens** (24-33) was the inspiration for a character in the 2003 video game *Medal of Honour: Rising Sun*.



Major Martin Clemens

With the new £50 featuring scientist and codebreaker Alan Turing, we thought you might like to know an interesting connection he had with the school. Alan's father (Julius) and uncle were both Old Bedfordians. Turing's grandfather was a Vicar in the town and had arrived here from Rufford, near Nottingham, in order to educate his children at Bedford School and Bedford High School.

Marketing guru **Neil Dawson** (78-83) created 'The Record' – the concept for The Bee Gees Greatest Hits CD. The album includes 40 tracks spanning over 35 years of music and has sold over 3 million copies worldwide. Find out more about Neil's fantastic work with top brands: www.neiladawsonandco.com



Neil Dawson

91 years ago, **R V Proudlock** (1911-15) took a group of boys on the school's first Ski trip to Chamonix over the Christmas Holidays. The article in the Ousel contains some great photos and the write up gives a wonderful account of the trip. bit.ly/BedfordSki

School's first ski trip to Chamonix



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FOUNDATION UPDATE



Despite the impact of the Covid pandemic, the Bedford School Foundation has remained actively involved with the whole school community, helping to enrich the education of the current pupils. We recently published '*A Decade of Giving & Changing Lives*', which celebrates the many ways OBs and friends of the School have enhanced the day-to-day educational experience of the boys and we have included a copy with this year's Review. I hope you enjoy this inspirational read.

Back in October of last year, we celebrated our first online digital Commemoration of Founders and Benefactors. The event gave us an opportunity to showcase the work of the Foundation to members of our community across the globe,

generating a renewed interest in the work we do to support the current pupils.

The Foundation has again been the recipient of several large donations and legacies for which the Trustees are profoundly grateful. During the year we supported the refurbishment of the sculpture studio, creating a stunning facility for the pupils to express their creative talent. Funds have also been set aside, either at the direction of the donor or by the Trustees, for a range of other uses which will benefit the School. Of no less value are the regular monthly contributions made by many donors towards various causes.

For generations, friends and families of the School have recognised their loved one's connections to the school in a number of enduring ways, including trees, benches and plaques. If you would like to commemorate someone, please visit the Foundation website to find out more.

Finally, as always, I would like to thank all donors to the Foundation. Your support is invaluable and plays a major part in enhancing this wonderful educational institution, and

even more so in these challenging times. I would also like to say a special thank you to those that have added Bedford School Foundation to their wills. I appreciate that such a decision is not made lightly but can assure you that it will be used wisely and make a real difference in the future.

Chairman, Lance Feaver
(67-74)

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 Hugh Maltby on 01234 362255 or

foundation@bedfordschool.org.uk



Lance Feaver

MEET OUR NEW DVPS

We'd like to welcome our newest District Vice Presidents (DVPs) to the team. We are very fortunate to have a fantastic network of DVPs who volunteer as representatives for the Club across the globe. Not only do our DVPs act as local contacts who can provide advice to visiting OBs, but, in more 'normal' times, many also organise local gatherings. All DVPs and their contact details are listed on the OB Club website so do get in touch with them if you're going abroad or would like to find out about the next DVP event in your area. We are always on the lookout for proactive individuals who would like to join the DVP network, so get in touch if you'd like to be involved.

UK DERBYSHIRE & NOTTINGHAMSHIRE - Father David Lawrence-March (staff 98-09)



David was Chaplain at Bedford for 11 years for what "were some of the happiest and most rewarding in my life to date". He is now parish priest of St Laurence Long Eaton and Holy Trinity in the diocese of Derby.

INTERNATIONAL AUSTRIA - Simon Allen (75-86)



Simon studied Industrial Economics at Nottingham and then moved to Luxembourg and worked for the business statistics directorate of Eurostat, the

statistical office of the (now) European Union. In 1997, along with two colleagues, he set up his own consultancy firm, focusing on the production of publications for Eurostat and in 2006, moved with his wife and two young children to Wiener Neustadt in Austria, continuing his work for Eurostat.

