

# **THE OLD BEDAN**

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## THE ASSOCIATION OF OLD BEDONS

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

### THE GUILD OF OLD BEDONS

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Annual Subscriptions, 40p, for 1973/74 due on 1st September 1973. Life Membership, £3.15.  
Membership on August 31st 1973 - 505.  
Please note that some members have not yet paid their subscriptions for 1972/73 - the Sec./Treasurer would be most grateful to have these subscriptions together with those for 1973/74 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 name, 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.
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- 6) To note, that the "Old Bedon" will not be sent to those members who are one year in arrears with their subscriptions.

## GUILD ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS

Winter Session, 30th January: This year we met in Grange Crescent at St. John's Ambulance rooms. The traditional guessing games opened the proceedings. With mutual aid we found the names of famous women and wireless programmes. Last year's "Bodens Bottle" Drive was such a success that it was repeated. As we moved from table to table there were opportunities for quick exchanges of gossip. Our artistic attempts, however, showed little improvement, perhaps Margaret Berry's Bodens looked somewhat better nourished. When we settled to enjoy our suppers - chicken and chips, with cakes provided by the Committee, Wynne welcomed us all and especially Miss Shearer, Miss Bradbury and Miss Wilman. No winter session is complete without Winnie's musical game; this time we tried to guess words connected with gardens. Amid a profusion of tulips, petasias and primroses, we were nonplussed for a time by "Lettuce with a gladsome wind". Our botanical-musical expert proved to be Valerie Northcote.

It was a cosy, warm, happy evening.

M. R.

## ANNUAL DINNER RE-UNION, 4th MAY 1913.

Sunderland was not quite itself on the night of our re-union. Many of its inhabitants (including some of our 'regulars') had left town; many more had broken out in red and white stripes and were in a state of suspended animation. Few dared risk the consequences of admitting indifference to the outcome of the Cup Final or, worse still, to favouring Leeds United. Even the Seaburn Hotel showed symptoms of Cup fever, for the dining tables were set with red and white napkins, and the waitresses wore lovingly-crocheted red and white rosettes.

However, the meal was as enjoyable, and the service as brisk, as ever, and soon our Chairman, Wynne Rough (Mrs. McHenry) was welcoming the 28 members who had "resisted the temptation of Wembley". They included the President, Audrey Hayton (Mrs. Carrick), Vice-Presidents Miss Shearer and Miss Bradbury (with one leg in plaster - an unwelcome holiday souvenir from Greece); Knid Crowe, from London, who was staying with Miss Shearer; Mary Markintosh (Alderson), Thropton; Elsie Watson, Carlisle; Frances Wills (Gillies), Clydebank; Elizabeth Fraser and Winnie Rogers (Brown), Newcastle; Muriel Woodruff (Beron), Darham; Nora Johnson (Wilson), Hartlepool; Beatrice Wigham (Bell), St. John's Chapel; Marjorie Anderson (Curtis), Stratford-on-Avon - but expecting soon to return to Sunderland; Hilda Andrews (Moore), Nottingham then, but now Glasgow; and Celia Pipe (Shepherd) from Little Bookham, Surrey, who came with her sister, Mrs. Wilkinson, a member of Beds staff. Several staff members were attending their first G. O. B. re-union - would they mind standing up for a moment? This they did, rather bashfully. (We hope their faces will become as familiar, in time, as those of Miss Wilman, Miss Bernard, Miss Harding, Miss Milbanks and Mrs. Bell, who support our gatherings so faithfully.) Lena Thompson and Phyllis Peters had sent their apologies and good wishes.

Wynith felt she must refer to the recent death of Miss Arkle, who would be missed by her friends, and indeed by all of us. She would want us to enjoy our re-union in the traditional manner, but it seemed fitting first to observe a short silence. This was followed by the customary toast to the School, and then - would Mary (Mac) be so kind as to conduct the School Song? "Certainly", said Mary, and as Winnie Scott (Thomas) opened her copy at the piano, reminded us "words by M.L.V. Hughes, music by Edgar L. Bairston".

Wynith referred us to the notice of future activities, delivered post free to our tables, and also invited us to submit favourite recipes for publication in a G. O. B. cookery book (details elsewhere!) She was very pleased to announce that after the customary short interval, the entertainment would once more be provided by some of our 'old geniuses'. She felt that there must be some new talent somewhere, but it had not yet come to the surface; she would be very glad to hear from anyone interested.

Then she handed us over to Mary Mackintosh. "Have they any idea what they are going to get?" asked Mary - "Some people don't know they're taking part yet", - as she went around collecting the rest of her cast. When this was accomplished and we had assured her that we were sitting comfortably, she introduced a G. O. B. version of the current T. V. 'Generation Game', with herself as Bruce Forsyth - wearing a 'Ha'way the Lads' T. shirt - and Joan Wilson (Dobson) as his glamorous assistant Anthea. (She had had to make a few changes as there were not many grandsons around). First competitors were Mrs. Jennie Shiel-Bey (Widdrington / Smith) and her lovely daughter Nellie. Mrs. S-H had been Angela Brazil's idea of what a Head Girl should be; had sported a crazy uniform during the war ("she's talking a load of rubbish", muttered her victim); and was well known in the G. O. B. as a hat designer. Nellie was famed as a cook, but had suffered an embarrassing moment when her puff pastry rose so high that it would 'it come out of the oven. Their opponents were Mr. K. Carr-Smith (Ritch/Hoptonstall) and his daughter Vi. Mr. C-S, recently installed as Chairman of the Northern Division of the English Ladies' Golf Association ("that must do something for your agenda"), had also played the male lead in G. O. B. productions of 'Macbeth' and 'Romeo and Juliet'. Vi had inherited "Dad's" talent for sport, but felt rather less at home on the stage! The two pairs of competitors had to identify six rather exotic musical instruments by their sound "relayed across the world" (i. e. from behind the piano). Some had strange names like clavus ("Are these the clavus? Now I realise how much Bruce Forsyth has to rehearse") There was some suspicion of cheating, but contestants marked their own papers. The Carr-Smiths made some very wild guesses, hearing Brillo pads in sand-blocks and 'Ha'way the lads" in castanets ("Well, we were told to mess it up" Kathleen claimed) and the Shiel-Beyes were clear winners in this and in the second part. This was a 'Public Eye' quiz; portraits with a verbal clue. "Who is in the Top Ten for ties?" - "Who made her Mark..?" and so on. The portraits were the work of an Old Bedou, Enmy Anderson, who was not present but sent her love. "Are you bored stiff?" said Mary "It sounds terrible from here".

On came the next set of competitors; first were Mrs. Peggy Victory-Simson and her little grand-daughter, Val (Northcote). The old lady was said to be keen on keeping fit and had twelve children. Had she ever tried Yaga? Yes but she had only got the first position. Young Val was musically talented - her father was a good gargler - and was keen on sport. Would she like to have been away tonight? "Aye, to the woods" said Gran - a rather common old lady, this! Second were Miss Turner-Grierson and her great niece Dorothy (Kennedy) - who was looking glum because she couldn't get a Cup Final ticket. She wasn't always like this - though she was good at putting her feet in it. Auntie Margaret lived in the hill country round Tansill, was a keen motorist, (was she a right Turner or a left Turner?); and had appeared in a G. O. B. 'Westerns'. Their first task was set by Hay Fan Wang Cha, an expert in Origami ("folding Chinese paper backwards" explained Mary). Defily she folded a square of paper into the shape of a flying bird; they had to produce a similar figure in just one minute. With such limited time and tuition, it was not surprising that the end products looked more like dead ducks than soaring seaquills! However, the next bit was easier - to place the 'bones' of five dialects, snatched of which were delivered by the versatile Kathleen and contained such gems as "Parril down, cwever Eham an' stop shureva cwever Raquod" (now where would one hear that?). Grandma Peggy and Val were declared the winners, to meet Jen and Nellie in the final, and give their interpretation of a specimen 'drama'. It came Herb Accous from over the borders (Potters, rather than Carter, Bar) who in just a couple of minutes would tell all he knew about Floral Art. "Make a friend of your greengrocer", he advised, "Ask him for one of these" - a plastic apple tray - "cut a ring out - there's your orchid!" For Festive occasions he suggested "gild your cherubs and garland your outsidees. ." Old Mrs. Victory-Simson took up the challenge, with a fine contempt for these people from Down South and their Floral Art shabs. "It's dead easy" she said. "Just cut the bits out, clag them together, and there y'are - a pansy!" She scoffed at gilded cherubs. "Just clag a singin' hixie on the bottom and you've got a grand centre piece for yer buffet!". This effort would have been hard to beat, but in any case, Jen and Nellie had somehow been distracted (or sobbied) and had missed Herb's lecture, so Peggy and Val had a walk-over. Unfortunately the G. O. B. was unable to offer the lavish prices of the actual T. V. show, so they had to be content with tudos.

With a change of mood, we paid a small tribute to the late Noel Coward by singing 'Some day I'll find you', the G. O. B. version of 'London Pride' which begins 'Fawcett Street' has been handed down to us' - remember? (but alas, what is Fawcett Street without the Town Hall clock?) and 'I'll see you again'. Finally - well we had to do something about B; -

'Bobby Skokoe's gone to see  
 What's going on at Wemberly  
 Will they score goals one - two - three - ?  
 Bonny Bobby Skokoe'.

Wynith expressed our thanks to the entertainers (and let us not forget the back-room girls) and we returned to the excited world outside. The moodie continued by all modes of transport; some optimists were even hitch-hiking. And as even our farthest-flung readers must surely know by now, the fans' devotion was rewarded on the morrow by a famous victory!

