

# **THE OLD BEDAN**

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## THE ASSOCIATION OF OLD BEDANS,

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

### THE GUILD OF OLD BEDANS,

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### Information for Members:

Annual subscriptions, 5/- for 1970/71 due on Sept. 1st 1970. Life Membership, £3.3.0.

Membership on August 31st 1970, 543.

Please note that some members have not yet paid their subscriptions for 1969/70 - the Sec-Treasurer would be most grateful to have these subscriptions together with those for 1970/71 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, showing clearly which is which.
- 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 whether her subscription has been paid.
- 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.

school, and as he passed he would venture a brief comment on the weather, "Bit nippy", or "Rain threat'nin'" he would say - always just two words, come what may. One winter's morning, after an overnight blizzard, they battled towards each other through about two feet of snow. Miss Orme waited expectantly. Surely it would need at least three words to do justice to this? But no, "Heavy goin'" he said, and must have indeed found it so, - for she never saw him again! On 'repatriation' to Sunderland, Miss Orme took her turn at fire-watching, and was usually on duty with Miss Harris. They seemed to attract 'alerts', and must have looked rather a comical pair when they turned out wearing their regulation tin helmets, for the size was too big for Miss Harris and too small for herself, especially with her curlers in. But they took their duties very seriously, and always went up on the roof to protect the school. After one particularly 'lively' raid (during which they saw a plane shot down - an awesome spectacle) they found they had been the sole 'protectors' - everyone else had prudently stayed in the shelter! Another night, hearing a mysterious noise outside Miss Nod's room, they opened the door leading to the office and saw, in the gloom, a round, black Thing. They fled, via the other door, to the Staff Room. When daylight came without anything having actually gone bump in the night, they returned cautiously to investigate. The Thing was still there, in the umbrella stand. It was a large hedgehog - -, Miss Orme said that her memories of Bede were preserved in the many photographs she had taken of pupils and staff, over the years (and she really must take one of Miss Bradbury, for she had never met a C.R.E. before). Faces she could see tonight were just the same as in those photographs, though the school did look somewhat different, and bore the marks of male invasion! But the people were as friendly as ever, and since her arrival the years had just melted away. Of course, she had never really lost touch: she received all the gossip from Miss Wilman, and looked forward eagerly each year to the arrival of the 'Old Bedas' - the best 'Old Girls' magazine she had ever read.

On this complimentary note Miss Orme ended her reminiscences, and was thanked by the Chairman, who wished we'd had time to hear more - but further entertainment was waiting in the wings. This was introduced by Winnie Scott (Mrs. Thomas) who was delighted to be announcing somebody else for a change. She was sure we would enjoy hearing a group of present and former pupils of Broadway secondary Modern School, directed by Mike Tunn, whose mother (Hannah Wright) and sister were both Old Bedas.

If anyone's heart sank at the mention of a Group, her fears were quickly dispelled. Here were no weird creatures emitting loud, outlandish sounds, but recognisable boys and girls whose singing and playing could be enjoyed by the squarrest among us. Their varied programme included items as diverse as a 17th century love song, a present-day 'protest', a Hebridean boating song, a modern spiritual, a mandolin solo and the popular 'Scarborough Fair'. Most of the songs had a guitar accompaniment which was no mere strumming, and all were performed with great sincerity and charm.

We were sorry that time did not allow us to hear more of their repertoire. Our thanks were eloquently expressed by Mary Mackintosh (Mrs. Alderson) - someone else enjoying a change of role! - who implored the young people, in her own dulcet tones, to "stay as sweet as you are" Mr. Turn suggested that if she cared to see him afterwards, they might discuss terms for a contract?

Everyone was pleased when one of the prizes in a raffle held to swell Social Service Funds (it raised about £11) went to one of the girl singers. The prize being a tin of biscuits, we hoped that her colleagues would share in her good luck!

Elaine thanked Margaret for her hard work in organising the dinner (and who should know better just how much work is involved?) and then, as her watch said it was home-time, home we had to go!

N. W.

Summer Reunion June 16th 1970. At the kind invitation of Banty Wigham (Mrs. Hall) we set off for St. John's Chapel from Gores Road Car Park on a cloudy cool evening. By the time Chester Road - and East Herrington stopping places were reached, there was a full bus-load of Old Bednians ready to enjoy the evening. The weather brightened considerably after we left Durham, and by the time we reached the Wardale roads the sun was shining. On our first visit to Banty's we were impressed by the flower-strewn meadows. Joyce Gallon (Hodgson) at "home" for two months from Australia could still, despite a "lost" (or overworked?) voice exclaim repeatedly about the beauty of the clover and the buttercups.

On seeing the bus arrive, Banty's attractive daughter set off down the hillside with transport for those wanting a lift. We settled in the back garden in the evening sunshine for our picnic - meat party, sandwiches and cakes made by Committee members. All too soon 8.15 came, farewells and thanks were repeated, and we arrived back later than expected, having had views of Durham Castle and Cathedral floodlit, and the twinkling lights of towns on the homeward journey - hilarious in some parts of the bus!

Another happy evening, and our sincere thanks to Banty for her gracious hospitality once again. It is so much better to be able to set off on our summer outing with a "home" as our destination, where we need not be completely 'ad fresco' if the weather is unkind.

For our members further afield, we list those who were at the outing:

Margaret Chasney (Gardiner)	Betty Rough (Hepburn)
Kathleen Bellamy (Ditchburn)	Rosemary Berriman (Pearson)
Joan Chapman (Rendall)	Joan Ball (Turpin)
Joyce Orr (Snowdon)	Mary Booth (Scott)
Irene Wilkinson	Betty Ritch (Stafford)
Joyce Gallon (Hodgson)	Margaret Hogg (Berry)
Joan Hambrough (Washington)	Margery Wade (Smith)
Margaret Chapman (Buster)	Edith Koerber (Donald)
Doris Marie Boudry (McCall)	Dorothy Morton (Stoddart)
Joyce Errington	Ethel Foreman (Towers)
Elspeth R. Shearer	Joan Hayton

Gladya Littlehales (Bosney)  
Elsie Davidson (Kirkwood)  
Mary Arkless (Robinson)  
Margaret Robinson (Dixon)  
Eileen Robinson  
Frances Brown (McDonald)  
Wynith Rough (McHenry)  
Elizabeth Rowlandson (Longster)  
Jean Marshall (St. John)

Lillian Dawson (Doddle)  
Nora Johnson (Wilson)  
Betty Peters (Spencer)  
Nellie Shiel (Widdrington)  
Winnie Scott (Thomas)  
Peggy Allen (Irvine)  
Rene Halliday (Downs)  
Kathleen Stromberg (Mullaney)

Summary of the Annual Business Meeting September 28th 1970.

Mrs. Kirkwood (Elsie Davidson) presided and the 31 Members present were welcomed by the President, Mrs. A.A.Y. Carrick. Election of Office Bearers and committee, Secretary and Treasurer's reports—girl appears in various places in the "Old Bedan". Reports on the Hockey Club, the London Branch and the "Old Bedan", Social Service activities, the Loan and Scholarship Fund and a report on the Joint Association.

Allocation of Funds:- £2.2.8. School Prize, £2. donation to the Hockey Club.

Future Meetings:- Winter Reunion in the Art Room at School, Dinner Reunion in April, a Saturday Outing and an Evening Outing in the Summer. Owing to the ever increasing cost of printing and postage the Treasurer suggested an increase in the annual subscription for September 1971.

Proposals of 30 and 40 New Pence were referred to the meeting of the Joint Association. Also in the interest of economy, a motion was passed that only two notices would be sent to members each year. This means that combined notices for the Winter and Dinner Reunions will be sent out with the magazine, and one notice for the Summer Reunion and the Annual Business Meeting will be sent in May.

LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND. There have this year been no requests for help from this fund and therefore awards will be made to girls on the basis of 'A' Level attainment. These will be presented, together with other prizes, at the Leavers' Reunion on 17th December, 1970.

