

THE OLD BEDAN

1965

The Guild of Old Bedans

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INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

Annual Subscription: 5/- for 1965-66, due on September 1st, 1965. Life Membership: £5 5s. 6d.

Membership: On 31st August, 1965, the membership was 608, including 315 Life Members. Please note that 48 members owe their subscriptions for 1964-65. The Secretary/Treasurer would be most grateful to have these together with the 1965-66 subscription as soon as possible.

The Secretary asks every member:—

1. To notify her of any change of address.
2. To give always, (a) her full Christian name, not just initials and (b) if married, both maiden and married names.
3. To note, for easier identification, maiden names are used. The married name is usually given in brackets.
4. To ask, if she is not sure if her subscription is paid. Any member of Committee will pass on her request.
5. To note, to save postage, receipts for a subscription will be enclosed with the first notice after payment.
6. To note, that the "Old Bedan" will not be sent to those members who are one year in arrears with their subscriptions.

GUILD ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS

Winter Reunion—January 29th, 1965. Despite the snow outside, which lay deep and crisp and even, 70 Old Bedans assembled for the winter reunion. It is no platitude to say that we really are delighted to see Miss Bradbury on such occasions and very pleased that nine members of school staff had bothered to come back to school to join in our reunion. They form an excellent link with the new younger-Old-Bedan faces which appear. We were pleased to enjoy the company of the School Captain, Jean Barnes, and the Vice-Captain, Pat Stirling—we hope they enjoyed ours. Miss Harris, Mrs. Beancey and Mrs. Wilkinson represented ex-members of staff. Our get-warmed up party game this year was "Tricky Trades". On reading out the correct answers, everyone seemed to have everything right (what price education!) until we came to such occupations (guessed from pictures) as First Mate (this was a picture of the Garden of Eden, Eve, the serpent and the apple)—which had almost everyone fooled, so we had one prize—winner only (to the relief of the organisers) — Peggy Todd. Our next game called for deft fingers—"Tearing off a strip". For absentees—try taking one single sheet of the Sunderland Echo and making a long unbroken strip out of it! The measured length proved Joan Berry the winner. Miss Bradbury kindly presented the prizes—which were given, with words for the evening, by Miss Shearer. Musical Maths in groups was a somewhat noisy and not very musical game next; we called out a number and the first group to sing an audible first line of a song with that number in it, claimed a point. The winners featured in a solo spot with an unusual rendering of that well known classic "Two lovely Black Eyes".

A much appreciated supper came next—sandwiches, sausage rolls (made by Kathleen Carr and Nellie Shield), cake and biscuits. After supper, our chairman requested a minute's silence in memory of Sir Winston Churchill. Then she welcomed all newcomers, greeted the "regulars", and sent love to Miss Arkle who was not able to be present. An extremely funny game followed—"Drawing the Elephant". Teams of ten were numbered off and each number had to draw a given part of the elephant e.g. 1, front legs, 2, eye, etc. The trouble was that the numbers were called out in disorder, so that the first runner had to draw the back legs (one of the first team runners was left-handed so everyone else had to draw left-handed!), the second the trunk and so on. Shrieks and cries of despair mingled with the laughter at the finished results. Miss Bradbury hurriedly became President of the G.O.B.R.A. and judged with critical comments, the best elephant. It was positively cuddly! The last game was Group Battle—very noisy, large dice, one point, much excitement. Auld Lang Syne finished a happy evening.

Annual Dinner—30th April, 1965. Our dinner was again held in Bines' restaurant and 170 of us were quickly and happily seated—thanks to Elsie's advance planning. After a very enjoyable meal, members welcomed by the Chairman included travellers from Durham, Weardale, Billingham, West Hartlepool, Wakefield, Cheshire, Nottinghamshire, Sydenham, Glasgow, Newcastle—and Thornton. We were pleased to have with us Miss Bradbury, Miss Shearer, Miss Arkle, Audrey Hayton (Deputy Headmistress), and Alderman Mrs. Hadley (Nellie Blacklock). Miss Moul was unable to travel north because of her sister's illness, but sent her best wishes for a happy evening; Miss Lloyd too was at the last minute prevented from joining us. We regretted their absence, and "said it with flowers" a few days later.

Then Nora proposed the toast to the School, which had celebrated its 75th birthday on the previous day. She said that she was sure that the affection and loyalty which the school had inspired in its pupils, past and present, could not fail to influence its future, whatever form that might take. Miss Bradbury, in her reply, said that she too felt that Bede had "something behind it" which despite change would be to its advantage. She gave us some fascinating glimpses

into the school's earliest days, painstakingly recorded by Miss Todd in her "Journal". (By now Miss Bradbury's knowledge of the history of Bede and the Guild must rival Miss Shearer's!). Although some items seemed a little strange to our ears—for instance that a pupil from Palfiton had left because of "distance from home"—many had a curiously familiar ring. We heard of school outings (some surprisingly far afield) theatre visits, money-raising efforts—and problems. Mention of staff shortages—(absence was a serious matter when the staff numbered THREE)—indiscipline, careless work—(Form IV)—poor spelling (Form IV again!)—drew sympathetic murmurs from many present-day teachers. Perhaps it all goes to show that "plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose!"

We followed with the School Song, after which Nora announced that since the G.O.B.'s had decided to "rest" this year, (we have hopes of a new "series" in 1966) members of the committee had arranged to bridge the gap with something quite different, with the arch G.O.B. herself (if she will pardon the expression) as M.C.

It was, said Mary, not so much an entertainment, more a way of filling in half an hour; in short, Crazy Whist, G.O.B. style. In one hand, hearts were trumps, "hearts beat, Beas have long hair; the player with the longest hair adds 2 to her score." In another, moving from spades via potatoes to eyes, players wearing spectacles added 4 to their score. Next—this was a very difficult one—"G.O.B. spells gob—so for this game—bek up! No trumps—anyone speaking after the first card is dealt cancels her score. Bonus of 3 to anyone who attended a re-union in Meng's". We had reached the fourth hand and were adding an extra point for each diamond we were wearing, when we realised that the clock had beaten us once again. Miss Bradbury presented prizes, farewells were said, and peace reigned in Birns' once more.