BVI - Tortola - Al Broderick (80-89)



Known in the BVI as the 'Singing Chef', Al has been cooking and playing in Tortola for many years. Al's one man band plays all round the BVI. www.facebook.com/albroderickmusic/videos

BWI - Grand Cayman - James Dudley (80-85)



Divemaster James is the dive shop Supervisor at Red Sail Sports, Tortuga Divers and is an IAHD Pro Trainer/ Course Director. Tortuga Divers is

located on property at Morritt's Tortuga Club and Resort in the beautiful East End of Grand Cayman.

ITALY - Ed Bray (93-03)



Ed has been living in Parma with his wife Arianna, and two young children, since 2017, working as Media Relations Officer for the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). He was previously a journalist in Brussels, interviewing politicians, activists and stakeholders on environmental and food issues for an online video platform.

INDONESIA - Richard Bolton (82-87)



Richard studied Physics and Exploration Geophysics and then entered the oil

exploration industry as a geophysicist spending time in the field in Nigeria and Oman before settling in Indonesia in 1997. Since then, he has spent time in Libya, Australia, Malaysia, Vietnam and India. Now, increasingly, Richard provides geophysical site investigation services to the offshore windfarm installation industry around the world. He can generally be found in Jakarta and occasionally Bali, if he is not in a remote field location.

LITHUANIA - Vytas Mikalonis (02-08)



Vytas studied Business Management at Nottingham. Interested in sales and new ventures, he started a business selling LED lighting solutions to commercial and industrial sectors. In 2018 he moved back to Lithuania to work as a consultant in Civitta, helping startups attract funding and venture capital. He has recently changed role to Sales Team Lead at Oxylabs, providing IT infrastructure as a service to clients all over the world, enabling them to gather big data.

NEW ZEALAND - SOUTH ISLAND - Ben Smith (87-95)



After University Ben started a retail career but in 2005 went to New Zealand and Australia to work and travel for a year. However he met his wife in Auckland, moved to Sydney, and had two sons. Whilst in Sydney Ben was the

first employee for WHSmith Australia, focussing mainly on airports and, in 2014, was sent to Indonesia to set up the franchise operation at the new Bali airport terminal. In 2019 the Smith family headed back to New Zealand, and Ben now works for a well-known local thermal pools complex in North Canterbury.

ITALY - SARDINIA & PIEMONTE - Alistair Gray (66-72)



Alistair is a Chartered Accountant and has lived and worked in 8 countries and done business in a further 25 countries in industries ranging from Accountancy & Management Consulting to Logistics & Horse breeding & racing. Although notionally retired, he retains corporate NED & Advisory roles and mentors start-up entrepreneurs. He is also the OB Club Treasurer & the Bishop Memorial Fund Trustee.

Married to Dolores, when not working Alistair devotes much time to gardening and tending his vines, olive & fruit trees as well as swimming, hiking & cycling in the wilds of Sardinia.

SWITZERLAND - GENEVA - Will Easter (81-91)



Will has been living in Geneva, Switzerland since 2010. He spent 20 years working in banking and finance and, before moving to

Geneva, he lived in Brussels, Amsterdam and Jersey. Will is married with two young boys and enjoys skiing, sailing, travelling and long lunches!

THE NETHERLANDS - Dr Frederick Steinmeyer (07-09)



Frederick read Agriculture followed by a PhD. He moved to the Netherlands in 2017 to join Monsanto as a Research Associate in their spinach breeding programme. He currently works as a plant breeder at the Dutch vegetable seed company Rijk Zwaan, developing new lettuce varieties for farmers and consumers around the world. Frederick lives with his partner Jessica in Breda, in the southern half of the country, between the Belgian border and Rotterdam.

TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS - Neil French (87-92)



Neil left England in 2002 and lived in New Zealand for two years, the Cook Islands for three, and has been in Turks and Caicos since 2007 with his wife and three children, working for KMPG. He was playing rugby up until a year ago and has played for the Turks and Caicos national team in international matches against countries in the region (Jamaica, Bermuda, Bahamas etc.). The Covid issue may have been the unexpected year off which will make it very difficult to restart again though sadly!

