

THE OLD BEDAN

1974

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, 40p, for 1974/75 due on 1st September 1974. Life Membership £3.15. Membership on August 31st 1974 - 488 Please note that some members have not yet paid their subscriptions for 1973/74 - the Sec./Treasurer would be most grateful to have these subscriptions together with those for 1974/75 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.

Round 7 : Duvrey Keyboard. A tricky one, not only for the panel. The Raiser didn't actually have one of these, so Winnie had to make do with the piano lid. There was a clattering sound. The panel looked mystified. "Sorry! Wrong song!" said Winnie. "I would like a crisp start, please!" said Mary, rather sternly. It was a bit ice-crisp - the pianist spent the next couple of minutes nursing her finger-tips. Another try. "Sorry! Wrong note!" But at last, success. "Jerusalem!" they cried. After that and a few clues - the Sugar-plum Fairy, a Chopin Polonaise (op. 40, no. 1, Jean thought) and the School Song we quickly identified, and the whole contest was judged to be a dead heat.

Finale : There was just time for a quick gallop through '80 years of Song' - something in which we could all take part. We started with some good old songs of the 20s - "What a long time ago" some of you weren't even glances then" - "Side by side", "What'll I do?" which Winnie remembered very well. It became popular when she was a mixed infant at Rodby, and an uncle sent her a copy from the States. Ella Lutter (White) her pupil teacher at the time, asked her to sing it to the class, so that they could learn the words. (A leading light, even then!). On to the 30s, and that favourite for the last dance at Weatherall's - "Goodnight Sweetheart" (if you had a cloggy partner it might be "Dancing with tears in my eyes!") Then some war-time songs; "Lili Marlene" and "Roll out the barrel", and for the 50s, ("waster on some of you") "Music, music, music". Beatie sang, of course, for the 60s, then Jean Boham took over the mike and led us through 'Some enchanted evening' and 'Down Town'. "Come on, you young ones" cried Mary, and up came the Robinsons, Eileen (Terapie) and Margaret (Dixon) to bring us up to date with 'Long live love', led from the Eurovision Song Contest, and 'Tie a yellow ribbon'. There was a request for 'Eldeweiss' - "because we all know it" and we finished off with 'Auld Lang Syne' and "Three cheers for an Old Belton till we see you again".

Jean Hayton expressed our sincere thanks to Mary, Winnie and the panel, and our special appreciation of entertainment by Old Belton, who share our memories.

To that, one can only add, "Thanks for the memory, and here's to the next time!"

N.W.

Summer Luncheon: From all over Sandorland and district, forty-nine Old Belton converged on "Michaelford", the home of Elaine Kirkwood, on June 21st. Because this was, happily, one of the few sunny evenings this summer, we were able to sit around in groups beneath the trees upon the lawns and indulge in chat which inevitably included schoolboy reminiscences. The committee dispensed a bounteous supply of tasty pies and sandwiches and luscious cakes and cups of coffee. A hamper, composed by members of the Social Service Committee, and raffled for that cause, was won by Audrey Hudson (Henderson). We are most grateful to Elaine and her husband for their hospitality in such a beautiful setting.

M.R.

(At the time of going to press, we are sorry to learn of Mr. Kirkwood's prolonged illness.)

The 43rd Annual Business Meeting of the Guild was held in the Art Room, Bede Lower School, on Friday, 27th September 1974. As both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman were unable to attend Mary Arkless (Johnson) a former Chairman was elected to preside, and welcomed the 28 members present. The Sec./Treasurer reported on the working of the Guild during the year and on the financial situation. Following the election of Officers and Committee, reports were also heard from the Association of Old Bedians, the Social Service Committee, the London Branch and from the Editor of the "Old Bedian" who once again appealed for news for the magazine. The Hockey Club reported a most successful season with regard to matches, members and finance, a donation of £2 had been sent to the Guild. As the Association of Old Bedians' Annual Meeting had not then been held, no definite arrangements about a School Prize could be made but members agreed that if this meeting so desired a joint prize of £10 should be given us in the two previous years.

Future meetings were planned: A Winter Re-union in January, a Dinner in April and a Summer Re-union in June, arrangements for these meetings to be left in the hands of the Committee. At the close of the meeting, tea and biscuits were served by members of the Committee.

THE LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Last year £156.19 was available from the Guild of Old Bedians' Fund and £12.37 from the H.A. Richardson Memorial Fund. Several schemes were considered for making the awards and it was agreed that these should be made on Advanced Level G, C, E, examination performances, as there had been no call for financial assistance from any of the girls. As a consequence twenty eight scholarships were made ranging in value from £10.00 to £2.00 each.

E. Clarke, Secretary of the Fund Committee.

SOCIAL SERVICE REPORT 1973-74. Finance: The balance in hand on 31.3.74 was £76.35.

ACTIVITIES: October 1973 - The Committee and friends were responsible for the "Topsy Turvy Stall" at the Autumn Market, and this effort raised £40.49 for the Guild of Help. Later in the month our 15 needy people received £2 as Harvest Gifts.

December:- Christmas Gifts of £2 were given to our needy friends, £2 was given to "Wayside" Retired Teachers' Home, East Boldon, to be used at the discretion of Edith Kerr (Wood), who visits the residents from time to time. Flowers and/or chocolates were sent to three house-bound Old Bedians.

March 1974:- A Coffee Morning in St. John's House raised £18.71 for our funds, and though the attendance was rather disappointing the friends who supported our effort were very generous.

April:- Easter Gifts of £2 were given to our friends in need. £2 was given to St. John's Ambulance Brigade in acknowledgement of the use of their Stockton Road Headquarters. Money was allocated to two of our Committee to spend on flowers or suitable small gifts for people who are not in need of financial help, but appreciate occasional visits.

Once again the Committee thank all Guild members and friends who have supported our work in the past year, but we do appeal to younger Guild members to come forward and show interest in this branch of the Guild's work and as enable us to continue this activity which was launched by Miss Arkle over forty years ago.

Elain Wilson (Hooker), Convener.

The Hockey Club: The Club is flourishing at present; for the first time we had so many players attending the A.G.M. that a room was hired at the Teachers' Centre. A full Saturday fixture list was completed with great success, plus several Sunday matches (v clubs with strong 1st XI's) further afield e.g. Harrogate Ladies. We staged a County 2nd XI match at Pennywell again, members providing an excellent tea for the Lancashire and Durham teams. Our usual invitations to tournaments at Whitley Bay, where we won the silver salver, and to Billingham, were accepted with pleasure. An American club team from Boston provided opposition for a match at Pennywell during the season. We gave them afternoon tea followed by a flying visit to Washington so that they could see the Old Hall, then drove back through Sunderland via St. Peter's Church and the sea front to Marsden Grotto. The evening finished off with a meal at the Grange Hotel before we put our American friends on the last train to Hartlepool where they were staying for a week. Club members joined the group at times during the week for a barbecue and a cheese and wine party. Much interest was shown in advance plans for a return trip to Boston!