Social Service Report 1969 - 70 During the past year the Committee has been greatly encouraged by the continued support you have given us, thus enabling us to continue our work in the name of the Guild. Consequently our financial position is sound and we finished the year with a Cash Balance of £44.11.9.

Activities:-

October 1969 The Committee was responsible for the G.O.B. stall at the Autumn Market, which raised £42 for the Guild of Help. Later in the month our needy people each received a Harvest gift of £1, a special gift was sent to a Guild Member whose distressing physical condition was rapidly becoming worse.

November 1969 An enjoyable Cookery Demonstration in the Northern Gas Board Kitchen was well supported; raffles, collection and a Bring and Buy Stall brought us in the sum of £11.4.0.

December 1969. Shortly before Christmas our "clients" were visited, and received small gifts plus £1 for Winter fuel. £2.10.6. was sent to the Guild representative who visits Weyside Rest Home, Boldon. She used it for the provision of occasional "tea time-treats" for the patients. Several of our members visited the Home at the invitation of the Matron and enjoyed chatting with the patients, among them Lily Heckala, Miss Oates, Mary Potts and the late Mattie Potts. At this time we were grieved to hear that our sick Guild Member was very much worse and was in Hospital. Knowing that her condition was hopeless we felt that we should provide some special luxuries. This was achieved through another Guild member, and when she died early in the New Year, her husband wrote, expressing his great appreciation of the kindness shown to his wife by her old school mates.

March 1970 Easter gifts of 25/- were taken to all our needy ones, the extra 5/- was due to an unexpected gift of £8.2.0. from the School Charities Fund, for which we were very grateful. At the last meeting of the season it was decided to send a donation for £2.2.6. to Mr. Kirkwood for the St. John's Ambulance Brigade. This was to show our deep appreciation of his kindly and practical interest in our work, by arranging Cookery Demonstrations for the benefit of the Social Service Funds and allowing the Committee to use the palatial Board Room for our meetings. A letter of congratulations and good wishes for the future was also sent to him on his retirement in July.

In closing the Committee thank everyone who in any way has helped us to continue our work in the name of the Guild, and I would like to add my personal thanks to the Committee for their loyal support.

Elsie Hooker (Convener), 36, Eastfield St.

The Hockey Club Between September 1969 and April 1970 we played 13 matches. We won 9, drew 2 and lost 2. Unfortunately 14 matches were cancelled during bad weather. We played in three tournaments; we won the September tournament. In April and the Sunday tournaments we drew in the final. During the season Brenda Peart played for England U23, North of England BX1, Durham County 1st X1, and Jean Pillans was Junior County Secretary. Our social activities included two dinners - one at the Barnes, the other at Silksworth Hall - 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. Our "Home" ground has now changed to Pennywell.

Linda Prior, 26, Whitty Avenue, 8th Beers,  
Sunderland.

London Branch of the Guild of Old Bedons Our last two meetings were not so much Housmans as cosy little tea-parties, as only five of the "regulars" turned up at my house last winter and at Rita Craggs' (Young) house in the summer. They were none the less enjoyable, although the sudden death of Phyllis Tennant (Beck) shortly before our meeting in June was sad news for all of us. She was Secretary of the London Branch from 1953-62 and attended practically every meeting, although that always

involved a long journey. We shall miss her lively company very much. I should like to thank Rita for her hospitality and repeat my invitation to any London Old Bedans, not on my mailing list, to contact me if they would like to join us at tea next time.

Doreen Ward (Macrae), 39, Birch Grove, London, W.3.

Tel. 61 - 992/3907.

Older Old Bedans. Stella Lawson (McNaught) sends us news of her 82-year-old aunt, Jeanette B. Morton who left the Higher Grade School in 1904 and taught, until her retirement at 60, in Sunderland, most of the time at Diamond Hall Infants' School. She tells of the different attitude of yesterday between head teacher and staff, when one headmistress she was under had "Come" cards given to each teacher. If for any reason the teacher needed to leave her classroom, she had to send one of these cards to the head, who would then "Come" and allow her to leave if she thought fit! Stella's mother, Sarah Margaret Morton, also attended the Old Higher Grade School in the days when they paid 9d or so a week, which was handed in on Mondays.

A subscription has been sent from Bristol on behalf of Laura Nelson (Hutchison) who is now 89 and was unable to write herself. Although having poor health in 1968, at the beginning of this year she was much better.

From November 1949 to November 1970 These have become Life Members:-

Margaret Garrick, Sheila McCree, Hazel McCree (Emalie), Bessie Clarke (Johnson), Lillian Thompson (Marley), Nellie Stephenson (Scott), Sandra Milward (Chapman), Marjorie Bullie.

These have become Members:- Frances Brown (McDonald), Marilyn Beavers, Sheila Bussey, Hilda Dawsey (Bagley), Christine McCutrick, Millicent Richardson, Ruth Margaret Rankin, Margaret E. Samuelsen, Janet Wright (Godfrey).

Married are:- Ann Bartell, Mary Berriman, Kathleen Boyd, Judith Byers, Susan Davison, Judith Gribble (staff), Judith Henderson, Joan Lettice, Isabel Moor, Anne Nicholls (staff), Christine Phillips, Judith Raine, Margaret Robinson, Joan Royal.

Babies to:- Angela Charlton (McCree), Kathleen Carr (Shiel), Dorothy Dodd (Groves), Kathleen Hall (Henderson), Elaine Pell (Davidson), Kathleen Stafford (Cox), Sheila Thomas (Walker), Anne Thompson (Nelson), Valerie Williamson (Trigg), Elko Burnham (Jackson).

In Memoriam: Bertha Byfield (Mrs. Murray), Catherine Maude Cahill (Mrs. Broderick), Ivy Naisky, Phyllis Lawson, Mattie Potts, Dorothy Raine (Wood), Joan Reed (Mrs. Murdy), Mildred Ross, Violet Ross, Doris Taylor, Phyllis Tennant (Mrs. Beck), Edith Watson.

Homes of Old Bedans Eleanor Carlill has moved from Manchester and is now living at Melrose, Roxburghshire. Evelyn Thompson (Pinn) is living in Long Ashton near Bristol. She is teaching Domestic Science to Nursery Nursing Students. Her sister, Marjorie, is also moving to Long Ashton. Lavonia Waddle (Bell) is now in Leeds, and Kathleen Stafford (Cox) in Tring, Herts; Linda Carr (Speight) is at Ripley (York), and Kathleen Hall (Henderson) has moved from Penzance to Cleethorpes.

Marjorie Anderson (Curtis) now lives at Dinkforth at the Police Training Centre. As there are families still living there, in addition to helping with the Babies' Clinic, she was asked to organise a Cytology Clinic. Being just off the A 1, Marjorie has lots of visitors for coffee or tea on their way south or north. Kathleen Price (Dolan) lives in Newcastle. Joyce Robson (Warwick) is now at "Fair Lea", Totts Cloon, Low Worsall, Yarm. Audrey Carr (Arlott) is living at Sevenage and still teaching, but hopes to get to the G.O.B. dinner when she retires in 1971. Kathleen Carr (Shiel) has moved from Potters Bar to St. Albans, Herts. Amy Stephenson (Ferguson) is in Wetherby, Hall, and Deven Warding (Potts) is in Newark, Notts. Sheila McCree is now in Harrogate.

#### School Notes.

It is with sorrow that we record the sudden and untimely deaths of two members of staff.

Mr. C. J. Wates, for many years a colourful Bode character and one of whom countless Sixth Form students of Economics, History and British Constitution owe a great debt, remained at school after his retirement from full time teaching in July, 1969, in order to shepherd his last Sixth Form group through their final school examinations. This he did: but dying suddenly in June, he never savoured the delight of real leisure and was not destined to complete the sequel to his recently published book on Economics.

Miss D.M. Taylor, herself an old pupil of the school, returned as a member of staff, to serve the school devotedly for thirty years. Quiet and unassuming, she not only inspired many pupils with her own love of languages, but proved an effective leader of a happy staff team who fostered the traditions and achievements in Modern Languages which had long characterised the Girls' School. Latterly, as Head of French, and finally as Head of Modern Languages, she made her contribution to the amalgamated school.

