

# **THE OLD BEDAN**

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**1968**

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## THE NEW ASSOCIATION.

On 29th September, 1968, the "Association of Old Bedans" came into being following the unanimous decision taken at their Annual General Meetings of the "Guild of Old Bedans" and "Old Bedans' Association" to accept the proposed Rules of the Joint Working Committee, which has been meeting during the past year.

"The Guild of Old Bedans" and "Old Bedans' Association", are however, retaining their identities in the Women's and Men's Sections with their own Officers and Committees carrying out their own functions and financial transactions but governed by the Headmaster as President and a combined set of Officials and Committee.

### ASSOCIATION OF OLD BEDANS.

#### Officials:-

President - Mr. S. Temple.

Chairman - Mr. G. T. Moore.

Vice-Chairman - Mrs. M. Robinson.

Hon. Secretary - Mr. S. H. Pattinson.

Hon. Treasurer - Mr. R. T. Ayre.

Committee - Messrs M. L. Hunter, E. Kirkwood, W. Thomas,  
Miss M. Robinson.

Messrs D. Colls, R. N. Dumble, J. Duxbury, G. T. Halstead.

## THE ASSOCIATION OF OLD BEDANS,

(Incorporating the Guild of Old Bedans and the Old Bedans' Association)

### THE GUILD OF OLD BEDANS,

President:	Mrs. A. A. Y. Carrick.
Vice-Presidents	Miss E. J. Bradbury. Miss W. J. E. Moul. Miss E. R. Shearer.

#### Office Bearers and Committee for 1968 - 69

Chairman	Mrs. Robinson (Mary Arkless) 4, Westfield Grove, Sunderland.
Vice-Chairman	Mrs. Kirkwood (Elsie Davidson) "Michaelford", Dipe Lane, South Boldon, Co. Durham.
Joint Secretary & Treasurer	Mrs. Hunter (Margaret Chapmans) 9, Stockton Road, Ryhope, Sunderland. Tel. Ryhope 364.
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Committee.	
Miss Bernard, Bede School; Mrs. Ellison (Mildred Raine) 28, Park Avenue, Roker; Judith Gribble, 28, Killingworth Drive; Mrs. McFleury (Ayneth Rough) 21, Farnham Terrace; Mrs. Hitch (Kathleen Carr) 3, Beresford Park; Mrs. Roddart (Dorothy Morton) 25, Summerhill, M. Herrington; Mrs. Ashington (Joan Bamborough) 212, Cleveland Road; Mrs. Widdrington (Ellen Steel) 28, Summerhill, M. Herrington. Ex-Officio Member: Mrs. Thomas (Mairfed Scott), Editor of the "Old Bedan" 11, Grange View. Tel. 57985.	

#### Information for Members.

Annual Subscription 5/- for 1968 - 69, due on Sept. 1st 1968.

Life Membership: £3. 3. 0.

Membership: On August 31st 1968, the membership was 500, including 328 Life Members. Please note that some members have not paid their subscriptions for 1967-68. The Secretary/Treasurer would be most grateful to have these, together with the 1968-69 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 the 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: Not knowing quite what to expect after hearing of fire engines at Bede during the afternoon of January 28th, the first arrivals of the 50 Old Bedans present at the winter reunion were relieved to know that the Art Room was still the venue, and that the fire had been limited to an electrical fault under the stage. The winner of the opening game "Guess the Face" was, eventually, Dorothy Grierson (Kennedy), after some spirited exchanges e.g. "That's never Roger Taylor!" and "That's Elizabeth Taylor when young, not Deanna Durbin!" No meekly docile assembly this!

We were pleased to have the Head Girl with us, Marie Gilmore; the Vice-Captain was unfortunately unable to be with her. Miss Bradbury was warmly welcomed "back" with us, and we were glad Miss Shearer had been able to come, collected and returned by Nellie Shiel. Miss Harris and Gladys Littlehales of former staff, and Audrey Hayton, Miss Milneke, Mrs. Bell and Mary Arkless of the present staff joined us.

Before supper we played "Bag Beetle". The exchange of items in bags at the end of every "Beetle" caused some mirth. Everyone seemed to be getting involved with sticks of licorice! An excellent supper had been prepared by Committee Members - meat pie, sandwiches, cake and home-made chocolate fancies - and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Our Chairman addressed us briefly in the hall, then we continued our games with a nicely sedentary one - "Make a Word" won by Nora Johnson. We finished hilariously with an Old Bedan Elsteddfodd. Using Miss Shearer's song-books, in 4 groups, each was given a song which had to be brought up to date, following its original structure - many giggles over this! Audrey Hayton and Miss Harris judged the lyrical efforts after each group had sung through its 'new look' song. One was to the tune of "Little Brown Jug":

The schools at Bede are mixed to-day  
The girls don't mind a bit they say  
They love Jim, excuse the pun,  
I tell you that they've lots of fun.

Chorus - (Ha Ha Ha! Her and He,  
Practical Biology.)  
In the Temple of the Arts  
That is where the fun all starts  
Watch them closely and you'll see  
Comprehensive Chemistry. Chorus.

Another group carolled to the tune of "My Bonny" - "O Winnie, now where's your piano?"

The Bards were presented with a lock, and a lucky bag each. We much appreciated the sweets and prizes for the evening given by Miss Shearer. The party broke up at 10.15 p.m.

## ANNUAL DINNER RE-UNION.

Primroses, daffodils and celandines brightened the approach to the Barnside Hall Hotel as some 120 members arrived for the re-union on 3rd. May, 1968. Everyone came by car, thanks to careful allocation of spare seats, but there was no difficulty in parking - nor in finding the right entrance to the hotel. One simply followed one's nose.

At first, the evening followed its usual pattern: after the meal, enjoyable and quickly served, we sang the School song, guided by Mary "Mack" and Winnie - happily re-united this year with a piano. Then the Chairman, Mary Arkless, (Mrs. Robinson) greeted us: she hoped we considered the journey to have been worth while (especially our intrepid travellers from Scotland, the Midlands and the South, as well as the Tyne-Tees area) and she thanked Elsie for working even harder this year, to ensure that all arrangements, including transport, worked smoothly. Once again, Miss Moul had been unable to come; Miss Arkle, Miss Harris and Miss Lloyd were also absent, but Mary was pleased to welcome our new President, Audrey Hayton (Mrs. Carriek) the Deputy Headmistress, and two Vice-Presidents, Miss Bradbury and Miss Shearer, who would shortly celebrate her 80th birthday. Mary offered her the Guild's very warm wishes and announced that Kathleen Carr (Mrs. Birch) would hold an "At Home" on May 20th in honour of the occasion.

She then proposed the Toast to the School, to which Audrey replied saying that as her association with Bede had now lasted for almost 24 years (man and boy, so to speak) she thought that she belonged to the exclusive club of "Those Who Stay!" It was still, however, a daunting experience to speak to the G.O.B. What to talk about? - Bede, yes, - but which school do we toast? - Higher grade, Bede Collegiate, Bede Grammar, or the newest Bede? The first had 100 pupils and a staff of 7; the present school, 1600 and 100. Size was indeed the biggest problem now, but it was pleasing to find that many of the old traditions were carrying on; there was much to be thankful for.

At this point, oddly enough, tradition went by the board, for Mary introduced an entertainer who was not only non-G.O.B. but also non-female! Not a complete "outsider", however, for Mr. Alec Forrester was on Bede staff some 20 years ago. Mary described him as "the thin end of the wedge", after whom men seemed to come pouring in, and recalled the happy occasion when he translated "mens agitat molem" as "mens agitate Miss Moul". Mr. Forrester himself thought he had a further claim to distinction: having served on the staff for two years, he must be one of the few men in captivity qualified to be a headmistress!

His talk was entitled "Tyneside Humour", and in the course of it he put forward two interesting theories; one, that the term 'Geordie', first recognised in the mid-eighteenth century, could have been coined by Jacobite scouts seeking support for the '45 rebellion, and

reporting that the Tynesiders were 'King George's men'; two, that the southern boundary of true 'Geordie' speech lies just south of Cleadon Village. Debatable points, perhaps, but none would deny that Tyneside humour has its own distinctive flavour - which, alas, the written word cannot adequately convey. We must congratulate our speaker; he brought tears to our eyes but many a blush to our cheeks with his stories of Geordie at home, at work, at play; a man of many and peculiar foibles, cherishing his whippet, coping glumly with his wife's aspirations to gentility; going bareheaded in the rain rather than wear a wet cap in the house; doing his bit, as a councillor on the Education Committee, by demanding two f's in taffoes pudd'n; out-smarting patronising 'foreigners'. Mr. Forrester spoke a little of Tyneside plays, ranging from 'The Last Coupon' to 'Close the Coal house Door', and related some of his acting experiences. (Had we noticed, he asked, how often Geordie's pretty daughter is a school-teacher?)

