

# **THE OLD BEDAN**

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**1975**

## THE ASSOCIATION OF OLD BEDANS

(Incorporating the Guild of Old Bedans & the Old Bedans Association)

### THE GUILD OF OLD BEDANS

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- 6) To note - that the "Old Bedan" will not be sent to those members who are one year in arrears with their subscription.

#### QUILT ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS

Winter Reunion - Friday 31st January. The Winter Reunion was held once more in the Rosedene Hotel. Joan Marshall (St. Julian) welcomed some "new" faces as well as the "regulars". Unfortunately Miss Shearer finds it increasingly difficult to attend such gatherings, and Elaine Davidson (Kirkwood) was prevented from coming by her husband's illness. (Since then, however, we are pleased to hear that he is somewhat improved). Audrey Hayton (Carrick) was there and quite a large contingent from the present Bede staff. The introductory gessing game was to identify common household objects from photographs taken at unusual angles. Only by the customary concerted effort were we able to discern a mouth-organ. (No Old Bedan's home should be without one). Valerie Northcote emerged as the winner.

We proved more proficient at solving clues whose answers were prefixed by "Mac" - all true Scots save for their Italian cousin Macaroni. It was well to be seen which of our members were most knowledgeable about "pubs" of the area when we were asked to interpret representations of some of these, hastily sketched by others of the team. The "Cavalier" was easy but the "Jingling Gate" proved a test for both artist and gesser. Peggy Thirskell (Johnson) was M.C. and she and Winnie Scott (Thomas) and Joan Brevie (Pillans) had put much effort into the preparation and organizing of these games.

It was suggested at the A. O. M. that we should hold our next Winter Reunion at school in the new cheerful needlework room which is part of the building-block on the former side hockey pitch. We hope that more will be encouraged to return to our "home" territory. M.R.

## ANNUAL DINNER REUNION, 28th APRIL, 1975.

"You could hear the yakety-yak from the sea front" said someone as she joined the throng at the Seaburn. By the time all 95 of us had arrived we were probably audible at the Cat and Dog steps! After dinner, the Chairman said she hoped we had all caught up on the news. A forlorn hope - nevertheless we passed so that she could welcome us all, especially the President, past and present members of staff, and the 'travellers', namely:- Enid Bagley (Kilgus) and Joan Tweedie (Sanderson) from Leyburn, Doris McCree (Pygott) from Bon-jaghbridge, Elizabeth Fraser from Newcastle, Elsie Watson from Carlisle, Frances Wills (Hillies) from Clydebank, Mary Mackintosh (Alderson) from Thropton, Lena Thompson and Phyllis Peters from Ambleside, Doris Septon (Crichton) from Newbiggin-in-Teesdale and Nan Stirling (Jeffrey) from Seaburnes, (attending her first G.O.B. dinner since joining as a 'late developer' last year). There were apologies from Miss Shearer, Miss Bradbury, Elsie Davidson (Kirkwood) and Winnie Scott (Thomas), whose many talents stop short of appearing in two places at once! Gathering her little band of notices together (and what about the new needlework room on the hockey pitch?), Joan proposed the toast to the School.

The next item was of course the School Song. Mary Mackintosh progressed to the stage in a somewhat insouciant fashion, telling the world that "they've been doping me with wine over there" (Why? Ah! Read on!) After a short conference with Val Northcote (duplicating very ably for Winnie Scott) she suggested that we "just sing, and I'll wave my arms" - which seemed to work very well!

News-gathering was resumed for a while, then the chattering subsided as Kathleen Carr (Ritch) appeared on the stage. It was most unfortunate, she said, that Winnie Scott was missing - for the first time in many years - because for the past weeks she had been doing some research in her usual thorough way. However, Kathleen would now reveal what she had been up to. She referred to the G.O.B. entertainments of the past, to the fun the 'cast' had rehearsing at Mary Mackintosh's house, and to the curtailment of these activities when Mary moved to Thropton ten years ago. "However, Mary is with us tonight, and I know this is a rather special weekend for her. I'll tell you about that later, but in the meantime we've got a little surprise for her. I know she thought she was going to take a back seat tonight, but we could'nt have that, so could we be having you Mary?" With a little help from her friends, Mary was installed in the seat of honour, looking slightly dazed, but not really apprehensive about what was obviously coming next - "Mary Alderson - Old Sodas, sportswoman, entertainer, amazing maker of home-made bread, and funny lass - This is Your Life!"