Last Christmas, Mr. H.T. Corbridge retired from his position as Head of the Modern Languages Department. He too, was one of the old brigade who served the school for many years. His cheerful good nature and charm, his sense of humour, his kindly consideration of others, as well as his enthusiasm for his subject will long be affectionately remembered by many of the successive generations of boys and latterly by some girls. We hope that retirement will bring him improved health and much happiness.

Mrs. C. Bryce retired in July. She came in a temporary capacity to help the school in a moment of need and stayed for over twenty years. She loved the school; and her pupils and colleagues regarded her with a warm affection for her 'joie de vivre', her unflinching sense of humour and her kindly concern for all. She was a dedicated teacher of Mathematics and during the past three years, as Elrick House Mistress, she has proved an energetic and successful pioneer in quite a new field. We hope that her visit to South Africa to meet her new daughter-in-law's relatives will prove but a delightful prelude to a very long and happy retirement.



The school also said goodbye in the course of the year to Mr. A.N.Felton, Mr. J.L.Brandon, Mrs. A.Morgan, Miss B. Peart, Mrs. M.C.Robinson, Mr. R.J.Smailes, Mr. D.A.Smith, Mr. C.F.Stephens, and Miss M. Wright, who left to take up new appointments, to Mr. J.R.Hudson who has, after a year's teaching, embarked upon a course of further study, to Mrs. D.M.Morrison and Mrs. St. Helier Mason (for the latter it was hail and farewell within a year) who are expecting happy events, and to Mrs. J. Scorer who gave us much needed help with F. E. in an hour of need.

Mrs. M. Montgomerie holds the record for leaving Bede School. As Miss May Muir she first left to be married. She returned in 1945, and became Head of the R. E. Department. Family circumstances compelled her to tender her resignation last July. Many Bedians, saddened to lose the services of one who always made such an active and many faceted contribution to school life, were delighted to welcome her back in a part-time capacity in September when she returned for a further term to help the school over a seemingly impossible staff problem.

School was also happy to welcome back an old friend, Mr. W. Fell, after his year of further study at Durham University, while it wishes Mr. T. Wilton, now seconded to a Russian course at Reading University, a happy busy year.

Other new members of staff have been welcomed this year - Mrs. E. G. Darns (Course Tutor), Mr. H. Dillon (House Master), Miss E. M. Hill (Art), Mrs. A. S. Bower (Chemistry), Mr. P. J. Eastman (English), Miss A. Gray, Mrs. A. M. Chapman and Miss S. Bryant (Modern Languages), Miss S. M. Bussey, Miss R. K. Dennison, Mr. G. Williams, Mr. A. N. Felton (P. E.) (Mr. G. A. Lawson (Physics), Mr. R. S. Cowie and Mrs. E. Towers (R. E.) (Mrs. P. Stitt who so kindly helped out with English for two terms is now embarking on the full time teaching of her own subject, History).

LEAVERS 1970 Our records concerning the Summer, 1970, leavers are not yet complete. There is always a delay in obtaining final details.

A considerable number of boys and girls have secured places at Universities. Three boys have gone to Cambridge and three boys and one girl to Oxford. Of these, John Bittlestone and Clive Fraser, who won Exhibitions in Chemistry to St. Catherine's College, Oxford, and our one girl, Anne Laybourne, who in face of the fierce competition for Women's Colleges, obtained a place at Somerville, deserve special mention. The University entrants are following a wide diversity of courses including Veterinary Science, Computer Science, Economics, Classics, Geography, History, English, Zoology, Textile Technology, Social Studies, Middle Eastern Studies, Medicine, Music, Physics, Mathematics, French and others. Other boys and girls have entered Polytechnics where they will follow courses leading to degrees and diplomas in Art, Sociology, General Degree subjects, Pharmacy and Business Studies. As usual, a large number of our leavers have entered Colleges of Education and these are spread over the whole country. Yet others are training as radiographers and one girl is a student orthoptist. Those who have left to go directly into employment include one commissioned 'taxidermist', many in the Civil Service, several in banks, and others doing office work.

It is pleasing to note the exceptionally large number of pupils who choose to join the Sixth Form and also to see the admirable way in which they acquit themselves.

Prizes. Lily A. Hutchinson Prizes: for English - Stephen Thorne.  
for French - Norma Douglas.

Guild of Old Bedan's Prize for the best performance at 'O' level:

Judice Swadwell and Lorraine White.

News of former Members of Staff. Miss Lloyd is now living at Westfield House, Thornhill Gardens. In July she had her 90th birthday and was helped to celebrate it there with all the residents and a few friends from outside at a cocktail party given by her relatives, and made a very neat little speech in answer to the toast to her. She has had a few Old Bedan callers, though, we gather, not as many as she would like to have. She met, however, a lot of Old Bedans Minnie Anderson and Gertie Carr in October at a centenary dinner of the N.U.T., whose oldest local member she is. Miss Harris too has changed her address and finds it more difficult at present to get into town, but she got to the Annual Business Meeting, and to our Guild of Help stall at the Autumn Market. Muriel Bruce (Anderson) with her husband spent a few hours with Miss Arkle and Miss Shearer in September. She asked about many former classmates and pupils, and sent greetings to those who remember her. Earlier, she had given to the G.O.B. one of the old phoenix badges, "Irreverently known as the Tombstone". Miss Orme had Mrs. White (Miss Hrench) as a guest for a few days in 1969 and this year she herself came to Sunderland for the first time since 1953, stayed with Miss Wilman and attended the Guild Dinner. Mrs. Nicholson (Miss D. Thompson) has definitely retired from teaching and now lives at Eastbourne. When she wrote in February, she was enjoying both freedom and her new home, in spite of a recently broken arm. She sent good wishes for our reunions. Miss Abbott visits Miss Briggs every year and they both see Miss Bernard and Miss Harding. Miss E.V.V. Clark paid her usual visit to Sunderland this summer. Miss Wilman kindly arranged a tea-party for Miss Harris, Miss Clark and Miss Ellen Carlin so that they could "talk over past, present and future". While in Sunderland, Miss Clark visited "Wayside" to meet Anne Haddock and give her news of another Old Bedan, Jess Baker, now living in Sheffield. Miss Peters came to Sunderland to attend the Annual Dinner of the Sunderland Keep-Fit Association and was presented with a bouquet. She has heard from Miss Franklin and Mrs. Judson (Miss Kathleen Herbert). Miss Waggett is still living in Cheltenham. Miss Margaret Sproat who taught at Bede 1949-53, became Director of Education for Gateshead in April. She is responsible for 16,000 school children in 44 primary schools, 11 secondary schools, 3 special schools, one nursery school, 3 nursery classes and a technical college.

We see that the first M.L.L. Stirk Memorial Prize, in memory of Miss Stirk, has been awarded to a second year student of biology at Sunderland Polytechnic.

Bodans at Work. Gillian Ditchburn (Mans) who lectures at Cambridge University, has been asked to edit a Penguin edition of Chaucer. In October she started a series of ten lectures on "Gothic satire". (Editor's Note: Gothic is the pseudonym of a reviewer well practised in the use of satire). Mary Bevrinan ("Addison") is lecturing in dentistry at Sheffield University. Jean Mellentin (Gillies) has just become headmistress of Belden Colliery North Road Infants' School. She is also a J. P. serving in the Jarrow Magistrates Court. Maureen Liddell is working as a pharmacist attached to the York A. Hospital Management Group to be used at any of the hospitals within the Group where help is needed. Margaret Barron (Munday) is personal secretary to the Director and Company Secretary of Hargreaves (West Riding Ltd.), Bowcliffe Hall, Bramham. Her home is at Alwoodley, Leeds. With the completion of new roads at the end of Wearmouth Bridge, the shop, in the old Toll House at the end of the Bridge, set up in 1900 by the late Ald. George New (when cigarettes cost 11½d for 20!) is no more. When Margaret New left school, she helped to run the shop, and in 1934 she took over the reins of the business completely. She recalls people buying five cigarettes for twopence and staying for a cup of coffee and a chat about the latest town news. There were also snuff enthusiasts to be served, and sea-faring men of many nationalities which made the shop with its cosmopolitan atmosphere a lively and colourful place to work in. Another sign of the changing face of Sunderland.-----