Summer Reunion. A change of day from Friday evening to Saturday resulted in smaller numbers for our summer reunion; and six car-loads of Old Bedars set off for Thropton on Saturday afternoon, June 26th. We had arranged to meet at Rothbury at 4 p.m., so several different routes were taken by the drivers—Kathleen Carr (Ritch), Olga Wright, Joan Hayton, Dorothy Metcalf (Hirst) and Betty Peters (Spencer). Jerry Hoy (Smith) collected the Boldon contingent. It was a pleasant sunny ride and shortly after 4.30 p.m. the cars arrived to a welcoming wave from Mary Mac. and we walked back up the lane to their delightful cottage. Once installed in the large sunny garden, we eventually unpacked all the food parcels of sandwiches, cakes and sausage rolls made by Committee members. After a delicious tea, those who felt energetic took only a few minutes to reach the glorious moorland near the house. Everyone appreciated to the full the fresh clean moorland air and glorious views. On our return to the garden, we collected those left chatting and sunbathing, and regrettably took our leave of Mary—and Thropton—at about 7 p.m.

It was a great pity that many people could not join the Saturday outing, for all those who went voted it an overwhelming success and requested a repeat performance in the future.

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING 29th September, 1965

41 Members present. Miss E. J. Bradbury and members welcomed by the Chairman, Mrs. N. Wilson.

Reply by Miss Bradbury.

Minutes of the last Business Meeting.

Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports. Gist of these appears in various places in this "Old Bedar".

Election of Office Bearers and Committee for 1965-66.

Retiring Chairman's Remarks.

Reports on the Hockey Club, the London Branch, the "Old Bedan", Social Service Activities and the Loan and Scholarship Fund.

Allocation from Funds:—One guinea for School Prize and one guinea for "Bedan" Competition.

Future Meetings:—The Winter Re-union in School on Friday, 28th January, 1966; a Dinner Re-union in April and a Summer Re-union.

Loan and Scholarship Fund. The capital of £1,000 raised originally to create the Loan and Scholarship Fund has been added to, as opportunity arose, until at present £1,620 is invested in this Fund, the interest from which is available for making Loans and Scholarships. The M.A. Richardson Fund which is administered for the same purpose by the Committee of the Loan and Scholarship Fund, has a capital of £150.

During the past year six former Old Bedans completed the repayment of loans made to them in 1961 and/or 1962, repaying between them £125. There are now no loans outstanding and once again no one has made application for a loan probably due to the adequacy of the grants awarded.

Accordingly Leaving Grants have again been awarded to girls proceeding to Further Education who had gained good results in the G.C.E. A level examinations. A total of £1,666 was awarded to 24 girls, though the grants varied in value according to the degree of success in the examinations.

Mrs. Elmes (formerly Kathie Mullen) the Old Bedan member of the Committee raised the question of what would become of the Loan and Scholarship Fund when the present Girls' Grammar School became integrated into the Bede Comprehensive School in 1967. Miss Bradbury undertook to ask for guidance on the subject from the Borough Treasurer, and to raise the matter again at the next meeting.

D. M. WILMAN, Hon. Secretary.

Social Service Report. Thanks to your continued support, financially we are quite sound, and finished the year with a balance in hand of £31 18s. 1d. The G.O.B. stall at the Autumn Market in October resulted in £39 6s. 0d. being handed over to the Guild of Help, who greatly appreciate this annual support of their work in the town. Later this month, harvest gifts of coal money were given to 22 elderly people, pocket money was supplied to 2 hostel inmates, a "house-bound" person's T.V. set was repaired, and money sent to an Old Bedan for providing extra sweets for the patients of Wayside Rest Home, West Boldon.

Large parcels of groceries and cash for coal were taken to our old people during Christmas week, and two needy families were given money for "Christmas extras". Thanks to the generosity of present day Bedans, the Christmas parcels were extra large; Miss Bradbury personally delivered two enormous cartons of non-perishable goods for our distribution, these being part of a collection made in Bede School in December. This practical co-operation is most gratifying to us, and our thanks and appreciation are sincerely offered to Miss Bradbury for forging this "link" with School.

At the beginning of April we had our annual "get together" in the Demonstration Theatre of the Northern Gas Board, where we enjoyed a Cookery Demonstration of the usual high standard, and a real Old Bedlam natter over cups of tea and round the "Bring and Buy" stall. The collection, raffling of cooked dishes, and stall, brought us £8 1s. 5d. for our funds. We are most grateful to Mr. Kirkwood and the N.G.B. for their hospitality and interest in our work. Later in the month, parcels and coal money were distributed to our needy ones in time for Easter.

My thanks to the Social Service Committee for their unfailing support and congenial co-operation; and they, I know, would like me to say a big "Thankyou" to all past and present Bedlams and friends, who by their continued support and interest, have enabled us to carry on this work during the past thirty years.

ELLEN WILSON (Mrs. Hooker), 102 Finsley Rd. (Convener).

The Hockey Club. Between September 1964 and April 1965, 22 matches were played, 15 were won, 3 drawn and 4 lost. In the first club tournament the team reached the semi-final and in the second tournament we drew in the first with Sunderland Games Club. Four team players played on the first and second county teams and Audrey Knight was captain of the 2nd County team. Among several new players we had the services of the School goalkeeper, Jean Taylor. Through her we have made contacts with present Bedlams.

We had two annual dinners!—A Christmas Dinner at Redhills Hotel, Durham, and an end-of-season dinner at Jim's Inn, Newcastle. We were sorry to lose Joyce Bathgate (Rarrshaw) who moved to Leeds. She was an excellent secretary and most reliable team member.

We very much appreciate the interest that Miss Bradbury and members of the Guild take in our affairs; and we would like to welcome any new players.

JANEY MCKERRELL, Hon. Secretary,
37 Hill Crest, East Herrington.

The London Branch of the Guild of Old Bedlams. We were all saddened to hear of Miss Birchall's death—Joyce Hebron (Ayles) attended the funeral and took a wreath from the London Old Bedlams—she had previously visited her in hospital and found her very weak after an operation. It was several years since Miss Birchall had felt equal to travelling to London for a reunion bus; she was always eager to have news of us all and wrote a lively letter until her last illness. We shall all remember her with affection.