So the secret of Winnie's research was out, and the revelations began with a letter from Emmie Anderson, one of Mary's oldest friends and now a nearish neighbour at Snitter. She pointed a vivid pen-portrait of the little girl she knew at Barnes School "with two thick dark plaits flying in the wind, who could always run faster and throw a ball further than any other girl in the school". Already she showed a thirst for adventure, the ability to organize, and an interest in cookery - all of which manifested themselves in her leadership of the 'Peek-a -Bee Club', a gang of naughty girls who loved to explore the spooky, decaying and probably dangerous Barnes Hall in 'Pore', and in true Enid Blyton (or perhaps it should be Angela Brazil?) fashion, used a hollow tree trunk as a post box for secret, coded messages. As for the culinary skills; although she was not allowed to cook any thing, "she very cleverly concocted all manner of obnoxious recipes in egg cups. We each took a turn to invent a recipe and the other two had to eat it and assess its merits. Additional material such as liquorice straws, sherbert, chocolate drops, and peppermints were easily obtainable (if there was any pocket money) from nearby Farnham's sweetie shop. - When I watch her competent handling of recipes now, I see the same dedication, daintiness and precision being exercised as I did six decades ago."

Brenda Bryers (Bede) came next, and described how Mary's energy was channelled, at Bede, into more orthodox activities. Brenda as captain, put her on the first hockey XI "she was fast and she had stamina - a bit of a Twiggy," and remembered also her enthusiasm for Keep Fit and country dancing. (There was also something about ginger bread up bloomers at St. Eild's, but we won't dwell on that.) More Bede memories came in a letter from Miss Shearer - wishing that she could have been present at this tribute to 'Toffee' Mackintosh, who sometimes incurred the reproach "with a name like Mackintosh, why did you do that?", but whom E.R.S. still regards as a worthy member of her class. The staff were always conscious of Mary, in or out of class - active, popular, original (and entertaining Games, Pinafoes with impersonations of staff and school-fellows). She was therefore an obvious choice as a School representative on the committee when an Old Girls' Association was formed. Then and later as an Old Bede, Mary was "a wonderful member of committee, ready to help in humble routine, full of ideas, always enthusiastic".

One idea in 1928, was to form a singing club, and she was its secretary until its life ended with 'Crutch's' retirement. Mary became Chairwoman of the Guild in 1931, and Miss Shearer remembers Mary two years later, "working her way efficiently through the business of A.G.M. and then saying the next item on the agenda was the retiring Chairman's address - 19, Co-operative Terrace". In fact Miss Shearer felt, Mary is "the living expression of the ideal of membership."

From Bebe teaching days; Peggy Victory (Simson), congratulating Mary on being "seventeen come Sunday", said she had succeeded her as P.T. mistress at West Park. Peggy found she had joined a very happy staff - "It was bound to be" - and the girls remembered especially Mary's Scottish dancing lessons; "and forward and turn" ("Of course" said Peggy "I remember 'Fate' for that"). Next witness was Doris Septon (Krighton), who was associated with Mary in several of her activities, "she creates a wonderful atmosphere wherever she goes, and brings out the best in everyone". They served together on the Schools Swimming Gala committee, and Doris recalled going with Mary to buy prizes. Then there was the war time knitting circle, known as the Pewter Pots - "I was the only one with a real pot". (This was presumably more mature in outlook than the Pook - a - Boo Club, but no doubt some weird and ingenious recipes were bandied about.) Its members still meet once a year - "a ring of friendship and loyalty, and Mary is the jewel in the ring". The Keep Fit movement played an important part in Mary's life, (and vice versa, one feels) - "it didn't give us all beautiful bodies" said Doris "but it gave us something much more precious". Memories, for instance: of landing in Blanchland one stormy night to find the village deserted and their arrival unheralded, so the only thing to do was to knock on doors and round up an audience: of a bus tour to Galloway where one hall wasn't quite ready for them, so Mary whiled away the time by playing Doris's "armour-plated corsets" like an accordion; of the impromptu concerts when Mary sang in bogus Italian, so convincingly that she was taken seriously by some, and Lena Thompson had to ask for laughter.

Lena had by now taken up the story, and had some memories of hockey days, particularly of a tournament at Scarborough when Mary made the acquaintance of Elaine (now Lady Byron), and when, Lena felt, Mary's personality helped to put Durham firmly on the hockey map. She added that she didn't know, until now, that Mary and Doris had bought the swimming prizes, but she often wondered how the West Park girls got their hockey sticks - - .