Younger Old Bodans. Angela Porter (Cassels) graduated in economics from the University of East Anglia in 1969, and in October '69 began a two year course of research for a B. Litt degree, at Glasgow University. Her research subject is "The New Towns in Scotland". Angela would be pleased to hear from any other Old Bodans living in the Glasgow area. Her address is 14, Linden Street, Anniesland, Glasgow W3. Mariel Hodgson is a second-year student taking a computer science course at Teesside Polytechnic, Middlesbrough. She became interested recently in pot-holing, and has made journeys down to Burkworth Hole and Calf Hole in North Yorkshire, and hoped to join a Teesside caving club this autumn. Bess Pearlman is studying French, English and Hebrew at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. She is one of a contingent of 3,300 overseas students at the University, and plans a career in public relations. Sandra Dehney gained a first class honours degree (London) in summer 1976. Dorothy Nelson has qualified as a doctor, and Isabel Moor (Burton) as a dentist. Elizabeth Melton is at Leeds University where her sister Susan (Davies) is taking an M. A. degree. Joan Tullock is at Liverpool University and Marjorie Enllie at Newcastle.

In Public Life. Old Bodans were delighted to read in the New Year's Honours List that Miss Bradbury had been awarded the C. B. E. Margaret MacLachlan (Lady Steel) among many other commitments opened a garden fête held in the grounds of Sunderland Y. M. C. A. hostel, "Kensington Hall" when £240 was raised towards extensions to the hostel. She is vice-president of Durham Girl Guides Association, and in October addressed the annual meeting of the Durham City and mid-Durham branch of the N. S. P.

C.C. at Durham. Jessie Ross (Scott-Bailey) was recently interviewed in a "Look North" television programme in connection with her work as a member of the Northern Economic Planning Council. Their report issued in September called for more money from the Department of Education and Science to help the region replace old and inadequate schools, and sought a five year drive by the Department to rid the region of large classes, particularly in primary schools. In April, at a ceremony in Newcastle University Refectory, Midge Alder was one of the seventeen people who received a Gold Badge from the Viscountess Ridley, the highest award in the National Blood Transfusion Service in recognition of their having made 50 donations of blood. Annie Sanderson, is Divisional Guide Commissioner for Sunderland North, and is President of Sunderland Head Teachers' Association. Last December Elaine Proom gave a talk illustrated with photographs on the recent holiday she and her sister Marion spent in America and Canada, to the Scroptonists. Ann Belmer is President of Sunderland Branch of the N.U.T. On the schools' cruise to the Canaries this year, Ann proposed the toast to captain and crew of the Nevada, at a farewell party.

Meetings. Among their visitors to Brathay Fall Cottage, Ambleside this year, Lena Thompson and Phyllis Peters have had Mary Mackintosh (Alderson) Muriel Liddle, Doris Saphon (Crighton) Dorothy Crow (Robinson) and sister Peggy (Hetherington). Amy Robinson (Thompson) Joyce Gallon (Hodgson) and Joyce Errington, Lucy Mills (Davies) Sylvia Hood (Briggs) Jennie Hey (Smith) Kathleen Carr (Kitch) and Winnie Scott (Thomas). In August, there was a mini-reunion at the home of Grace Turner (Hayton) in Cledon. This was to welcome Muriel Watson (Jalovka) on her third visit home from Niagara Falls where she has lived for twenty years. She and her 14 year old daughter were spending three weeks in England and a few days in Paris. Florrie Watson (Charleworth) came from Rotherham and stayed overnight, meeting friends she had not seen for thirty years. Mary Priestman (Fenton) came from Chester-le-Street and Louie Sally (Proctor) and Anne Pace joined in the chatter, laughter and showing of photographs. The following day Louie had a coffee morning, when Joan Rutherford (Davies) and Eunice Brace (Wood) joined the others. Miss Shearer and Miss Arkle had been invited to join the party but due to a misunderstanding were unable to be present. Once again, there was much hilarity, until Florrie had to be rushed away by Muriel and Grace to catch the 12.30 train. Muriel spoke of her meeting with the Sunderland Youth Orchestra when they were in Canada, and she extends a warm welcome to any Old Bedam who might be journeying in the Niagara Falls area. Her address is, 3815 Barker St., Niagara Falls, Ontario. Doris McCree (Pygott) was able to look up Isabel Eaton (Hutchinson) whom she hadn't seen for about twenty years, while holidaying in the Lake District; "but", as Doris writes "the gap seems as nothing after the first few minutes". Doris also entertained her cousin Gwen McCree (Morrell) last December. On her first visit to England, Joyce Gallon, in addition to those Old Bedams whom she saw at the Summer Reunion, met at a Canasta party Joan Boswell (Rough) Dorcas Dent (Stoddart) Gladys Burrell, Gladys Elliot (Canning) Anne Mitchell (Crowe) Maira Cuddeford (Dixon) Jean Henderson (Telfer) Pat Carty (Turnbull) and Mildred Hugill. In various other ways she met Cathy McCree

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Foreign News. Hazel McCree (Emellie) home on leave in October, is teaching at the International School in Dar-es-Salaam, and enjoying her class of 3-12 year olds of various nationalities. In July 1969 her second book "Preparation for Teaching" was published and she is now working on a Pan-Africa Secondary School series of pupils' books for controlled and creative writing. Hazel was amazed to find that her husband's secretary was an Old Bedas, Diane Smith (Fox). Hilma McCree is living in Port Moresby, working for the New Guinea territory administration, and

finding it very different from Australia. Valerie Wood (Waggett) was living in Italy for a time, and teaching English there, but is now back in San Francisco. Minnie McMillan (the second) has a post in the Division of Chemistry and Engineering at the Institute of Technology in California. Marguerite Roberts (now Smithwhite) left her post in London after being accepted to give her services to Health Education in Auroville, India, a new spreading settlement where there is no question of money or competition, and where people of all nationalities serve the community each according to his qualification and talents. Marguerite set off in May, having arranged to travel slowly and to stay en route first in Yajosalvia then in Turkey. After that however, as a result of her participation in an international conference in Teheran "an exciting and unexpected project developed" which has necessitated her return to London for at least a year before she sets off again. We have no particulars about this yet, but she thinks that through it she may be able to raise money for the Health Education Centre in Auroville. Ann Wiggins is in Australia for two years. Frances Wills (Gillies) missed the G. O. B. dinner reunion for the first time since 1964 as she left for a holiday in South Africa in March this year. Joyce Errington spent some six months in Australia and New Zealand this year. She stayed for the greater part with Joyce Gallon (Hodgson) in Sydney and had a tour of Canberra with the mother of Shane Spencer (Pickering) and went to the wedding in Sydney of the son of Lily Forster (Young), who flew out for the event. Joyce Gallon is now living in Melbourne. Jennifer Burton (Miller) was home from Kenya for two months in the spring. Ivy Riddick (Snowden) visited her sister Denise in Newcastle during a month's stay over here from Redonda Beach, California. Carol Henderson (Bain) has returned from Canada for a year and is staying with her husband and two children in Chalfont St. Giles. Marjorie Stephenson (Southern) has been home from Canada and has visited Blanche Collinson and Elsie Seaton (Lawrence). Elsie White of Vancouver, sending her generous donation for our old folk, has a great many interests. She is Secretary-Treasurer of the City Hall Bowling Club (5 pins) and is vice-regent of the Chapter of I.O. D.E. (Imperial Order of Daughters of the Empire). She belongs to a Bridge Club and has season tickets on World Adventure Tours. She hoped to take another big trip in 1970.

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#### Sport

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### Editorial Postscript.

Our thanks to Winnie Graham, Margaret Chapman and Olga Wright for their willing co-operation in typing, and to Mr. Milner Taylor, our auditor. We have heard of several Old Bedans who are ill or in poor health. To them we send kind thoughts and good wishes for happier times in 1971.