Phyllis Tennant (Beck) invited us to her home in November 1964 and Miss Moul, Joyce Hebron, Alice Munro, Winnie Talbot, Jessie Ridley and myself had a cosy time indulging in the usual chatter and eating Phyllis's home-made cakes. Her young daughter took Miss Moul into another room to watch "Dr. Who" after expressing some surprise that she had not been following his adventures with the Daleks every week!

Winnie Talbot and Alice Munro met at Phyllis's for the first time since they left school over thirty years ago and found they lived quite near each other. As a result, they acted as joint hostesses in May, and we met at Winnie's beautiful modern flat on a level with the tops of the trees in Chislehurst! In addition to Miss Moul (an indefatigable traveller!) Nancy Lawther (Hubicka), Isabel Lundy (Munro), Jessie Ridley (Pickard), Phyllis Tennant, Doreen Margatroyd (Byrne) and Joyce Hebron we were delighted to welcome two "new" Old Bedlams—Jean Richardson (Rudkin) and Dorothy Kenley (Campbell). We hope they will come again.

Many thanks to our hostesses for their hospitality—we all enjoy visiting each other's homes, even although it often involves a very long journey.

DOREEN WARD (Macrae),
39 Birch Grove, London, W.3.

SCHOOL NOTES

Staff Changes: School took its leave of Miss Carlin, Mrs. Irving, Miss A. Thompson, Mrs. J. Smith, Mrs. G. Smith, Mrs. Dawson, and welcomed Miss Bage, Mr. Baillic, Mrs. Beveridge, Mrs. Rankin, Miss S. Thomas.

Chairman of the P.T.A. — Mrs. Bryce,

Vice-Chairman — Mr. E. Ross.

Guild of Old Bedans Representative — Mrs. Widdington,

School Captain — Rosalind Osberg.

Vice-Captain — Margaret Hawthornton (daughter of Peggy Crow),

**G.O.B. Prizes — Bedan Essay: Christine Phillips (Edith Galley's daughter),
Gloris Moses, Gillian Moor.**

— For high attainment at 'O' level: Jennifer Cook.

Lily A. Hutchinson Memorial Prize: — English: Mary Francis.

French: Lesley Birks.

FROM NOVEMBER 1964 to NOVEMBER, 1965

These have become Life Members:—Grace Clarke (Chadwick), Pauline Fawcett, Joan Hayton, Sylvia Hood (Briggs), Pauline Hampton (Duffell), Elizabeth Kerr, Daisy Lakin (Croisdale), Ruth McBain (Harrison), Vera McBain (Whitehouse), Anne McClanure (Robson), Irene MacLachlan (Jameson), Lucinda Mills (Davison), Nancy Oldfield (Barra), Violet Smith (Hoptonhall), Ivy Wharton (Hall), Ann Wiggins, Valerie Wood.

These have become Members:—Susan Ainslie, Shelagh Buchanan, Avril Burgess, Audrey Carr (Askeff), Anne Corley, Maureen Ferry, Jean Garrick, Dorothy Huggal (Dodd), Miss L. Milburne (Staff), Christine Phillips, Dorothy Pullan (Hutter), Joan Reed (Murdy), Maissie Rich (Spencer), Jean Richardson (Radford), Audrey Robson (Dennis), Carol Smith, Dorothy Snowball, Elizabeth Stevenson, Joan Teasdale (Hall), Anne Thompson.

Married are:—Margaret Beesford, Pauline Fawcett, Frederica Graham, Dorothy Gray, Marjorie Hardman, Paula Hodgson, Judith Plemper, Joyce Prince (Aylett), Elizabeth Sanderson.

Babies too:—Joyce Brown (Pharpton), Eva Carney (Innes), Dorothy Bell (Davidson), Jean Hebron (Toon), Jean Maidment (), Maureen Makel (Wright), Wendy Puer-Burnham (Amies), Edith Richardson (Trembath), Jean Rosenstain (Turpin), Audrey Sidney (Spensley), Muriel Sykes (Proudfoot), Sheila Thompson (Liddle).

In Memoriam:—Diana E. Birchall, Edith Cairns (Mrs. Dodgson), Mrs. Caldwell-Brown (Miss J. Caldwell), Lorna Gillow (Mrs. Minchont), Ethel Margaret Hudson, Hilda Lisle (Mrs. Eggleston), Flora McDonald, Madge Porritt, Nora Williams.

MISS D. E. BIRCHALL

One of the early members on the School Honours Board, Miss Birchall's death would be learned with regret, in particular by Old Bedans spanning the years between 1892 and 1939. Her connection with Bede began as a pupil at the age of ten, in the days of Miss Todd, passing through the years when one room in the old school was divided by a curtain and classes were held on both sides, to her last years at School when private study meant sitting on an umbrella stand in one of the classrooms. In those far away "nineties" D.E.B. said, "I must hope for the best, hope that one day in the future I may be raised to the honour of being a Bede teacher and may one more dwell peacefully within the shelter of the same old home". This early ambition was to be realized when she joined Bede staff in 1904, although from 1929 Bede was no longer in the "old home" but in the present building.

Her enthusiasm for her subject, the way in which she gave her time and energy to her pupils "in their studies, coupled with a kindly patient manner and a lively sense of humour endeared her to pupils and staff alike. Effective indeed were her gentle rebukes to the "sinner", bringing a sense of shame because of their very gentleness, and sixth formers especially appreciated the playful teasing that could pass back and forth from teacher to pupil in her classes. She became senior mistress at Bede in 1938, but retired a year later, secure in the affection of pupils and staff, secure in the knowledge that what she gave to the school could not be taken away.

Instrumental in forming the Old Bedan Association, forerunner of the present Guild, she was one of its first vice-presidents, and although she settled in Kent in her retirement, she maintained an active interest in the Guild of Old Bedans and was able to attend meetings of the London Branch.

It was fitting that the Guild was represented at her funeral, for she was a distinguished pupil of Bede School, a loyal Bedan and a loved member of Staff.

NEWS OF FORMER MEMBERS OF STAFF

Another strong link between Old Bedans and School was broken when Miss Birchall died early this year. She was a distinguished Old Bedan and a loved mistress and colleague.