N. W.

Summer Outing 28th June 1973: On an evening happily fine and sunny after an unsettled spell of weather, we assembled at Gorse Road. Among us were several "new" faces belonging to present members of Bede staff who had been inveigled into coming by tales of previous happy excursions. There were too, such faithful and sprightly supporters as Miss Shearer, Gladys Littlechallies and Mrs. Hodley and Lilias Gardner.

In a very short time we found ourselves travelling through North Yorkshire, passing through country lanes which were unfamiliar to some of us at least. We skirted Roseberry Topping, drove through Guisborough and emerged at Miarke-by-the-Sea. Perhaps we might have stretched our legs here had we anticipated that the evening would continue so fine. Instead we turned inland with sufficiently hearty appetites to demolish generous helpings of fish and chips at a fish restaurant in Stockton. Here we were joined by Nora Johnson (Wilson) and Pat Carty (Turnbull). The regular customers regarded this strange assortment of chattering women with polite amazement. After this we drove speedily home after a very enjoyable "mystery" tour.

M.R.

Summary of the Annual Business Meeting September 28th 1973.

30 members of the Guild were present at the Annual Business Meeting of the Guild held in the Art Room, Bede Lower School, on Friday 28th September. In the absence of the President - recently out of hospital following an operation - the members were welcomed by the Chairman Mrs. McHenry (Wynalith Rough) who presided. The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read and the election of Office bearers and Committee for 1973/74 took place. The retiring chairman expressed her thanks to the Committee for their help during her years of office which she had greatly enjoyed and was in turn thanked for her work by the new Chairman, Mrs. St. Julien (Joan Marshall). Reports were read from the Social Service Committee, the Loan and Scholarship Fund, the London Branch of the Guild, the Old Bedan Magazine and from the Hockey Club. No decision about a School prize could be made until after the Annual Business Meeting of the Joint Association but the meeting expressed willingness to continue as in the previous two years if this was desired. Future meetings were planned:- a Winter Reunion in January, a Dinner Reunion in April and a Summer Reunion in June, the venue for all these meetings to be left to the Committee. At the close of the meeting tea and biscuits were served by Members of the Committee.

Footnote to A, G, M.

"Jaded" Editor, anxious to retire from the magazine scene, and making her report, as always, seeking for news! "After all, what would happen if I were to walk out of here tonight, and be knocked down at the school gates?"

Voice from back of room: "Whew - that would be a bit of news!"

Here the meeting was interrupted for Bedan mirth!

Loan and Scholarship Fund A meeting of the Committee that recommends how the Fund shall be used was called for the 11th October 1973. As no requests had been received for loans from the Fund the whole balance of accrued interest, amounting to £143.65 was available for awards. Two schemes for making awards were considered and the fol-

owing was agreed on - that awards should be made on girls' performance in the Advanced Level G. C. E. examinations, and so:- Three awards of £10., 2 of £9, 2 of £8, 2 of £7, 4 of £6, 2 of £5, 3 of £4, 2 of £3, and 2 of £2, were made. The total amount distributed was £139. and all the girls who had received awards had gone on to some form of full-time education in accordance with the Trust Deeds.

The existence and purpose of the Fund was brought to the attention of all girls in the Sixth Form at the beginning of last term and no girls have asked for a loan from the Fund this year.

R. Clarke, Secretary of the Fund Committee.

### Social Service Report

Finance:- We have a balance in hand of £137, which includes £26 earmarked for the Guild of Help Autumn Market. This very gratifying amount is also due to donations, amounting to £58, which were given by members and friends in memory of Miss Arkle, who died in March. "D. S. A." as she was affectionately called, was the Convener of the original G. O. B. Social Service Club and for 45 years she inspired and guided the Committee in their work of caring for the less fortunate ones in our town. Although forced by ill health to relinquish her practical activities, she remained a faithful supporter and loyal member until the end.

Activities during the past year have been as follows:-

October: The G. O. B. stall at the Autumn Market raised £22 for the Guild of Help - this was less than usual and the Committee decided to consider the position at the next meeting. Harvest gifts of £1.50p were taken to 17 needy people who also received gifts of fruit and groceries from a Harvest collection made at Bede School. We are most grateful to Mr. Lewis, other members of staff and pupils for their co-operation in our Social Work. Later in the month we received a generous donation of £10 (per Mrs. Montgomerie), being the amount raised by a group of girls who sold handwork etc. as an after school activity - future members of the S. S. C. dare we predict?

November: At this meeting the future "Guild Stall" was discussed, and it was felt that we should make a change in our support of the Guild of Help. It was unanimously decided to cut out the "Provision Stall" while still binding ourselves to raise about £30. Suggestions for raising this sum were discussed:- a) A Cookery Demonstration; b) A Coffee Morning; c) A Coffee Evening.

December: Christmas Gifts were taken to 15 needy people. £3 was sent to Wayside (Retired Teachers' Home) £1 for flowers to be taken to an Old Bedon in the Incurable Unit of Ryhope General Hospital and £1 for fruit and sweets for Miss Arkle, then in a Durham Nursing Home.

March: A Coffee Morning was held in St. John's House, and being well supported, raised £23.50 for our funds. Elsie Kirkwood told us that there would be no more Cookery Demonstrations in the Kitchen of the Northern Gas Board owing to change of premises and policy; but invited us all to support a Coffee Evening at her home in June - proceeds to be earmarked for the Guild of Help Autumn Market.

April: Easter Gifts of £1.50 were taken to 15 people. A donation of £5 was given to the St. John Ambulance Brigade in acknowledgement of their allowing us to use their premises for meetings etc. Flowers were sent to our Old Bedan, incurably ill.

June: The Coffee Evening at Elsie Kirkwood's home was a great success and raised £26 for the Guild of Help Autumn Market. Elsie suggested that to reach our target of £30 we might run a "10 penny" stall on the day of the Market, and this is now in hand.

Thank you once again Committee, Guild members and friends for your unflinching support - individual efforts and joint "fund boosters", and for giving of your valuable time to furthering our work on your behalf.

Elsie M. Hooker, Convener.

The Hockey Club: Once again the Club ran two teams throughout the season with considerable success. The results were as follows:

1st XI, played 34, won 14, drew 5, lost 5; 2nd XI, played 16, won 4, drew 3, lost 5. Kathleen Cassop, Brenda Pearl, Jackie Cliah and Jenny Scorer were selected to play for the County 1st XI and Jean Pillans and Eleanor Donkin were County Selectors. Jackie Cliah played for the North (B Team) and Kathleen Cassop was chosen for the North Reserves.

Club members travelled widely during the season, ranging from Morpeth in the north to Harrogate in the south.

The 1st XI did well in the Clubs Tournament. At the beginning of the season tournament they drew with Norton in the Final. In the end of season tournament they were beaten 1 - 0 in the semi-finals by the same club.

The Club is very grateful for the enthusiasm of the schoolgirl members. Many of them turned out regularly for the Club even though they had already played in the morning. Sometimes they were willing to play at very short notice. It would have been impossible to run the 2nd XI without them.

The 1973-74 season promises to be just as successful and we look forward to some good matches.

Jean Cliah.

The London Branch: We were invited by Helen Reed (Perry) to meet at her home in October 1973, but unfortunately, so few of our "Regulars" found it possible to make the journey that the Reunion had to be cancelled. We do thank Helen for her offer of hospitality and apologise for the rather late cancellation.

Eating is fairly easy to get to from anywhere around London and Miss Mead, Joyce Hebron (Ayles), Edith Broderick (Barge), Kathleen Young (Craggs), Marjorie Bailis (Kewish), Helen Reed (Perry) and Eleanor Wilson (Titheradge) and her husband foregathered at my home on a cool afternoon in May for the usual tea and gossip.

All of us who were at school with Miss Arkle, Miss Harris and Miss Briggs were sad to hear of their deaths. We remember them with affection as they were when we were young.

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From November 1972 - November 1973.

During the year the following became Life Members:-

Audrey Veitch, Pauline Veitch, (Crozier), Joyce Babron (Ayles), Betty Craig (Douglas), Joan Tansdale (Hall), Dorothy Armstrong (Balsey), Irene A. Minski, Dorothy Middlemass (Sugden), Shelagh Buchanan (Bruce-Jones), Moira Simpson (Shearer), Catherine Denney.

These became members:-

Betty Brantingham (Bunter), Lynne Hoppiewhite (Bainbridge), Lynda Jenkinson, Edith Morgan (Crisp) Julia Reed, May Morrison (Walker), Mrs. Ford (Beds Staff).

Married are:- Sheila Barnes (Armstrong), Dorothy Beavers (Keane), Marilyn Beavers (McDonald), Barbara Barbeck (Holland), Rosemary Bolton (Cotim), Susan Burgess (Boundy), Shelagh Buchanan (Bruce-Jones), Dorcas Charlton (Fine), Margaret Chastney (Butter), Patricia Craig (Clarke), Linda Johnson (Fortune), Joan Leck (Bennett), Elizabeth Lawrence (Waugh), Mary McNicol (Fanson), Janet Mohr (Kiders), Naisa Mudd (Clarke), Christine Murray (Wilcox), Ann Robson (Barratt), Sheila Ross (Wilcox), Christine Seymour (Barnes), Jennifer Sugden (Thompson), Julian Taylor (Graham).

Babies to: Kathleen Boyd (Granger), Pauline Bridges (Page), Kathleen Carr (Shiel), a third son, Dorothy Dale (Petrie) in Australia; Ann Duffield (Bryden), Jean Farrar (Wood), Jean Garrick (Brown), Eileen Guy (Lydia), Judith Grithole (Griffiths), Denise Hart (Willis), Marie Ruster (Antcliffe), Marjorie Makel (Beskin), a daughter, Irene Makel (Karl), Ann Nicholls (Hutchinson) a son, Eve Richardson (Jones), Valeria Rowntree (Morrell) a son, Kathleen Stafford (Cox) a second daughter, Vivien Washington (Hornaby-Smith) a daughter, Marilyn White (Henderson), Elizabeth Young (Warren).