Wanted: News Collectors, based locally, or anywhere, (no age limit), to collect authentic items of news suitable for inclusion in this magazine, checked and verified, names married and maiden (right way round), to help an Editor whose task of compiling news is becoming more difficult "as schooldays recede", to quote from Old Bedan lyrics. Your letters are most welcome - thank you to all who have made the effort to write this year. To others, please send your news to your Secretary or Editor. Your appreciation of this magazine is generous; to make our job easier, please will YOU help?

W. T.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS ON 31st AUGUST, 1970

<u>RECEIPTS</u>				<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
Annual Subscriptions	41	16	0	Printing	60	14	0
8 Life	25	4	0	Stationery	5	10	0
Extra Magazines		6	0	Postage & Telephones	19	3	8
Donations	1	10	0	Gifts & Cards	3	12	5
Balance from Meetings	27	1	5	Engraving	5	0	0
Interest	62	18	10	Cheque Book	5	0	0
Loss on the year's working	36	11	7	London Branch	1	0	0
	£197	5	10	Interest Revenue	106	14	0
					£197	5	10
<u>TOTAL FUND</u>							
	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
Balance on 31st August 1969	1062	8	1	Made up as follows:-			
Loose				3½ War Stock	38	7	3
Loss on year's working	36	11	7	7½ Savings Bonds	75	0	0
				In Bank:-			
	£1025	16	6	Deposit Acc. (S.T.S.B.)	68	8	6
				Spec. Inv. Depl.	157	14	7
				Current Account	24	4	2
				Cash in Hand	3	1	
					£1025	16	6

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

J. M. Taylor. 12th Sept. 1970.

Margaret L. Butler, Honorary Treasurer.

Unfortunately this year there was a loss on the year's working of £36. 11. 7. This was due to the fact that the Guild had to pay Income Tax and Corporation Tax amounting to £106. 16. 0, on interest received over the last five years. An Accountant was consulted but we found that we had no claim against the demand.

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### Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held in Bede Junior School on Friday, October 14th 1970.

Mr. Moore concluded his term of office as Chairman of the Association and Mrs. M. Robinson was welcomed as Chairman for the forthcoming two years. In her opening remarks Mrs. Robinson thanked Mr. Moore for his efforts as the first chairman of the Association. During the election of Officers Mr. Moore was unanimously elected a Vice-President of the Association.

Reports were received from the Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer. It was agreed that a prize of five guineas would be given to the school from the Association.

Other discussions ranged over such topics as the cost of the magazine, subscriptions and forthcoming functions.

The meeting concluded with tea and biscuits provided most kindly by the ladies.

### Secretary's Report.

All activity of the Association was concentrated in the Autumn of 1969. On November 7th a party visited Billingham Forum to see 'Billy Liar' and afterwards enjoyed a meal also in the Forum. This was a successful event and it is hoped that another visit will soon be arranged particularly as Brian Shelton, an Old Bedan, is now Director of the Forum.

Lambton Street Club was the venue of a Buffet Dance on November 14th and over fifty members and partners had a very pleasant evening, even though financially, a loss was incurred. Kevin Hartley, a lively disc jockey, kept all in motion and though this was a departure from the normal for many, his good humoured handling of the evening assured its success.

A folk group, including a penny whistler, entertained for half an hour in the middle of the evening and sang many known, and a few unknown, songs.

The Buffet Supper was a splendid spread and certainly no one was able to claim hunger as an excuse for inactivity.

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### 1970 Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting was a departure from the usual in that members were invited to bring their wives and partners. The result was most encouraging and 40 members and guests were present.

The business meeting was perhaps the shortest for some time. The appointment of Mr. Justice Cairns, as Association Vice-President, as a Lord Justice of Appeal was noted by our President and it was agreed, with pleasure, that the congratulations and best wishes of the Association should be sent to Lord Justice Cairns. It was with regret that the resignation of the Hon. Secretary was received. Mr. Pattinson is now working away from Sunderland and is unable to carry on as Secretary. After twelve years of very valuable service the appreciative thanks of the Association were voiced by the President.

Following the business, a group of Madrigal Singers entertained with a selection of beautifully rendered items. This was a rather unusual entertainment but proved to be most successful.

The evening was concluded with a most welcome Buffet Supper and still well before closing time!

### Secretary's Report.

The activities of 1969 - 70 have been reported elsewhere in this magazine and I would like to make some comments about the forthcoming year.

It is necessary to look at the past year to realise that activities have been somewhat fragmented and this involves Council in a tremendous amount of duplicated effort. It has therefore been decided to produce a diary of events for the forthcoming year which will enable members to be aware of activities of interest at as early a date as possible. The diary is published with this magazine and shows an activity for most months. Alongside each activity is the expected cost and, most important, the date by which bookings must be given.

It is hoped that all members will find something to their liking and give their support. I will be only too pleased to answer any queries concerning these, either telephoned or written.

Suggestions for 1972 would be most welcome!

Council has also submitted notice of proposed changes to rules for consideration at the 1971 Annual General Meeting to be held in the Barnes Hotel at 7.30 p. m. on Thursday 23rd September. (Final bookings by Tuesday 21st September 1971).

It will be noticed that in these it is proposed to change the date of the Annual General Meeting from September to January. The main reasons for this are:-

a) One notice of the Annual General Meeting, forthcoming events etc. can be sent to members at the latter part of the year with the magazine.

b) Membership will be for the calendar year.

In the past when circulating members it is surprising that so many letters are returned because correct addresses are not known. Please, if you move let us know your new address. If anyone knows the addresses of anyone in the list please inform the Hon. Treasurer or Hon. Secretary. Many areas are now using postal codes and it would be helpful if these were also sent. When doing so why not include some autobiographical details?

#### Amendments to Rules.

It is proposed by Council that the following changes in the rules of the Old Bedans' Association be made:-

##### 1. Rule 7a

The A. G. M. of the Association shall be held during January for the receiving of reports of the Secretary and the Treasurer; the election of Officers and other members of Council, and the transaction of general business.

##### 2. Rule 12

The rules may be altered, or varied by a majority of members present at the Annual Meeting; but notice in writing of any proposed change must be given by the member to the Secretary before October 31st.

##### 3. Rule 16

That rule 16 be deleted.

#### Annual Reunion Dinner 1970.

A sherry reception among the stone arches of the Undercroft in Durham Castle in April was the beginning of the 1970 Reunion Dinner. From the Undercroft guests made their way up a narrow stairway leading to the entrance of the Banqueting Hall and came upon a view for which 'splendid' is perhaps too mild a word. The lines of white tables with cutlery and glass splashed with red napkins was a splendid sight.

The meal was superb and the wine excellent. After the meal the President made some brief remarks and introduced Mr. and Mrs. R. Kemp to entertain.

To sing in such a large hall and be heard is perhaps difficult, to do so well for thirty minutes is certainly worthy of praise. This our entertainers did and their efforts were warmly welcomed and received.

Renewals of old acquaintances and new are always a feature of Reunion and what a splendid setting in which to do so.

Reunion Dinner 1971 is April 8th. Applications for tickets and wine lists to the Hon. Secretary by March 24th 1971 please.

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

The 1969 - 70 Season showed a marked improvement in the position of the club, due to the excellent relationship between club and school. Although Old Bedans completed the Season in tenth position out of fourteen there was little doubt that the Club was afloat.

The final league table was as follows:-

#### North Eastern Amateur League, Div. 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Reyrolle 'A'	26	23	2	1	120	42	48
Astrians	26	17	6	3	73	36	40
Roker Harlequins	26	14	3	9	73	52	31
Newcastle University Res.	26	14	3	9	73	57	31
Sunderland Polytechnic	26	13	4	9	84	52	30
D. H. S. S. 'A'	26	12	6	8	86	68	30
Sunderland Coll. of Education	26	11	6	9	59	46	28
Sunderland Harlequins	26	11	2	13	62	86	24
Belford House	26	10	2	14	63	70	22
Old Bedans	26	9	2	15	65	88	20
Athenians	26	8	3	15	53	105	19
Whitley Bay Amateurs 'A'	26	5	5	16	47	74	15
Durham Colleges 'A'	26	6	2	18	34	108	14
Bohemians 'A'	26	4	4	18	60	98	12

In 1970 - 71 Season Durham Colleges 'A' and Bohemians 'A' were relegated and Sunderland N. A. L. G. O. and Hebburn Technical College promoted from the Second Division.