We record too with regret the death of Mrs. Caldwell-Brown (Miss J. Caldwell) to whom some of us in the Old School owe our deep interest in History, and who was a tireless worker for the W.E.A.

Miss Mead, unable to attend the Annual Dinner, was delighted to receive flowers from the Guild afterwards, and was "thrilled to have the bouquet—a kindly gesture that we value very much. I thought of you all with such longing and regret".

Another retired member of Bede School Staff who has joined the ranks of those whose homes are still in Sunderland is Elen Carlin, herself an Old Bedan. When we met her a month ago she was "very busy enjoying her retirement". She and Miss Taylor (present Staff) spent October in Sheffield with Miss E. V. V. Clark, who is now Senior Lecturer in English at Sheffield College of Education. They stayed in Marshall Hall, explored the district during the day and spent the evenings talking to Miss Clark. Recently, Mrs. Carrick, who has been doing some part time lecturing at Durham University, and Miss Carlin met Mrs. Johnson (Miss Wheeler) with her five week old daughter. Mrs. Johnson, who is living in Newcastle, was her usual cheerful self, while daughter slept peacefully. News of Miss Lamb came via Mary Radcliff in Liverpool, who had occasion to send some G.C.E. History papers in November, 1964, to a Miss S. V. Lumb, who was pleased to be remembered in a note from Mary asking "Was she the Miss Lamb from Bede?"

Miss Briggs retired in summer from her post at Sunderland Training College, but hopes to be in town from time to time. Miss Orme, writing from Bury in January, was recovering slowly from two month's illness that followed a half term too busy both at home and at school. She was rather dreading a return to work in the next week. We hope things are easier for her now. Miss Stirk has had a long spell of hospital and of illness, and a very difficult year. We are pleased that she felt equal to attending the Guild Dinner. Miss Lloyd had meant to be at the Dinner too, but was prevented by having to cope suddenly with a flooded house. Miss Arkle and Miss Shearer had three pleasant surprises—first came a note out of the blue from Miss Logie at Dunfermline on the birthday they share. Next Mrs. Nicholson (Miss D. Thompson) from London spent an

hour or two from a very short visit to the district to call and see them. She is still enjoying all her various musical interests. Then Mrs. Anderson (Miss Bruce) and her husband came North from Worcestershire, picked up "The two old ladies from 40 Ashwood" and all four spent a pleasant week in Wooler. Many were the reminiscences exchanged between Miss Anderson and Miss Arkle of the days when both had tried to bring up the little ones of Bede School in the way they should go. Miss Anne Thompson is lecturing in Drama at Fortham Training College, Newcastle.

BEDANS AT WORK

At this troubled stage in the history of the School, it may be of interest to readers out of town, or indeed to all readers, to know of the achievements at Bede.

The school continues to have a remarkably high proportion of girls staying on in the sixth form. This year sixty-one girls, just over 50% of the year's original intake, gained 'A' level certificates, and the results were pleasing not only in the number of passes obtained but in the high quality of attainment. For example, two girls were successful in four subjects, and five girls attained the highest possible grades in two of their subjects.

At 'O' level, 118 girls sat the examination and gained certificates, a pleasing proportion in as many as nine subjects. The School made history in receiving, via the Director of Education, the congratulations of the Education Committee on the excellence of its results.

Of the 61 girls leaving at the end of a seven year course, 28 have gone on to Universities throughout the country, one to a Technical College, three to Colleges of Further Education, one to a College of Physical Education and one to a Domestic Science College. Individual girls have entered upon training courses for physiotherapy, occupational therapy and nursing. Two have entered the Civil Service, one, industry, and one has become an Officer Cadet in the R.A.F.

This year the School, after an interval of eighteen years, faced a general inspection. The much debated ordeal proved, in effect, to be a stimulating and in some ways pleasant, if exhausting experience which the school weathered with its usual buoyancy.

The universities housing the "youngest" Old Bedans are Cardiff, Hull, Doncaster, Suffolk, London, Manchester, Southampton, Sheffield, Leeds, Edinburgh, Leicester, York, Durham, Liverpool, Newcastle, Birmingham, Warwick and East Anglia. Susan Melton (Ann McKerry's daughter) is at Liverpool University, Dorothy Nelson (daughter of the late Winnie Simpson) is at Newcastle, Arthur Minchom (whose mother, Lorna Gilrow, died last summer), is at Manchester, Christine Phillips (Edith Galley's daughter) is at Derby Training College, and Linda Margatroyd (daughter of Florence Goldenith) is at Sheffield Training College. Maureen Foxman (Bertha Berger's daughter) is in her second year at Ball's Park Training College, Herts. Doris Horsby is at St. Mary's College, Durham, where Susan Goldie and Sheila Graham are second year students. Elaine Pearلمان is training at the Constantine College of Technology, Middlesbrough. Elke Barnham, now in third year, is Captain of the Netball Team at Bedford College of Physical Education. Avril Burgess at Hull T.C., met Sandra Woodcock, now in her last year there, and President of a Hall of Residence. Three other Bedans "next door at the University" are Heather Clementson, Kathleen Hudson and Lesley Birks.

Sheila Thomas (Winnie Scott's daughter) renewed her acquaintance with Bede Staff on the other side of the staffroom door when she took up the junior physical education post in September. Ann Chisholm is teaching P.E. at South Shields Grammar School, Dorothy Gray (Simpson) is teaching in London, while Margaret Leck, Christine Cox, Valerie Wood, Joan Watson, Irene Conroy and Kathleen Patrick are all teaching in Sunderland.

Jean Garrick graduated from Nottingham University in 1965 with a B. Pharmacy degree and hoped to work for a year at Newcastle General Hospital as a post graduate apprentice. Janet Langley is a qualified chartered physio-therapist at Sunderland General Hospital. Margaret Berrisford (New), writing in September, was hoping to start teaching in Reading at the Southlands Secondary School, and Helen Chambers is teaching at Reigate. Anne McClellan (Robson) is working as a computer programmer at Boreham Wood and recently was one of the girls who demonstrated Elliott Computers to Members of Parliament. Vera McBain (Whitehouse) has been training as a mature student at Northern Counties Training College since September 1964. Moira Shield was appointed, in April, Director of the Planning and Research Department of a new borough in North London—Brent. She is responsible for planning in an area of 300,000 people where London town spills over into the suburbs. Part of her new job is to carry out research into the present and future needs of the area. She was formerly Senior Planning Assistant with Hernal Homestead New Town Development Corporation.