Old Bedons are well represented on County teams and affairs generally: North Reserves and County 1st XI: Kathleen Cassap.

County 2nd XI: Joan Taylor, Judy Riddick, S. Dunsay
(ex staff).

Junior 1st XI: Valerie Lawton, Jackie Fenwick (colours), Chris Jackson, Brenda Waller, Caroline Jenkinson, Theresa Graham. (* North Trials.)
Under 16 XI: A. M. Topel, Caroline Siskin, Joan Major, Susan Brown, Vivienne Hodgson.

Eleanor Boskin is on the Junior Selection Committee.

Jean Pillans is on the Junior Selection Committee, the Senior Selection Committee, the Coaching Committee and co-opted member of the Executive Committee.

Brenda Peart (ex staff) is Secretary of the Coaching Sub-Committee.

With so many players on County duty it was sometimes difficult to field two full teams and umpires on Saturdays, but girls from School helped out at very short notice.

As the large membership also means we have a healthy bank balance it was agreed by the Committee to send £2 to the Guild to dispose of as desired. We also agreed to have a simple 20p membership fee and 10p per match played. The match secretary for this season is Judy Griffiths and the General Secretary Sheila Johnson of 4, Havelock Road, Nookside, Grindon, who would be delighted to hear from any intending players.

We finished our season as usual with a dinner in Durham attended by a very large group.

We would like to thank the Guild for the continued interest shown in the Hockey Club and its doings and express grateful thanks to Winnie Graham who attends most of our home fixtures in some very "parky" weather indeed and sees that our team has good coverage in the local paper.

Jean Pillans (from report by Secretary
Mrs. Jean Chicken).

THE LONDON BRANCH:— Eleanor Wilson (Tilkeage) invited us for tea and chat in October 1973 and Miss Moad, Joyce Hebron (Ayles), Kathleen Young (Craggs), Marjorie Baltes (Kowitz), Isobel Lumby (Munro) and I enjoyed a cosy afternoon. Eleanor's husband had mine for company, and her teenage daughter added to the liveliness of the conversation.

In May 1974, Miss Moad, Joyce, Marjorie, Eleanor and her husband, Helen Reed (Ferry) and Doreen Margtroyd (Beyes) met at my place. We were all pleased to see Doreen again after a lapse of several years. The news of her sudden death, while on holiday in Switzerland, was a sad shock.

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From November 1973 to November 1974

During the year the following Members became Life Members—Margaret Cross (Hotherington), Norma Galt (Graham), Jocelyn Pritchard (Oliver), Hilda Downey (Engley), Doris McGree (Pyper), May Morrison (Walker), Dorothy Morton (Stoddard). New Life Members were: Susan Pauline Hunter, Jane Harris, Lily Jameson (Davison), and Helen Florent. Rachel Dwyer (MacMurray), Mrs. Jane Paul (Stall), Joan Johnson (Cross), Mary Talbot (Thompson), Nan Stirling (Jeffrey) and Jean Rough (Alderson) also became members of the Guild.

An Apology Last year, the "In Memoriam" section included the name Rachel Dwyer. This should have read Eliza Don Dwyer. Your editor, very upset and apologetic, called on Rachel Dwyer, (Mrs. H.C. Mac Murray) to explain the mistake. The apology was accepted sweetly and with the greatest understanding, and accompanied by the request "Can I join?.... (Grief and delight of Editor!)

Married are: Ethel Miriam Beerman (Davison), Pauline Carter (Beard), Elaine Elliott (Marshall), Una Farney (Miller) daughter of Joyce Hawkins, Dorothy Nolan (Mainsky), Pat Rutherford (Murrill), Anne Tate (Lawrence)

Babies to: Sheila Airey (Greenwell) - twin girls; Dorothy Beavers (Kane) a daughter; Mary Beerman (Childs) a second daughter; Barbara Birbeck (Holland) a daughter; Margery Boliver (Smith), Judith Griffiths (Griffiths) a daughter; Margaret Hodgson (Johnson), Genda Lawson (Griggs), Vivienne Washington (Hornby-Smith) a second daughter; Sheila Wood (Barham); Vera Wright (Combes), Janice Arnold (Gordon), Kathleen Dutton (Farquhar), Jean Gerrick (Brown), Wendy Oliver (Lewis), Christine Phillips (Pegg).

In Memoriam:— November 1973: Lily English (Mrs. Hutton); Betty Fairgrieve (Mrs. Scott). 1974: Ethel Bruce, Elaine Cowling (Mrs. Footler), Thirza Davies, Hilda Edwards (Mrs. Shaw), Gertrude Forest (Mrs. Scaggs), Jennie Gallowaki (Shooket), Mary Elizabeth Gibbons (Mrs. Taylor), Betty Hill (Christie), Doreen Margtroyd (Mrs. Beyes), Lydia Newby (Mrs. Chappell), Ethel Stewart.

Homes of Old Bedans

May Pearson (Oyford) is living in Finchley, London, her sister Rose (Levine) and Dorcas (Wissman) also live in the London area. Dorcas Charlton (Finer's) home is in North London, she is working as a pharmacist. Marjorie Crompton, too, is a pharmacist in Ashford Hospital and lives in Egham, Surrey. Elsie Barnham's home is in Daringtoke - she teaches half time in a nearby boarding school where she is in charge of the Maths Department. Dorothy Beavers (Kosma) is now in Reading and Jane Holland is living and working in Derby. Patricia Wrightman, whose home is in Totley is head of the Domestic Science department in a comprehensive school. Glen Wright (Hunt) has left Sunderland for Cheltenham. Miss Andrews (Moore) has had another move, this time to Helston, Essex. Sheila Thomas (Walker) now lives in Great Crosby, Leam. Marjorie Leck is in Peterlee.