Although as Wearsiders most of us may be technically beyond the 'Geordie' Pale, we could all fill in the gaps when invited to join a nostalgic excursion to the - "mass" - to have a - "plodge" - carrying our "bait" - in few gourmets preferred "stuffy cakes". The programme ended musically as Mr. Forrester reminded us of the songs, some folk, some music-hall, which have spread Tyneside humour all over the world - 'Blaydon Races', of course, 'Keep yer feet still, Geordie kinsay', 'Dance ti' thi' Daddy', and the one about those ghostly people "The Neighbours Dooes Belaa".

The applause died away, Mary expressed our thanks and wished us 'Goodnight', and we went out to our carriages, waiting beneath the fairy lights in the trees. And if the journey home took rather longer than usual, - didn't it allow us all the more time for 'a bit crack?' (N. W.)

#### An Extraordinary Meeting;

On May 20th Kathleen Carr (Ritch) was kind enough to lend her home for an eightieth birthday party - that of Miss Shearer. The youngest Old Bedna to greet E. H. S. was the daughter and grand-daughter of Old Bedna; and the oldest was 88. Kathleen and her O. B. "kitchen staff" served tea, scones and delicious birthday cake made by Gladys Sidney (Stewart) to fifty or so callers who came to wish Miss Shearer a happy 80th birthday, and to inspect the "official" presents - the flowers and vase, the cake with posy, and an enormous box of chocolates. At the end of it all Margaret Turner and Connie Warburton (Wilson) helped Miss Shearer and Miss Arkle, arms laden with gifts and flowers, into a car to take them home.

Summer Reunion 1968: After a spell of lovely weather, the evening of June 31st was rather less warm and sunny, but nevertheless fair. A bus left Chester Road car park at 6.15 for Hill End via Crook, Brancepeth and Frosterley. The evening was clear, resulting in magnificent views up the Wear Valley, and the roads were quiet.

"Through the village, over the sheep grid on to the fells" were our instructions, so on we went through Hill End to be met by Betty Peters (Spencer). We had our picnic supper on the fell near the bus and Betty's cottage - sandwiches made by Committee members, most pies made by Nellie Stiel (Widdrington) and shortbread made by Gladys Sidney (Stewart) with chocolate biscuits to round off our all freeco meal. We all too soon had to leave to be back in Sunderland for 10.30 p.m. Thank you, Betty, for having us - a lovely little cottage in a glorious spot, with magnificent views up Wharfedale.

Another "extraordinary" outing - July 6th 1965.

When Mary Mackintosh first invited the Guild of Old Bedans to visit her Thropton home for a summer reunion she surely would not realise what other pleasurable outings were to follow as a result. Having already spent one very enjoyable evening at Hill End for our "official" summer reunion, a second one was arranged at the invitation of Phyllis Peters and Lena Thompson - to their new home at Ambleside. At least that was how it started. When the numbers seemed to be more than just a few car-loads, Isabel Eaton (Hutchinson) suggested that we went to her house, Brunt How, nearby in Ambleside, for lunch as she had more room to cope with larger numbers, then we could adjourn to Brathay Fall Cottage for tea.

So 24 Old Bedans left Sunderland by coach at 8.45 a.m. on Saturday July 6th, destination Ambleside. We were to meet the car-travellers there. It was a glorious run - we stopped at Barnard Castle for coffee then continued via Brough, Appleby, Ullavater to Ambleside where "Pete" awaited us, at 12.45. Alas, we were met with the sad news that Lena was out of action with a slipped disc, and was lying flat for a few weeks, so she was having to miss most of the long-arranged reunion. "Brunt How" looked delightful in the summer sunshine, and a delightful array of food awaited us for lunch in Isabel's spacious rooms. We were joined by the people who had come by car, including Joan Tweedy (Sanderson) and Enid Bagley (Kigle) from Leyburn (Enid's address is Yoredale House), Gwen Lloyd from Keawick, and Nora Pullister from Wigton. Everyone did justice to Isabel and Pete's cooking; some retired with their pie, or ham and salad outside to sit on the wide terrace looking across towards the Langdales with a completely uninterrupted view. Many cameras clicked - we hope you will enjoy the inclusion of some of the results. Our meal was completed with trifle, fruit tart, coffee and cheese and biscuits - it was all "scrumptious". Some O.B.s elected to laze in deck-chairs (necessity?), others went for a walk on to the fell behind the house (after washing up!) and we gathered once again, before 4 p.m. for a cup of tea, scones and cakes. Then we went by road to Brathay Fall Cottage and, in relays, greeted Lena on her sick-bed - a cheery patient. After we had viewed and approved the charming cottage we joined the coach, waiting outside at 5 p.m., and set off for home via Penrith, arriving in Sunderland at 9.30 after a lovely journey back in evening sunshine.

It was a happy memorable day - thank you Isabel, 'Pete' and Lena for asking us. We're coming again sometime!

Looking up the Langdales.



After Lunch.



The Forecourt of Brant How.



Enjoying the Sunshine.



All Present and Correct.



### Summary of Annual Business Meeting.

Mrs. M. Robinson presided.

The 36 members present were welcomed by the President, Mrs. A. A. Y. Carrick.

Chairman's remarks.

Election of Office Bearers and Committee for 1968 - 69.

Secretary and Treasurer's reports. Gist appears in various places in this "Old Bedan".

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

Allocation of Funds:- Two Guineas for School Prize

Future Meetings:- Winter Reunion in the School, Dinner Reunion in April, and a Summer Reunion.

Loan and Scholarship Fund: There were no requests for loans this year, but once again awards were made to girls who had completed Advanced Level Courses and proceeded to further full-time training whether at University, College of Education or some other institution. Some twenty-two awards, ranging from two to fifteen guineas were granted.

Social Service Report 1967-68: The Social Service Committee are pleased to report that owing to your continued interest and generosity the balance in hand on 31. 8. 68. was £42. 12. 3½. The total income for the year amounted to £135. 14. 4½. This sum is the result of coffee mornings, Canasta parties, raffles, a cookery demonstration with bring and buy stall, and donations from many members and friends.

Our work has followed the usual pattern, but we are always willing to receive suggestions for fresh fields of service. Briefly our activities were as follows:

October 1967: The G. O. B. stall at the Autumn Market was well filled and patronised and the money taken - £39. 3. 10. - was much appreciated by the Guild of Help Committee.

Harvest gifts of money for coal (30/-) were given to needy people.

December 1967: During Christmas week 23 needy people received 30/- for extra coal and an "oven-ready" chicken. The chickens were given to us for distribution by Mr. Rutherford who (through one of our Committee) became interested in our work.

A Guild member who visits Walside Rest Home was given £3 to spend on sweets for distribution to the residents at Christmas.

March 1968: An enjoyable cookery demonstration was arranged for our benefit in the Northern Gas Board's kitchen and a collection, raffle of cooked dishes and a stall brought in £10. 5. 4. for our funds. Our grateful thanks to Mr. Kirkwood for making the demonstration possible.

April 1968: 24 Easter gifts of coal money were taken to our needy friends, who always show great appreciation of our visits and gifts.

The Committee would like to thank all who have helped us in any way to continue this work in the name of the Guild. Perhaps it may interest some of the younger members to know that it is now 40 years since this work began! Once again my personal thanks to the Committee for their loyal support at all times. Elsie Wilson (Mrs. Hooker)

36, Eastfield Street. (Convener)

The Hockey Club: Between September 1967 and April 1968 we played 17 matches. We won 11, drew 2 and lost 4. Unfortunately 7 matches were cancelled during the bad weather. We played in 2 tournaments; in the September tournament we were beaten by 1 goal in the final. In April we were second in our section having drawn all our games. During the season Audrey Knight captained the County 2nd XI and Jean Pillans was Junior County Match Secretary. Our social activities included two dinners - one at the Roker Hotel, the other at Jim's Inn, Newcastle - both were well attended and very much enjoyed.

On behalf of the Club I would like to thank the Guild for their interest and encouragement during the season. We would welcome any new members.

Joan Berry, 116, The Broadway, Grindon, Sunderland.