Audrey Carr (Arloff) teaches in a Primary School in Stevenage, specialising in remedial work in the mornings and teaching French and Music in the after-noon. Audrey's sister, Phyllis, is retiring from the deputy headship of a school in N.W. London at Christmas, and is hoping to live with Audrey and do some part-time teaching in Stevenage.

Mary Thurlbeck (Poet) is head of the English Department in a Girls' School at Kingsbury, which is to become Comprehensive in 1966. Nellie Moo is to be Senior Education Lecturer at the Margaret McMillan Memorial College of Education, Bradford, after Christmas.

Retirements: Elizabeth Mae retired from teaching in Sunderland this year, May Gibson from her clerical post and Elsie Watson from her post with Hill's (booksellers). Last Christmas Emily Anderson retired from the Sunderland College of Art where she has taught for forty years. She believed in teaching her students the traditional patterns and styles which go back for centuries—"for they cannot be improved upon, and whatever the fashion of the moment the students should form a basis of self-expression which will survive through countless variations of style". She mourns the fall in popularity of what were once traditional women's crafts, dress designing and making, embroidery and weaving and puppet making, and intends to continue to weave and embroider in her retirement in Walsley, near Deal. Flora Cook has retired from her post as County Librarian for Lancashire. She was staying for a short time at her sister Marjorie's London home, then at the end of November was flying to Nairobi where she is taking a temporary post, probably for about two years.

Some of our retired members do some part-time work, quite a number do much voluntary work, and help with various social services in London, Rugby, Yorkshire, Sunderland and elsewhere.

In Public Life: Christine Morgan has had the honour of being appointed Chairman of the all-England Electrical Conference. Lilian Rowe is President of the Members of the Royal College of Nursing, Rugby. Locally, Nellie Blacklock (Hadley) was appointed vice-president (for life) of the Sunderland Old People's Welfare Committee in appreciation of her many years of service. Jean Coleman has been appointed as the first paid secretary of this Committee. Her duties are primarily concerned with co-ordinating the administrative side of the Committee's various activities from their offices in the Welfare Department in John Street, where she is on hand to deal with all enquiries. Jean is also honorary secretary of Sunderland Animal Welfare Guild, and a member of the R.S.P.C.A. and N.S.P.C.C. Mabel Brown recently retired as secretary of the Guild of Help, of which Elsie Davidson is still chairman. Vera Sheraton, marron of Sunderland Children's Hospital, was an official delegate at the Congress

of the International Council of Nurses at Frankfurt, Germany, and talked of her visit and the hospitality received there to the Scroptimist Club of Sunderland in July. On the Committee of Sunderland Headteachers' Association are Miss Bradbury, Elmer Brown, Aileen Henderson, Ivy Lockey, Annie Sanderson, and Lena Thompson. Sheila Anderson (Bath) is Children's Welfare Officer with the Sunderland W.V.S. In November, Nancy Harrison gave a cake-decorating demonstration in aid of the funds for the St. John's Ambulance Brigade new headquarters in Sunderland.

News from Thornton: Mary Mackintosh (Addison) finds country life far from quiet, but very pleasant. "Farncliffe" has numbered among its visitors this year Kathleen Carr, Elsie Smith (Spence), Ivy Lockey, Deborah Crombie, Doris Saphron (Crighton), Lena Thompson, Elsie Wilson (Hooker), Ella Lister (White), Jessie Kell (Bailes), Mabel Brown, Phyllis Carr (Ferry) and Bessie Taylor, in addition to the Old Bedans' Summer Outing in June. Mary has also had a wave from Millie Ross, Marion and Elsie Proom, Vera Broadley, Dorcen and Noah Yeall. In a full country life Mary has presented prizes to the women's section at the Annual Dinner of the Rothbury Bowling Club, was made an honorary member of the Rothbury Ladies' Circle, "stood in" for the conductor of the Rothbury Over-40 Club in a performance (in full costume) of MacNanara's Band (1), and led a sing-song, complete with Northumbrian pipe at Carrick Farm near Otterburn. The village postmaster and postman perform on piano accordions at local functions, and Mary has been called on to 'sang' for them ("on piano only!")

And Other Meetings: Jennie Vincent (Ord) received her notice of the Guild A.G.M. at her home in Beaupaire, Carrida, just before setting off for a visit to England, and was able to attend this September meeting, where she got a warm welcome, and seemed to be finding a number of friends of her schooldays there. One day Miss Lloyd found herself called for and driven to a friend's home by a young man who turned out to be the husband of Joyce Hepple (Bainbridge), and was pleased to meet Joyce again on her short visit north. She lives in Staffordshire. On a bus, Gladys Littlehales (Bearsley) met Madeline Binks (Somersville) home from Jugoslavia because of sad family happenings. Miss Wilman too, came upon Madeline, and she saw Marie Anderson in Birns' one day. Marie was on holiday from London; she keeps in touch with Jean Rosenstein (Turpin). Miss Wilman had also had a surprise visit from Jenny Carter (Nelson) whose home has been and is to be again in California. Miriam Garrick (Wilson), in Sunderland from London for the first time in 35 years, setting out to call on Miss Arkle and Miss Shearer, was accidentally given the wrong address and found herself at Miss Lloyd's. She was made welcome there, and after a long chat arrived at 40 Ashwood Terrace to have another. The sister of an Old Bedan got in to conversation with a stranger in a bus queue at Newcastle—Sunderland was mentioned and the stranger said she had been to school there but had lived in Newcastle for years. She turned out to be Vera Hewison Sh: sent greetings to Miss Arkle and Miss Shearer and through them, to any who remember her. To visit these two have come again this year three who were prefects together in the old school: Enid Crowe from London spent some days with Florence Jackson, and a night or two at 40 Ashwood, and she and E.R.S. had a week's holiday in Yorkshire. Enid contacted several old school friends—Molly Topel, Elizabeth Moe, Elaine Clayburn (Oliver), Eleanor Garraway (Brookies) and Gladys Thornley (Miller). Later, Lillian Bove called while visiting Sunderland on her way home from Edinburgh to Rugby, and in November Amy Hussey (Dwyer) from Marlow Weighon stayed for a couple of nights. Returning at top speed from an attempt to verify some news for the Old Bedas, Miss Shearer literally ran in to a group round a car who all spoke at once, and turned out to be Marjorie Sparling, her sister Joan (Howe), over from the Isle of Man, Elsie Earnshaw (Thackeray) and