Former members of staff: Miss Annie Simpson (Mrs. Hazlitt) who taught Classes 1928-31, now lives in retirement with her husband at Grange over Sinda. She was succeeded at Bede by Miss Orme, who was a contemporary at Manchester University. The latter sent warm and Christmas greetings to Miss Shearer from Dury. E.R.S. is soldiering on after an eye operation and "manages", in typical independent and uncompromising fashion, but is glad of any Old Bedan visitors. Marjell Bruce (Anderson) a loyal Old Bedan ever, has had a busy year with grand-daughters, weddings and other family and outside interests at Broadwaton-Terne. Miss Angela Gray, who taught French at Bede, is now living in Leighton Buzzard and is Head of House at a Comprehensive School there. Miss Ellen Carlin was recently in hospital, but is now home convalescing. Miss Harding (retired) and Miss Bernard were involved in a car crash while on holiday in Scotland. They had a lucky escape when their car was hit by an ambulance, escaping with only cuts and bruises, although their car was a "write-off". Miss Frances Prior has successfully completed her degree course in Anthropology at Durham University, and is at present teaching maths at Thruskell School. Mrs. Trotter who taught modern languages at Bede is now living in Chester-le-Street, she has three children. Mrs. Gaudin, who left the Domestic Science department recently, now has a second daughter.

YOUNGER OLD BEDANS

Rona Henderson, daughter of Elizabeth Henderson, is the lone female Press Photographer in action at Baker Park Football matches. She was assistant photographer for the firm which produces the Football Club magazine. Pauline Graham joined the Queen Alexandra Royal Nursing Service two years ago. She has served at the Royal Naval Hospital at Stonehouse in Plymouth and is now at the Royal Naval Hospital at Haslemere, near Portsmouth. Kathryn Stewart is doing market research for Exhibition (Coventry) at Leicester, having gained her Diploma in Business Studies. Linda Jenkins (Wilson) is working in the Civil Service. Lynn Evans was one of the two hostesses at an Old Exhibition at Olympia in October. She has modelled at fashion shows all over the country in the past six years. Her home is now in Rufford. - Cyril Jackson, daughter of Audrey Ragg, is studying Economics at Girton College, Cambridge; also at Girton - Jane Harris. Marjorie Foley (Harrison)

is working for the Inland Revenue at Stockley. Joyce Hindmarsh is teaching music in a local junior school. Marilyn Fraser is in her second year at East Anglia University. Helen Waller is studying geography, and is in her final year at University College, London. She has recently travelled in Greece and Norway.

WOMEN AT WORK

Emily Darwent (Lawson) was one of the three women delegates among 150 from all over the world attending the *Conseil de l'Effort* conference in Rotterdam in September. As reported last year, she was invited to give a paper on the effects of rain penetration into building materials. She attended civic and consular receptions in Rotterdam Town Hall, and was taken by bus and boat to see the delta reclamation schemes which have virtually straightened off the coast of Holland north of the Scheldt, and in the construction of which parts of the old D-Day Mulberry Harbours were utilized. Marie Andersen is headmistress of the Florence Twissler School for Handicapped girls, Holybourne, Hants. She was one of the speakers at the Contemporary Conference of the Association of Headmistresses. Her subject was "Handicapped Children - normal or special school?"

Klaire Alderson (Cuckney) has changed her job, and is now in charge of the painting and fabric painting at a new adult Art Centre in Selsey. Sybil Ward (Donnison) is a school medical officer in Newcastle. Catherine Bonney is at York University studying for her M.Ed. degree. Ann Husley has a P. E. teaching post in Manchester. Sheila Porter (Stewart) is teaching in Glasgow. Sheila Johnson has left Penrynwell School and is now teaching at Thorney Class. Josephine Conley has left the Civil Service and is studying English Literature at Hull University.

Jean Starling, sister of Nan (Jeffrey) is a sister of charity at St. Jude's Ranch, Boulder City, Nevada, U.S.A.

- and retired:-

Klaire Field has now retired from a distinguished career in medicine and is living in Sarvey. Her last post was that of Paediatric Specialist at the General Hospital at Hong Kong. She is a fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine. Betty Costes (Wilkinson) is enjoying her retirement from teaching.

SPORTS

Netball: Elka Burtham (Jackson) is Chairman of the North Hampshire County Netball Association and Vice-Chairman of the Territory Association.

Hockey: It was sad to read of the death of Betty Fatagrove (Scott) who collapsed and died in Egypt whilst on holiday there. In the magazine "Hockey Field" it was reported that she is buried in a very small but beautiful burial ground for foreigners near the Nile.

Golf: Among the many spectators watching the England Women's Stroke Play Championships at Boston Gorse Golf Club in August, on one particular day, were a number of Old Belas - Kathleen Carr (Kitch), Olga Wright (Stewart), Peggy Victory (Ginn), Margaret Langham, Winnie Scott (Thomas) to name a few. They followed with interest the progress of the Durham County Ladies' Champion, Catherine Beverbank, daughter of Vera Dawson (Bell), of whom they caught a fleeting glimpse among the crowds.

At Bolton Golf Club, Jennie Hoy (Smith) despite secretarial duties, has won three trophies this season.

MEETINGS

While on holiday at a Holiday Fellowship Guest House in Lynmouth, Downon Ward (Macross) met Marjot Orr (Sherriff) and her daughter, Kathya. They "exchanged a lot of O. B. reminiscences while tramping over lovely Devon in glorious weather". Holidaying in the Lake District Margaret Ingg (Berry) met Isabel Eaton (Hutchinson) who is very busy with her voluntary work for W.L., and Moira on Wheels. Isabel has also been visited by Cathie McCree. Also in the Lakes, in wet weather at Buttermere, Jean Brown (Phillips) met Sheila Snowball (Richardson) from Beley, who was camping with her stater Brenda's family from Haleshale. With some difficulty, Christine Morgan and Agnes Wearie (Jackson) managed to meet when Agnes and her husband were in Northern England. Amy Scott (Robinson) had a visit from Dorothy Bell from Chesterfield, then went back with her for a prolongation of their meeting. Dorothy has just retired from nursing. Amy Huxsey (Denyer) came from Sowerbrough in January to meet Edd Crowe from London at E.R.S.'s. Earlier, she had gone from Coventry to Rugby to see Lillian Toms. These three Old Bedas were close mates in a particularly happy second year Sixth Form in which Edith Alexander, (mentioned elsewhere in this magazine) also belonged. At Rugby, Amy met also Ada Barford (Stave) Lillian's sister-in-law. Ada, a younger Old Bedas than the three, must have been edified by the non-stop exchange of reminiscences, news and revelations. Since then, Lillian has had a hip operated on, happily successfully, and Amy has undergone a more serious operation from which she is still convalescing. On a lone "conventional" walk, E.R.S. was courted by someone who said "It is Miss Shower?" It was Beatrice Harder () last met by E.R.S. as a middle school pupil and now mother of the very many Old Bedas grand-mothers. Miss Cross and E.R.S. met unexpectedly one morning in town and exchanged news for a few cheerful minutes. Kathleen Carr (Fitch) had a happy outing to Callidy Castle in Northumberland, where she and Mary Mackintosh were greeted by Elaine Smith (Spence). In July, Mary had a visit from Lena Thompson and "Pete" (Miss Peters), Elaine Wilson (Hodder) and Doris Spaldin (Crighton). They stayed in Thropton overnight, had a picnic on the Holywell Moors. The next day they walked in the Stoneaide Forest, then went their various ways. Mary still takes her Thropton Young Handlers for walks in the area - Harbottle Crags was their destination in October week. Kath spent a happy day with Margaret Taylor (Finkle) at City of Newcastle Golf Club Open Day, and had a chatty reunion with Madge Garbutt (Johnson) at Scarborough. Mary Arkless (Robinson) keeps in touch with Beatrice Huxman (Schofield) who lives and teaches in Exeter.