NEWS OF OBS

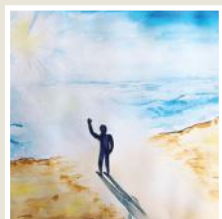
WE ARE ALWAYS THRILLED TO HEAR FROM OBS ACROSS THE GLOBE

Jim Milbourne (44-47) celebrated his 90th birthday in style with a nice glass of Rosé.



After a career, which culminated in designing and setting up two International University Colleges in The Netherlands, **Peter Powell** (54-61) now spends his time composing music for the organ for his local church group. He is still in contact with his old organ teacher at Bedford, Peter J Moore, who was teaching music at Bedford from 1957-1964.

Peter Mellor (57-62) has been taking time during lock-down to continue with his painting. Play 'Here comes the Sun' by the Beatles, view his painting and get a sense of hope, anticipation, and inspiration.



It was good to see Interior Designer **Christopher Vane Percy** (53-62) featured in the December 2020 edition of



The English Home. Christopher spent half a lifetime restoring his old ancestral home, Island Hall, near Godmanchester.

Definitely not ready for their Zimmer frames yet, **Peter Harpham** (60-64) and **Mike Goodfellow** (61-65) enjoy getting out and about on their motorbikes,



especially in the Blackdown Hills on the Somerset/Devon border, Mike on his Royal Enfield and Peter on his Honda Varadero.

As Chair of the Thames Valley Royal Television Society, **Tim Marshall OBE** (58-67) has been remarkably busy during lockdown organising webinars and conducting Zoom interviews. The Royal Television Society is an educational charity promoting the art and science of television, encouraging and celebrating work in television and its related fields.

Former Master of the Distillers Livery Company **Richard Watling** (57-67) has just completed, and is now launching, a full review of the Distillers Education and Training bursaries combining a full set of mentoring, work experience and other industry connections to support the educational grants.

The Marlow and Town Regatta Festival has appointed **Robin Atkinson** (64-69) as new chair of the committee. Robin has been a member of the committee since 2001.

Simon Culliford (65-70), and his wife Tricia, made the news when they were

left without power after agreeing to have a new Smart Meter installed. Scottish Power left them without electricity for three nights in December after accusing them of stealing energy, despite being £500 in credit! Scottish Power is now subject to an open 'compliance case', with Ofgem.



Worldwide Sales Director for GDS Engineering, **Jac Frary** (64-71), was thrilled that they have been chosen by Corvette Racing to provide the seamless pit garage walling for their team in the USA.

Warden of New College Oxford, **Miles Young** (63-72) is the current Chair of the English-Speaking Union (ESU). He is a passionate advocate of listening and speaking skills and is keen to ensure that the most disadvantaged in our society have access to the experience and training that the ESU uniquely offers.

Ali Malek (68-74) is this year's elected head (treasurer) of Gray's Inn. He gave the inaugural lecture to the working group, set up jointly last year by the Inn and Solicitors from the City of London Law Society, to promote the rule of law and increase access to justice. He mooted that there ought to be no place for sanctions against barrister chambers

or law firms and also discussed diversity in Chambers.



It was good to see Sir Desmond Swayne MP (70-75) sporting his OB tie when he was interviewed recently for Channel 4 News.

In a landmark occasion, the Johnson brothers had dinner together – just the 4 of them, with no one else! The brothers met at the Hawksmoor (Guildhall) to celebrate Simon's birthday and they realised that, because of the distances apart they have been over their working lives, whenever they have come together it has usually been with partners, children, friends etc. Whilst Chris (66-75) is based in Bedford, Julian (66-76) had been in Qatar and Doha for many years, Simon (70-81) in Singapore and Adam (73-82) in London.



Adam, Julian, Chris, and Simon.

Hugh Lloyd-Williams (68-78) managed to meet up with Chris Blackman (53-57) and his wife Lesa, and Finn Longinotto (57-62) on a recent visit to Miami Beach, Florida.



Lesla, Chris, Finn and Hugh

Experienced charity leader Nick Roseveare MBE (74-78) has been appointed Interim CEO of the Lord's Taverners. Nick worked extensively for Oxfam, both internationally and as global Humanitarian Director for several years. He then shifted his focus towards the UK, focussing on the needs of disadvantaged children and young people in the UK.