In Memoriam: Miss D. S. Arkle, Miss J. S. Briggs, Miss L. O. M. Harris. Dora Beer, May Bloom (Mrs. Fine), Audrey Calvert, Cordelia Carney, Sybil Carney, Rita Childs (Hall), Marielle Cohen, Rachel Drever, Patty Hands, Connie Roay, (Mrs. Reed), Rebecca Richardson (Drew), Miriam Simson, Emily Sinclair, Lizzie Stewart, Marjorie Thompson (Lowe), Amy Robinson (Thompson).

We are sad to record the death on March 31st of Miss D. S. Arkle. At the funeral service in Sunderland Crematorium, the Rev. O. Harding said "Some of us will remember Dora Sykes Arkle in the classroom; some in the playing field; some in the home as good friend and companion, and as a wise counsellor". A colleague and friend, Muriel Bruce (Mrs. Anderson) writes, "Miss Arkle joined the staff of Beds Collegiate School in 1914 as mistress of form II in the Lower School, the age of entry to Form I being 8½ - 9 years. Her subjects were English, Mathematics, French and Needlework, and the last two she taught in Form I also, so that when the girls passed into Form II, which was also the entry for Scholarship girls she already knew them. When the age of entry was raised, and the Lower School abolished, Miss Arkle became Needlework specialist. Every week Form II was taken to St. John's Church Schoolroom for gym, and every fortnight Forms I and II were taken for games to a field in Hylton Road,

by Miss Arkle. She also took responsibility for netball and built up a first class netball team. These activities made for a much closer relationship between teacher and pupils than was possible in the higher forms, and Miss Arkle was much loved by every child she taught, though nothing approaching a "crush" was ever allowed. Every pupil taught by her, began her life at Bede with a good grounding, not only in book work, but in her whole attitude to her fellow pupils and to her school".

Her lifelong concern for the welfare of others was apparent from her early days at Bede. Sick and needy children were helped initially from her "Silver Lining Fund"; and later, as Convener of the first Social Service Committee in 1928, Miss Arkle launched many fund-raising projects to provide picnics and parties for hundreds of needy children, and also arranged for School to adopt a baby. During the 1940's her infectious enthusiasm inspired so many Bedesans to knit for the Forces, to "make do and mend" for the Guild of Help, provide library service for hospitals, and, in later years to help the elderly. Old People's parcels are still being provided today.

All will remember her gentleness and kindness, her sense of humour, and not least, her bravery and patience in the last years of failing health.

Miss Joan S. Briggs died on the 8th of May 1973, and was buried at Evenwood, which had been her home all her life and where latterly she had been church warden, an unusual office for a woman to hold. She was always very interested and busy in church work of all kinds.

She was Geography Mistress at Bede School for several years before taking up a post at the College of Education in Sunderland, where she stayed until her retirement.

As a friend she was always highly entertaining, full of energy, and interested in everyone and everything.

During her holidays she travelled widely and her house contained many mementoes of countries she had visited.

She was unsparing in her efforts to help people and she had a wide circle of friends.

Many old students both from Bede and the College of Education will remember her with gratitude and affection.

M.R. J.H.

Miss I. O. M. Harris joined the staff of Bede Girls School in 1931, teaching English and some Scripture. Until she left in 1946 to go to the staff of the Northern Counties Training College in Newcastle she was House Mistress of Ness House and an editor of the early "Old Bede". She believed in the idea of a Parent Teacher Association, and when one was formed at Bede was a most able Chairman.

Her former pupils and colleagues will remember her as a perfectionist, setting high standards of work and conduct. Her handwriting was remarkable for its exquisite neatness. In person she was small and dainty, with an air of fastidiousness and detachment about her; yet her warm interest in her pupils inspired both their affection and respect. She loved meeting them at Roundons, and was most regretful that failing health in the last year or two meant loss of contact.

D. M. W.

Too late for inclusion in last year's magazine we had news of the death in November 1972 of Mary Robertson, Principal of the F. L. Calder College of Education for Domestic Science, Liverpool. President of the International Federation for Home Economics, she was the first to respond to an appeal to found a London Branch of the Guild of Old Bedans. The magazine of the Association of Teachers of Domestic Science paid this tribute: "She fought fearlessly for everything she believed in for the advancement of education in domestic science."

Homes of Old Bedans:— Dorothy Armstrong (Stacey) lives at Burgess Hill, Sussex; Isabel Alexander at Chipping Camden, Gloucestershire; Joyce Hebron (Aylen, nee Tonbridge, Kent; Lilla Parker (Wigmore) in Pinner, Middlesex. Further north, Elizabeth Greig (Douglas) lives on Teesside, Elsie Senior (Wills) at Westgate in Weardale and Joyce Steel (Darey) at Eveswood, Co. Durham. Eva Metcalf (Wilkinson) is now living in Hartlepool, and although she has lately been in hospital, is now recovering.

Change of address:— Elsie Garrick (Smith) has left Thornton-le-Clay, Yorks., and is now in Kirkstener, Newton Stewart; Hilda Andrews (Moore) has moved from Farnfield, Notts to Thornton Hall, near Glasgow. Sheila Gallon (Way) is now in Clevedon, Somerset; Margaret Chastney (Rutter) is living in Gunnerside, Yorks. Josephine Cosley has moved from Bradford to Oxford; Elizabeth Keenlyside (Arnall) is going to live near Bedale. Marjorie Anderson (Curtis) is back in Sunderland from Stratford on Avon. Agnes Weara, whose husband has retired from his vicarage at Pateley, has gone to Bedmin, where they hope to explore the moor. Hazel McCree (Elmsley) since the death of her husband, has been living at Pateley Bridge.

News of former members of staff.

Elsie Harper (Scott) lives in Peace Valley (Alberta), and has two children. She does some part-time teaching of Indian-Eskimos from time to time - i.e. when they all feel like it!

When we last heard, Kathleen Wheeler (Johnson), who has four children, was living at Yale University, where her husband was lecturing.

Nearer home, Mrs. Margaret Smith is teaching at Monkwearmouth, and Muriel Duns at Pennywell School. Muriel has recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Hymas (Ann Tweed) at Guiseley, near Leeds.

Writing in June, Mrs. Nicholson (Miss D. Thompson) has still not completely recovered from the accident we reported last year, but is making good progress. She has been in touch with Miss Collis, who is living in retirement in Blythburgh, near Aldeburgh.

Miss Lamb recently spent a day or two with Amy Hasey (Deeper) in Scarborough, and also called on Miss Shearer.

Joyce Brown (Mrs. Plampton) is home from India and living in Hockham; Anne Nichols (Mrs. Hutchinson) had a son last February.

Mr. Clifford Hartley, who retired two years ago, is doing some part-time teaching at Ryhope Comprehensive School. His son David, an Old Bedan, recently became Mayor of Tamworth.

From Miss Wilman we hear that she and Miss Heslop spent an enjoyable spring holiday in Stuffy, near Palermo, while Miss Orme had her ideal holiday in Norway (plenty of scope there for her camera!) Miss Wilman still hears each Christmas from Miss Bernard.

#### Younger Old Bedans.

Pauline Maddison has completed her first year of a B.A. honours course in Latin and Greek at Newcastle University, and was awarded a four week travelling scholarship to Greece for gaining the highest marks in her group. She planned to visit Athens, Sparta and other ancient cities. Marjorie Bailey, training to be a doctor at Newcastle University spent three months this year getting experience in a mission in Botswana. She sent interesting letters to Mrs. Bryce and Miss Wilman of her life there and the work she was doing. Jennifer Hodgson was one of the fifteen students from Nottingham College of Education to take part in an exchange visit to U.S.A. this year. Two months were to be spent studying teacher-training methods at Lock Haven College in Pennsylvania, and a further two months in teaching practice with 10 and 11 year olds. Jennifer represents her college at badminton and tennis. Janet Patterson, Marjorie Cook and Christine Reynolds have all successfully completed degree courses at Leicester University. Also graduating this summer were Christine Charlton, Elspeth McLoughry, Stephanie Robinson, Pauline Rinfrew and Marion Shaw. Pat Lazenby got her degree in economics at Newcastle University and is working at Hopworths, Sunderland as a work study officer.

#### Youngest Old Bedans

The Head girl, Jane Harris has gone to Girton to read Mathematics, Lindsey Cunningham (English) and Anne Guthrie (Maths) to Bristol, Jean Jeffery (Chemistry) to Oxford, Gillian Longbottom (Latin and English), and Alison Breeze (Geography) to Hull; Doreen Charlton is reading Geography at Sheffield; Gillian Anderson (History), Eileen Balastridge (English), and Sheila Cohen (Law) are at London. Nottingham University has claimed two, Kathleen Reed and Linda Wilson for Pharmacy. Kathryn Price is at Liverpool studying medicine, and Sandra Cooke (Pharmacy) at Bradford. Helen Brandt (Social Sciences) is at York, Janet Brown (French) at Birmingham, Pauline Farnon (Latin) at Leicester. Janice Sosanko is at Strathclyde studying Hotel Management, and Joan Losh is at the Royal Academy of Music in London. Also at universities are Susan Hunter, Shirley Airey, and Vivienne Wilson. At colleges of Education are, Elizabeth Hornsby, Yvonne Brown, Margaret Allison, Zelda Gillis, Linda Charlton, Christine Neston, Diane Newby, Alison Smith, Lyane Hastings, Pauline Carr, Ann Newrick, Beatrice Newton, Judith Pringle and Linda Winter. Sheila Foster is at Portsmouth Polytechnic doing French, Lesley Ayre has gone into nursing, and Catherine Button is doing a secretarial language course at Moseley; Pamela Carr is in Barclays Bank, and Carol Baird is a trainee manager at Marks' and Spencer's.