Winnie had sent a note about Mary's days at Sunderland 'Poly'. A Ministry survey of musical education was in progress, and the then Chief Director of Music, Bernard Shore, arrived at Mary's schoolroom door just as she was teaching a variation of "What shall we do with a drunken sailor?" to some nursery nurses. She took one look at the unexpected visitor and sang:

"What shall we do with the Schools Inspector?

Put him in a chair and make him welcome-".

Brenda Bryers returned with another story. When Mary was President of Inner Wheel, there was an inter-club debate on the subject "In the country or town the better place to bring up children?". Mary reluctantly agreed to support the town. She began by saying "Well I find it difficult to bring up a family anywhere", and went on to paint such a lurid picture of rural life that in the end she almost convinced herself of the town's superiority.

It was Kathleen's turn next, to recall that Mary, a guest at her wedding, was heard to remark "All that money spent on education - and I never heard a word she said!" They had got to know each other well during the war, when their menfolk were in the N.F.S., and their friendship continued on the golf course - Mary was a great golfer, with a wonderful outlook.

"Now," said Kathleen "you know how they usually bring on an astute from Australia" "I was wondering about that" said Mary - Well, it wasn't quite like that, but we were all pleased to hear Winnie Scott's recorded voice, regretting that she had to miss tonight of all nights, and wishing Mary a happy birthday. "I don't know whatever happened to the likely lads, but I'm very grateful to the likely lasses who are helping me out tonight".

This led naturally into Kathleen's speaking of Mary in probably her best known role - as entertainer and driving force behind the G.O.Bs. "We had some great times with Winnie able to play anything in any key or at any speed. Jan Hay (Mrs. Smith) was the prop. girl and made anything out of cardboard. We had Margaret Turner, Joan Jubling (Kirton), and we all helped to write our dotty material. Do you remember Climbing Everest, Queen Salote, Geordie Macbeth, and Rosie the Highwayman, with Mary as the landlord's black-eyed daughter... to name but a few?"

Finally, Kathleen read a tribute from a (non-Bedou) Keep Fit colleague, Dora Porter (Palmer): "She says you liked the Keep Fit adventure to a road which we had followed through smiling countryside together, but inevitably the road branched and the side-roads took away leaders to other parts of the world, and those who were left carried on. Mary could have taken the road to stardom - and the bright lights, but she chose the quiet path, the country - lane, and shared her great talent with her family and friends."

So it was "Happy Birthday" to Mary from all of us - not just my old birthday, but incredibly, her great-grand... and there was a rather grand P.S. written on House of Lords notepaper! Lady Burton of Coventry had sent her good wishes, and concluded "Those hockey days were such fun, and I think I enjoyed the Durham matches as much as any".

The recipient of all this adulation beamed at us and said she had "just been sitting wallowing in this lovely thing". If the Queen had invited her to the Palace and brought out the sword, she couldn't have been prouder - it was the most exciting thing that had happened to her in the G.O.B. "All these wonderful friends betraying me and loading me with wine... all you people who have given me so much love and affection... Promise not to tell anyone, won't you?"

The Vice-Chairman, (Joan Hayton) proposed a well-deserved vote of thanks to all concerned, adding her own little reminiscence concerning ghost stories told at Middleton Camp. There was no bound copy of the script for Mary to carry away with her 'special weekend' - but we're sure the memory of 'her' evening will last a long, long time!

### Summer Reunion

On July 4th a bus full of Old Bedans drove up at the home of Marjell Woodruff (Horton) near Crabbdale. Her beautiful house, which is a converted farmhouse over two hundred years old, stands well screened from the main road at the end of a sweeping drive. We were given a warm welcome by Marjell and her husband who, confronted by this female invasion, had the support of the husbands of Elsie Scott (Rooke) and Winnie Knapper (Lonsdale).

As the evening was fine, we were able to enjoy the spacious garden and to saunter down to the river. On our return to the house we were greeted by the sight of tables loaded with food provided by members of the committee. Replete with good food and fellowship we eventually took our leave. We appreciate the kindness of Marjell and her husband and their warm invitation for us to pay another visit.

M.R.