Clive Temple (75-79) and his team at Cranfield have been extensively testing the Halo head protection device that significantly contributed to saving F1 driver Romain Grosjean, as he escaped from his burning car at the Bahrain Grand Prix in December. Clive is the Motorsport MSc Programme Director and Senior Lecturer at the Advanced Vehicle Engineering Centre at Cranfield. "All of the 'systems' in the safety cell of a modern F1 car came into play in this one accident".

Andrew Horton (74-80) has joined QBE Group as their new CEO after working at the Beazley Group for 18 years. Andrew has previously appeared on BBC Radio 4's show 'The Bottom Line', hosted by Evan Davis.

Congratulations are in order for Will Gompertz (78-81) as he joins London's Barbican Centre as Director of Arts and Learning. "The arts in general, and the Barbican in particular, have a vital role in helping shape our future," he said.

Security expert Chris Mitchell (75-82) has been kept busy over lockdown



delivering blood for the Charity, 'Freewheelers EVS', which offers an out of hours and free of charge courier service to the NHS, 'Riding for Life'.

Ben Lyster-Binns (79-84) has been appointed as Her Majesty's Ambassador-Designate to the Republic of Costa Rica and Her Majesty's Non-Resident Ambassador-Designate to the Republic of Nicaragua.

Accomplished photographer, Michael Truelove (79-89), who normally spends the winter season on photoshoots in the Alps (see front cover for one of his amazing photos), has been having a wonderful time rediscovering wild Cornwall during lockdown. Falling back in love with the captivating scenery the area has to offer. www.pikephotography.co.uk



Chief Inspector Henry Parsons (84-89) has been awarded a Thames Valley Police Federation bravery award after he and 3



colleagues saved the life of a schoolchild who they found on the edge of a motorway bridge over the M40.

BAFTA winning comedy Director Chris Cottam (82-92) has been awarded the prestigious Grierson British Documentary Award for *The*



Misadventures of Romesh Ranganathan, in which Comedian and TV Presenter. Romesh travels way beyond his comfort zone and the world of complimentary breakfast buffets to some of the most unlikely places on earth for a holiday.

Video game writer and specialist **Will Porter** (91-98) of The Indie Stone, was grateful for the history he learnt with Mr Farrell on the top floor, when he came to write a video game based on the 1920's and 30's America, titled *Mafia: Definitive Edition*. He is also one of the creators of *Project Zomboid* - a popular zombie survival simulator that has over a million players.



Ten years after he left, **James Kettleborough** (00-11) was finally awarded the Ketts award! The award is a cricket stump displaying how many matches he played in the school 1st XI (98) which is the second highest amount, just behind **Sammy Kumar** (99-10) who achieved 100. 1st team coach **Tom Brett** (on left) makes the award.



One half of the trans-Atlantic Indie electronic duo LAIKIPIA, **Xander Rawlins** (92-02), has released a new single "Big Fish".



Will Notley (92-03) played in the 'Calcutta Cup' of hickory golf last September (England v Scotland) at



Goswick Golf Club, Northumberland. The match went to the last game with Scotland winning 4-3. He's not sure if it counts as an international cap of course, but it's close enough!

Ben Beavan (99-04) managed to beat Coronavirus and got married to Susie in 2019 in Vigo, Spain. **Richard Young** (99-04) was Best Man and delivered a 'cutting speech'! The couple are living in Madrid, Spain, where Ben is Global Director for Strategic Development for Getty Images.



Ed Davidson (95-04) and wife Elodee are proud to announce the birth of twin boys, Ru and Raffy, in October. Granny Sue Keane (staff 98-15) is always ready to give a helping hand.

Bedford School History teacher, **Henry Vann** (99-04) has been keeping us entertained on-line with other members of The Goldentones, including Bedford School staff, Eve McGrath (part-time invigilator), Lottie Greenhow (singing teacher), and tenor Harry Bagnall (Eagle Choir conductor). The Goldentones have been raising funds for charity and in December produced an 'Advent Carolard', releasing a festive tune online every day from the very start of the month until Christmas Day.