Lena Thompson, Betty Fairgrieve (Scott) met Peggy Anderson (Roberts) whom she discovered to be living in Cardiff too. They had great fun recalling the old days of school and college. Betty has done some teaching from time to time and continues her interest in games, plays tennis and badminton and helps to coach and referee hockey with Cardiff University. Gera Wright (Hunter) had a very pleasant evening recently with Mervyn Stockdale (Bentley) who had come north from London. She often sees Dorothy Archer (Bentley) and Janet White (Harnes) who also live there. (What a pity these dwellers in and around London do not contact the London Branch of The Guild of Old Bedans!). Betsy Powley (Sookby) stayed in January of this year with Mary and Kathleen Walton (Mrs. Kemp and Mrs. Wood). Betsy had not seen Mary for many years and found that "time had made little change". They had a real old sing-song "that was really something" in the kitchen, and had wondered—why is "Hope like a harebell?" and why "Fall on me like a silent dew"? Perhaps these queries could be answered by other Bedan songsters of their time!

The Old Bedan will have gone to press before another meeting, planned to take place on the one night Mary Robertson is spending in Sunderland when she comes as speaker at West Park Speech Day. The five prefects of the last year in the Old School were Mary, Eileen Brown, now headmistress of West Park, Betsy Powley, hostess-to-be, Doris Taylor and Isabel Mushens. They had a sketchy but happy life in the old Physics lab, sharing Miss Shearer as Form-mistress with the Lower Sixth. These six hope to meet after thirty-six years. Miss Arkie who has been invited to join the party should find some interest and amusement in it!

On holiday last summer, Joan Berry met Lily English (Hutton) at Greatstone-on-Sea. Lily's home is in Easingwold (Yorks.). Mary Booth (Scott) had a long talk with Audrey Carr (Arloff) in a get-together in London last summer. Maureen Liddle re-visited Sunderland in May and spent a reminiscing sort of day with Winnie Scott. Jean Henderson (Telfer), on a short visit to Sunderland in October, saw Irene Wilkinson but had to return to Birmingham just too early to go to a Carols party and see more old friends. Jean Richardson (Rudkin) has visited Erad Potts (Wilson) in Sunderland. Edith Gibson met Edith Alexander (formerly Principal of Darnford P.E. College, and now living at Middleton-in-Teesdale), at a Painting Course recently held at Lambton Castle. Regular meetings take place between Midge Colwell who lives in Middleboro' and Dorothy Stephenson from Newcastle; and Minnie McMillan sees Thelma Henderson (Williams) each year at Duffon, Westmorland.

Doris McCree (Piggott) discovered that the secretary of the local W.I. in Cheshire was Kathleen Morley (Densings), who was interested to see some familiar names in the Old Bedan. Another W.I. member gave news of Vera Brown (Gardie) who now lives in Melbourne, Australia. Vera asked in a letter for news of Gwen Donald (Dawson).

While at Sheffield in October week, Miss Carrick and Miss Carlin met a happy smiling Carol Stewart (a former School Vice-Captain) now in her third year. From her bedroom window, Miss Carlin watched Ann Robson arrive for an early lecture, but no amount of telepathic concentration would persuade Ann to look up.

Lastly, an inspired idea of Miss Bradbury's brought about an unusual and happy reunion on April 28th, and linked the past and present Bedans in a delightful modern version of the School's Birthday of the early years.

Seventy-Five Years Old: Bede School was seventy-five years old on April 28th. The usual Founders' Day Service was held at Bishopwearmouth Church in the morning. In the afternoon all the girls and the Staff met in the School Hall to enjoy an informal birthday party, at which old Mistresses were represented by Misses Lloyd, Arkie, Shearer, Carrick and Hall and the Guild of Old Bedans by its Vice-Chairman and Secretary.

On a table on the platform, flanked by a bowl of flowers of the colours of the old Bede School badge, was a huge cake. It had been made and iced by Mrs. Bell, teacher of Domestic Science, and it bore on each side the same badge in colours, the work of the Art Mistress Miss Croze, while a phoenix rose out of yellow flames on the top—and a candle which Miss Lloyd as the oldest Bedan present was asked to light and which, at a later stage, the youngest Bedan pupil was invited to blow out.

Interestingly and with a light touch, Miss Bradbury told the Bedans about the beginnings of their School—the advertisement of its opening day, the original fees, the early discipline; she mentioned surnames from the first days which appear in the present school registers and Christian names, many of which seemed strange to the listening Bedans of 1965.

Then five members of the staff, including three Old Bedans, took up the tale. First, Ellen Carlin told of her life as a Bedan. Her first day at School in September 1917 and her first Speech Day held in the Subscription Library had been for one of the guests her first day at Bede School and the first of her many Bede Speech Days. Audrey Hayton followed with an account of her school years, which included the removal to the New School, and, Miss Wilman gave an outline of the evacuation months in Richmond. She was followed by Norma Walsh, who was a school Captain a few years ago and is now back teaching French. She told of her much more recent school life as a Bedan, and then Mr. Hartley spoke on *Our Man* in the Common Room. The audience enjoyed it all.

Next came a dramatic entertainment given by the Seventh Forms—a skit on Bede School Through the Ages, beginning with Bedans from Roman times armed with hockey sticks and shields.

When the actors had brought their school's history up to present times, Miss Bradbury said a few words on birthday parties in general and birthday gifts, with a mysterious reference to a "little souvenir of this occasion", and on leaving the hall, every pupil, every teacher, every guest found herself the proud possessor of a ball pen in the two school blues, inscribed Bede Girls' Grammar School, 75th birthday, April 26th, 1965. Then Miss Bradbury, Seventh Forms, Staff and Guests had tea together in the Art Room, the cake was cut and handed round—and Miss Arkle got a threepenny bit in her girle cake!