## Bedans at Work.

In the course of her work at the Building Research Station at East Kilbride, Emily Durrant (Lawson) carried out a project on "the passage of water, and water vapour into various media" last autumn. As a result she was invited to visit her German opposite number near Munich, last October. This was just after the Olympic Games, and in time to see something of the Oktoberfest, the great Bavarian beer festival. She has been invited to speak at the Conseil de l'Ediment symposium at Rotterdam next year. This summer Miss Wilman was interested in comparing notes about Sicily with Margaret Hetherington (Peggy Crowes daughter), who was home from her post as teacher of English in a college for adult students in Augusta, and moving to a similar post in Syracuse. Her younger sister, Christine completed a secretarial training after graduating and now has a post 'researching' for Reader's Digest articles. Ann Leybourn was awarded an Oxford degree in June, and was to take a research appointment at Newcastle University; Valerie Copland is a B.E.A. air stewardess. Linda Johnson is working in Sunderland as a financial administrator with the Hospital Board, with headquarters based in Newcastle. Lynn Hopplewhite (Bainbridge) has been working as a lab. technician at Bede. Barbara Turn, daughter of the late Hannah Wright is teaching Spanish at Monkwearmouth School. Barbara Clominson (Sharnon) is teaching at Southmoor, where Ann Chisholm also teaches. Kathleen Cassap has moved from her teaching post at Thorney/Closs School to one at St. Thomas Aquinas, where Christine Ayre is teaching. Eileen Dougan (Grant) is teaching at Wearside School, Durham, (formerly Durham County Grammar School) and Valerie Townsend at St. Leonard's School, Durham.

### Sport

Table Tennis:- Lynn Hopplewhite (Bainbridge) won the Durham County Ladies' Singles Championship at the annual County Tournament at Easter this year. She and her partner also won the mixed doubles, and the Team -of-Three event. She was retiring at the end of the season, vacating her position as County No. 1, to await a different kind of happy event.

hockey:- Ann Whitworth, now on Bede staff, is a member of the English Ladies' Hockey Team.

Golf:- Kathleen Carr (Ritch) is chairman of the Northern Division of the English Ladies' Golf Association and a member of the Executive Council for 1973. Joan Hunt (Wilson) has won the Foster Cup, and with a partner won the Whitehead-Ritch Trophy at a County meeting, at Wearside this year. Olga Wright (Stewart) has won the Gladys Donaldson, and the Bernard Sykes Trophies at Boldon; Joan Graham (Morrison) won her first trophy there - the Mary McClement silver; Dorothy Grierson (Kennedy) has won the Boldon Veteran's trophy, and Winnie Scott (Thomas) the Captain's Cup. At Broughton Golf Club, Marilyn Miller (Hunter) is ladies' captain.

Watching Sport:- Doreen and Norah Youll were interviewed on a Look North television programme as lifelong supporters of Sunderland Football Club. They were able to occupy the same seats at Wembley 1973, as they did in 1937, when Sunderland won the F. A. Cup on both occasions. They haven't missed a home game for fifty years, driving the last five years

from their home in Rothbury. Former pupils of West Park School will remember Doreen as their headmistress; Norah taught at Springwell and South Hyton Schools.

On the other side of the world, Joyce Gallon (Hodgson) in Montrose, Australia, was thrilled to be able to watch the F.A. Cup Final live on television, - sitting up in bed.

Other interests:- Mollie Hinkley (Stoddason) has been restoring old houses in Wolsingham with the help of the architect son of Winnie Hughes (Telfer). Rene Halliday (Downs) gained a credit in the City and Guilds Floral Art (Grade 2) Examination. The Course covers botany, general horticulture and the wider aspects of Floral Art. She is now taking an evening class at Fulwell School (Winnie Scott is one of her pupils), and in November is giving a demonstration in flower arranging at Durham for the league of Friends of Dryburn Hospital.

Locally, Joan Squires (Buchanan) is chairman of Earnes Park Townswomen's Guild; Florence Mosebray (Crompton) of Sunderland Inner Wheel. Margaret MacLachlan (Lady Steel) opened the Christmas Sale of Sunderland Conservative Association. Doreen Turnbull (Carruthers) is secretary of Wearside Consumer Group.

Meetings:- Isabel Eaton (Hutchinson) in Ambleside is amazed at the number of Old Bedans she meets - Ruth Marley (Green) when she visits neighbours of Isabel, Gladys Thornley (Miller) whom she came upon one day in Bowness; and many of the Old Bedans who visit Lane Thompson and "Pete" - among these, on a very hot day this summer were Peggy Victory (Simson) and Doris Forster (Robinson). Doris McCree (Pygott) also had a brief meeting with Isabel while the former was on holiday in Ambleside. Doris met Hazel McCree (Elmsley), a cousin's daughter, when both were visiting relations in a Harrogate hospital. On a day excursion to Cefnfa, during their Stollan holiday in Spring, someone approached Miss Wilman and Miss Heslop saying to the latter "It is Miss Heslop isn't it?". The former Bedan was Jean Rogers, now married.

Spending a weekend in York, Dorothy Middlemass (Sugden) and Winnie Scott (Thomas) spent some time with Elsie Garrick (Smith) and Maureen Liddle, and saw Miss Bradbury settle down a few rows in front of them in the grounds of St. Mary's Abbey, for a performance of the York Mystery Plays. In an equally suspicious, if more modern setting, Elsie Davidson (Kirkwood) met Miss Bradbury just before going through the gates of Buckingham Palace for a garden party. Neither knew the other had been invited, and spent the afternoon together pleasantly among the other guests. Agnes McIndoe (King), on holiday in Avalon, Australia, made herself known to, and visited Norma Trewhitt (Shearer-Watt). Evelyn Johnson (Ellis) on holiday from Wakefield, called on Miss Shearer, but missed her, unfortunately. E.R.S. has also been visited by Enid Crows from London; Molly Topel; and Alice Munro from Cherry Hinton, whom she had not seen for a great many years. She spent a few days with Amy Hasey (Dunyer) in her new home in Scarborough. On her first walk there she was greeted by the surprised voice of Mollie Garbutt (Johnson) who happened to be selling flags. Muriel Bruce (Anderson) on holiday in Troutbeck was

hoping to call on E. R. S. while up-north but bad weather prevented the visit. Ella Suster (Siddle) paid a flying visit to Sunderland in 1972 from her home in Great Carlton near Blackpool, and this year Amy Scott (Robinson) spent a few hours with her while on holiday. Missing from the annual dinner in April, but meeting instead by chance in Norway, were Margaret Hogg (Berry) and Maureen Liddle. Evelyn Thompson (Pimm) spent a few days with Margaret Chapman (Hunter) on her way home to Bristol from a Scottish holiday. Winnie Scott (Thomas) staying in Wear-dale met Rose Taylor (Cruise) in a butcher's shop in Middleton-in-Teesdale. Rose was staying in their Teesdale cottage, previously owned by Anne McKenny (Melton) and had just learned that Effie Crowe had recently bought a cottage in that area.

#### Foreign News.

Susan Melton (Moore)'s living in Melbourne and studying for a Ph. D. in Economics at Melbourne University. Shelagh Buchanan (Bruce-Jones), since her marriage last April, has been living in Cyprus, on the outskirts of Famagusta "in a very attractive modern flat with a living room window that looks on to practically nothing but greenery. The less populated part of the beach is only ten minutes drive away, and further on... even wilder beaches begin.... where one can escape the milling throngs of tourists". From September, Shelagh has been teaching German at evening classes to members of H. M. Forces and their wives. Barbara Ancherl-onis (Taylor) is living in New Zealand - in Christchurch, where her husband lectures at the University. Also living in New Zealand is Joan Johnson (Murray); Irene Samuelson (Milburn) is now living in France. Sheila Johnson is back in Sunderland after having spent a year in Germany, and is now teaching at Penaywell School. Paula Hodgson (Ferraro) has been on holiday from her home in Caracas, Venezuela, and Joan McNab (Davis) ex-P. E. staff, from U.S.A. Mary Albion (Allen) was in Sunderland this summer from Canada, for the first time in nine years. Peggy Barron (Brathwaite) has just had a well deserved holiday in Canada- her home is in Stocksfield. Rene Halliday (Downs) spent six interesting weeks in California this summer.

Retirements:- After twenty five years as matron of Sunderland Childrens' Hospital, and "forty memorable years in nursing", Vera Sheraton retired in July. She was presented with a portable type writer, electric frying pan, and a scroll from the Management Committee. In an interview for a local paper, Vera looked back on the changes that have taken place during her time as matron - better holidays, more free time, and better remuneration, but thinks that the kind of girl who is attracted to nursing still hasn't changed. During her time at the Children's Hospital, she allowed parents free access to their children, - a drastic turnaround from her early days there. She found few parents abused the privilege, and felt that belonging to a children's hospital made her part of the community.

Rosellie Gillow, Edith Johnson (Snowdon) and Beattie Johnson have all retired from teaching this year.

Older Old News:- Although she has been officially "retired" for several years, as a church deaconess, Sister Isabel Kirtley was guest at a social evening and presentation, to celebrate her fifty years of service to the Church at Thompson Memorial Hall. She was appointed deaconess

at Monkwearmouth Methodist Church in 1923. Her work since then has been involved with the Women's Bible Class, the Church Guild, the Sunday School, and visiting the sick, elderly and lonely in the area, as well as attending countless marriages and christenings. She still maintains a keen interest in church affairs in her retirement.