This has produced a very strong league and has made it more necessary than ever to maintain a very high standard of soccer.

Old Bedans commenced the 1970 - 71 Season against Sunderland N. A. L. G. O. losing 4 goals to nil, and Hebburn Technical College, losing 4 goals to one, proving that the standard is indeed very high. New players have now been brought into the team and with training, improvement is being made.

There is still a need for more players and anyone interested should contact the Hon. Secretary at the address below, or Mr. C. Griffiths at Bede School.

O. Topel,  
Hon. Sec.,  
7, Harewood Gardens,  
Sunderland.  
Tel. 63418.



### Old Bedans' Badminton Report 1970.

After its first full season as a mixed club, the badminton section can report that the venture has proved to be a success. In fact, as a profit was made last season, it has been possible to reduce the subscription to £3.10.0 per season ( 38/- for those aged 18 and under ). Anyone wishing to pay an occasional visit may do so at 5/- per night ( 2/6 for those 18 and under ).

The venue is still the Senior Hall each Wednesday of term time until the Easter holidays. The time is now from 7.30 until 10 pm.

So far this season, the average attendance has been 17, thus providing the welcome innovation of being able to rest between games. It is particularly pleasing to have members of the Senior School joining us. However, there is still room for new members who will be made most welcome whatever the standard of their play.

J. Ian Whan (Hon. Sec. )

110, Gartland Rd.,  
Grindon,  
Sunderland.

Tel. Hyllon 2874.

### Report of the Old Bedans' Archery Club 1970.

The weather this year has been quite good, resulting in a consistent turnout at our Saturday meetings. This season has seen a greater variety in the different kinds of 'rounds' shot, thereby increasing keenness to get those scores higher.

The highlight was, as usual, our annual shoot and this was held at the end of the season. It was good to see two of our non-shooting members, Messrs. J. Duxbury and G. T. Halstead, out on the field again filling the roles of Judge and Field Captain respectively. It was altogether a very pleasant day.

When you read this report the shooting season will have closed and members will be well into the winter social season. This comprises of our Annual Dinner, usually held in the Christmas period and fortnightly gatherings at each member's home in turn.

We are the same as various wartime establishments, WE NEVER CLOSE. The Club is open to all, of both sexes, and further information can be obtained from the Hon. Sec., D. Colls,

28, Belle Vue Park,  
Sunderland.

### In Memoriam.

With regret we have to record the death of Mr. J. C. A. GRINDALE on March 3rd 1970 in his 86th year at his home in Brookside Gardens, Sunderland. Mr. Grindale joined the Modern Languages Department in 1912 and taught at Bede until his retirement in 1947.

The School learnt with dismay of the sudden death of Mr. C. J. WATES on June 28th 1970. He had been at school the previous day. Mr. Wates became Senior History Master at Bede in 1946. Many Bedans owe much to him for their success in the academic field. He had retired last year but was still teaching part-time at the School.

The death took place at Dorking on April 18th 1970 of V. H. FINNEY (1909-18). He was the first Old Sedan to become a Member of Parliament, representing Hexham as a Liberal in the General Election of 1923. Formerly a Sunderland Rural District Councillor, F. SHAW (1910-13) died last November. He was an engineer and worked in India for twenty years, being awarded the M. B. E. for his services there.

C. G. BENSON (1906-8), a former Headmaster of Reddy School died recently. He was keenly interested in Association Football and had been a talent scout for some well-known clubs, including Derby County, Middlesbrough and Sunderland.

H. B. WILLIAMSON (1933-38), the Assistant Town Clerk of Sunderland, died in June this year.

R. DENTON (1929-31), a Merchant Navy Master Mariner, died in Los Angeles as a result of an accident on April 17th 1970..

N. FERRY (1931-8), a Senior Lecturer in Chemistry at the Sunderland Polytechnic died on Oct. 13th 1970. At one time a research chemist with British Celanese Ltd. in Derby, he returned to Sunderland in 1948 as a lecturer at the Technical College.

D. THOMPSON (1952-7), a curate attached to the Parish of St. Margaret in Lewisham in S. E. London, died in Feb. this year.

Items of News that have come to our notice during 1970.

The news that Mr. Justice CAIRNS (1910-20) has been appointed a Lord Justice of Appeal was received with great pleasure in Sunderland and especially by those Old Sedans who know him.

Sir James TAYLOR (1913-14), Chairman of the Royal Society of Arts and recently President of the Institute of Physics, was a guest at the Northumberland and Durham Association Annual Dinner in London on March 7th 1970. Sir James is the author of many scientific publications and was made a Doctor of Civil Law of Durham University in June this year.

T. ALMOND (1948-51) has been appointed to the Headship of Diamond Hall School and R. B. BALL (1932-41) to be Deputy Headmaster of the Matthew Murray Comprehensive School at Leeds.

D. BRANDON (1952-9), Senior Mental Health Social Worker with Shoreham local authority, contributed to a Report "The Treadmill", a recently published Christian Action Survey, dealing with the problems of single homeless people. He lived as a destitute person in the poor districts of Manchester, Birmingham and London to experience the conditions under which so many people live.

C. M. DAWSON (1918-26), Professor of Greek at Yale University, has recently had published a translation, annotation and introductory essay on the play by Aeschylus, "Seven against Thebes".

E. S. DAWSON (1929-33), senior building surveyor with a London firm of Chartered Surveyors has been made a Freeman of the City of London. His responsibilities include the care and maintenance of historic buildings belonging to the London Guilds, among them the Drapers' Company, the

Tallow Chandlery Company and the Saddlery Company. These Guilds, in addition to their Halls, possess charity almshouses and investment property requiring specialised knowledge for their preservation and restoration. In recognition of the way he has cared for these properties he has also been made a Freeman of the Worshipful Company of Tallow Chandlers.

G. DONNAN (1949-54), who is a member of Sunderland Private Club, is now a National Coach of the All-England Badminton Association.

A. FOSTER (1948-55) has been appointed Youth Leader of the new Oval Youth and Community Centre which will soon be opened at Washington. After a Business career and doing part-time youth work for the Methodist Church, he decided to take up social work full time. The Centre has cost £100,000 and is one of the largest and best equipped in the country.

J. FAIR (1963-66) now living in Bingley has had about thirty of his paintings on exhibition in the Sunderland Empire Theatre's buffet recently. He specialises in "hard-line abstracts".

F. FLEURET (1953-61), an architect in London, always interested in trains, worked for a time on the footplate of the "Flying Scotsman" train which toured America with an Exhibition of British goods during the summer. "It was a kind of working holiday which gave me an opportunity to see America" he says. The Americans were most impressed by the huge driving wheels of the "Scotsman" and by the fact that though it was a steam engine there was little evidence of steam or smoke.

D. H. HOWARD (1949-54) early this year attended a celebration dinner in Brussels to collect a cash prize and commemorative gift as one of the five winners of the first annual sales awards of Monsanto Europe. He is employed by the plastics products group of Monsanto Chemicals Ltd.

N. HILKREW (1945-51), chief cost clerk at the engine-works at Duxford and Sunderland Ltd., recently received his Diploma of the Institute of Office Management together with the Sir Joseph Barn Prize for a paper on office administration.

T. F. JARMAN (1913-21), a doctor in Cardiff, the son of a former Bede School master, the late Mr. R. F. Jarman, came into the news over the question of the proposed visit of the South African team this summer. At the Annual Meeting of the Glamorgan County Cricket Club at Bridgend an attempt was to have been made to raise the question, but this was ruled out of order as unconstitutional. This was disclosed by Dr. Jarman and Mr. D. M. Evans. Dr. Jarman said that there had been considerable correspondence with the Club Secretary, Mr. Wilfred Wooller, on their intention to move a resolution expressing disapproval of the decision to receive the South Africans at Swansea and asking for a reversal of the decision. Mr. Wooller replied that no resolution at the Annual Meeting could reverse or modify a decision of the general committee. The question of submitting a resolution was therefore irrelevant. In any case the necessary notice had not been given at the previous annual meeting. Dr. Jarman added "We will not now be attending the meeting. We have been so completely frustrated that no purpose would be served".