NOTEWORTHY

Miss Bradbury is President of the Association of Headmistresses - the first head of a comprehensive and mixed school to hold office, and the first president from the North-East Branch of the Association. She holds office for two years. In an interview with a Times reporter in June of this year, she was described as "intensely approachable, and with a sharp wit". (Editorial note: she also finds time to send a copy-hungry editor, news items). In September at a meeting of the Association of Headmistresses, and Principals and Tutors of the women's and mixed colleges of Oxford, Cambridge, London and Durham, she sat, at lunch, next to a tutor from Girton, who volunteered the information that he, rather was an Old

Bedon - possibly the first girl to go to Cambridge - about 1813. This was Mary Johnson (Mrs. Clark) who became a Fellow of Newnham College, Cambridge. Edith Alexander has gained an Open University B.A. degree at the age of 73. As her home in Skating Hill (Wardle) was surrounded by hills, she used to drive to high-lying moors a few miles away so that she might get a better V.H.F. reception on her portable radio. Then sometimes she rushed home to see broadcasts on television. She hopes to study again - this time her subject will be art. There is a new revised edition of a nationally known book on violin playing by Etsa Cohen (Smith). Under its new title 'The Etsa Cohen Teaching Method', the book features her own method of teaching by writing out the lessons in manuscript form. Etsa now lives in Leeds, but has kept in touch with the north-east music world in recent years with her lectures to teachers. Etsa's daughter has played solo violin with the B. E. C. Symphony, the Hallé, and the Northern Sinfonia Orchestra.

Dorothy Goodair, as Vice-President of Sunderland Business and Professional Women's Club, planted a flowering cherry tree in the grounds of St. Peter's Church, Monkwearmouth, to commemorate the Wearmouth 1200 Festival. Rose Halliday (Down) gained several awards in the Floral Art section of the "Ranunculus" Flower Show held at Gosforth Park in August. Ecstasy of delight when Jennie Hay (Smith) and Winnie Scott (Thomas) saw Rose's exhibits bearing winning tickets. Also visiting the exhibition at the same time was Winnie James (Clark). A different kind of noteworthy event - Gladys Thornley (Miller) has recently celebrated her golden wedding in Sunderland.

FROM YOUR LETTERS

From Miss Shearer:

"A Thank-you"

Through the kindness of our Editor, I take this opportunity to send to all the members of the Guild my remembrances and good wishes, and also to add a word of apology.

I do want to thank the Guild collectively and the many individual Old Bedons who keep showering on me kindness of all sorts - messages, greetings and holiday cards, letters and visits. Only the slowness and awkward kindnesses of old age keep me away from writing to acknowledge these, much as I should like to.

I owe it to you to tell you how much I appreciate all that Bede School has given to me over the years, including more than a few very good and loyal friends. Truly I think more and more that I made a good investment for myself when I came to Bede School! I thank you and I hope all of you will be as fortunate as I when you reach 60+ years of age. E.R.S."

Our new Chairman received an unexpected letter of good wishes from Dorothy Morrison (Peterson) "after being assured by Freda Smith (Phillips) that you were 'our' Joan Marshall". Despite 24 years residence in Denmark, Dorothy is still a Sunderland girl at heart; during last year's Cup Final 'I couldn't stand the pace, and spent the last fifteen minutes of the game sitting about in the kitchen - but I saw the last seconds and heard the final whistle with an enormous lump in my throat and watery eyes. We then opened a bottle of champagne..." Dorothy works part time in the Foreign Invoicing Department of a manufacturing firm, and heard - with regret - of the demolition of the Town Hall clock, from a technician colleague who just happened to be working in a Fawcett Street bank at the time.

Shelagh Buchanan (Jones - daughter of Joan Byrdnes), whose husband is in the R.A.F., wrote soon after her return from a troubled Cyprus - "we were still there at the time of the coup and invasion. Quite an experienced Gery was the last section in Famagusta from which the British were evacuated to the base area, so I had to sit through one air raid (and our house was on the aircraft/low-level route in to their targets), not to mention having a Greek machine gun erected on our roof, and seeing the house behind us half demolished by a shell. But physically and materially we didn't suffer. Shelagh is now having a more peaceful time (one hopes) teaching French and German in a King's Lynn School.

"... doing the British Legion (Stothbury W.) party last night. ... a Youth Club etc. to cope with..." It seems that Mary Mackintosh (Alderson) is not allowed to rest on her laurels between G, G, B, dinner reactions! Marjorie Watson (Leonard), writing from Leeds says that she and her husband "spend most of our time gardening and making hand-craft articles for sale at OLFAM or Church Bazaars - or for Christmas presents!" In a local T. G. class "while the others are making lampshades and cushion covers, I do what they call 'fiddly things' like finger puppets, with scraps of felt, pop-up dolls, glove puppets, and so on. Quite 'fascinating'."

One very busy member is Elise Burnham (Johnson), who now lives in Basingstoke. Her sporting interests are mentioned elsewhere; in addition, she copes with two small daughters and teaches half-time in a nearby boarding school, "where I am supposed to be in charge of the Maths Department. ... I am Secretary of Basingstoke Ladies' Circle ... I continue to keep an interest in German and have started a German Club which meets once a month and has 17 members." Elise kindly adds: "If anyone should be in the vicinity of Basingstoke they are very welcome to call, and to stay the night if they want to". (At St. Neville Close).