The London Branch of the Guild of Old Bedans: Kathleen Young (Craggs) invited us to her home for our 1967 Winter Reunion and we had our usual jolly afternoon of school reminiscences and family news, with an enormous spread of home-made savouries and cakes. Miss Moul, Nancy Leather (Hubicka), Phyllis Tennant (Beck), Doris Wilson (Wright), and Rita Craggs (Young) were present and we were pleased to see Mary Thurlbeck (Post) again after the lapse of several years.

In the summer, we met at my home - Miss Moul, Phyllis, Kathleen, Rita, Doreen Murgatroyd (Boyes), Edith Broderick (Barge), Joyce Hebron (Ayles) and Marjorie Bailes (Kewish). Celia Pipe (Sheppard) came, with her husband and one of her three daughters, and my married daughter brought her two year old and her baby, so there was even more noise than usual!

Shortly before the reunion I had heard, from a friend of Miss Seddon, of her death after a long illness. Several of us had been taught by Miss Seddon and many years later had been to an Old Bedan Reunion at her Kensington home, shortly before she moved to Eastbourne. We remember her with affection as a teacher, and as an elegant and charming hostess.

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From November 1967 to November 1968.

These have become Life Members:- Kathleen Walton (Wood), Ella Lister (White), Elsie Martin (Roberts), Mollie Adamshwaite (Taylor), Merle Colling (Mordin), Andrea Clayburn (Storey).

These have become members:- Joyce Pritchard (Oliver), Judith Griddle, Margaret Munday (Barron), Gertrude Gibbons, Margaret Robinson, Eileen Robinson.

School Staff Changes:- With a staff around the 100 mark, we list here those leavetakings of staff which we think will be of most interest to our G.O.B. readers. During the year Mrs. J. Beveridge, Mrs. J. E. Blair, Mrs. M. Phipps and Mrs. E. J. Hodgkinson left. In July, Miss D. Wilman and Miss D. Harding retired, and among others leaving were Mrs. H. Baron, Mrs. M. C. Borrell, Mrs. O. Neale, Mrs. S. Orbeck, Miss J. C. Murley and Mr. K. Ure. Newcomers to the staff (1968) are-

Miss A. Brown, Mr. R. A. Browning, Miss F. Byers, Mrs. M. E. Carpenter, Mrs. H. Cross, Mrs. F. R. C. Felton, Mr. J. A. Greenwood, Mrs. A. Henderson, Mrs. A. J. Morgan, Miss M. C. Lee, Mr. E. A. Morrell, Mr. K. Oates, Miss B. Peart, Miss E. Pemberton, Mr. J. Pickering, Mr. R. J. Smiles, Mr. D. A. Smith, Miss V. Stoad, Mr. C. F. Stephens, Miss J. V. Townsend, Mr. C. H. Wilson.

G. O. B. Prizes:— Speech Day in its old form, will no longer be an annual event but will probably be replaced by a number of functions, the form of which has still to be determined. Since these will not take place before the Spring Term, decisions relative to the award of prizes. (e.g. the Lily A. Hutchinson awards,) have not yet been made.

Married are: Suzanne Butterfield, Angela Charlton, Barbara Gilchrist, Pat Fielding, Pat Haslop (staff), Carolyn Hodgson, Margaret Hodgson the second, Marie Hunter, Jennifer Hutton, Carol Jones, Margaret Munday, Maureen Purdy, Valerie Bountree, Vivien Washington.

Babies in: Pamela Atkinson (Wright), Andrea Clayburn (Storey), Avril Douglas (Briggs), Vera Duffell (Wood), Brenda Emerson (Towers) by adoption, Kathleen Hall (Henderson), Sheila McBain (Sidebottom), Wendy Parr-Barman (Amies), Elizabeth Sanderson (Malje), Avril Trombath (Ridley).

In Memoriam: Judith Cohen (Mrs. Behrman), Beatrice Errington (Mrs. Stephenson), Hilda Forbes (Mrs. Humble), Gladys Gibbons (Mrs. Phillips), Edith Hedley (Mrs. Butterfield), Sarah Edith Hotherington (Mrs. Robinson), Miss G. M. Seddon (Staff), Miss M. L. L. Stirk (Staff), Elsie Wilson (Mrs. Prior).

News of Former Members of Staff:— Last year at this time we had to report that Miss Seddon and Miss Stirk were ill. We are grieved to say that both have since died. Miss Stirk quite suddenly soon after the last "Old Bedan" went to press, and Miss Seddon after further illness in April. We are grateful to both for what they gave us at Bede. Miss Seddon came as a young mistress to the old school; Miss Stirk joined us later in the new. Both survived most of our evacuation with us, and later left us for work with older students, each finding with these a new niche for herself.

We are glad to see Miss Bradbury at intervals, in spite of her new and busy life. Miss Moul keeps in touch with the London Old Bedans, attending their meetings regularly; we hear unofficially from one of them that she "looks younger". Just before going to press we have had news of Miss Logie. She had suddenly been ill, and has had to have an operation. We hear that the hospital is pleased with her progress, and expects that she will shortly be sent to a convalescent home. We all wish her well. Miss Lamb has left Hbley and has gone to live in Chingford, Essex, fitting in some travelling in Morocco

between the two events. She has also visited Amy Hassey (Dwyer) in Chichester. Miss MacPherson, whose strict discipline and close attention to cleanliness, neatness and deportment in gym lessons and on hockey field are still gratefully remembered by Old Bedans today, was a guest of Gwen Lloyd in Keswick this year. Miss Wilman and Miss Harding both retired from School in July; we send them our good wishes for many happy and only pleasantly busy years. Miss Wilman and Miss Carlin spent a few days in York immediately after the retirement. Among others retired but still living in Sunderland, are Miss Lloyd, Miss I. O. M. Harris, Miss Carrick, Miss Hall, Gladys Littlehales (Bossey), Ellen Carlin, Miss Arkle and Miss Shearer. More memories and good wishes go out to you from these, when they meet from time to time, than you might imagine.

Mrs. Nicholson (Miss D. Thompson), still living at Thornton Heath, Surrey, had occasion to visit Richmond, Yorks., last summer and says "it brought back many memories of evacuation days". Later she and her husband celebrated their Silver Wedding and she was pleased to have an unexpected card from Brenda Riddles (White), her first contact with her since Bede days. Mrs. Nicholson has taken up a new part-time post at Notre Dame High School, and finds the girls almost as good as Bedans in their mannerliness and thirst for knowledge. "We have had a delightful season with the London Philharmonic - many concerts and recordings, and a broadcast in colour T. V. from Canterbury Cathedral. We have a full programme ahead, and many treats in store".

Jean McNab (Mrs Davis) is living in Dublin. She has three children. In October, Miss Ellen Carlin had a holiday at Buxton with Miss E. V. V. Clark and Doris Taylor. While staying there, they met Jess Baker who has worked for many years in Sheffield and is now retired. She recalls Hannah Graham and Ethel Almond (Collin) in her memories of Bede.

Meetings - By Chance - Margaret Chapman (Baxter) met Jess Nichol (Nichols) for the first time in fifteen years, in the woods at Croxdale; Jen Hey (Smith) met Olga Wright (Stewart) on the first tee at Glon-eagles; Doris McCree (Pygott) met Kathleen Morley (Dening); Brenda Van Hamme (Falling) "home" from Montreal and en route for France had a short conversation with Miss Ellen Carlin in the Empire Theatre; Mariol Bruce (Anderson) met Peggy Todd at Troutbeck, and sent greetings by her to Miss Shearer and Miss Arkle. The Guild of Help Auburn Market provided a wonderful meeting place for Old Bedans even apart from the large number of helpers and friends congregated round "our" stall. So did Miss Shearer's 80th birthday cup-of-tea party, earlier in the year.