An Annual Prize "The J.R. Jarman Memorial Prize for Cricket" has been awarded at Bede Speech Days for many years.

T. KIRTLEY (1941-7) has been appointed recruitment manager of the National Westminster Bank.

P. L. KIRBY (1933-42) has been appointed visiting Industrial-Professor at Edinburgh University. Professor Kirby, a research director with Walsyn Electric Ltd. at Bedlington, worked on radar systems during the war and did research work at Jobling & Co. at the Wear-Glass Works for ten years. He now heads a research division of 140 scientists and engineers working on new electronic components including microcircuits and transistors.

T. LEE (1921-4) recently retired as Supervisor of the Petrofina installation at Sunderland Corporation Quay after almost 35 years with the company.

J. MacKENZIE (1943-9), Group Captain, R.A.F., is now Deputy Director of Signals in the Air Force Dept., Ministry of Defence. He recently visited the North-East to brief recruiting staff, youth employment officers and school careers masters on opportunities available in the engineering and electronic trades in the R.A.F. In his new post he is concerned with long-range communications and the new "skylink satellites".

T. OLD (1930-5) has been elected President of the North-East District Council of the National Federation of Sub-Postmasters.

H. OLSWANG (1919-23) who began his garage business in Bedford Street in 1933 with two second-hand petrol pumps and a boy assistant, retired this year. He recalls the days when the family car cost about £100 and would last much longer than today's equivalent car at £800.

B. M. PRATT (1925-32) is Moderator of the Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of England this year. He is Minister at Redhill and Reigate Presbyterian Church.

S. PENNEY (1900-7) went out on an educational tour of America after gaining his B.Sc. in engineering and electronics at Nottingham University. For part of the time he has been working at the Skytop, an hotel at Mount Pocono in Pennsylvania.

B. REES (1941-8), Headmaster of Merchant Taylors' School, invited Mr. Ayre, who was attending a meeting of the London Old Bedans, to be a guest at the School's Speech Day on the afternoon of June 5th. After lunch, which was attended by the Master and Wardens of the Merchant Taylors' Company, the Vice-President and Fellows of St. John's College, Oxford and the Master of Pembroke College, Cambridge and other guests, everyone assembled in the Great Hall for the Speeches. The Head Monitor gave the Latin Speech and Senior pupils gave the German and English Speeches. The Headmaster then gave his address, reporting the year's achievements. Afterwards the guests and visitors could see the many exhibitions arranged in the School buildings and grounds. Tea with the Headmaster and his wife and family concluded a most enjoyable afternoon.

D. ROCK (1940-7) is a partner in a London firm, Building Design Partnerships, which is an integrated professional firm of planners, architects,

quantity surveyors and civil, structural and service engineers. With a staff of 440 people it is the largest firm of its kind in the country.

R. L. BUTTER (1931-5) and his son Geoffrey won the Families' Cup with a record score in the first stage of the Queen's Prize at Bialley. Their home now is at Mayford, near Woking, Surrey.

R. SHELTON (1942-3) was appointed Director of Productions at Billingham Forum Theatre recently and took up his post on October 1st. He came to Billingham as a guest director in the summer, when "Henry IV" Part 1, was presented. He has had experience as Director of Productions at Ipswich Arts Theatre and at the Pilchery Festival Theatre until recently.

D. TACCHÉ (1936-43), Colonel, Sunderland Field Ambulance, presented medals to long serving members of the Ambulance Unit at the T.A.V.R. Headquarters in Dykelands Road, Seaburn, on September 15th, 1970.

R. J. TUCKERMAN (1948-53), Petty Officer in the Royal Navy, has been commissioned as a Sub-Lieutenant in the Supply and Secretariat Branch.

R. J. THOMPSON (1949-54), received his Commission at the R.A.F. O.C. T. U. at Henlow in the Photographic Interpretation Branch of the Service.

D. M. TIMMINS (1938-44), Musical Adviser for Halifax and Conductor of the Yorkshire Youth Orchestra, visited Sunderland in February to speak at a meeting of Sunderland Schools' Music Association. His subject was "The Classroom Orchestra".

We hear of other Bedans interested in local government, R. A. BOWMAN (1913-7), Alderman, Westmorland C. C. Dr. T. K. HALSTEAD (1948-54), Chairman of Wheldrake Parish Council, York and J. W. RUTTER (1918-9) on the council at Spensymoor.

Congratulations to C. Fraser and J. Hiltsestone on gaining open exhibitions at St. Catherine's College, Oxford, last December. Their subjects were chemistry, mathematics, physics and general subjects.

#### News from abroad.

Our "Special Correspondent" in Jamaica, S. HARLE (1944-51) sends news of J. F. GRAHAM M.B.E., J.P. (1921-23), who has had a distinguished career in the W.I. He has just retired as manager of the British-American Insurance Co. in Kingston. He was in turn Commissioner and Commandant of the Jamaican Special Constabulary. R. A. JONES (1938-42) visited Mr. Moore and Mr. Ayre in May. He was on holiday from Victoria, B.C. After a career in the R.A.F., he now pilots a helicopter in the Canadian Coastguard Service. He showed slides about his work, and views of the Arctic, which were greatly appreciated, to pupils at Bede School.

Also from Canada in February was N. BYLANCKE (1934-41), now a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Canadian Army. After service in several theatres of war in the last conflict, he went to Canada. He was commissioned in the Ordnance Corps and served in Ghana at a Military School as an instructor. He is also a director of a company with interests in hotels and factories.

T. W. PIGG (1946-51), living in Bogotá, Colombia, is captain of the Colombian Cricket Association which recently played against a New Zealand touring side. He will shortly be moving to Lima, Peru, to a new appointment there.

DR. P. L. SMURTHWAITE (1944-50), came home on visit from Australia this summer. He first went to Tasmania after qualifying at Edinburgh University in 1938. Later he moved to Deniliquin, N.S.W. a small town in an agricultural setting.

D. MACCONSY (1938-43), is now living in U.S.A., and has had an exhibition of his portraits at the Cafe Caricature in Greenwich Village, New York.

A. N. FREEMAN (1903-48), is in his fourth year as a medical student at Dalhousie Medical School in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He married Miss Mhaureen Bishop, 8th Economics Lecturer in Yarmouth, N.S., on September 5th, 1970.

### LONDON OLD BEDANS.

A meeting of Old Bedans, living in and around London, was arranged by Professor A. W. Woodruff for Friday, June 8th, 1970. He invited Mr. R. T. Ayre to come to London to give a talk on the Association today, and developments in the education field in Sunderland. The meeting took place in the rooms of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, Manson House, 26, Portland Place, W.1. There were present Professor Woodruff (1927-34), and Mrs. Woodruff, C. G. Lister (1927-34) and Mrs. Lister, W. G. Boyd (1918-24) and Mrs. Boyd, R. Suggott (1925-30) and Mrs. Suggott, Professor P. H. Hammond (1935-40) and Mrs. Hammond, R. D. Errington (1959-67) and Miss Biss, H. Wiseman (1912-20), Rev. G. Whitfield (1919-27), J. H. Moore (1913-17), F. Kerr (1918-24), F. Wright (1925-30), K. Suggott (1925-30), M. Barlow (1934-41), T. E. Dyer (1903-60) and D. L. Hawkins (1962-69). A number of apologies was received from O. B. who were unable to get to this meeting. Officers elected were R. D. Errington, Hon. Secretary, and T. E. Dyer, Hon. Treasurer, with Professor Woodruff continuing as Chairman.

Afterwards it was announced that the London Old Bedans would hold a Dinner at Bedford College, on December 4th, 1970. Particulars could be had from Hon. Sec., R. D. Errington, Wilson House, 38-76, Sussex Gardens, London, W.2.