Annie Whitehouse (Alexander) at 75, is the oldest student in her class in flower arranging at Monkwearmouth College of Further Education. In the summer she passed the first part of the City and Guilds examination, but has decided against taking the second part "as the course does involve a lot of hard work". She has been concerned, however, as a member of the Sunderland Floral Art Club in the flower arrangements in St. Peter's Church Monkwearmouth, in connection with the Wearmouth 1300 Festival. Irene Minski, who was at Bede 1923-24, would like to hear news of any of her former schoolmates. She is working at the Department of Trade and Industry Marine Survey Office, Gosforth, and her home address is 36, Fern Avenue, Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne 2. Lillian Bowe, at 72, was pleased to read in the "Old Bedan" that so many of her seniors are still going strong. Her home is in Rugby.

#### From your letters:

A little 'nature note' from Lucy Peagate (Nichol) in Cullinan, Transvaal, "We are near official mid-winter here, but have had little real cold, and most days are sunny. Old clumps of narcissus have been giving odd sweet scented blooms for two months, but daffodils are only beginning to push through the soil; the bulbs got confused about the seasons here!"

Nearer home, Alice Munro wrote from Cambridge: "I am continuing to enjoy the more leisurely life of retirement and find this quiet suburb of Cambridge a pleasant place in which to live. The former "village" of Cherry Hinton, now rapidly being developed with much housing, dates back to Saxon times, and it intrigues me to think that I now live where a farm recently stood and where a thousand years ago "Fair Edena" held the manor - according to the Domesday Book... My brother and sister-in-law Isabel (Lundy) keep busy and are specially interested in local amateur dramatic societies. Isabel has a part-time job in charge of the County Theatrical Wardrobe, housed in an attractive 18th century house in Ely. She has a wide knowledge of period costume and lends out suitable garments from the wardrobe to schools, colleges and societies which need them". Kitty Clayburn (Cooper) also lives in Cambridge, and from her home at 107, Barton Road she wrote:- "I note in the 'Old Bedan' just to hand, that several pupils have won scholarships at Cambridge. Could you please pass the word around that if any of them would like to spend an hour or two relaxing here with me over tea or coffee, I would most gladly welcome them?" Although perhaps an "Older Old Bedan" Kitty taught Chemistry until a few years ago, and has a son and daughter-in-law in the Cambridge academic world, so feels that she is "not completely out of touch with the younger generation". She concluded, "I think that the 'Old Bedan' has really excelled itself in this edition for the accumulation of a most interesting account of the school - past and present."



When the Editor is feeling jaded it is very cheering to read such a compliment - this, too, from Isabel Alexander:- "I enjoy having the O. B. and read the 'Early Days of Bede School' with great interest, and forget my age!" - and from Christine Morgan:- "I should like to add that I enjoy the O. B. - every word of it, and then I send it on to Agnes Wearo (Clarke) at Padstow, who also reads it with relish". Beattie Taylor wrote:- "My mother (Mary Gibbons) is now 104 years old and she is very bright and alert and has read the O. B. and enjoyed every word of it. She was very thrilled with the photo of Miss Todd .. The photo of Miss Bacon looked very modern". It was a welcome surprise to hear from a male Old Bedean, Sir David Cairns, who had found great interest in 'the references in the 'Guild of Old Bedeans' section to girls whom I remember. Amy Hussey and Reid Crowe I knew only slightly, but I had more to do with Mabel Potts and Elsie Smith. I had not heard of either of them for some years. ...."

An appeal from our ex-Chairman: "O. O. B., Good Eating!"

Several years ago it was suggested that the members of the O. O. B. compile a cookery book, consisting of favourite and well-tried recipes. Sadly, Betsy Powley, who was the instigator of the idea, is no longer with us, but I'm sure that she would have been delighted to think that her idea has not been wasted. We feel sure that you all have at least one favourite recipe which you would be pleased to share with your fellow Old Bedeans. Perhaps, like me, you just "throw things in" and the result, more often than not, turns out to be surprisingly successful and a great favourite! After this will you have a piece of paper handy and jot down the ingredients and send me the recipe? Nothing is too simple or too elaborate - we're all adventurous cooks, and naturally gifted we know! and think of the prestige of having our very own recipe book to boast about. Please let me have a really remarkable response as soon as you can so that we may start compiling the "book of the century" as quickly as possible.

We plan to have many sections, so perhaps some indication of type of recipe, e.g. snacks, yeast, cold puddings etc. would help. Temperature, oven temperature, size of tin etc. would also be helpful.

Send recipes to Wynith McHenry, 71, Solar House, Sanderland.

#### Editorial Note

A magazine subcommittee was formed this year to assist your 'jaded' (lovely word!) Editor in the collecting and verifying of material for this edition of 'The Old Bedean'. Nora Wilson and Mary Robinson, whose accounts of reunions are much appreciated, Wynith McHenry and Eileen Temple have worked to this end, and have my sincere thanks. Valerie Northcote has been most helpful in seeking out school news, promptly, and our ever efficient, ever-willing Secretary, Margaret Hunter, has done more than her share of typing. Olga Stewart too, has typed impeccably and promptly. To all who have sent in news, or contributions of any kind, my thanks, which though repeated each year, are in no way perfunctory. Mr. Taylor has kindly audited our accounts once again. Please keep on sending your news, - we start! Greetings to all Old Bedeans for 1974, wherever they may be.

W. T.

His contribution to the School was not confined to the academic field. Actively interested in photography and fell walking, he did much to encourage these activities among Bedans; many no doubt will be grateful to him for inspiring interest in recreational fields which will afford a source of lifelong pleasure.

Bede wishes him well in his new post as Housemaster at Monkwearmouth School.

Mr. B.J.E. Tensdale, who joined the Girl's staff in 1964, was acting Head of the Physics Department for a year before amalgamation and thereafter a keen and energetic second in command in a large mixed Physics Department. His practical interest in all things electric, his tenacity, his unflinching willingness to give generously of time and energy in this field will long be remembered and much missed.

Bede's good wishes go with him on his promotion to Head of Department.

Fawcett House was, in July, bereft at one fell swoop of both House Master and Assistant House Mistress - Mr. J. A. Devine, whose unflinching and cheerful good nature, evident liking of young people and sympathetic understanding of their needs and problems, as well as his work in the Maths Department, rendered him a pillar of the Junior School, and his lively and enthusiastic assistant, Mrs. V. Crookill, who will also be missed by the Languages Department.

School was also sorry to say goodbye to Mr. E. A. Morrell, for five years an energetic and enterprising member of the R. E. Department, to Miss E. M. Bessy a vital and enthusiastic P. E. teacher and to Miss V. Sharp, herself an old Bedan, who made her contribution in the field of remedial education and English.

We wish Miss Sharp every happiness on the occasion of her marriage and to all the others we extend our good wishes for satisfaction and success in their new posts.

Earlier in the year three members of staff left for the happiest of reasons - Mrs. A. Hutchinson (Anne Nichols) and Mrs. C. Griffiths (Judith Gribble), both now the proud mothers of beautiful boys, and Mrs. J. Beveridge, the equally proud mother of a lovely, adopted boy.

In the course of the year School welcomed Mrs. A. Whitworth (Head of P. E. Department), Miss E. Fairley (Maths) and Mrs. Sweetman (Chemistry).

In September Mr. Fell took charge of the Economics Department and Mr. C. Griffiths became Head of Fawcett House. New members welcomed to the staff were Mrs. E. M. Askins (Geography), Mrs. L. Smith (German), Mr. R. S. Stewart (English), Miss E. J. Taylor, an old Bedan (P. E.), Mrs. P. Thomas (R. K.), Mr. J. Williams (Physics) and Mrs. M. Yates (History). A warm welcome also awaited Mrs. O. M. Gaudie when she returned to give part time assistance in Domestic Science.

Mr. Charles Rogers, who died in July, was a member of school staff from 1881 to 1872. An Old Bedan himself, he will be remembered for his contribution to the teaching of History in the school; for his mastery of organising of rehearsals for the 'big' occasion, for his unflinching punctuality and remarkable record of attendance. He was also active in the world of scouting all the time he was at Bede, being Assistant County Commis-

longer for many years. He worked very hard helping to bring into being "Moor House", the Scout Centre for the County, and worked even harder when he was in charge of Moor House, always striving to bring happiness into the brotherhood of scouting. He will also be remembered for his courtesy, his sense of humour and his firmness of purpose.

School Leavers 1973. In all, fifty six boys and girls have gone to Universities this year, and cover the whole spectrum of courses. Eight have gone to London, six to Leeds, four boys and four girls to Sheffield and Hull, three boys and three girls to Newcastle, Nottingham and Warwick, two of each to Oxford, Cambridge, Bristol, York, Manchester and Bradford, and one of each to thirteen other Universities.

About fifty boys and girls also left from the Lower Sixth. Most of these have found employment; some went on to other forms of training, and some have come back to school having decided to try for 'A' level qualifications. Many have gone into clerical jobs either in the Civil Service or Local Government. Some have gone into banking, two are trainee architects, some are trainee salesmen, two have joined the Merchant Navy, and some the R. A. F.

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### Secretary's Report

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held on Tuesday, 18th September 1973 in the Rosedene Hotel. The Officers elected are shown above.

Owing to lack of support the Annual Dinner at Durham Castle was cancelled but it was agreed that our Reunion in 1974 would again be at Durham Castle, date to be announced later. Members wishing to attend or to form a party can receive details of menu and wine list from the secretary in late February.

This year marked the resignations of Messrs. R.T. Ayre as Treasurer and D.J. Edward as secretary. The President thanked both officials for their excellent work for the Association with particular regard to Mr. Ayre who for so many years has kept the Association's finances in such an efficient way.