- and by arrangement:- Molly Dawson, living in Bury St. Edwards has visited Audrey Hayton (Carrick) this year. Betty Peters (Spencer) from Sunderland met Olive Admson (Wright) from Glasgow, for a meal in Edinburgh; Betty had caught up with Olive's whereabouts after

she had seen her on television when Olive's husband was elected M. P. for Pollock. Olive leads a busy life; her sister Nancy lives in Liverpool. Betty has also visited Jean Richardson (Judkin) at Boxley Heath. Jean Brookes (Richards) home for six weeks from South Africa, telephoned Nancy Mitchell (Cross) for news of Old Bedan activities, and eventually met Nancy and Stella Baiter (Anderson) to exchange news. Joan is in constant touch with Jean Mitchell (Pontolfe) who now lives in Zambia. Nancy has also visited Edith Broderick (Barge) who is teaching in Reading. Merle Colling (Mordin) returning from holiday in the South, called on Dorothy Wright at Blackley, Northants, and exchanged about twenty years of news! Elsie Bell (Nelson) has recently visited Florence Wilson (Stadson) in Kettering, and Marjorie Smyth has been to see Nora Pallister (Evans) in Wigton. Vera Harrald joined Freda Charlton (Turnball) of Ponteland and her husband in celebrating their son's twenty-first birthday. Kathleen Carr, Jen Hey and Minnie Scott were early Spring visitors to Mary Mackintosh's home in Thropton. Miss Peters and Lena Thompson have had many, many visitors (are they into their second visitors' book yet?), among the first to their new home being Mary Mac; Doris Sephton (Crighton) and Peggy Victory (Simson).

Among the more usual, and always welcome Sunderland visitors to 40, Ashwood Terrace, have recently been some less frequent ones; e.g. Grace Wood, Doris Taylor, Molly Topol, and Hilda Udale (Stetter). Unexpected and pleasant have been calls from Kathie Malles (Elmes) from Leyburn, and Ruth Marley (Green) from Manchester, both of whom were spending a day or two in Sunderland. D. S. A. and E. R. S. have also been visited by Doreen and Nora Yeall from Rothbury, Eald Crowe from London and Amy Hussey (Dwyer) and her husband from Chichester. Nancy Welch from Basingstoke called when she was staying with Minnie McMillan. These two had also been visited by Thelma Henderson (Williams) of Dufton. Elsie Watson, who came from Carlisle to the Dinner in April, had an accident which interfered with the plans she and Frances Mills (Gillies) from Glasgow had made for their few days together. However, they enjoyed them none-the-less. Frances went alone to visit Elizabeth Fraser, and Elsie was hoping to see her later in the summer. Elsie Davidson (Kirkwood) came upon Mary Mackintosh (Alderson) at a magistrates' dinner at the grand nesty-built Newcastle Civic Centre.

#### Bedans at Work.

The youngest Old Bedans are at Universities at Durham, Keele, Leeds, London, Manchester, Nottingham, Reading and Sheffield, and at many Colleges of Education throughout the country. Of particular interest to Old Bedans; Jennifer Sugden (Marjorie Jackson's daughter) is at Royal Holloway, London University, Marjorie Crompton (daughter of Florence Mesbrey) is at Nottingham University; Rosemary Bolton (whose mother is Kathleen Scott) is at Sheffield College of Education; Oslyn Ross daughter of Hazel Brown is at

City of Leeds and Carnegie College; Kaye Washington (Joan Hambrough's daughter) is at Bradford College. Other leavers have gone to Physical Education specialist colleges, into the Civil Service, Banks, and Physiotherapy.

Margaret Hetherington (Peggy Crow's daughter) after two years at York University, spent a month of her vacation in the Orkneys on a "dig", investigating the remains of a chapel which the sea had disclosed. Dorothy Nelson, daughter of the late Winifred Simpson, completed her fourth year as a medical student this summer, and flew to Boston, Massachusetts, for a three month course in child health at Harvard University. Christine Phillips (Edith Galley's daughter and a third generation Old Bedon) has finished her training at Bishop-Leonard College of Education, Derby, and is teaching at Swinton, Nottingham, and living at Newthorpe, near Eastwood, Notts.

#### Local Appointments:

Annie Sanderson, who has been 'head' of Redby Infants' School for the last seven years has been appointed to the headship of the new Seaburn Dene Junior and Infants' School to be opened in April 1969. Marjorie Walker the second (Carbutt) is now head teacher of Diamond Hall Infants' School. Margaret Botcherby (Scott) who has been head of the Housecraft Department at Hylton Red House Comprehensive School for four years has been appointed a House Mistress from January 1st 1969, the first woman Head of House that the School has had.

Doing some teaching down south are Kathleen Young (Craggs) and Celia Pipe (Sheppard) who has managed to complete a year without a slipped disc! Mary Thurlbeck (Post) has retired but is doing some part-time teaching.

Retirements:- Rene Johnson (Austin), Mabel Alexander, Norah Youll and Florence Andrews have retired from teaching posts, and Esther Betts (Bellerby) has officially retired but finds herself helping out in a part-time capacity. On the occasion of Rene Johnson's retirement from Diamond Hall Infants' School a very enjoyable tea was attended by 25 past and present members of staff, more than half of whom were Old Bedons. Vera Duffell (Wood) came from Colchester for the occasion. Another retirement tea-party, when Miss Wilman and Miss Harding retired from Bede, was "just like old times in the staff room" wrote a member of staff - "They each gave an apt and witty farewell speech that gave a light-hearted note to a sad occasion. We rounded off the day with a very enjoyable tea, provided by Miss Wilman and Miss Harding for the 'old' staff of Bede Girls' School". Winifred Whiting has handed over her post as 'head' of Falswell Girls' School to Aileen Henderson. Beattie Peake (Green) retired a year ago from her pharmacy, and Grace White from her important post at Jobling's Glass Works.

### Bodans Abroad:-

Maureen Forman, after teaching in Sunderland for a year, has been in Auckland, New Zealand since July 1967. She left a teaching post there after a year and has been working in the Radiography Department of a large hospital in Auckland. Her father and mother (formerly Bertha Berger) are planning to travel in the CANBERRA to visit her, their route via Las Palmas, Cape Town, Durban, Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney to Auckland, and returning via Honolulu, Vancouver, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Acapulco, Panama, Kingston, Nassau, Florida, Lisbon, Le Havre to Southampton - a four months' round trip. Edith Scriven (Warriner) is living and teaching in New Zealand. Marjorie Smith (the second) left Sunderland in August with her parents to spend a year with her sister Eileen (Maylor) and her family in New Zealand. Esther MacLachlan (Wallace) was sailing on Oct. 31st for Wellington, and after a two months' visit with her family, by returning via Tahiti, will have had a round the world trip. Eileen McCree, after working for three years as a medical Lab. technician at the Myalla Hospital, South Australia, is now in charge of a new laboratory at the Lyall McEwen Hospital at Elizabeth, near Adelaide. Grace Clark (Beaton) a graduate of Durham University, is headmistress of a school at Cambridge, Massachusetts. Jean Stirling has left her post at St. Ignatius' Church, Sunderland and is working in a home for maladjusted children in Nevada, U.S.A. Elsie White, still in Vancouver, wrote in the middle of a three-week vacation in Hong Kong, Formosa, Tokyo and Hiroshima. Maribel Watson (Julovka) who lives at Niagara Falls, Ontario, was delighted to attend a concert given by Sunderland Youth Orchestra at the Skylon International Centre, and praised all those responsible for the performance of "these goodwill ambassadors abroad". Marjorie Balmer is training as a volunteer to work at a leper hospital in Guyana. Lucy Poogate (Nichol) continues to lead a busy life at Cullinan. She writes fully and interestingly of family happenings (three generations), and on the problem of Rhodesia as viewed by English-speaking South Africans. She and Ida Walker (Earl) in Johannesburg, still meet often, and their families are friendly too. Lucy is in touch with Mabel Potts (Proom) and Marion Proom. Ida, while on a short visit to Sunderland this year, made time to see Miss Lloyd, Miss Arkle and Miss Shearer and has asked many questions about Old Bodan friends, remembering especially, Mary Mackintosh and Lena Thompson. Jennifer Hutton (Miller) who before becoming an air hostess, was a secretary with Elizabeth Arden Ltd. in London and is now living in Nairobi, has been invited to be their sole representative in East Africa. She will travel to Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania, Kampala, Uganda, and Addis Ababa in addition to Mombasa and other towns in Kenya. Her work will consist of lecturing, demonstrating, stock-checking and instructing sales-girls in "2-day schools" in Nairobi, as well as a certain amount of television and publicity work. Jennifer thinks Nairobi a wonderful city, very modern, light, and extremely cosmopolitan. "The Kenyan

scenery is magnificent; my first sight of the Rift Valley almost took my breath away. I was very glad at this point that I had paid attention to Miss Heslop's talks on these things so that I could fully understand the significance of the spectacle". "Many Old Bedans is passing through Nairobi" writes Jennifer "she will be very welcome to come and see us. The address is simply P. O. Box 30194, Nairobi, Kenya." Prior to taking her finals at Leeds University, Judith Birbeck obtained an exchange post and spent a year as an assistant teacher at Madrid University. After twelve months' teaching in England, she was interviewed in London for an appointment in the Garrett Institute in Madrid, which gives private tuition to members of the Diplomatic Service, Bank Staffs and others. Commencing in October 1968, she took up a post as Assistant Director of Studies to the Institute. She is a member of the official panel for the various ministries in Madrid.