### Summary of the Annual Business Meeting

The 44th Annual Business Meeting of the Guild was held in the Needlework Room, Bede School, on Friday 28th September 1975, at 7.30 p. m. 28 Members of the Guild were present. They were welcomed by the Chairman, Joan Marshall (St. Julian). The Sec./Treasurer reported on the work of the Guild during the year and the financial situation. Following the election of Officers and Committee, the retiring Chairman invested the new Chairman, (Joan Bayton) with the badge of office and expressed thanks for all the help she had received during her years of office, which she had greatly enjoyed. Reports were heard from the Association of Old Bedans, The Loan and Scholarship Fund, the London Branch, the Social Services Committee and from the Hockey Club. The Editor appealed for more and more news for the Old Bedans magazine. Final arrangements about the School prize were left until the Joint Association meeting but it was felt that the amount might be increased.

Future meetings were planned - a Winter Reunion with buffet supper in the School, a Dinner Reunion and a Summer Reunion. Arrangements for these functions were left in the hands of the Committee. At the close of the meeting tea and biscuits were served.

### Loan and Scholarship Fund and M.A. Richardson Memorial Fund;

No requests for loans from the funds had been received, so that the whole of the balance of accrued interest for the two funds was available for awards.

These were as follows: G.C.E. Fund - £127.83, M.A. Richardson Fund - £12.00, Total £139.83.

Two schemes were considered for making awards and it was agreed that awards should be made in accordance with performance in the G.C.E. Advanced Level examinations.



In this way - two girls received awards of £12 each, one girl received an award of £10, two girls received awards of £9 each, three girls received awards of £8 each, two girls received awards of £7 each, three girls received awards of £6 each, two girls received awards of £5 each, four girls received awards of £4 each and one girl received an award of £3. This made a total of twenty awards totalling £136, leaving a balance of £3.83 to be carried forward.

R. Clarke, Head of Upper School,

### Social Service Reports.

October 1974 As usual the activities of the Social Services started at the beginning of October when the Guild ran a "Tampenny" Stall at the Autumn Market organised by the Guild of Help. The stall was well filled with a variety of articles, and raised £30 but we felt that the number of Guild Members who were present was very small. Later in October we distributed Harvest Gifts to the value of £25.

December Sixteen gifts of money were distributed to our old friends - £31 in all. A donation of £3 was sent to "Wayside" Home at East Boldon, and flowers or chocolates were taken to some Guild members who were house bound or sick. A member of Bede School staff (Mrs. Montgomery) kindly organised a collection of goods in School, and Bedans delivered parcels to all our needy people.

March 1975 A Coffee Morning in St. John's House raised £22.21 for our funds. Once again we were disappointed in the attendance and decided that a Coffee Evening might be more popular.

Sixteen of our friends were given Easter Gifts of £2.50, one received £1 and two Guild Members on the permanent sick list received flowers. A donation of £2 was given to St. John's Ambulance Brigade.

And so our work continues in a small but regular pattern, if only we could enlist more Guild members in this branch of the Guild's work we could increase our "giving", for there is never a shortage of people who greatly appreciate, not only the gift, but the visit.

We are, of course, most grateful for the support and help which members and friends continue to give us in answer to our appeals for goods and/or money. Balance on 31.3.75. - £56.85.

Elaine Wilson (Hooker), Convener.

Old Bedans' Hockey Club 1974-75 Again the Hockey Club has had a very busy and interesting season. Perhaps the overall results were not as good as usual but we did have a very large number of members on county duty, both as players and administrators, leaving problems for club selectors choosing two teams. We were able to field strong teams for the beginning and end of season tournaments, however, due to college members being available in addition to our pool of county members. On both occasions we arrived at the final to play against Norton, who beat us 1-0 in September and drew 3-0 in April.

Old Sodans successful in gaining county awards were Kathleen Cassap and Jean Taylor (1st Senior County XI and North reserves; 2nd Senior XI; Sheila Duxsey (Robinson) staff, Valerie Lawton, Judy Raddick, Judy Pringle. Theresa Graham played on the Junior County 1st XI and on North Junior Trials; Jackie Fenwick was chosen to attend the North summer course at Scarborough as one of the most promising Junior players seen during 1973-74 season. We were all disappointed that she was not chosen for North Trials following a season when the selectors asked her to change from RW to RL. She played very well, but the team was not as strong as usual.

Brenda Waller played on the Junior 1st XI. Valerie Lawton went to North Junior Trials, subsequently attended Senior County Trials and played for the 2nd Senior XI. County Under 16 team - Ann Marie Topel (Captain), Fiona Mitchell, Caroline Naisby, Gillian Longford, Sue Brown and Rosemary Peacock. 3rd XI - Vivienne Hodgson, Jean Major - reserve g. keeper.