NEWS OF OLDER OLD BEDANS

We have heard from Doris McCree (Piggott) whose home is at Upton-by-Chester, Cheshire, that her mother (formerly Sissie Dunn) was very interested to read news of Nellie Jarman (Watson) in last year's magazine. Recently they had a visit from Evelyn Aird (Park) who expects to be moving shortly to Sarbiton (Sarny) from Bebbington.

At a London meeting of the Executive Committee of the Association of Headmistresses, Miss Bradbury, speaking to one of the V.I.P.'s, discovered that Miss Vidal's mother, now aged over eighty was an old Bedan—Elizabeth (or Lily) Armstrong. "She must have been something of a pioneer in her day" says Miss Bradbury, "as she started to train at the Northern Counties College as a Domestic Science Teacher when she became a widow at the age of 28". She still retains a link with the north-east through one of her sons who is Planning Officer for Sunderland.

Missie Philip (Dinsdale) writes in a letter: "I went to the Higher Grade School when I was ten years old. Later it became the Bede and there I stayed until I decided to become a pupil teacher in 1901. I was very proud to be a

Bedan, and loved the workings of the school, teachers and scholars. Miss Janet Todd was "head" while I was in Standards 6 and 7. I cannot speak too highly of Miss Todd; I remember her best for her Assemblies. There we had prayers and after prayers Miss Janet read some poetry to us and suggested that we learnt it for the following week. It was at one time suggested that we had a social evening and Miss Todd asked us to get some grocery for decoration. I decided to go and ask Mr. T. Backhouse if he would let us have some. He was very nice indeed, and sent one of his own gardeners with a cart laden with foliage for decorations. Miss Todd invited him to the social and he came and I may say he enjoyed it very much. The teachers I remember best were the Misses Walker, Smith, Robson, Dudgeon and Ewart. Miss Dudgeon taught us French, and Miss Ewart, Algebra. The fellow-pupils I recall are Blanche Pinkney, Poppy Fowler and Nell Snowden who were all in my class. P.T. as it is today was unknown—all we did was Club Drill and I used to like swinging the Clubs. We used to have our Speech Days at the Victoria Hall, and on special occasions, tea parties and concerts there too."

We are pleased that the Old Bedan magazine is of such interest to another "Older" Old Bedan, Lydia Newby (Chappell) that her daughter Eva (Warriner) rang up to make sure she had not missed this year's copy!

Interesting:

Minnie McMillan, the second, M.A. Hon. Oxon, B.Sc., whose honours we must share with Sunderland High School, was sent along with some male students by Oxford University to the University of York to continue their research work. They have wonderful laboratories there and during the recent royal visit, Minnie expected to be present when the Duke of Edinburgh came to inspect them, but was prevented from getting there because the Queen came informally into her bed-sinner and chatted about her studies and the view from her window.

Miss Carlin, during the first part of her retirement cleared out the bedroom and discovered her Teddy Bear (Christmas 1909) and her monkey (1908) and some beautifully hand-sewn doll's clothes, all of which have been given to the Bowes Museum for the "Children's Room". She has given also, to Sunderland College of Education an arithmetic text-book used by her grandfather in 1856-58 when the latter was a pupil in the village school at Ripley, near Harrogate. While still looking for "homes for the family rubbish", Miss Carlin chatted to a young man while shopping and discovered that he wanted gilded picture frames: she offered him some, and when they were collected, the young man turned out to be the brother of Kathleen Shipley, now in Form 7s.

In a recent Sunderland Echo feature on interesting houses on Wearside, were the homes of Gillian Rhymer (Campbell) and Joan Jobling (Kirtton).

THE ARTS

Pat Jackson (Deakin) paid a weekend visit to Sunderland when she sang in the Sadlers Wells production of *Orpheus in the Underworld* at the Sunderland Empire. Rosa Carter took over an Assistant Lectureship on Speech and Drama at Monkwearmouth College of Further Education in September. She helped with the Empire production of "Peter Pan" in November, assisting with the Children's Section. Previously she produced "Toad of Toad Hall" with the junior section of the Empire Theatre Group and is very keen in establishing in the North East the first branch of the National Youth Theatre.

Marjell Lee (Powell) now living in Strathairn, has had small parts in Television Commercials, has appeared in "Z Cars" and had a crowd part in the Sunday T.V. Serial of "A Tale of Two Cities".

Sport:

Hockey: 1965 Durham County 2nd XI Linda Prior.

Jean Broyis (Pillans) is chairman of the Junior County Selectors and as Secretary of the Junior County organises the two schools' tournaments each season, the county trials, and matches against the neighbouring counties.

Golf: At Morpeth, Mary Mackintosh won the Captain's Prize and qualified to represent Morpeth in Foursomes at Foston Hall. She met Lucy Horan (McConnell) at the Ponteland foursomes.

At Beldon, Olga Wright won the Captain's Putter, Jennie Hey the Mary McClement Silver and Winnie Scott the Jackson Rose Bowl. Ethel Lathe (Locksby) with partner won the One-holer Trophy and Ethel and Kathleen Carr played together in the Hedham Invitation Foursomes and won a prize. At Beldon Open Day, Kathleen was once again a winning visitor.

At Weasdale, three of the four semi-finalists in the Hunter Cup were Old Bedans—Kathleen Carr, Hilda Edwards (Shaw) and Ethel Proctor (Powley), Kathleen beating Hilda in the final. The Captain's Prize was won by Ethel Proctor. Peggy Todd is on two County Committees—the Veterans and the Society of Lady Captains.

Swimming: Jean Bagley coached the girls from Monkwearmouth Comprehensive School who won the Arthur Mothersdale Memorial Trophy for the Northumberland and Durham Schools with the most Royal Life Saving Society Awards, and the William Henry Memorial Cup in which both schools and swimming clubs compete.

Gymnastics: In July, June Allison (Groom) accompanied a party of school-girls from Weasdale chosen to represent Great Britain in a Festival of Gymnastics in Vienna. Their programme included mass sequences, skipping, balance work on bars and an agility item.