The magazine seems to have recruited at least two new Guild members during the year. Hannah (Nan) Skirling (now Mrs. Jeffrey) wrote from Southsea - "Having had a copy sent to me by a friend - Gwen Clarke (Cambridge) - I decided I'd love to enrol again, however late in the day, as it were. My sister Jean and I were at Bede in Miss Ross's time, but I see, to my great delight, many many names of 'girls' who were in either Jean's term or mine. my school-days at Bede were some of the happiest days of my life. My sister and I were both keen on sports, both being on the school softball team with dear Miss Arkle and Miss Shorner and both keen on Hockey and gym. etc., the latter being held at the old hall across the Hoxbury play park. To there we walked in a crocodile, carrying our 'own made' slipper bags of natural crush material on which we had embroidered our names in brown silk..."

Eileen McCree, on holiday from New Guinea, spent a week with Lily Jameson (Barlow) in Elizabeth Vale, near Adelaide, and thought that Lily might be interested in the magazine. ... "I was indeed, so much so that my husband went off to bed and left me to it. I was most interested to read of so many people who attended Bede between 1931 and 1938, and of quite a few who walked to school through Barnes Park with my sister Ess and myself. The only other Old Bedan I am in touch with is Dorcas Shackelford (Hayfield) who - is now teaching in the London area". She also discovered that Joyce Giffon (Hodgson) lives not far away - in Australia, terms, at least! Lily and her husband are Scottish dancing enthusiasts, and have danced each year at the Highland Games and at the Adelaide Festival of Arts; they have also held dances in their own garden. She teaches a small class in Elizabeth

herself, but the two or three sets details as the weather gets too hot towards Christmas. Their Christmas break-up party last year was held in the evening of the day of 30th - it was warm work! Ruffling, another of Lily's interests in England, is not so easy to follow, 'as in South Australia most land is privately owned. However we have a lovely park only 8 miles from home, the Parawira National Park, and they are opening up walking trails from there and through the Adelaide Hills'.

Lily ended her letter by saying "once having made contact I am keen to hear more", and many of you say basically the same thing in the short letters you send with your annual subscriptions! Please, next time, bear in mind that someone, somewhere, will be glad to read about you, and be less reticent - spread a bit!

From Mrs. Nicholson (Miss Thompson, at Bede 1898-42), whose address is 14, Linfield Road, Hampton Park, Eastbourne:

"Such pleasurable excitement in April when a 'phone call from Joyce Robson (Bagley), attending the Teacher's Conference in Eastbourne, was followed by a home visit that very afternoon. There she was, looking so handsome and happy as when I saw her last, in 1946. On our common ground we were able to pick up where we had left off and get up to date with much of the news, musical, personal, Bede and North Country.

Then, a date in May for a mini reunion at Joyce's home in Sanderson, where we met Mary Kirkpatrick (Boston), as beautiful as ever, Jess Mackie (Lovely), hilariously composed, and two of Joyce's attractive daughters, and where four indulgent husbands and wonderful food made the setting for more talk of music, Bede, the Training College. Then 'Goodbye, Goodbye! Even four happy hours was not long enough. Here's to the next every meeting.!

Our last call on route from the North to Eastbourne was made at Sheffield, where we were entertained by Brenda Hiddle (White) who also introduced one of her comedy daughters. After much talk of famous choirs, orchestras and musical works, Brenda produced a letter I had sent from my sick-bed to 'Miss Brenda (Nido) Hiddle & Co., Sixth Floor, B.C. G.R.' That was dated 1945 (November) - a ray, friendly letter, we all thought, 'but of course you sent work with it,' Brenda reminded me. This and some old photographs induced reminiscences of The Five in Harmony viz. Mary Kirkpatrick, Moira Mahoney, Brenda Hiddle, Audrey Robson and Joyce Robson - who had the honour to be the first School Certificate (i.e. O Level) Music Group at Bede. Alas I have no recent news of M.M. and A.R. nor of Kathleen Bell, Helen Gerrick and Shelagh Snowball who followed after.

I am reminded of Old Bedeans (young ones too) whenever I hear one of those songs galore we sang together or musical works we studied, and this year is preparing 'The Lady of Shalott' with my lovely, gay, more senior ladies, although I could not expect them to learn it as quickly as Bede Senior Choir, they performed it with comparable enjoyment.

In July a friend formerly of South Shields who lives nearby paid us a visit to introduce Kathleen Lowe (Dobbs) who now lives at Pinner, Middlesex. More cars burning!

I wonder if there are other Old Bedeans in Sussex?

Good wishes to all.

(Mrs) D. R. Nicholson, 1898-42.

Editorial

Many people say in their welcome letters that they "love to read and read the magazine on its arrival from cover to cover". If you are lucky enough to be able to do this, would you please try to find time to send at least one news item for the next magazine?

In various ways, Mrs. Corvick, Mary Robinson, Nora Wilson and Valerie Northcote have helped with this magazine (Nora's account of the annual dinner is always a source of great pleasure to your Editor). Margaret Hunter types and checks queries with "the quiet efficiency" mentioned elsewhere. This year, Helen Fleuret, Olga Stewart and Winnie Graham have obligingly typed, and Mr. Miller Taylor has again audited our accounts. To these and all who have provided information, our sincere thanks. To those Old Bedans who are homebound or ill, kind thoughts and good wishes for better health. To all our readers, greetings for 1975, and - spring, summer, autumn and winter - don't forget to write!

W. T.

Statement of Accounts on 31st August 1974

<u>Receipts</u>	£	£	<u>Expenditure</u>	£
Subscriptions: Annual	28.00		Printing	72.00
Life	44.10	72.70	Stationery	2.75
			Postage & Telephone	15.00
Donations		20	Gifts & Cards	20
Meetings		22.18	School Fees	5.00
Interest		74.40	London Branch	1.00
			Inland Revenue	25.24
			Balance on Years Working	43.73
		<u>179.48</u>		<u>179.48</u>
<u>Total Funds on August 31st 1974</u>				£
Balance on 31st August 1973	1157.79		Made up as follows:-	
Balance on Years Working	43.73		3 1/2% War Stock	98.30
			7 1/2% Savings Bonds	75.00
			Bank of Ireland Trustee	
			Savings Bank:	
			Ord. Dept.	63.10
			Spec. Inv. Dept.	300.10
			Barclay's Bank	4.07
			Cash in Hand	20
		<u>1201.42</u>		<u>1201.42</u>

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

J. M. Taylor, 11th Sept. 1974.

Margaret L. Hunter,
Hon. Treasurer.

SCHOOL NEWS 1973-74

July 1974 marked the end of the seventh year since amalgamation; a complete generation has therefore passed through the reorganised school.

Sixth Form 1974 Another successful year for our sixth form was confirmed by the Advanced Level results. Sixty nine pupils gained 2 'A' Levels, thirty a 1 gained 2 'A' Levels, and twenty one gained one 'A' Level. An analysis shows that the overall success rate has been maintained since the two original grammar schools were merged to form the present comprehensive school and that there has not been any lowering in the standard of attainment.