Maureen Savage started a world tour last May, leaving her post as assistant superintendent in the physiotherapy department of Sunderland Accident Hospital. She planned to visit Salisbury, moving on to India and the Far East. Flora Cook has finished the two years' library work she took up in Nairobi, after her retirement from her post in Lancashire. She had to give up her plans for a journey home via the Far East owing to the strikes in France, but was hoping to return via Ethiopia, Lebanon, Rome, Switzerland and Vienna. Earlier, her sister Marjorie had visited her in Nairobi for a month and they had a wonderful holiday travelling. Marjorie was due to retire in May, and Flora and she mean to settle meanwhile at Grange-over-Sands. Enid Crowe is another who has had a spell of travelling, with short visits to parts of Africa, Kenya, Tanzania, Durban, the Drakensberg, Salisbury, and she returned to resume her voluntary work in London the day after her arrival in England. Nora Hanna (Davies) visiting a brother in Australia, got in touch with Joyce Gallon (Hodgson) and family. They are "all fine". Joyce sees Shara Spencer (Pickering) who is also living in Sydney.

#### Home From Abroad.

Pat Campbell (Price) and her husband and family were expected to sail from Bombay in December at the beginning of some leave from their Missionary and Medical work in the Simla Hills of India. They planned to travel round the Cape, docking in Venice or Trieste, thence overland across Europe to Christ Church Road, New Milton, Hants. Pat would be interested to know if there are any Old Bedans in this area. She is hoping to get to a G. O. B. London Branch Meeting. Joan Caven is back in Sunderland after ten years' missionary work in Brazil. She was given a "welcome home" service by members of her old church (the Independent Methodist, Robert Street) at which she gave a talk on her work in the under-developed northern part of Brazil. Ethel Foreman (Towers) is back in Sunderland after fifteen years of missionary work in Nigeria. Anne Fambely, on holiday this year was in Prague when the invasion of Czechoslovakia started.



After two days of fear in the centre of the city, they were able to make a slow journey over the border to West Germany, and were very glad to reach home safely.

In Public Life: Before ending her term of office as Mayor of Heymouth, Florence Greta Young (Thomas) visited Newcastle in May to attend the 3-day conference of the Town Planning Institute, breaking her journey home to go to the Guildhall in London for her enrolment as a Freeman of the City. Much in demand as opener of functions is Margaret MacLachlan (Lady Steel). Among recent events she has opened are a coffee morning and bring-and-buy sale held by the North-Eastern Division Women's Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A., a garden fete organised by Sunderland and District Spastics' Society, and a garden fete at Undercliffe, Cleadon, held by the Cleadon branch of the Jarrow Conservative Association.

Marcelle Goodall (Gibb) continues to be very active in Church work in Wokingham, Berks. As a member of the women's section of the Working Committee of Churches (all denominations) her work brought her into contact with another Old Bedon Dora Davidson (Young) who recalled Miss Arkle and Miss Shearer and many names in "The Old Bedon". As a Red Cross V. A. D. Marcelle did check-point First Aid duty during a sponsored 27 mile walk for Christian Aid at Reading on Whit Sunday. She is visited by Miss Briggs and by Miss A. Abbott from time to time, and sees Edna Brown at least twice a year.

In Hartlepool, Olive Armitage (Fryer) has been Secretary for the past year of the Personal Services Sub-Committee of the local Mental Health Association. This is concerned with the running of clubs for patients' after-care, where they can meet friends for a chat or game of cards etc. This Association also organises transport to take patients from the hospital to the various clubs, including a Teen and Twenty Club for younger patients. A recent innovation has been a series of coffee evenings in private houses for medically recommended patients from the hospital.

In London Marguerite Roberts is doing social work in hygiene for the G. L. C. Locally Edna Hornsby is a Justice of the Peace in Sunderland. Eileen Brown has completed 21 years as a Guide. She is a Guide Leader, Brownie Guide and District Commissioner for Humbledon and is Ranger Guide for a new Ranger Company at St. John's Church. Although she has many years experience in this work she is enthusiastic about the new Guiding programme. For her work in this field she was awarded the Oak Leaf for meritorious services in 1963. She is also Secretary for the National Children's Homes' Queens' Festival which is organised each year at Bede School.

Christine Morgan presented certificates to Brownies, Guides and Queen's Guides at the annual meeting of the North and South Divisions of the Sunderland Branch of the Girl Guides' Association. Christine is County Financial Assistant of the Association.

Edith Gibson is leader of Christ Church Day Club for old people. Joan Squires (Buchanan) is Secretary of the Sunderland Women's Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society. On retiring as Secretary of the Sunderland Scroptomist Club, Elsie Proom was presented with a brooch by its members. She is continuing as a member of the Club.

Alice Scorer is a member of the newly-formed Guild of Health in Monkwearmouth and was present at the inaugural meeting in Newcastle to launch "Undercliffe", formerly the home of Sir Robin and Lady Chapman, as a Home of Healing in Cledon.

#### Noteworthy.

The Sunderland Echo feature "Women about Wearside" has brought several Old Bedans into the limelight. Esther McLachlan (Wallace) was featured for her success in writing children's stories which have been accepted by the B. B. C. "Listen with Mother", Children's Hour and School programmes; recently she has written several articles for adults which have been used in "Tea-time", the radio magazine programme.

Nancy Whitehouse (Alexander) won nine prizes in the Townswomen's Guild section at the Sunderland Floral Exhibition. She submitted twenty-four entries in the floral, wines and jams sections. Her burnet wine won first prize in the wines' section this year and last. She also makes rhubarb, apple, dandelion and elderflower wines. Her floral entries come from her own garden and she studies flower arranging at evening classes. She is also interested in cactus growing. Audrey Jordan appeared in this Echo feature for her time spent in entertaining children as a ventriloquist and magician, nowadays mostly confined to parties at Felling Day School where she teaches educationally sub-normal children. Audrey has also spoken at Baird of Hope Union meetings. Elizabeth Fox retired after nearly forty-two years as assistant welfare officer in Sunderland's Welfare Department. Her work began with the old Board of Guardians, and the work today is still much the same - to relieve destitution, and to house people in suitable accommodation. Unlike some administrative jobs connected with the social services, she has been able to see each case from beginning to end. She was presented with a brush and comb set by her colleagues on her retirement.

Three more women to add to our numbers we now feature in our news.

In the past 100 years only two lay women have served as chairman of the Durham and Northumberland Congregational Union. In April, Elsie Davidson (Kirkwood) became the third woman to take this office. At her induction in West Park (formerly Graze) Congregational Church, Elsie spoke to representatives of 58 Congregational Churches in Durham, Northumberland and North Yorkshire. Jessie Ross (Scott-Batey) is the first woman member of the previously all male Northern Economic Planning Council, under the chairmanship of Mr. Das Smith.

Until 1946, she had been a member of the Newcastle City Council for seven years. In 1968, she became chairman of the newly formed conciliation committee to deal with the complaints of racial discrimination in Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmorland, the North Riding of Yorkshire and Durham.

This year the Sunderland Pharmaceutical Association chose its first woman president in Christine Johnson. She will attend social functions, represent the Association at meetings of the local Pharmaceutical Society and preside at the meetings of the Association council.