## Old Bedans' Badminton Club

Another good season was enjoyed by the members. New faces were always welcome and due to increased members subscription has been reduced to £3.

J. I. Whan (Hon. Sec.)  
116, Gartland Road,  
Grindon,  
Sunderland.

## Old Bedans' A. F. C. Fiftieth Anniversary

Sunderland.

The North Eastern Amateur Association Football League of which Old Bedans are founder Members, was formed 50 years ago, the first season being 1923-24.

This milestone in the history of the league was celebrated by members and officials at a dinner in the St. James' Club, Newcastle.

Mr. A.H.D. Eltringham (Chairman) and Mr. E.S. Crawford (Secretary) were presented with suitably inscribed tankards to commemorate the occasion and honour their lengthy and devoted service to the league and game.

The league itself is unique in being purely amateur and unknown to many, has a high standing in soccer circles.

During the forty four playing seasons since the inception of the league (no fixtures being played during the war years) Old Bedans, after the business of the evening, a pleasant buffet was enjoyed by members and their wives and this was followed by amusing anecdotes, well told by Bob Wood, of his experiences during his football league refereeing career.

Were League Champions on no less than six occasions, 1933-34, 1936-37, 1952-53, 1957-58, 1963-64 and 1964-65 and would have made it seven but for inclement weather in 1962-63 which caused fixtures to be incomplete.

In 1962-63 and 1964-65 Old Bedans won the North Eastern Amateur League Challenge Shield, a trophy presented in 1937-38 for competition within the structure of the leagues first and second divisions. The 1972-73 season was regrettably the first in the clubs history in which Old Bedans first division team has had to apply for re-election to the league by reason of having finished in second from bottom place.

This meant we were literally faced with extinction but the league management committee had confidence and re-elected us for the coming season.

Results to date are far from satisfactory but players are coming to our aid and we look forward with confidence to better results.

Officers elected for the 1973-74 season are:-

J. Lawton, (captain), A. Warriner (vice-captain) B. Robinson (treasurer).

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## In Memoriam

We regret to report the deaths of several Old Bedans during the year.

Mr. A. H. Laver (1931-37) died suddenly on February 23rd 1973 in Ponteland.

Mr. M. N. Randle (1924-31) a former Sunderland accountant died on April 27th 1973.

Mr. L. W. Bland (1951-59) died suddenly in Portugal in March 1973 where he had been working as a Management Consultant for the Portuguese National Airlines.

Mr. J. A. Hutton (1918-26), a former Headmaster at Havelock and Chester Road Secondary Schools, died on January 14th 1973. He was closely associated with St. Nicholas's Church for over forty years.

Dr. J. Walker M. A., Ph. D. (1910-17) died on October 1st 1973 at Huddersfield. He was head of the Department of Humanities at Huddersfield College of Technology and in 1968 published a book 'British Economic and Social History 1700-1967'.

Mr. R. Ferguson (1930-34) died in hospital in Hull on March 16th 1973. He was formerly head of the Department of Senior Students at Hull Nautical College.

## Retirements

Wilson S. S. (1921-27) Headmaster of the new Monkwearmouth Grammar School in 1949, which moved to new premises at Seaburn Dene and now houses 1740 pupils, retired in February 1973.

During his long association with the town his many activities included Past Presidencies of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Headteachers in Sunderland, Governor of the Sunderland College of Education and Secretary of Seaburn Rotary Club.

A keen supporter of the Association, in all its activities and functions, he played an important part in the success of the Association A. F. C.

## Non-Retirement

Pattinson K. (1914-21) a member who will not retire, Mr. Pattinson after 37 years lecturing at the Technical College 'retired' in 1964 to make way for a younger man and since then he has lectured 4 years in Ghana and has just returned after 2 years teaching Physics to 400 boys at Kisumu Technical School on the shores of Lake Victoria, Kenya.

Home again at the age of 70, he has been offered a part-time teaching post.

## Recent Appointments

Makel, Rev. A. (1951-59) a member of the Southorpe Mission has Northsby Park Steel Works as a new 'Parish' as well as Priest-in-Charge at Scrotton, Lincs.

Pawson, A. (1948-53) newly appointed manager of N. Byer Ltd., Clothing Manufacturers, Fence Houses.

Phillips, J. M. (1933-43) was appointed General Inspector and Advisor of Sunderland Schools.

Stephenson, E. (1943-45) has been appointed Manager of Westminster Bank, West Road, Postleland.

Parr, A. (1941-47) has become Manager of Barclays Bank, Chester-le-Street.

Wilkinson, B. (1943-45) was appointed Inspector of Branches for Westminster Bank.

Price, K. (1937-42) newly appointed Assistant General Manager of Nationwide Building Society.

Feston, A. T. (1937-43) has become Borough Amenities Officer for Pendle (Lancs.) District Council.

Gordon, A. (1936-41) was among the first 27 solicitors in the country to be made Judges. His appointment is to the list of Deputy Circuit Judges on the North East Coast.

Liddle, B. (1946-47) has been appointed Headmaster of Springwell Junior School.

Raine, M. (1946-54) was appointed Headmaster of Boston Cereus Junior School.

Chalk, J. (1933-39) has been appointed N. A. S. Junior Vice President.

Hall, B. ( ) has just become Headmaster of a school in Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs.

Carruthers, W. (1940-47) was appointed Headmaster at Monkwearmouth Comprehensive School in succession to Mr. S. S. Wilson. He formerly held posts in the Far East, Bede and Pennywell Schools.

#### News of Old Bedans Abroad

Entwistle, K. (1940-46) has been appointed a Deputy Reeve - the equivalent of a County Councillor - in an Illinois District.

Tinsley, Dr. B. (1958-63) has graduated as a doctor of Psychology at Brandeis University, Boston, Massachusetts.

Ord, G. E. Wing Commander (1943-46) paid the school a visit from R. A. F. Station, Brugges, West Germany.

Praet D. (1934-38) an exile in Australia for 43 years paid us a visit in June this year. He missed the familiar landmarks of the Victoria Hall, Winter Gardens and the trams and found his old school greatly changed.

#### Queen's Honours' Award

Laing, A. (1934-38) from being a lecturer in Economics at Durham University to compiling a History of the Fishing Industry in 1956, Mr. Laing was appointed Director General of the British Trawler Federation in 1962. Now spearheading British interests in the 'Cod War' for which he received his award, Commander of the Order of the British Empire in the Queen's Birthday Honours' List.

He is an internationally known advisor on fishery matters.

#### School Notes

The School Soccer XI in their third successive final defeated Ryhope to represent Durham in the English Schools F. A. Individual Championship before losing to a Liverpool team.

Heading an impressive output from the sixth form this year is Stephen Pratt who has won an Open Exhibition in Mathematics to Hertford College, Oxford. 32 other boys have gone to University, 10 to Polytechnics,

6 to Colleges of Education, 3 to Management Training, 2 to the Royal Air Force, and one each to Banking and Quantity Surveying.

#### Academic Successes

Johnson, B. (1958-65) has gained his Ph. D. at Newcastle University, where he is currently lecturing in micro-biology.

Lewis G. K. (1958-65) has won the William Hutton Prize, for top honours candidate in Middlesbrough and Sunderland, in the Law Society Final Examinations in 1972.

Reed, D. (1958-65) also won the William Hutton Prize in 1973.

Pounder, D. (1968-67) has graduated as a doctor at Dundee University and was presented with the University's Helier Award by the Queen Mother.

Arts, F. C. (1958-65) has been awarded a Doctorate of Philosophy in Physics at the University of Wales where he will stay and carry out research.

Bittlestone, J. (1963-70) has gained a First Class Honours Degree in Chemistry at Oxford.

Fraser, C. (1963-70) has gained a First Class Honours Degree in Physics at Oxford.

Pattinson J. R. (1963-70) has gained a First Class Honours Degree in Land Economy at Cambridge.

#### Other Items of News

Footer, J. (1921-26) paid a nostalgic visit to the town he hadn't seen for over 40 years. Whilst appreciating the chance to retrace old steps and revisit old haunts he felt that the town hadn't modernised as much as he had expected.

Powley, M. (1926-32) has gained one of the highest awards of the Royal Aeronautical Society, the British Silver Medal for Aeronautics.

The medal awarded for practical achievement leading to advancement in Aeronautics was given for Mr. Powley's practical and long-standing development work on electronic systems for British Military Aircraft.

Hartley, D. (1949-54) is to be the last Mayor of Tynon before the changes in Local Government make the post obsolete. A chartered accountant, Mr. Hartley has always been interested in Local Government and was vice-chairman of Sunderland Young Conservatives in 1959-60.

Cohen, T. (1962-69) has been selected to play for the English Jewish Football Team to take part in the Jewish Olympic Games. Back home Trevor plays for Whitley Bay and is currently serving articles with a Newcastle chartered accountant.

Jeffrey, F. (1925-33) as Senior Vice-Principal of the Methodist College, Belfast, returned to his old church St. John's, Ashbrooke to give a Wesley Historical Society Lecture, Methodism and the Irish Religious Situation.

Lipton, M. P. Sir M. (1915-18) always interested in affairs of his old town, even if it is criticism. Sir Marcus puts into print his disappointment that Sunderland should come out bottom of the Local League for Expenditure by Local Authorities on class-books and school library books.



Fraser, C. (1963-70) A nine week adventure story that makes us all envious. Clive travelled 12,000 miles around U.S.A. and Canada by bus and 'rule of thumb' He found the North Americans friendly and generous ever willing to help when the going was hard.

Davison, G. (1946-61) An accountant and keen golfer, has been appointed Chairman of Houghton Rotary Club.