Not only is **Dr Imran Mahmud** (00-05) the Co-Founder of Nye, a Telemedicine and patient data services for healthcare and research teams, he is also on the Board of Directors of MedicineAfrica, an EdTech start-up that has been working in partnership with the UK Government and international partners to provide world class, remote medical education. They were the winners of the Tech4Good Africa Award, 2020.

Ed Loader (97-06) and his wife Sarah got an extra special Christmas present when their baby, Lottie (Charlotte) Rae, was born on the 25th December 2020.

Older brother **Henry Olney** (95-06) pipped his brother **Arthur** (97-08) to the post by just 12 days when they both had baby girls. Grace Elizabeth was born on 4 April to Henry and Claire Olney and Allegra Victoria was born on 16 April to Arthur and Fleur Olney. Congratulations to them all.

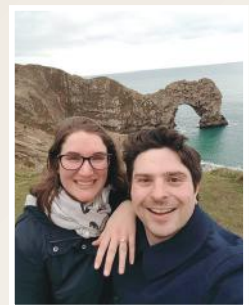


Ir Henry & Arthur

Lt Tim Dunning RN (01-06) and his wife Leila are proud to announce the birth of their second son, Taigh Pierce, on 8 January 2021, brother to Kit.



Simon Bannister (01-07) has become engaged to Audrey Saco. Simon is currently doing a Master's in Education whilst Audrey is a Licensing Sales Manager for Disney. The couple plan to marry in August 2021.



Dr Josh Balogun-Lynch (96-07) and his wife, Harsha, are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Rishi Theo on the 1st April 2021.

Project Manager at 800 Group Ltd **Sam Morel** (99-07) has become engaged to teacher **Sophie Gerlach** (DAHS 99-10). The couple plan to get married in May 2022.



We were reminded of the heart-stopping moment when wingsuit pilot **Ryan Hudson's** (00-09) parachute became tangled in mid-air as he hurtled towards the ground. Ryan was in Portugal when he deployed his parachute. With his chute unravelling behind him, the strings twisted into knots and they span him round and round. After 30 seconds of panic, he managed to unhook the tangled parachute before deploying his reserve and floating safely to the ground. A close shave indeed!



Professional guitar player, session guitarist and solo artist, **Ani Savvides** (04-13) has released a new solo single, *Last Dance*, which is available on all music streaming platforms.



Dr Hari Jackson (01-10) has co-founded SourceWhale, a company that provides technology to assist recruiters in sourcing candidates, replacing all

the sourcing tools they currently use, delivering personalised automated outreach and follow-ups, and providing detailed analytics throughout. His legal consultant was barrister brother **Ravi Jackson** (03-12).

James Stroomer (08-13) became engaged to Lizi Crocker in December. The couple met whilst at Birmingham University and plan to marry in 2023. James is a Merchandising manager with ASDA in Leeds whilst Lizi is a manager at a recruitment business.



Luke Riddell (08-15) is currently studying for a PhD in Chemistry in Utrecht as a member of the Bruijnincx group and was delighted to find that his two best school friends from Bedford, **Ollie Charlton** (04-15) and **Harry Burden** (04-15) are both studying at the University of Amsterdam, which is only about 40 minutes away.



↳ Harry, Ollie and Luke

Oli Hind (06-17) ran 10km a day throughout January for the charity, Mind, despite working 8 hours a day on a building site, as he wanted to raise awareness for mental health, especially as the second lockdown began



to bite. He was occasionally joined by friends **Ollie Thrasher** (08-17), **Ben Kight** (12-17) and **Will Barrett** (07-17), all socially distanced!

Medical Student **George Christian** (08-18) has been voted Sports Officer for the University of Birmingham Guild of Students. The role involves acting as an intermediate between the student body and UBSPORT management.



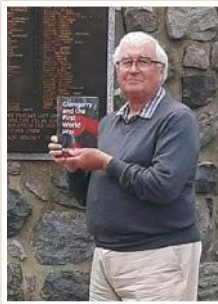
Enoch Mukungu (09-19) has been making a name for himself. Former Head of News and now Treasurer at RAW News, Warwick University's Student Radio, and 2nd year History and Politics student, was interviewed by BBC News during the height of the Pandemic, discussing the government's plan to mass test all University students before they went home for Christmas.