As long ago as 1943, Moira Shiel who was then lecturing at King's College School of Architecture, prepared a master plan for a "new" Sunderland which was the show piece of an exhibition at the Laing Art Gallery. She visualised a gracious Civic Centre standing on the slope above Holmeaside, and between Union Street and Greatree Road, a two-storey shopping centre built in a square, with a bus station adjoining near the site of the present Hensford Street, and a covered market on the opposite side of the square. Her plans also provided for two by-pass roads starting from Wharmouth Bridge, one cutting across West Wear Street, Bedford Street, William Street to cross High Street just below Norfolk Street, the other running along the line of Matlock Street, Cumberland Street and Danning Street, to emerge past the Police Station before changing direction to link up with Stockton Road. Nor did she fail to anticipate the coming of tall buildings in the new shopping centre, her civic centre rose to be ten storeys high. She visualised clearance of the whole area between High Street East and the river bank from Bodlewell Lane up to the Gill Cemetery. In place of decaying buildings there were to be public gardens intersected only by Bridge Street. In an area cleared of residential property between Cowan Terrace, Park Road, and Stockton Road there was to be a swimming pool and an open-air recreation centre. Health centres, clinics and new clubs were also part of her dream. In the introduction to her plans (1943 - ) Moira said "I have long had a vision of the Sunderland that might be, and now that air-raid damage is carrying out into me areas, much needed clearance it seems a good time to put on record some ideas which might help others to think ahead. . . . I believe it would be an economic proposition to rebuild rather than tinker. . ." Now with the town shopping centre nearing completion and the civic centre beginning to take shape, it will be of interest to Old Bedons today to see these "visions" bearing resemblance to those adopted by architects and planners nearly a quarter of a century later. (The School hockey team of the late 1930s remember Moira as a tower of strength goalkeeping behind them on the hockey pitch)

Miss Bradbury represented Sunderland Head Teachers' Association at the Annual Conference of the National Association of Head Teachers at Plymouth in June. A civic welcome was given to the delegates by the Lord Mayor of Plymouth, and the Prime Minister was one of

the speakers at a conference banquet. Miss Bradbury is also a member of the University Grants Committee.

At the prizegiving of Monkwearmouth College of Further Education 1968, Moira Cuddesford (Dixon) was awarded the Advanced Cookery prize.

Sport:

Golf: Jennie Hey (Smith) is captain of Boldon Ladies' Golf Club and Olga Wright (Stewart) is vice-captain. Olga retained the Jackson Ross Bowl and won the Captain's Putter. Marie Scott won the Boler Trophy and Dorothy Grierson (Kennedy) the Bernal Sykes and Gladys Donaldson Trophies. At the No.3 District Inner Wheel Meeting at Braxside Castle Golf Club, Middlesboro', Florence Mosbray (Crompton) won the Bertha Wilford Cup, and with partner, won the Silver Salver in the Foursomes. At Crieff, Ethel Proctor (Posley) won a mixed foursomes competition.

Swimming: Anne Rytà, who left Bede for Edinburgh a year or so ago has continued her swimming triumphs in the Scottish Championships, winning the 220 yards breaststroke title among others.

Hockey: For the season 1968-69 Anne Chisholm and Miss R. Peart (Bede Staff) are playing for Durham County.

Badminton: Suzanne Butterfield (Laney) has played on the English Universities' team.

Keep Fit: Miss P. M. Peters was appointed the first president of the Sunderland Branch of the Northeast Keep Fit Association in March 1968. Her place as chairman is taken by Peggy Victory (Simson).

The Arts: Barbara Tunn, daughter of Hannah Wright, is a member of the Sunderland Singers and was the soprano soloist at the Annual Members' Concert of the Sunderland Piano-forte Society in January.

Hazel McCree, while teaching in Nigeria, wrote a book "Creative English" for use in African schools. Rosa Cutler was one of the judges at Sunderland Junior Chamber of Commerce public speaking competition for schools; she is Chairman of the Organizing Committee of Sunderland Schools' Drama Festival.

Homes of Old Bedans: Grace Caldwell (Allison) is now living in Poole, Dorset. Dorothy Armstrong (Halsey) is in Burgess Hill, Sussex and sends her best wishes to members of the Guild. Doris Wilson (Wright) has moved to Ashampstead, Kent. Eald Potts (Wilson) is going to live in Tunbridge Wells from St. Albans. Anne Blackbell (McBain) moved from Stratford to Lichfield at the end of last year and found living near her another Old Bedan - Olga Gibson (Rogerson) who had also recently moved to Lichfield. Christine Cox (Dennis) is living in Chesterfield, Derbyshire, Anne McKerny (Mellon) in Nottingham, and Joan Wise in Northenden, Manchester. Andrea Clayburn (Storey) on moving to Cardiff contacted her great-aunt Doris Clayburn (James) who enjoyed meeting the London Old Bedans, and wonders if there are any more Old Bedans in Cardiff who would like to get in touch with her.

Coming further North, Mollie Garbutt is now living in Scarborough. Miss Weatherill, retired after two headmistress-ships in the country, lives in Swainby; her twin sister Elsie (Petch) lives in Wall, Northumberland. Lucinda Mills (Davison) finds it very pleasant living in Hunsbaugh, Northumberland. Doreen & Norah Youll have left Sunderland to live permanently in Rothbury, a place which has been a second home to them since childhood, and their sister Mollie (Ward) hopes to remove from Newcastle to a house near theirs early next year. Gillian Rhymer (Campbell) is living in Thornaby and Hilary Orr in Middlesbrough. Eleanor Marston's home is now in Pontefract. Kathleen White (Palmer) now lives along with her cousin Grace White in Sunderland. Jean Henderson (Telfer) is back in Sunderland after five years in Birmingham.

#### Letters:

##### A Thank You

My dear Old Bedans,

At last I can ease my conscience! The unexpected "cup-of-tea" party your Committee thought up and arranged for me to celebrate my 80th birthday and the publicity given to it had what was for me so overwhelming a response from Old Bedans all over the country, by post, by telephone and by personal visits that there are still quite a lot of you who have had no acknowledgment from me. I did send a letter to the Committee to thank the Guild of Old Bedans in general, but this letter will reach out to you individually. Please will you all accept now my belated thanks, I did, and I do, appreciate very much your thought of me.

Especially here do I want at last to thank all of you whose cards I have not yet acknowledged, those who sent me a verbal message through other Old Bedans and each of those who greeted me at the Party. I did to these last, I know, say "thank you", but my thanks then were very sketchy and indefinite. The Guild's surprise gesture was, indeed, kind and very heart-warming. Thank you all very much.

I should like too to take this opportunity to send good wishes to each of you personally, and to the Guild in the future. I must confess that I came away less happy from the small meeting of September 26th, 1968 that ended the Guild of Old Bedans in name than I did from the large meeting in "Room 37" on May 2nd, 1938 that brought it to birth! But something of the original spirit will surely live on in the changed circumstances, and I think we remain the same Guild of Old Bedans at heart.

Your sincere and octogenarian friend,  
Elspeth R. Shearer.

From Kathleen Walton (Wood) in Manchester:-

I have read the "Old Bedan" from cover to cover and it has evoked so many memories. . . . Mary Ruddick says when she was Bo-Peep in 1839 or 21, Elsie Davidson was commissioned to help her dance gracefully. . . . or perhaps it was when she was Sea Queen, or in "The Seasons" ? - I can still sing "When winter holds in his toy grasp" - . . . An 81 year old Old Bedan, Gertrude Mills Gibbins, a pupil of the 1800s, who has spent many years abroad, and is now living in Lincoln, recalls with affection Miss Hutchinson and Miss Wells, but found few names that she remembered, in the past few magazines, except that of Blanche Pinkney. Bertha her sister was in our correspondent's form. "I would love to visit Sunderland again" she wrote " and particularly would be interested in seeing the present Bede School. The only school I knew was close to some gates into Mosfroy Park". She sends greetings to any school friends who remember her name.

#### Editorial.

We hope that the statement regarding the new Association is self-explanatory, in answer to particular queries: The Magazine will continue; your life membership of the Guild of Old Bedans is valid for the Association of Old Bedans; we are planning our winter reunion annual dinner, and summer reunion as before.

In view of the twenty years of unstinted service given to the Guild as secretary by Elsie Kirkwood, her successor, Margaret Hunter faces a not inconsiderable task in taking over this position. Please make her job easy by being prompt with your subscriptions, and by stating clearly in letters, both married and maiden names. The verifying and checking of these details can assume mammoth proportions when preparing this magazine. Many members are kind enough to say how much they enjoy reading "The Old Bedan". If you have enjoyed this copy would you try to contribute, at any part of the year, at least one item of news for the next edition? We should be glad to include you in our thanks, which this year go to all contributors, to "our" typists, Olga Stewart, Margaret Hunter and Winnie Graham, and to Mr. Milner Taylor, our auditor. To all members who are, or have been ill, our greetings, and best wishes for a speedy return to health.

W. T.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS ON 31st AUGUST, 1968.

Summary of Balance Sheet for the year - 1st September 1967 - 31st August 1968.