Harrison, N. (1931-39) We were very pleased to receive a new year letter from Saltash, Cornwall. Norman, following his retirement from the Royal Navy in 1968 and a spell at a school in Heston moved to the South West. He still takes an active interest in sport in addition to teaching at a local school. He and his wife lead a very busy life in local affairs.

#### New Life Members

Boston R. M., 29, The Westlands, Sunderland.

Carr, J., 11, Briar Walk, Blackwell, Darlington.

Curd, E., 7, Birrell St., Town End Farm, Sunderland.

Field, G. D., 36, Plains Rd., Plains Farm, Sunderland.

Glasville, J., 11, Medway Gardens, High Barnes.

Graham, P., 16, Ludlow Rd., Sunderland.

Landa, J., 9, Victoria Ave., Sunderland.

Lawson, F., 6, Millfield Terr. Whitburn, Co. Durham.

Liddle, P. H., 19, The Precinct, Tunstall, Sunderland.

Lawson, D., 71, Tuscan Rd., Sunderland.

Marshall, J., 112, Regent Farm Rd., Gosforth.

Metcalf, A.A.B., 16, Thornby Ave., Kestonworth.

Watson, L.G., 7, Dove Close, Brandon, Co. Durham.

#### Old Bodens at Cambridge

The Society of Old Bodens at Cambridge continued to flourish in 1973 under the guiding hands of Mike Gordon and John Pettinson, both in their final year at St. Johns.

A Dinner held in Queens College was again presided over by Mr. J. R. Bamrough, Dean of St. Johns and The Society were pleased to welcome visitors from school - Mr. and Mrs. S. Temple, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. A. Small, Mr. J. D. Jolly and Mr. J. P. Wylie. After an excellent meal the party retired to the lounge in the School of Pythagoras, speeches, conversation and wine being the order of the evening.

The Annual Punt Expedition to Grantchester held on a hot summer afternoon was a great success with all male members finishing in the Grants to effect a mock rescue of Mike Gordon.

A party held in the cellars of St. Johns in December was enjoyed by all.

This year the reins have passed to Barbara Downs and Keith Gibbs and the Annual Dinner is being held in November in the Old Hall, Girton College.

### Antarctica

Mr. John Donaldson, B.A., has very kindly agreed to give a film show and talk to the Joint Association on the 8th of March 1974 at 7.30 p.m. in the Rosedene Hotel.

Mr. Donaldson has been on two Antarctica Expeditions so this should be an interesting evening. A buffet supper will be served.

Wives, husbands and friends are invited. Will you please contact members of the committee or the secretary before 22nd February 1974, for the final numbers. Tickets 75p.

### Old Bedans Archery Club

You may like to know the Old Bedans have an Archery Club - this meets at the school each Saturday afternoon during the summer months, that is starting April.

Anyone who is interested and would like to take up this interesting sport should contact Mr. Derek Collis, 8, Ludlow Road, Sunderland.

Tel. 68240.

### Subscriptions

The Hon. Treasurer (Mr. P. Graham, 8, Ludlow Rd., Sunderland) urges all members to forward outstanding subs. on receipt of their magazine. Annual Subs. are now 40p and Life Subs. £3.15.

Don't put off - Pay up Today.

OLD BEDFORD ASSOCIATION

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST, 1973

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>INCOME</u>	
Cost of Magazines	48.25	11 Life Subs. @ £3.15	34.65
Postage on Magazines	14.00	36 Annual Subs. @ £0.40	14.40
Envelopes for Magazines	2.00	9 Annual Subs. @ £0.25	2.25
Staff Presentation	10.50	1 Annual Sub. @ £0.40(Dy Barbara Ordor)	0.40
Duplicating	60	3 Annual Subs. @ £0.25 (By Barbara Ordor)	0.75
Loss on Annual Meeting	8.50	1 Annual Sub. @ 1 £	0.75
Charitable Fee-Annual Dinner	20.00	Sumnerland and Shields Building Society Int.	20.74
Hon. Treasurer's Expenses(Postages etc.)	8.25		
		<u>O. B. A. Organ Fund)</u>	
		Provision for Corporation Tax no longer required	8.20
		Excess of Expenditure over Income	8.45
	<u>£93.00</u>		<u>£98.80</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st AUGUST, 1973

<u>CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES</u>		<u>ASSETS</u>	
<u>CAPITAL FUND</u>		Cash at Barclays Bank Ltd.	52.86
Balance at 31st August, 1972	563.11	Sumnerland and Shields Building Society	408.00
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income 8.45	554.66	Sumnerland and Shields Building Society (Organ Fund)	180.00
	<u>£554.66</u>		<u>£552.86</u>

Certified to be in accordance with the Books of Account.

G. N. BARDLE, F.C.A. )  
 L. HUDSON, )  
 HON. AUDITORS.

R. T. AYLER,  
 HON. TREASURER,  
 SEPTEMBER, 3rd 1973.

## THE ASSOCIATION AND THE WEARMOUTH FESTIVAL.

In the days before it was destroyed during the Second World War the Victoria Hall stood at the end of Toward Road. It was a huge place, too large to serve most useful purposes and only on two occasions during the year was it filled to capacity. Those two events were the Bede Boys' and Bede Girls' Speech Days. In the packed hall the opening item was the singing of the School Song (words by J. H. Smithwhite; music by R. F. Jansan. Price, one penny). The Speech Day programme announced that only the first and last verses were to be sung and having been more or less carefully rehearsed during the previous weeks we bellowed out the words at the top of our voices.

Who of Wearside's sons is greatest?  
Who has won most lasting fame?  
Centuries from seventh to latest,  
Answer, is not Bede his name?

I never found out how many verses were omitted, nor did any other boy, so far as I know, but we lustily roared out the last verse.

Loyal Bedans one and all,  
Past and present, great and small;  
Proud our name, disgrace it never.  
Bede Collegiate School for ever.

And how those two last words used to reverberate through the hall!

Yet during my stay at the school I never remember having heard any member of the staff even mention Bede's name, let alone give the class a lesson on the subject. Having learned from the School song that he was Wearside's greatest personality we had to be content with that.

Many years were to pass before I really realized what a great man he was. He finished his greatest work 'A History of the English Church and People' in the year 731 and even now 130 manuscript copies of this work still exist. Among the oldest of these, written in the 8th century, and almost contemporary with Bede himself, are the Moore MS at Cambridge, the Cotton Tiberius MS in the British Museum and, the finest of the three, the MS in Leningrad. He has been called the Father of English History, the Schoolmaster of Europe and the Light of the Church lit by the Holy Spirit. Monasteries throughout Europe were anxious to borrow copies of his works and have them copied by their own scribes. He became so well known on the Continent that he is the only Englishman mentioned by Dante in his 'Divine Comedy'.

Another of Bede's works, 'The Lives of the Holy Abbots', is better known to us on Wearside because it gives us a contemporary account of Benedict Biscop and the building of the twin monasteries at Wearmouth and Jarrow, where Bede was to spend his whole life.

Nearly 1300 years have passed since the monastery of St. Peter was founded and the town and the church have organised the Wearmouth Festival to celebrate the event. We, as Old Bedans, surely owe

a debt to Bede for the use of his name and for the resultant reflected glory. We might for instance, attend the Bede School Drama Group's performance of T. S. Eliot's 'Murder in the Cathedral' in St. Peter's Church on Wednesday, 26th January at 7.45 p.m. A good turn-out would be very much appreciated. Or the Association might organise a visit to the church, when a talk would be given on its association with Bede. And thirdly, the Association might consider arranging for a non-denominational service in the church. Several Old Bedans are now clergymen and no doubt would be only too pleased to take part.

These suggestions may not be considered suitable and other members may have better ideas. But whatever the event, participation in the Wearmouth Festival would make the Association more conscious of Bede and his reputation in Europe.

Ralph H. Lowe.  
(1930-1936)

Galliford, D. (1937-42) has returned to Sunderland in June to preach at St. Peter's for the Patronal Festival of the Church. He is Canon Treasurer at York Minister.

SUNDERLAND A. F. C.

### THE GLORY HAS NOT DEPARTED

October 1972. The new season just two months old, and already a string of poor results had checked Sunderland's progress on the road back to the First Division which they had graced for so many years. Their once faithful supporters, long injured by disappointment had deserted the Roker terraces in their thousands. A long tradition and a fine stadium could not hide the fact that for almost a generation, their team had ceased to be a force in the game. It was to the television screen that the townsfolk turned to see the super teams, the great players. The schoolboys' heroes wore unfamiliar shirts, no longer the famous red and white of their own Club.

The League Cup had come and gone. A resounding defeat at Stoke was enough to end Sunderland's hopes there. In Cup competitions the team had built up a new and unwelcome record; early dismissal often in the hands of lower placed clubs. The prospect of a successful run in the F. A. Cup in the New Year seemed no less remote to the dejected band of supporters still following their fortunes.

The League results worsened. October ended with a solitary point from a goalless draw among three heavy defeats; three goals against ten. The prospect of a worse calamity, relegation to Division 2, was more than a spectre on the horizon. The gates dropped to an all time low, barely 11,000. The Club's debt was increasing week by week, and the performances on the field offered no hope for better things to come.

Meeting against this background of crisis with the Club's fortunes at their lowest ebb, the Board decided to end the second term of office of their Manager, Alan Brown. In charge throughout Sunderland's first spell in Division 2, he left Roker Park after gaining promotion

and his recall in 1963 failed to avoid relegation the following year. Now in their third season in the lower sphere, the Club had again fallen down on their promotion challenge.