Member of the RSCM's Millennium Youth Choir, **Ben Watson** (15-20), was invited to Cambridge just before Lockdown 2.0 started to record the *Sing for Christmas: The Big Christmas Carol Service* which was broadcast live on 12 December. Contributors to the service included HRH the Prince of Wales, Theresa May, Rowan Williams, and Alexander Armstrong.

OBs in Print

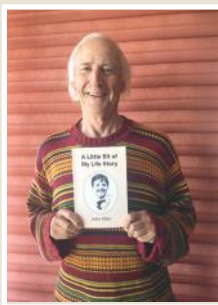
Robin Flockton

(54-59) has authored a book *Glengarry and the First World War*. It is a record of the impact upon, and the attitudes and experiences of the people of this part of rural Ontario, Canada, during four years of the global impact that was the First World War.



Prof. John Allan

(49-59) writes from Pender Island, on the West Coast of Canada, that his publisher has made not only a Second Edition of his book, *Inscapes of the Child's World* but also an eBook. However, perhaps more importantly at this age, he has written a memoir for his children and grandchildren, *A Little Bit of My Life Story*, which includes his life in Nash's, Farrar's and Burnaby during the 1950s.



Writer and actor

Andy McCulloch

(57-64) and his wife Amanda, tell the tragic story of their daughter, Colette, who was hit by a lorry in 2016. Eighteen hours earlier she had walked out of the specialist care facility for autistic adults where she was being treated. *Why Can't You Hear Me?* tells the story of the years in which her autism went undiagnosed, her lifelong battle with eating disorders and the lack of support for her complex needs. It is interspersed with Colette's own vivid and eloquent writing, her poetry and prose articulating her experiences grappling with a world forever at odds with her.



Patrick

Cunningham (59-

68) has published the story of his expedition to the Amazon. *Spirit of the Amazon: The Indigenous Tribes of the Xingu*, with its forward by Sting and photographs by his photojournalist wife, Sue, is a celebration of cultural difference and a call for better stewardship of the world. During their expedition by boat, the authors visited 48 tribal villages in this remote part of the Amazon, accessible only by small plane or by negotiating the rapids of the Xingu.

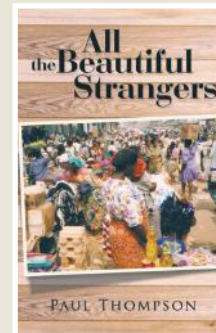


Paul Thompson's

(64-72) book

'All the Beautiful Strangers' tells of the dramas and humour involved in working over a period of fifteen years in more than a dozen countries all over Africa.

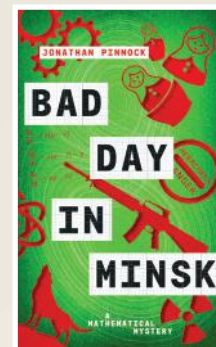
Amazon notes that the book is for *old Africa hands, aspiring Afrophiles and those who want their fears about travelling in that continent, especially by air, reaffirmed!*



Jonathan Pinnock

(63-73) has

published the next book in the Mathematical Mystery series. *Bad Day in Minsk* tells of how Tom came to be trapped in Minsk in the middle of a lethal battle between several mafia factions. *A witty thriller set in a murky world of murder, mystery and complex equations.*



Mark Yeomans (74-76) trains and

sell horses in Saskatchewan. He is just putting the finishing touches to a manuscript for a book entitled (tentatively) *"The Kingdom: How humans*

evolved from rocks, gases and water".

Essentially, everything you wanted to know about evolution but were afraid to ask!

Full time Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist **Sean Watermeyer** (80-82) not only authors medical books, but also writes humorous medical romps, based loosely on his 30 years of medical experience, *Medics, Mini's and Mayhem* as well as several children's books. His latest book, *The Tales of William the Welsh Woodlouse*, was launched in March and tells of how William must gather his courage to go on a daring rescue mission in search of his favourite cousin.