RECEIPTS	£	s	d	EXPENDITURE	£	s	d		
Annual Subscriptions	40	18	0	Printing	-	-	48	18	33
Life Subscriptions	9	0	0	Stationery	-	-	3	18	6
Balance from Meetings	12	8	0	Postage and Telephone	-	-	18	13	5
Interest	-	-	4	Gifts	-	-	14	8	2
				London Branch	-	-	12	0	0
				Engraving	-	-	4	0	0
				Cheque Book	-	-	5	0	0
				Balance on Years working	-	-	12	14	11
							<u>£99</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>

TOTAL FUNDS

	£	s	d		£	s	d		
Balance on 31st Aug.			4	Made up as follows:-			4		
1967	10	16	4	3½ War Stock	-	-	68	7	2
Balance on years working	12	14	11	5½ Post, Dev. Bonds	-	-	75	0	0
				In Bank:-					
				Deposit Account	-	-	68	17	2
				S.I.D. Account	-	-	746	13	1
				Current Account	-	-	10	16	6
							<u>£1030</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>3</u>

I have examined the Receipt Books, Stock receipts, Defence Bond Receipts, Current, Deposit and Special Investment Accounts and certify that everything is in order.

Elsie Kirkwood,  
Honorary Treasurer.

J. M. Taylor,  
2nd September, 1968.

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### OLD BEDANS' BADMINTON CLUB REPORT 1967-1968.

The Old Bedans' Badminton Club has enjoyed its past season and indeed looks forward to the next. Due to a small but faithful membership, the Club has remained solvent. Although the average attendance is only 7½ (which puts a strain on the hall members), we can offer good value to prospective members.

New Junior, Full or Visitor players will not only be welcome (in Bede Senior Hall each Wednesday at 7 p. m.), but indeed are necessary to the survival of the Club. They will be able to experience as many friendly and enjoyable games as they can cope with. Despite our small numbers, we were able to raise a team last season on three competitive occasions and even managed to win one of them.

### OLD BEDANS' A. F. C.

J. L. Whan (Hon. Sec.)

Old Bedans have played in the North Eastern Amateur League, of which they are founder members, since 1923. From the thirty nine seasons played Old Bedans have been League Champions on no less than six occasions:- 1933-4, 1936-7, 1953-3, 1957-8, 1963-4 and 1964-5. They were deprived of the Championship in 1962-3 when the weather took control and produced the only uncompleted season in the League's history. The North Eastern Amateur League Shield, competed for annually since 1937 as a knock-out competition eluded Old Bedans until 1963-3. They again won it in 1964-5.

It is of some interest to note that Sunderland clubs have won the League Championship every year since 1956-57. Clubs concerned include Sunderland Harlequins 4 years, Sunderland Technical College 3 years and Old Bedans 3 years. Since the War there has been an increase in the number of Sunderland Clubs in the League. Today they number ten and include the following:-

Division I. Belford House, Roker Harlequins, Sunderland College of Education, Sunderland Harlequins, Sunderland Technical College and Old Bedans.



Division II, Bellford House "A", Hastings A.F.C. Monkwearmouth G.S.O.B., Pleassey, Sunderland College of Education "A", Sunderland Harlequins "A", Sunderland N.A.L.G.O., and Sunderland Technical College "A".

Other clubs in the League include in Division I, Astrians, Athenians, Bohemians "A", Durham Colleges "A", Seatonians, Whitley Bay Amateurs, Newcastle University Reserves and Beyrleic "A" Division II, Kings (Old Scholars) Association, Ministry of Social Security "A", Newcastle University Medicals and Proctor and Gamble.

From this list of teams it can be seen that the standard of play is high, sportsmanship good, and ground facilities excellent. Despite this, Old Bedans, due to lack of support had to withdraw their second team from Division II four years ago. It is difficult to understand why a Club such as Old Bedans with the backing of such a fine school should be reduced to one team and even then struggle or play.

After the War, although players travelled to their games by public transport at their own expense, provided their own kit and laundered same, there were no problems with playing strength.

Today with cars available to convey the whole team to games, kit provided and laundered, difficulties have been met and the Club reduced to one team.

Why has this occurred? Have the Old Bedans lost contact with the school?

During the last two seasons great efforts have been made to sell the club to the School and develop a closer bond between the two. Last Season Old Bedans made a contribution towards the expenses of the School Soccer team when they visited Liverpool, and a number of schoolboys played for Old Bedans. This Season four masters are included in the playing strength.

Despite the changes that have taken place recently in the School, Old Bedans wish to continue to provide soccer for boys after leaving school, and look forward to the day when perhaps Old Bedans "A" will once again play in Division II.

G. Topel,  
Hon. Secretary,  
Old Bedans A.F.C.

P.S. The record of Old Bedans as at Saturday 9th November is  
Won 3, Draws 0, Lost 4.

Watch the Sunderland Echo for results and League Tables. Any interested players, please contact above at 7, Harwood Gardens, Sunderland.

### Annual Reunion 1965.

An inspired suggestion from George Halstead took the Reunion this year to University College, Durham Castle.

A sherry reception held in the Undercroft was followed by a most succulent meal excellently served in the Main Banqueting Hall under the austere eyes of former Chancellors of the University.

With a view to bringing a smile to those present and perhaps a few wincing, following a short speech and welcome from George Moore, the guest speaker A.G. Forrester gave a hilarious talk on "Humour in Education", well suited to the audience present. Although numbers had to be limited 118 guests were present including members and their partners. Many expressed their pleasure that the Reunion should be held in such a delightful setting of Palace Green and Castle.

Our 1969 Reunion is again being held in Durham Castle with reception in the Norman Gallery. - Contact the Hon. Secretary or Treasurer for details. Note the date - April 15th 1969.

### NEWS.

Three masters recently retired from the staff of Bede, Mr. J. Harrison (1932-66), Art Master, Mr. G. S. Thompson (1919-56) who was a member of the History Department from 1946 to 1968 and Mr. J. Kirk (1947-1968), Music Master. We wish them a long and happy retirement.

We regret to record the deaths of two former members of the staff, Mr. F. A. Jennens, Modern Languages Master, and Mr. A. Wilson, Classics Master, and of several Association members of long standing, M. T. Stacey (1931-7) the Chairman of the Association, J. Burnand (1911-6), H. Dunning (1914-31), C. N. Chapple (1922-9), G. Robinson (1907-62), E. Sedgewick (1912-5), R. Oliver (1922-27), and W. Obeward (1919-27).

We have news of the following Old Boys, gathered from various sources during the past year. M. Hatton, PL. D., B. A., (1929-33) Principal of Sunderland Technical College has been appointed the first Rector of the new Sunderland Polytechnic. F. Jeffery (1926-33) is now Vice-Principal of Belfast Methodist College. J. W. McFarlane (1932-9), an authority on Norwegian Literature and Dean of European Literature, is to be the new Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University of East Anglia. At present he is Professor of European Literature and Dean of European Studies at Norwich University. B. F. Rees (1941-5), Headmaster of Merchant Taylors School addressed the Sunderland Branch of the Educational Development Association refresher course in March last. I. Simpson (1945-50) has been teaching drawing on Television. He is a teacher at Hornsey College of Art. D. Kirtley (1935-6) recently had an Exhibition in the Sunderland Art Gallery. His subjects were oil and water colour studies of famous race-horses. He has had commissions from some of the most famous owners. D. Marcocky (1936-41) was the subject of an article in the "Sunday Times" 's August. An artist for over thirty years, he told 'Atticus' of his difficulties in selling

his pictures in London and proposed to try his luck in Paris. At present he is constructing a small craft - he is an ex-Navy man - in which he hopes to cross the Channel. G.A. Stafford (1930-6) becomes Headmaster of Barnes School, Sunderland in January 1949. Among visitors from abroad have been A. Smith (1925-31) from Vancouver where he is in business as a stockbroker; T. Pigg (1946-51) from Bogota, Columbia, where he is an accountant with Singer Sewing Machine Company; S. Harle (1944-51), Vice-Principal of Murre College, Jamaica, who reports a Sunderland in Jamaica - a remote settlement south of Montego Bay - and produced a photograph of the sub-post office showing the name to prove it; A. Flett (1930-4) recently appointed Editor of the New Zealand News, S. M. Durrant (1912-7) retired from school-mastering in Santa Barbara, California. On holiday here from Gravesend was A.A. Lucas (1928-36), a River Thames pilot, who brought news of G. Branch (1926-30), a jeweller in Sittingbourne, Kent. J. Davies (1953-6) is going abroad to Johannesburg.

From the Banking World we hear that J. Kirkley (1919-25) has retired from the managership of Barclays, Monkwearmouth, F. Cawc (1932-7) is now Manager of the Midland Bank, Sunderland, G.R. Storey (1942-6) is Assistant Manager of the Collingwood Street branch of Lloyds Bank, Newcastle upon Tyne, N.C. Macaulay (1942-6) is Manager of Westerhope and Newbiggin Hall branches of Barclays Bank.