The objectives facing the new Manager, Bob Stokoe, and old Newcastle player with a Cup-Winners medal to show for it and since a Manager with a number of clubs lacking the potential of real success, seemed to be limited - immediate survival in the division before the long, hard prospect of putting the team's affairs on a better footing could even begin. Changes at Board level combined with the promise of money for team building brought no change in the long train of depressing results. Not until December 9th did Sunderland register a win their first in ten attempts, and their only success in the last quarter of 1972.

The first Saturday of 1973 was heralded with a decisive 4-0 win as a prelude to the opening of the Cup campaign a visit to Notts County. The devotees had already noticed a freer, more open style of play emerging on the park, but the handful who made the trip saw their favourites apparently following the old, familiar road out of the competition at the first hurdle, a goal down in the dying minutes. Then Dave Watson, converted by Bob Stokoe to his favourite centre half position, grabbed the equaliser. Fired by a new optimism, many of the absent brigade turned out for the replay. A crowd of 36,000 - almost three times the League average - already promised a home tie against Reading in the next round, saw the Roker men triumph through goals from Watson and Tusart. The next League match attracted 22,000. A revival was on the way.

In the home tie against Reading, Sunderland had to settle for a 1-1 draw. This was to be their last unconvincing performance of the season. At Elm Park, Watson, Tusart and Kerr were the scorers as Sunderland fairly romped to victory; a performance praised on all sides, not least by ex-Roker favourite Charlie Hurley, now Reading's Manager. The team were already assured of star billing for the fifth round, a visit to Maine Road, home of the redoubtable Manchester City.

Meanwhile Bob Stokoe was taking steps to strengthen his side. David Young and Ron Guthrie arrived from Newcastle. Big John Hughes, brother of Sunderland's Billy (though Cup-tied) was secured from Crystal Palace to fill Watson's old berth, but after breaking down in his first match, unhappily had to quit the game. Mr. Stokoe then made tracks for Luton's Vic Salom, a player eligible for the Cup campaign.

The week before the fifth round, Sunderland took fresh inspiration from a 4-0 rout of Middlesbrough. The League clouds were lifting and the team could afford to think of other things, but Manchester City, boasting the international talents of Bell, Lee, Summerbee and Marsh seemed to carry too many guns for a side still hung with a Second Division label. The experts were unanimous; City held the ticket to the quarter final. In the opening minutes, City showed a skill and prowess in keeping with their reputation, but the Weariders were no longer a team to be swept aside by an early goal. Mick Horswell - a real warrior

of a player - grabbed a goal for his side, and in the second half the strong running Sunderland forwards, striking quickly and confidently from their own half, posed the greater threat. Billy Hughes put the Roker men ahead 2-1, and only a scrambled equaliser, when Montgomery was crowded on the goal line, saved the day for the home side.

Whatever the triumphs still to come, February 27th must go on record as Sunderland's greatest night. An electrifying atmosphere a full throated crowd of 32,000, the return of the halcyon years. Again the famous names were there, again City started favourites. Still not convinced that the Maine Road performance was anything more than a flash in the pan, the whole soccer world (the match was repeated on television) saw Sunderland tear at their illustrious opponents from the first whistle, swinging the ball about with a speed and precision of movement to bring them two great goals before half time, goals that would have graced a World Cup Final. Halom and Hughes were the marksmen after movements which left the City defence in the role of admiring spectators. Manchester, who had hardly been seen in the first half, then came more into their own, but resolute defence restricted them to a single goal, and when Sunderland counter-attacked it was again the magnificent running of the front men, crowned by another great goal from Billy Hughes - now truly the scourge of Manchester City - which set the seal on the tie.

Now it was the turn of Luton Town, Vic Halom's old club, whose remarkable record in the North East had comprised League wins against Sunderland and Middlesbrough and the defeat of Newcastle in the Cup. There was to be no repeat at Roker. Sunderland again found the style of play for the occasion, and although the goals by Watson and Guthrie came late in the game, Sunderland ran out clear winners.

The sights were now set on Hillsborough, the ground where Sunderland had fought a losing battle against Birmingham 17 years before. Tackling the delayed League programme, the team determined to make every post a winning one and a series of fine results soon redeemed earlier setbacks. If this form had been matched throughout the season, promotion would have been the easiest of targets.

The true merit of Sunderland's performances had still not made its mark. At Hillsborough, Alan Ball & Co. were made firm favourites. Employing their now well tried method of fast running, stern defence and an ability to do the simple things quickly, Sunderland again confounded the pundits. Vic Halom shot them into a first half lead, then Hughes added a second with a superb header. A desperate Arsenal pulled one back in the closing minutes, but it was too late. Against all the odds, against all predictions, a team largely unchanged from the early season formation had won through to Wembley for the first time in 36 years. The names redolent of that bygone era - Carter, Burbanks, Gurney and John Mapson - were now freely linked with the new found heroes.

And so to Wembley, and the history books. Leeds United, easily the most successful team of modern times, brimful of talent, with every player a household name, would - they all said - finally strike a blow for the Soccer Establishment against the brave triers from the Second

Division, Press, Radio and Television commentators lamented the absence of real opposition - recalled that not for 42 years had a lower Division side won the F.A.Cup. In the event of the somewhat elaborate and overplanned style of Leeds United foundered against the quick tackling and ceaseless running of the Roker men. The glory fell to Ian Porterfield with a right foot shot following a corner, but it was essentially a team triumph. At the final whistle, an overjoyed Bob Stokoe ran half the length of the field to pay his own tribute to Jim Montgomery, Sunderland's longest serving player, whose sterling work had kept Sunderland in the thick of every fight throughout the competition, and whose wonder saves in the second half had finally denied Leeds the Cup.

Bobby Kerr and his men mounted the steps to the acclamation of their hoarse and ecstatic fans; Bob Stokoe joined them on lap upon lap of honour. After 36 years, the Cup was back at Roker Park.

Sunderland was a ghost town that May afternoon. Throughout the night and well into Saturday morning, special trains, coaches and cars carried the town's faithful to Wembley, where joined by oxiles and well-wishers from far and wide, they shouted their team home. Those left behind, clustering round television sets, shouted from afar. Shops closed, traffic disappeared. When it was all over, the jubilant and still incredulous crowds spilled out again to dance in the streets and salute an historic day with foaming tankards. From the trials of a desperate autumn to the triumph of a magnificent spring. Football had seen nothing like it.

What of the future? Sighing for fresh worlds to conquer, Sunderland have since entered Europe where they signalled their arrival with two clear cut wins over Vasas of Budapest before going down narrowly on aggregate to Sporting Lisbon. In the League Cup, the latest of the giants, Derby County, were trounced 3-0 on another of Roker's great nights. Now Liverpool await their turn. League results have been promising enough to set the scene for a return to the top class in 1974. Roker Park is once again the Town's Mecca on match days; football is again a popular topic in the pubs and clubs. Sunderland - as we know it - may, alas, soon be only a District in a Metropolitan County, but THE Sunderland is again a name to conjure with.

G. K. P.

Exiled Old Bedans were raring to go.

Snowball J. D. (1957-62) who lives near Toronto was all set to fly to Wembley as soon as the semi-final results were known.

Pigg, T. W. (1946-51) Financial Controller with the Singer Machine Company in Buenos Aires brought his family 'home' for the Final.

#### After the Result

Wallace, Dr. J. V (1942-52) Physician in charge of Nuclear Medicine at Wellington Hospital, New Zealand, wrote of his elation at the result "I didn't think Sunderland had a chance but the excitement seemed to vibrate right through the centre of the earth to reach us".



From a non Old Bedou

Mr. E. H. McManus from Hove wrote to tell us of David Howe (1929-28). At the ripe old age of 82, I send my sincere congratulations on Sunderland's Cup win.

I reported my first Cup Final for the News of the World in 1913 when Aston Villa beat Sunderland 1-0 and my last in 1927 when your lot beat Preston North End 3-1.

In the latter match my copy boy was (at 28) David Howe.

I was instrumental in getting David a job with Riffes the Trade Paper King. When war broke out he went into the army and for two years, trained by the Guards for S. A. S., infiltrated behind the German lines and blew up aircraft with cigar bombs. He then went to the Ministry of Information to run a Serbo-Croat paper from Cairo.

I was with David on V. E. Day in Mayfair. He was a wonderful character and versatile linguist. The last I heard of him was some 20 years ago when he was working in the B. B. C. Newsroom.

ASSOCIATION OF OLD BEDANS

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31/9/73.

<u>Expenditure</u>			
Midland Printing Co. for magazines	109.44	Income	
Assoc. of Old Bedans/School Prize	10.60	From O. B. Guild proportion of Mag. cost	40.19
Bank Charges	0.17	" O. B. A.	49.25
		" " "	0.64
		" collections for tea at meetings	9.53
		Excess of Expenditure over Income	
	<u>£119.41</u>		<u>£119.61</u>
		<u>Balance</u>	
Cash at Midland Bank 31/9/73	4.93	Cash at Midland Bank	14.45
	<u>4.93</u>	Less excess of Expenditure over Income	9.53
			<u>£4.92</u>

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D. Coles      Hon. Auditor  
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Hon. Treasurer,  
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## THE GUILD OF OLD REDANS

The Winter Reunion will be held in the Rosedene Hotel on Friday, January 25th. 1974, from 7.30p.m. till 10.30p.m.

Tickets, priced 75p may be obtained from the Secretary or any member of the committee before January 18th.

The Dinner Reunion will be held in the Roker Hotel on Friday, 26th. April, at 7.30p.m. Tickets, priced £2, should be obtained as early as possible and not later than the 19th. April.

Please make a note of these dates in your diary as there will be no further notice.

N.B. Subscriptions (40p) for 1973/4 are now due and the Sec/Treasurer would be pleased to have them as soon as possible.

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