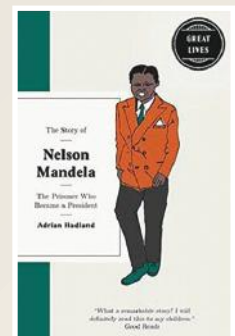
Senior Lecturer in journalism at Stirling University,

Prof Adrian

Hadland (75-82),

has written at least 20 books, many of them about his time as a journalist in South Africa

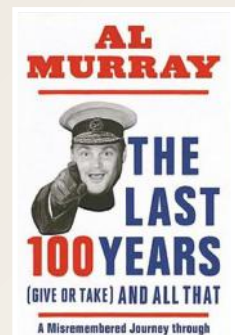
where he covered the transition from apartheid to democracy. His latest is part of the Great Lives series, titled *The Story of Nelson Mandela: The Prisoner Who Became a President*.



Al Murray (77-

86) has authored

a new book. *The Last 100 Years (Give or Take) And All That*, an uproarious tour of Britain in the last hundred years, focusing on those stories that don't make it to the history books.



OB SPORTSMEN

Cyclist, **Ethan Vernon** (07-18), has been highlighted as one to watch. Currently training in the Team GB Men's Track Endurance Squad, we hope to see him take part in the Olympic Games in Tokyo this July. Whilst the track might be his focus for now, Ethan has also demonstrated equally prodigious talent on the road, and whilst he is now on the Olympic programme, he'll still be racing on the road with the GB Senior Academy.



Ethan Vernon

Harry Brown



Harry Brown (15-20) has been enjoying his golf with a 2nd individual place finish at the Buccaneer Spring Classic men's intercollegiate, in some really windy, tough conditions, with a magnificent score of 222. Harry is currently studying at Christian Brothers University in Memphis, Tennessee.



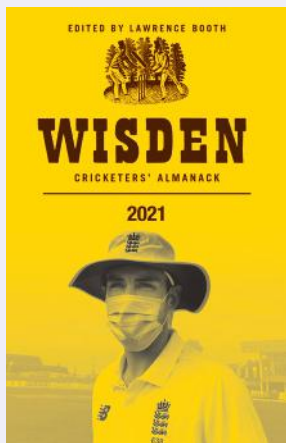
Fraser Dingwall (13-17) and **George Furbank** (13-15) have both been in the thick of it, playing prominent roles in Northampton Saints current Gallagher Premiership campaign.

Former Northampton Saints and England Under 20 player, **Jamie Elliott** (03-10), joined Zebre and PRO14 in 2018, and has settled down well to life in Parma, Italy.



Jamie Elliott





Due to a lack of school's cricket last summer, Wisden Cricketers' Almanack have retrospectively named the Wisden Schools Cricketer of the Year (based solely on weight of individual's stats in the schools' section of each edition) for every year back to 1900. We are delighted that the winner for both 2002 and 2003 is **Sir Alastair Cook** (98-03) – one of just nine players to be named as double-winners. He was also named as the Cricket Writers' Club Bob Willis Trophy Player of the Year. It was good to see Sir Alastair on form as he racked up his 68th first class century to give Essex a solid start to their 2021 season.

Berlin based **Jamie "Mac" MacCormack** (07-12) is a *League of Legends* eSports personality and currently head coach for MAD Lions, who won the Spring 2021 European Final and will now be going to Iceland for the Worldwide Championships hosted by Riot Games. The *League of Legends* World Championships has gained tremendous success and popularity, making it among the world's most prestigious and watched tournaments, as well as the most watched video game in the world.



Jamie MacCormack

We are delighted with the interest shown by OBs who have joined Phoenix BC, our resurrected boat club. We have now received approval from British Rowing and, with the news that this year's Henley Royal Regatta will hopefully take place from the 10th - 15th August, **George Christian** (08-18), Phoenix Club Captain, is hoping to have a strong crew.



Freddie Pelling

Freddie Pelling (10-19) has given up rugby for American Football and has been part of the NFL Academy Squad in London playing Offensive Tackle. He has now been offered two American College Football Scholarships, one from Brown University in Rhode Island and the other from the University of Akron, Ohio, and is now preparing to go out and play College football in America.



Benedict Eggeling

Benedict Eggeling (14-17), winner of the gold medal at the U23 European rowing championships last year, is in training for this year's championships, which will be held in Račice, Czech Republic.

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