Tennis: Carol Rosenstein won the inaugural Durham women's 18-25 Singles' Championship in May. Carol has also played for the Durham County team.

HOMES OF OLD BEDANS

After 13 years spent in India, Joyce Prince's home since her marriage in July is in Haseocks, Sussex. An Indian Headmistress has been appointed at the (Jey) school where Joyce worked for so long. Margaret Botesford (Neat) now lives in Henley-on-Thames, and Mary Thurbeck (Post) has moved from Wembley to Northwood, Middlesex. Pauline Humphrey (Duffell) left Staffordshire in June for Lancaster and thinks she is going to like it there. Rita Armitage (Barwick) is living in Huddersfield. Stella Lawson, on retiring from teaching in 1965, had a new house built—23 Boroughbridge Road, Northalerton, and "would be pleased to have a visit from anyone who knew her, as the house is very easy to find on the main road from Northalerton to Boroughbridge, about 200 yds. from the station on the right-hand side". Maisie Rich (Spencer) who enjoys her life in Dorking, Surrey, is a member of the local branch of the Housebound Wives. Hazel Oliver (Richards) has been working as a librarian and lives in Hereford. Marion Cunningham (Rose) lives in Brighton, and Avril Douglas (Briggs) in Upper Clapham. Jean Crompton (Roberts) formerly at Welwyn Garden City now lives near Kidderminster. Freda Humphrey (Hackney) has moved from Leicester to Woodford Green, Essex, and Mary Robson northwards from Barton-on-Sea to Canwick, Lincoln. Doris Wilson (Wright) is now at Romford, Essex, and Elsa Garbutt (Poulter) in Malton. Ann Blackwell (McBain) has left Chester-le-Street for Stafford and Emily Durrant (Lawson) Glasgow for East Kilbride. Elsie Garrick (Smith) after many years in the south has come north to Wison Gilbert. Grace Caldwell (Allison) is back in Sunderland, as also is Ivy Whariton (Ball) from Harrogate.

BEDANS ABROAD

Two of our most loyal correspondents wrote cheerfully last Christmas although both had had a year full of more 'downs' than 'ups'—Lucy Poagate (Nichol) from South Africa and Elsie White from Vancouver. We hope both will be able to give us only good news in this year's letter.

Teaching in a Grammar School in Port Elgin, Ontario, Mary Albion (Allen) came across these words in a text-book, "To the South (of Tyne-side) there is the River Wear whose estuary is not so important for shipbuilding"..... As an ex-skipper of the Torrens Sea Rangers in Sunderland and former honorary member of the Blue Peter League, these words greatly annoyed Mary, as Sunderland's output of 18 ships in 1964 was second only to the Clyde among British shipbuilding centres. Hazel McCree is on voluntary overseas service for a year and is working in a Girls' Training College in Kaduna, N. Nigeria. Although it was very hot and humid when she arrived in September, she was hoping to start hockey immediately. Mavis Berriman (Jockman) has emigrated to Canada with her husband and three children. Her new address is—16 Birch Leaf Crescent, Weston, Ontario. Mavis Cottam (Simister), lives in Concord, near San Francisco. Her daughter visited Bode School when on holiday this year. Ruth McBain (Harrison) has left Harnsley Mill and is living in Virum, Denmark, and hoping to contact another Old Bedan, Dorothy Morrison (Peterson) in Copenhagen.

On holiday in the U.S.A. in the summer, Margaret Taylor (Finkle) was invited to meet some friends with an English daughter-in-law, who turned out to be Rene Halliday's daughter. Janet McKerrell spent five weeks in America last summer.

A card has just reached us from Bangkok from Gladys Sim (Hopper). She and her sister Doris (Thompson) are having a wonderful B.O.A.C. flight round the world, sightseeing everywhere to get the most of it wherever they stop for a time.

FROM YOUR LETTERS

From Mrs. Vicity (sister of Miss Birchall): "Thank you for your sympathy and kind letter. Please pass on my thanks to all members of the Guild of Old Bedans for their kind messages and beautiful flowers".

Pat Hoey flew to Australia in January, 1964, and wrote in April of this year: "I was given a teaching post in Wollongong, fifty miles south of Sydney on the N.S.W. coast. Wollongong is growing at a terrific rate as it is one of the immigrant centres—it has a gorgeous climate—the heat of the rest of the State without humidity. The wages here are double the amount of wages at home but many things, like shoes, and meat, are more expensive. However, after eight months, I was able to buy a car and have used it to tour part of Queensland and at Christmas—our long summer holidays—we went to Melbourne and saw the Snowy Mountain Scheme on the way back. This year I hope to go opal mining and Kangaroo shooting, and see more of this huge country. I am coming home in March 1966, but only to have a good look round as I think I should like to settle out here. I'm scared of coming back to cold weather. Please give my regards to my staff or girls who may remember me".

EDITORIAL POSTSCRIPT

In a joint letter following the Winter Re-union, the School Captain and Vice-Captain wrote, "We wish to thank the Guild of Old Bedans for the most enjoyable and entertaining evening which we spent last Tuesday. We hope that such a happy association with the Guild will continue in future years". We hope so too—but what of the future years? The days of Bode as a Grammar School seem to be numbered, but we sincerely hope that the affections for and loyalty to school which have been so strong in the Guild of Old Bedans will weather any storms that are to be faced in the years to come. As to the immediate future, we are always glad to hear from you wherever you are, at home or in the many parts of the world reached by this magazine.

Our thanks to our Auditor, Mr. Milner Taylor, to Margaret Hunter-Kathleen Ditchburn, Winnie Graham and Betty Stafford, who promptly returned neatly typed copy that had been thrust upon them in the form of your Editor's rarely legible longhand; and last but by no means least, to all contributors to this magazine. W.T.

THE GUILD OF OLD BILDANS

The Winter Re-Union will be held in the Art Room at School on Friday, January 28th 1966 from 6.45 p.m. till 10 p.m.

Tickets priced, 4/-d each, may be obtained from members of the Committee or from the Secretary. If you intend to be present at this Re-union, will you, please, get your ticket before January 25th.

Preliminary Notice :- The Dinner Re-union will be held in the Locarno, Newcastle Road, Friday, April 22nd 1966. Details will be sent later.

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