Brenda Peart (ex-staff) was kept busy as County Coaching Secretary, arranging and coaching college and club events, and Jean Pillans was away a good deal as a Junior County Selector.

A very happy group of club members had an excellent dinner at the Phoenix, Seaham in March; it was such a pleasure to see everyone well dressed on this occasion instead of the usual dashing in and out of jumpers and slacks into hockey shirts, boots and skirts!

The summer invitation five-a-side tournament at Whitley Bay proved an enjoyable outing for those concerned, but the sun had much to answer for as no one had the energy to score! We had to give up our silver siver to Norton, who won the tournament.

A special event this year was the Stockton invitation tournament held as part of the celebrations in the Railways' Centenary celebrations. We played at Thornaby under floodlights on Friday evening September 26th and Sunday afternoon September 28th. Although this was the first time any of us had played a match under lighting outside, the players soon settled. We played 15 minutes each way and v. Redcar won 3-0, v. Caledonians won 1-0, and had an extremely hard physical game with Billingham Synthonia which we drew 0-0. This result was enough to win the section and we were very proud of our younger players who stood in for some more experienced members unable to play on this occasion. Having had a fine although cold outing, the torrential downpour everywhere in Durham County on the Saturday was disappointing, and there was talk of cancelling the final on the Sunday. The unexpected beautiful sunny dry weather was much enjoyed, however, on the Sunday as we made our way in car loads back to Thornaby Sports Pavilion. Mr. Harold Wilson, who opened the ceremonies previously on the Thursday, was not so fortunate. The section played in Stockton was won by

Norton, so we two teams met once again. All the county players, including Norton internationals Ann Whitworth and Ruth Grange, were on show and the game was a fitting display of skill and thoughtful play. Norton won by 2 goals to nil, one scored by Anne Whitworth and one by Maureen Thorsby, both Durham County Captains, which gave them the trophy - a very handsome plaque in metal representing locomotion by Stephenson. Each Player and the umpire of the finals was presented with a small memento - a crosshatched plate with gilt rim bearing the outline drawing of a horse-drawn coal waggon. We were all thrilled with these, and the excellent tea provided by the organisers of the tournament. Before we left, to our amusement, we were asked to replay the match or at least the goals, so that we might be filmed (for the archives!) Everyone thereupon put down the ham sandwiches picked up sticks and played again, not very seriously I'm afraid - there was too much giggling and backchat - no-one has yet seen the result, but doubt that it will ever rival "Gone with the Wind" for hen-office returns!

May we again thank the G.O.B. for the continued interest shown in the Hockey Club. We do enjoy ourselves, and invite anyone who wishes to join, or re-join, to get in touch. We will try to fit in new members for regular teams as soon as possible. Jean Pollard.

London Branch. - We met at my house in October 1974 and had the best attendance for some time.

Miss Moul, Joyce Hobson (Ayles), Edith Broderick (Barge), Kathleen Young (Craggs), Nancy Leather (Hubicka), Marjorie Swales (Kawiah), Isabel Landy (Manro), Helen Reed (Perry), Eleanor Wilson (Tilberage) and her husband were joined by Vera Duffell (Wood) for the first time. She had made an awkward journey of nearly three hours, but said it was worth it! Most of the regulars come long distances by public transport - I do appreciate their loyalty.

Rita Craggs (Young) was our hostess in May and Miss Moul, Marjorie, Joyce, Vera and I had a cosy afternoon and a lovely tea.

Eleanor had moved to Kent, too far away to make the journey - as one of our 'regulars' she will be sadly missed by all of us.

Many thanks to Rita for her hospitality and to her husband for driving long distance travellers to the station.

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From November 1974 to November 1975

During the year the following became Life Members:-  
Kathleen Stafford (Cox), Midge Colwell, Joan Koch (Francis),  
Joan Hart (Wilson), Eva Chappel (Warriner), Nan Stirling (Jeffreys),  
Margaret Ludlow, Doris Thompson (Nicholson), Marie Orr  
(Sheriff). One new member joined the Guild - Brenda Johnson  
(Juler).

Married are: Sheila Sussey - staff (Robinson); Ann Brydon (Wight); Doreen Day (Nicholson); Pauline Elizabeth Smith (Raymond Shotton, also an old Bedan); Jean Taylor (Cole). On Sole staff - Miss J.A. Ackley (Hodgson); Miss J. Rookes (Goodrum); Miss C. Kirton (Haddock); Miss P. Minto (Clark).