Once again we have sent boys and girls to Universities, Polytechnics and Colleges of Education throughout the length and breadth of the land. One girl has gone to Oxford to read Mathematics and two boys have gone to Cambridge one to read History and another to read Engineering. We have maintained our local contacts with Newcastle and Durham Universities and with the Polytechnics at Newcastle, Sunderland and Teesside, as well as sending people further afield. Our boys and girls continue to find ready places in Colleges of Education and will maintain the steady flow of people from this school who have joined the teaching profession.

Other people who have left, from both the Lower and Upper Sixth Forms, have usually found employment to their liking and again cover a wide field of careers. Many continue to be attracted to the Civil Service, girls continue to join the nursing profession and both boys and girls are showing an increased interest in Management training.

I do not doubt that all these people will be worthy representatives of Bede School, wherever they go or whatever they take up.

Fifth Year: Every effort is made in course planning to consider the particular needs of each individual pupil and Fifth Year examinations' achievements indicated a pleasing measure of success in meeting these needs. Pupils entered for O level only, passed in an average of 7.2 subjects. Those taking a mixture of O level and C.S.E., secured an average of 3.15⁰ levels and 2.5 C.S.E. passes. Only seventeen of the year's two hundred and seventy two pupils took C.S.E. subjects alone and they averaged 9 passes.

A large proportion of the Year returned to school for further studies, a few entered upon courses at Middlesbrough College and most others seem to have found an opening for themselves in the workaday world.

First Year: September 1974 marked the end of the eleven plus system and the first fully comprehensive entry to Bede. We hope that the school record at the end of the second seven year cycle will prove an encouraging as that of the first.

Building: This term has seen the addition of a Domestic Science and Handicraft block sited on the former side hockey pitch. Work has also begun on a programme to develop an art centre in the basement of the Junior School. A pottery room is already in use and the former pottery room in the Upper School is being transformed into a resource room for film projection and other visual aids. The structural alterations for this room are the responsibility of the L.E.A. while the equipment is being provided by the P.T.A.

The Footbridge: Increasing traffic on Sandblown Bank has long rendered hazardous the crossing of Durham Road (B) in many years ago since Miss Nesher organised a census whose results seemed incredible, but no doubt even they would pale into insignificance if compared with a new census!

However rapid alterations providing bus lanes and a dual carriageway has been completed for some time and finally in the early hours of Sunday 12th October the prefabricated sections of a roadbridge to serve the School and the Children's Hospital were skillfully placed in position (A fastidious Mrs. Rendell watched the whole operation); it is hoped that the approaches will be completed and the bridge opened by early November.

VALETE

The retirement in July of Mr. J.P. Linton means that the school has lost one of its longest standing connections with the past and one of its strongest proponents of the present. When Mr. Linton joined Bode Boys' Grammar School in September 1951, he joined a place of high repute and when he left in July he was entitled to be proud that he had made a significant insurance that the high repute remained. An ardent Francophile, he never failed to impart to his pupils his regard for language, culture and civility. Many Old Bodes will think of him with kindness and respect. We wish him many years of retirement of as active a sort as his working life has been.

The good fortune of the school in commanding loyal and relatively lengthy service even in these days of rapid staff turnover is demonstrated by the fact that a further four departing members of staff had each served Bode for ten years or more. Mr. R. Gurnea, the lively head of the Physics Department became Deputy Head of Manor Park School, Newcastle, in December last. Mr. J. B. Bruce, who will be remembered for his skill at flower arranging as well as his work in Biology, Mr. R. G. Hodgson, Head of a very active P.E. Department, and Mr. G. E. Whitfield, a very successful Chess Club leader as well as mathematician and computer expert, assumed Departmental Headships at Liverpool, Cardiff and Monkwearmouth respectively.

Other members of staff who secured promotion were Mr. J. F. Eilbeck (Chemistry) who left for Monkwearmouth at Easter, where he was later joined by Mr. T. D. Lewis. Mr. S. Hill (English) who was jointly responsible for memorable drama productions and work on The Bodes, moved together with Mrs. A. P. H. Gosman (Music) to Penrynwell, while Mr. P. J. Eastman, a wonderful Becket in Murder in the Cathedral as well as an understanding teacher of English, left for Scilla.

Bode misses them all but wishes them happiness and success in their new posts.

Mrs. P. Hill who came to help in a moment of dire need, remained for over three years before retiring for health reasons. Mrs. B. Petric (Hilda Hodgson) and Mrs. V. Rendell, resigned for the happiest of reasons. Mrs. E. Bruce left to accompany her husband to Liverpool but, had he stayed, the happy duo would have been a trio. Our best wishes go with them.

Mrs. G. Gaultie was warmly welcomed when she returned for two terms to do some part time work and, after her final retirement, Mrs. M.W. Artliff extended a helping hand for a term. Mrs. A. Ward (Ann Hughes) kindly helped with music during the Spring Term and Mrs. L. Ahmad with English during the Summer. Mrs. M. Yates spent only the Autumn Term at Bode before, sadly, her husband's work necessitated a move to Edinburgh.

WELCOME

This term Mrs. P. Atkinson (Patricia Byers) has nobly returned to render part time assistance in the English Department and Mrs. M. Edwards (daughter of Margaret Hunter) has come to the aid of a depleted Biology Department.

As the school loses old friends it welcomes new ones.

In January Mr. W. W. Louther joined the History Department. In April, Mr. M. E. Hudson assumed responsibility for the Physics Department and Mr. M. W. Wood joined the P. E. Department. This term two old Bedans returned to sit at the other side of the desk - Marjorie W. Jackson to teach Music and Judith A. Kirbley to teach English and History. Other new members of staff are Mr. C. Whitfield, Head of Technology, Mr. L. Robson (English), Mr. G. Cullen (History), Miss J. A. Acherley (Geography), Miss P. Minto (French), Mr. A. Grant (Chemistry), Mr. P. Nixon (Maths & Physics), Miss S. Gibbs and Miss I. Rodden (Home Economics).

School also extends a warm welcome to Mademoiselle M. Bessour, the new French 'assistante'. We hope that the warmth of her reception will more than compensate for the coolness of the N. E. climate.

A number of members of staff, accompanied by their wives, were once again entertained by the Cambridge University Branch of the Old Bedans Association. More than thirty people sat down to dinner in St. John's College and a most festive occasion it proved to be, in good Old Bedan style.

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Auditors:	L. Hudson and R. T. Ayre

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held on 4th December 1974.

The Officers elected are shown above.