J. L. Evans, O. B. E. (1937-42), Lieut. - Col. led a party of 200 men of the 111 Engineer Regt. (Volunteers) on a training course to Cyprus in August. R. L. Davis (1941-6), Wing-Commander, formerly Sword of Honour Cadet at R. A. F. College, Cranwell, headed a party of 46 officers on a visit to the North-East recently. The party was from the Royal Staff College, Andover, where Wing-Commander Davis is on the Staff. J. W. Harper, D. F. C. (1931-6), Squadron Leader, R. A. F. has just returned from service in Hong Kong and is now at the Ministry of Defence. D. W. Armstrong (1941-2) has been appointed Chief Inspector in the British South African Police in Rhodesia. I. Adamson (1942-8), an architectural assistant and a Royal Marine Reservist has made some forty parachute jumps including one recently into the Solent as a frogman-parachutist. J. Dowson (1941-9), Major, R. A. M. C. Catterick, was one of 54 members of the Late Society who met for a week's course at York University. The Society which has been in existence for 15 years drew enthusiasts from Holland, Finland and Sweden.

Rev. G. Whitfield (1919-27) is leaving Hampton Grammar School, Middlesex, where he has been Headmaster for some years, to become General Secretary of the Church of England Board of Education. Rev. R. Kent (1932-9) is Chaplain and Lecturer at Ripon College of Education. Rev. R. Wiggott (1932-9) moves from Sunderland South Methodist Circuit to Holbeach, Lincoln. P. Batty (1942-6), previously

Editor of "Tonight" with the B. B. C., is now filming Documentaries, his most recent films being "The Plutocrats" and "The Aristocrats". D. Holden (1936-9), journalist, has appeared in "24 Hours" as an authority on Middle East affairs. W. Simpson (1940-5), is a journalist on the Gibraltar Chronicle. R. Ord (1915-25), has been appointed by the Canadian Prime Minister to the important post of President of the Cape Breton Development Corporation, Nova Scotia, with the task of acquiring, reorganising and managing the coal mines of the Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation. He left this country nearly forty years ago and has held managerial posts in America and Canada with Monsanto Chemical Company and the Canadian Chemical Company. R. T. Whitfield (1945-7), becomes Managing Director of the Industrial and Marine Gas Turbine Division of Rolls-Royce, moving from the position of Managing Director of Rolls-Royce and Associates. He is to be appointed Deputy Chairman of the latter group. He has been concerned with the nuclear submarine project.

E. J. Gaggott, O. B. E. (1918-27), is now Town Clerk of the enlarged County Borough of Hartlepool, 28 years after his appointment of Town Clerk of West Hartlepool. O. Topel (1929-43), became chief Welfare Officer of Sunderland recently. W. Beadnell (1944-9), with his partner has invented a machine for mixing soluble oil and water, the fluid used extensively in mining to reduce the risk of fire, inherent in using undiluted lubricant oil. He is in business in the field of Industrial Waste Disposal. C. Robinson (1943-8), is head of the new creative department of the Bailey Organisation. He is an artist who specialises in glass fibre, ceramics and metal. R. H. Wilson (1923-7), director of Newalls Insulation and Chemical Company Ltd., of Washington, recently attended an industrial conference in Chicago. J. M. Soker (1944-9), is Deputy Chief Accountant with the British Egg Marketing Board. F. Smith (1946-51), has been appointed Secretary and Chief Administrative Officer of Pharmitalia, a British Pharmaceutical Association of the giant Montecatini-Eddison Company of Italy. H. Minicoin (1932-6), formerly manager of the Havlock Picture House, Sunderland, is now managing the Odeon, Torquay. We have heard from J. A. Petch (1918-17), now retired to Bucksall, Salep; F. Quickfall (1929-5), has left London for Gloucestershire; F. E. Kirton (1933-5), from Glasgow; J. Gardiner (1926-32), now near Caerphilly, Glam., W. C. Allinson (1931-4), now Harbour-master in Poole, in Dorset and P. H. Hammond (1935-49) who is now at Warren Springs Research Establishment and lives at Stevenage. J. W. A. Davidson (1932-3), becomes the new Treasurer of the Sunderland Antiquarian Society, succeeding O. Topel Senr. (1909-12) who has resigned on leaving the town. E. J. Pretty (1929-8), has been elected Vice-President of the National Association of Schoolmasters and will be President next year, the Golden Jubilee of the Association. R. N. Dumble (1940-7), has had his first book published, a Text book "Drawing for Craft Work". R. B. Anderson F. E. C. G.

(1921-7), has been appointed Director of Music and Organist of St. Mark's Church, North Audley Street, in London's West End. E. A. Little (1943-50), recently won the Northern Counties' Chess Championship. A. B. Sigworth (1914-18), celebrated his retirement from British Rail Offices, Newcastle, by visiting relatives and friends in Toronto, Canada this summer. We have had news of some recent examination successes. G. S. Bethel (1958-61), gained 2nd Cl. Hons. in Chemistry at London; A. Chape (1958-62), M. A. in Urban and Regional planning at Nottingham; P. Dagdale (1958-62), a British Council Scholarship to study art in Holland; F. Fenwick (1958-65), 2nd Cl. Hons. in Mathematics at Durham; M. Y. Griddle (1958-65), and B. J. Gasper (1958-65), each 1st. Cl. Hons. in Chemistry at Durham; F. Johnson (1957-65), 2nd Cl. Hons. in Economics and a post in Malaya as a Statistician; E. B. Kirtley (1958-65), 2nd Cl. Hons. in English Studies at Sussex; G. K. Lewis (1958-65), 2nd Cl. Hons. in Law at London; W. F. Wilson (1958-65), 2nd Cl. Hons. in Law and Economics at Durham. R. T. Ayre, Hon. Treasurer S. H. Pattinson, Hon. Secretary.



### Please For Information.

The success of this news section depends very much on the information forwarded to us by individual members. The Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer would welcome news of Old Boys for publication in the next issue of "The Old Boyan" in autumn 1969.

We feel that the Guild members might also be able to help us with news of old Boys. It is a long time since we heard from many Life Members who live in the town and we are sure that many of their contemporaries would welcome news of them.

New Life Members: M. E. Shiller, T. K. Halstead, B. Bagley, Rev. R. G. Carter, D. G. Henderson, J. Penrose, and A. C. Colling.

New Annual Subscribers: I. A. Meas, M. Wilson, L. A. Wilson.  
Subscriptions.

Outstanding annual subs. should be forwarded to the Hon. Treasurer without delay.

Annual Sub. 5/- Life Sub. £3. 3. 0.

Date of next Annual Dinner at Durham Castle is April 15th, 1969.  
Old Boyans' Association Prize Winners for School year 1966 - 67 were Michael Gibson and Malcolm Curzon.



### Bedou Archery,

The Archery Club continues to exist. This is all that can be said because it is quite a while since we received any new members.

Shooting takes place at Bede on Saturday afternoons from April to September each year. During the 'winter' months a fortnightly social is held at members' houses, in turn. Also, during these months, we hold our annual dinner. Both of these activities have proved to be a great success.

The Club is a MIXED one and members from both sexes are very welcome.

Any further information can be had from the Hon. Secretary, Mr. D. Colls, 23, Ross Lea, Shisley Row, Co. Durham.

## THE GUILD OF OLD BEDANS

The Winter Reunion will be held in the Art Room at School on Friday, Jan. 24th 1969 from 6 - 45 p.m. till 10 p.m.

Tickets priced 4/- each may be obtained from members of the committee or from the secretary. If you intend being present at this reunion will you please get your ticket before Jan. 21st.

Anyone who has coloured slides taken on the summer outing to Ambleside is asked to contact Mrs. W. Thomas, 11, Grange View, Sunderland, Tel. 57985, before this meeting.

Preliminary Notice:- The Dinner Reunion will be held at Ranside Hall Hotel on Friday, April 25th 1969. Details will be sent later.

To Annual Subscribers:- Please note that your Subscription (5/-) for 1968/69 is now due.

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Elsie Davidson (Kirkwood) has retired after completing twenty years service as Sec/Treasurer of the Guild. The Committee feel that many members would like to recognise this service by a suitable presentation, to be made at the Dinner Reunion in April 1969. Contributions should be sent to the Secretary or to any member of the Committee.