The Association's thanks are due to Professor Woodruff for the trouble he has taken to bring about the revival of "London Bedans".

### New Life Members.

Brown, P. (1965-70), 53, Harstwood Road, Sunderland.

Carter, D. (1969-69), 3, Belle Vue Villas, Spital Tongues, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Dyer, T. E. (1953-60), 84, Reads Avenue, Earley, Reading.

Errington, R. D. (1959-67), Wilson House, 38-76, Sussex Gardens, London, W.2.

Goldman, A. J. (1941-9), 29, Ryhope Road, Sunderland.

Kennedy, D. (1962-69), 69, Stannington Grove, Sunderland.

Kirby, P. L. (1935-42), 13, North Av., Gosforth, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE3 4DT.

Laverick, A. (1949-54), 18, Linden Road, Fox Estate, Hartlepool.  
 Maddison, P. (1955-63), 273a, Ringinglow Road, Sheffield, S11 7PX.  
 Milward, L. (1963-74), 4, Buxton Gardens, Sunderland.  
 Reynolds, J. M. (1961-6), 1, Leominster Road, Sunderland.  
 Robson, J. T. (1963-70), 321, Ryhope Road, Sunderland.  
 Stoker, G. R. (1948-9), 144, Mount Rd., Sunderland.  
 Thompson, A. M. (1968-69), 14, Loughborough Av., Sunderland.  
 Turpin, A. G. (1969-75), 28, East Grange, Sunderland.

#### New Subscribers.

Archbold, M. G. (1968-69), 33, Canon Cookin Street, Sunderland.  
 Barnes, J. (1963-74), 35, Norfolk Street, Sunderland.  
 Foster, D. (1946-55), 15, Shakespeare Terrace, Sunderland.  
 Lake, S. J. (1918-19), Holy Island, Northumberland.  
 Squires, C. L. (1962-3), 88, Hahnemann Court, Sunderland.  
 Taylor, D. (1962-8), 161, Alexandra Road, Sunderland.  
 Teasdale, D. M. (1961-9), 74, Polmuir Road, Sunderland.  
 Wright, C. (1963-8), 83, Falkland Road, Ford Estate, Sunderland.

#### Weddings.

Colls, D. (1957-63) to Jean Williams at Grindon Congregational Church  
 on September 26th 1974.  
 Gladwin, D. W. (1956-61) Flight-Lieut., R.A.F. to Wilma Mary Proudin  
 Australia.

#### Subscriptions.

Annual subscriptions for 1970-71 are now due and some for 1969-70 are still unpaid. It would be a great help if the Hon. Treasurer received subs. promptly without having to send out reminders again and again.  
 Annual subscription.....5/-      Life subscription.. £3 1s 6d.

The whereabouts of the following members are sought by the Hon. Sec. or Treasurer:- Edmundson, G.E., Featherstone, J.R., Potts, J.O., Powell, K.G., Ross, A.E., Stobbs, N., Stothard, K.A., Thwaites, C.A., and Wood, H.N.

#### From the "Bede", May, 1913.

"At the annual meeting of the Old Bedeans' Association, held at the School on December 18th 1912, Mr. G. T. Ferguson, Headmaster of the Bede School and President of the Association presided. The Hon. Sec. Mr. J. M. Herring in his annual report stated that the membership is now 50 against 25 last year. The financial report, presented by the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. C. W. Pollock, showed that the expenditure during the year was £4.12.4. and the balance was £1.3.6. Five guineas has been paid back to the President who had lent them money at the commencement, and there remained a debt of £4.19.0."

From small beginnings.....! But we can hardly be satisfied with the size of our membership list 57 years after the Association was

founded. What Mr. H. B. Widdows, a member of staff, said at the Annual Dinner on December 31st 1913 is still true today. In proposing the toast of the Association, he said that while they were to be congratulated upon having that Association they had not the numbers that one might have looked for, and he urged upon every member to endeavour to get one other old Bodan to join them. It was very pleasant to have such re-unions as that one, and with increased membership there were many fields of activity open to such an Association. An annual pamphlet would be very useful, and a match between the old boys and the present boys on the football and cricket field would, he was sure, arouse great interest.

Some of these suggestions did, in fact, come about. Unhappily the First Great War broke out before another re-union could be held and the Association lapsed until the early twenties.

### The passing of the old Tin Tab.

With the completion of the new Civic Centre on West Park, the demolition men moved in to pull down the temporary corrugated structure known to all Bodans before 1929 as the "Tin Tabernacle". It was situated on the south side of Cowan Terrace School playground and must have been erected in the late nineteenth century. Temporary indeed! It was a long, low building which housed, near the entrance, an outer and, more spacious, an inner Masters' Common Room, and about half a dozen class-rooms. A long corridor on the left stretched as far as Room 48 and swing-doors giving access to the Girls' School.

It was a grey, austere building, which never caught the sun. In this part of the School the lively juniors had their form rooms, and every new boy first came here. When Cowan Terrace pupils came out for their breaks, masters would ask for windows to be closed to deaden sounds. As the lower windows were of the pull down type with catches always difficult to engage, it was reminiscent of a 21 gun salute as they were banged to in succession. They say that many masters' canes found their way into the deep foundations through the knot holes in the floor.

There were no electric bells to terminate lessons in those days. A rota of youngsters, who had watches, was drawn up. It was their duty to ask the master near the end of the lesson for permission to ring the bell. Checking the time by the Town Hall clock, now almost also threatened with the demolition gang, the bell-boy rang his hand-bell and dashed across the school-yard to the main building, ringing all the way. At change of lessons, masters and boys, in rain, hail and snow had to make this journey several times a day.

So the disappearance of the T. T. went unnoticed even by the "Echo" and omission, but at least it has this brief memorial.



# OLD BENDERS' ASSOCIATION

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31st 1970

EXPENDITURE			
Printing of Magazine	1.	0.	4.
" " List of Members	26.	0.	0.
Postage of Magz.	20.	0.	0.
Printing Circulars etc.	3.	10.	0.
O. B. A. Prizes	7.	0.	0.
Loss on Budget Dinner	5.	0.	0.
Hon. Treasurer's Ball Fare to London O.B. Meeting	7.	0.	0.
Hon. Secretary's Expenses	3.	10.	0.
Hon. Treasurer's Expenses, Postages etc.	10.	0.	0.
Cheque Book	4.	1.	0.
Duplicating	5.	0.	0.
Provision for Corporation Tax - 3 years to 31. 8. 70.	19.	0.	0.
Excess of Income over Expenditure	8.	0.	0.
	57.	0.	0.
	<u>£155.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>11.</u>

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31. 8. 70

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
CAPITAL FUND			
Balance as at 31. 8. 69	518.	1.	0.
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure	57.	3.	3.
	<u>£575.</u>	<u>4.</u>	<u>3.</u>
Provision for Corporation Tax	3.	0.	0.
	<u>£581.</u>	<u>12.</u>	<u>3.</u>

Certified to be in Accordance with the Books of Account G. M. Handley, F.C.A. } Hon. Auditor

L. Burrows

H. T. Arno, Hon. Treasurer

3. 8. 70.

## THE GUILD OF OLD REDANS

The Winter Reunion will be held in the Art Room at the School on Friday, 29th January 1971, from 6-45 p.m. till 10 p.m.

Tickets priced 5/- 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. 25th.

The Dinner Reunion will be held in the Seaburn Hotel, on Friday, April 30th 1971. A Fashion Show by Maxfields (Jean Jobling - Mrs. Kirton) will follow the meal. Tickets 30/- each may be obtained from the Secretary or any Member of the Committee, not later than April 21st.

Please make a note of the Dinner Date in your Diary as there will be no further notice. In the interest of economy we are combining the Winter Reunion and Dinner Notices and the Summer Reunion Notice with the Notice for the Annual Business Meeting.

To Annual Subscribers:- Please note subscriptions for 1970/71 are now due.

Margaret L. Hunter,  
Hon./Sec. Treasurer.

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Tel. Ryhope 354.