The Annual Dinner was held once again this year with a changed venue at The Millers' College, Durham on Thursday April 18th 1974. 67 members and ladies enjoyed an excellent meal in pleasant surroundings, followed by first class entertainment from Mr. Dennis Weatherlop, accompanied by his wife, with specific praise and Northumberland and Durham Folk Songs to cover a wide taste in music.

In 1975 we return to the Castle at Durham on Tuesday April 15th. Members are requested to contact the Secretary for details and wine list in early February.

In Memoriam

We regret to report the death of Mr. M.J. Warriner (1924-31) on July 18th 1974. He was Headteacher at Green Terrace School until his retirement last year. A keen sportsman, he played cricket and football for the Old Bedans and for Hendon Cricket Club.

Correction

Mr. G. T. Moore has pointed out the error of our ways in crediting the words of the School Song to Mr. J. H. Smithwhite, in our article on the 1200 Wearmouth Festival, when they were in actual fact written by the first of our Headmasters, Mr. G. T. Ferguson.

Retirements

HALSTEAD, G.T. (1931-38) Senior teacher at Monkwearmouth School retired in July 1974. Although a one school man, apart from four years R. A. F. Service as a Chief Educational Officer, Mr. Halstead has seen many changes and facets of education from the old Central School in Swan Street to the vast Comprehensive complex of 1740 pupils.

A keen supporter of the Association, in all its functions and activities, a very active secretary for 11 years and a trainee of the Association A. F. C., we wish him a long and happy retirement.

EASTON, W. (1935-31) A lecturer in Mathematics at Sunderland Polytechnic, retired in June 1974, after teaching at several Sunderland, Washington and Bede Grammar Schools.

Recent Appointments

BUGHES, A. (1957-64) An assistant lecturer at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, has been made a Fellow of the College. Previously he worked as an economic advisor to the National Economic Development Council.

WILLIAMS, R. (1942-49) Regional Superintending Architect in the West Midlands has been appointed Regional Controller of Housing and Planning in the Department for the Environment in Newcastle.

News of Old Bedans Abroad

BROWN, M. (1907-44) visited his home town in September 1974 after 19 years in Toronto. Still a Sunderland Football Fan, he maintains his heroes of 1944 were better than the present team.

Authors

LITTLE, P. H. (1951-52) senior lecturer in History at Sunderland Polytechnic has been collecting material for his book on The Gallipoli Campaign and the Allied Landing in 1915 for some years and his researches have put him in touch with veterans of many countries. His talks and meetings with the French have culminated in an unusual honour for he has been asked to be guest of honour of the French Gallipoli Veterans at the recharging of the flame at the tomb of the unknown warrior at the Arc de Triomphe.

BRANDON, A. D. (1953-59) a former senior lecturer in Social Work at Hatfield Polytechnic and at present on a Government sponsored research programme into the Homelessness of Young People, has just finished his book "Homeless" which is part biographical.

Old Bedon's Success

Mr. PETER GRAHAM (1901-66) of The Precinct, Tinsall, Sunderland, has become an associate member of the Building Societies Institute, after completing his final examinations in May. Mr. Graham, an Old Bedon, works at the North of England Building Society, Sunderland.

Queen's Honours Award

LYNAR, E. H. (1897-32) was made a Companion of the Despatch Service Order in the 1974 New Years Honours List, for his services as Chief Public Health Inspector of the Ministry of Development in Belfast.

BEDON ARCHERS

It is with great sadness that I must inform you that after the A.G.M. the Archery Club will be no more. Recent years have seen many of our members become unable to shoot and it has now reached the point where it is economically impossible to continue.

In this outlook for what must have been one of the happiest clubs ever known, I would like to pay tribute to the unflinching support of our non-shooting members, to Mrs. G. T. Halstead, Mr. B. Chance and to myself who tried to keep the club 'afloat'.

We hate to give up our club; YOUR club, if enough of YOU contact me during the coming months I would be able to report in next year's magazine that we are still in business.

If anybody is interested, please contact me as soon as possible at 5, Ladlow Road, Sunderland.

D. Collis, Hon. Sec.

Old Bedon's Badminton Club

I am pleased to report that our club continues to thrive. Despite increased costs, membership is now £4 per session, we still have very full sessions 7.30 - 10.00 p.m. each Wednesday in the Upper Hall.

New members are always very welcome.

J. I. Whinn,

110, Garfield Road,
Griselton.

Old Bedon's A. F. C.

1973-74 Season

North Eastern Amateur League

Division I

Having had to apply for re-election at Division I, Old Bedon commenced the 1973-74 Season with cautious optimism.

Play in Division I of the League was of an unusually high standard and despite the enthusiasm of the Team it soon became obvious that it was not strong enough to sustain a respectable position in the League Table.

After Christmas new players were recruited and almost immediately points won. Unfortunately our position was such that even this sustained effort, which brought in eight points, was insufficient to lift the Team from the lowest position in Division I.

LEAGUE TABLE

Once again we were faced with relegation to Division II.

Had there been no marked improvement after Christmas the Team would have accepted automatic relegation. In fact who could put forward a case after the Team had remained bottom of the League Table the whole Season?

The sustained effort at the eleventh hour, the prospect of new players and the high moral of the Team: Players stimulated and encouraged us to once again try the impossible - apply for re-election.

The League Annual General Meeting arrived, the Secretary joined with words of wisdom attended.

Normal procedure is that the two teams with the lowest points on goal average cease to become members of the League Division I. Applications are then considered from them and any team within Division II or others for election. On this occasion there were four applicants, N. O. S. A., Old Bedons, Whitley Bay Amateurs and Darlington. The latter two teams having completed the Season in first and second place in Division II.

It was then announced that Westerhope Excelsior (Garvey Astrians) were resigning to join another League, and Newcastle University Medicine did not wish to remain in Division I and sought a position in Division II.

This situation left four vacancies with four applicants and once again Old Bedons were re-elected to Division I (on this occasion without the Secretary having to utter a single word of wisdom).

The 1974-75 Season has now commenced with greater optimism than last year and despite severe injuries which have reduced our playing strength it is pleasing to note to date that we are not at the foot of the table.

The Team would like to thank the Old Bedons Association for the donation of a match ball and thank them for their continued interest and concern for the Team.

We would also like to pay tribute to Mr. Colin Griffiths for his hard work with the Team, and welcome back Frank Lawson a former Hon. Secretary and Goal Keeper.

Charlie Foster, an ever present during a greater part of the past war Team has just recovered from an operation but is now fit and well again.

First League Table

Season 1973-74	Division I			O. Topol, Hon. Secretary.			
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Westerhope Excelsior	28	21	3	3	80	22	44
Sunderland College of Education	28	19	2	5	68	31	40
Reynolds 'A'	28	14	3	7	64	49	33
Belford House	28	13	3	8	72	48	33
Sunderland W. A. L. C. O.	28	12	7	7	69	38	31
Hickagevearwood	28	12	5	9	55	44	28
Floxy	28	13	3	10	70	70	28
Telephone Alton	28	10	1	15	62	56	21
Sunderland Polytechnic	28	9	2	15	59	69	20
Newcastle University Medicine	28	7	4	15	63	64	18
Newcastle University Reserves	28	8	2	18	66	69	18
Roker Harlequins	28	7	3	15	57	54	17
N. O. S. A.	28	7	3	15	44	60	17
Old Bedons	28	4	4	18	48	56	12

NEWS OF OLD BEDFORD

CHAPMAN, C.S. (Classics Master early 1800s) A newspaper article in the Daily Mail brought news from an Old Bedford now retired to Kingham, Chipping Norton. Although it took the eagle eye of Tom Ayre to stable out an Old Bedford from an article by Peter Black. Mr. Chapman sets an Patrick Clark and General Factotum from running Beetle Drives to Scouts, Choral Society and Charity Bingo.

SPORTING NEWS

BERTWISTLE, P. (1887-88) has won the 1974 Individual Award by the Durham County Cricket Committee for "consistent batting and brilliant fielding"
DUDDEY, R. (1904-05) an ex member of the school teams is now helping newly promoted Old Bedfords to make a flying start to their Bury and District League First Division Campaign.

A fine hat-trick enabled them to win at Elmswell 3 - 1.

SCHOOL NOTES

Ten pupils from the School appeared on Tyne Tees Television in July 1974 appearing on a programme in which they interviewed Graham Hill.

Three members of the Sixth Form who go to Cambridge this year, Carol Jackson, Girton, John Visk and Alan Pattinson, St. Johns, meet an old friend Ranjanka Batakti, Kings, who left the school two years ago for the late of Miss. Carol Wyrill and Bryan Towson commence their studies at Oxford this year.

OLD BEDFORDS AT CAMBRIDGE

The Society of Old Bedfords at Cambridge was very much in evidence in 1974, with Barbara Downs and Mike Gibbs keeping everyone in order.

Meetings in Sunderland during the fall welcomed new blood and every help being given on arrival ensured a happy beginning to College life.

A Disco Party at Girton College in November 1973 and a Dinner at St. John's College in February 1974 formed the nucleus of activities.

The Annual Dinner was again presided over by Mr. J. R. Bambridge, Dean of St. Johns and the Society welcomed Mrs. Bambridge, Mrs. Cooper an Old Bedford from its West Park days, with Mr. and Mrs. D. Cowell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Clark, Mr. Griffiths and Mr. J. P. Wylie from the School.

Jane Harris, Girton, and Ryan Dobson, Churchill College, have taken over the reins this year.

Life Members

Coulson, L. A., 14, Mansfield Crescent, Roker, Sunderland.

Gooden, A. A., 3, Victoria Gardens, Sunderland.

Subscriptions

The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. P. Orphan, 24, The Precinct, Sunderland, Tel. 8048 urges all annual members to forward outstanding subscriptions on their magazine, Annual vols. are now 40p and Life vols. £3.15.

Pay now - read later.

SOLD REDWAY ASSOCIATION

DEBIT AND CREDITIVE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 1973

<u>Expenditure:</u>			
Proportion of magazine cost	57.18	Income	
Proportion of school price	9.58	5 Libs. Sub., at £3.18	15.75
Duplicating	90	27 Annual Sub., at 40p	10.80
Advertising of 1973 A. Q. M.	2.90	1 Sub. at 50p	90
Loss on A. Q. M. 1973	1.56	2 Sub., at 25p	75
Expend on 6 packages of magazines	18.70	Donations	
Loss on Annual Dinner (see below)	1.21	Redwood & Strada Building Society	2.95
		(Interest)	21.75
	<u>58.18</u>	Excess of expenditure over income	7.18
			<u>21.75</u>
			<u>58.18</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.	31.21
Balance as at 31. 8. 72	182.68	Redwood & Strada Building Soc.	480.00
Less: excess of expenditure over income	21.75	" (for gas fund)	180.00
	<u>160.93</u>		<u>891.21</u>

Certified to be in accordance with the books of account

B. T. Ayre Hon. Auditors
L. Hudson

F. Graham A. B. B.
Hon. Treasurer

1974 Revision Dinner Account

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Receipts</u>	
From MDDort College	\$17.10	of Tickets at \$3.00	\$21.00
"	22.00	Wine	26.24
<u>Private</u>			
D. Weatherly	\$1		
Expenses	\$43.90		
		<u>Excess of payments over receipts</u>	<u>1.30</u>
			\$45.20

ASSOCIATION OF OLD BOYS

Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31.8.74

<u>Expenditure</u>		<u>Receipts</u>	
Association of Old Boys School Prize 18.00		From O. B. Outgroups, of mag. sent	66.50
Mitford Printing Co. for Magazine	125.60	" O. B. Assoc. " " "	57.10
Hire of Bowen (Quek School 1973)	70	" O. B. Guild " " prize "	5.00
Expenses of Secretary	40	" O. B. Assoc. " " prize "	5.00
		<u>Excess of expenditure over income</u>	<u>1.25</u>
	<u>£138.70</u>		<u>£124.75</u>

<u>Balance</u>		<u>Balance</u>	
Cash at Mitford Bank 31.8.73	4.90	Cash at Mitford Bank 31.8.74	2.70
Less excess of expenditure over income	1.16		
	<u>3.74</u>		<u>2.70</u>

Certified to be in accordance with the books of account

D. Cullen Hon. Auditors
A. Smith

F. Graham, Hon. Treasurer
A. O. B.
20.8.74

GUILD OF OLD BEDANS

The Winter Reunion will be held in the Rosedene Hotel on Friday 31st January 1975 from 7.30 p.m. till 10.30 p.m. Tickets - 85p may be had from the Secretary or any member of the Committee, before January 21st if possible.

The Dinner Reunion will be held in the Seaburn Hotel on Friday 25th April 1975 from 7.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. Tickets - £2.30 available as above. The Secretary would like to have final numbers by April 15th.

N.B. Subscriptions (40p) for 1974/5 are now due - HAVE YOU PAID YOURS?

In the interests of economy would any member whose family receive two or more copies of the "Old Bedan" magazine be willing to share their copy?

Margaret L. Hunter
Hon. Sec./Treasurer.

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