Babies to: Margaret Robinson (Dixon) a son; Ross Henderson (Wall) a daughter; Eileen Robinson (Temple) a daughter; Kathleen Boyd (Grainger); Pamela Byers (Atkinson); Judith Parker (Pratt); a third son, Jacqueline Pearce (Woolley) a daughter.

In Memoriam: In Nov. 1974 Hilda Young (Mrs. Hindle), Dec. 1974 Eleanor Knott, Alberta Asher; Joyce Brown (Seaman); Margaret Jane Bruce (Mrs. Thompson, aged 81); Phyllis Carr (Ferry); Eric Crowe; Doreen Denton (Mrs. Robley); Edith Hildrey (Mrs. Prostice); Lydia Hill; Ada Nee; Annie G. Wilson; Marjorie Taylor (McLean).

Home of Old Bedan. Anne Wilson (Atkins) lives at Sevenoaks, and her sister Eleanor (Tiberago) lately moved to within eight miles of Sevenoaks when her husband took the post of custodian of Charles Darwin's old house. They have a lovely flat on the first floor overlooking beautiful gardens and walks. The public rooms are as the Darwins left them, full of interesting mementoes of the family. Anne sees Alice Hurre and Isabel Lady (Marrey) from time to time in Cambridge, and says she can still sing through the wistful score of the "Widow and the Carpenter" which she learned in her school days for a Speech Day at the Victoria Hall. Anne also recalls "he shows the staff put on, "Le Trésor de Carnac" and the "Piper" with Evelyn Johnson looking so pathetic; and the "Pageant of the Seasons" with myself singing solo as "Summer" wearing a costume straight from Botticelli's "Spring" and designed by Miss P. Minto. I think.

Valerie Williamson (Trigg) has left Winchester and is now living in the College at Durham, where her husband is Clerk of the Works to the Cathedral. "It is very interesting and good to be in the North again" Valerie writes. Anne Blackwell (McEneaney) is now living in Harpenden, Herts, from Thorne, Leeds, Joan Farrar (Wood) has moved from Sheffield to Newcastle. Ella Siddie (Sunter) is at Great Castleton, Blackpool. Joyce Prince was leaving Amberley, Arundel for Bolly Oak after being accepted for training by the Church Missionary Society with a view to going to work in Israel next year.

Marilyn Beavers (Macdonald) is living in a remote Scottish island. Marjorie Smith (Simmons) lives in New Zealand. Two bridesmaids at her wedding were the daughters of her sister-in-law Margaret Gifford (Smith). Olive Macdonald (Adams) now resident in Seattle, U.S.A., sent a request via a friend who had visited her for a copy of the School Song. During a stay with her sister in Newcastle Ada Talbot, now resident in Australia engaged on an abortive quest for a copy of the Jubilee Handbook to take back with her. Unfortunately her activities were much restricted by an ankle injury during the

last weeks of her visit. Margaret Munday (Barrow) daughter of Marian Powley (Munday) now lives in Leeds. Denis Hart (Willis) is now living in Durham. Jacqueline Pearce, daughter of Edith Wearmouth, lives in Grays, Essex. Ingrid Davis is in Australia.

News of former members of staff: E. R. S. had a surprise letter from Miss Logie. They have the same birthday and used to celebrate the event together when Miss Logie first came to Sunderland. She was on holiday when the first world war broke out, could not rejoin her family then living in Germany, so went to Edinburgh University, took a degree, and was appointed to Sunderland!

Miss Carlin went to Whitley Bay this summer to visit Miss E. E. Clarke while the latter was staying there with a friend. Miss Clarke had made the trip north with some difficulty, as she has been in poor health of late, but is now improving.

Mrs. Bryce recently celebrated her ruby wedding.

Miss Wilman visited Miss Barnard in May, not having seen her for thirty years, although corresponding regularly. Miss Barnard retired several years ago from the post of Organiser of Physical Education in the Cheltenham area, which she took up on leaving Bede before the war. Her work took her all over the Cotswolds as she had about forty schools to supervise. Eventually she decided to settle there, and had a "cottage" built in the village of Sevenhampton, calling it "Honeycomb". It is beautifully situated in a single track lane looking across the valley of the infant river Cole at beautiful views of trees, gray walls, houses clustering round the church and ploughed fields running up to the 100' - 200' skyline. In the hedge bordering this lane Miss Barnard has had planted seven horse chestnut saplings which she hopes someday will beautify the village still more. Housework, half an acre of garden, nine beehives in a nearby field, and a dog - a Staffordshire bull terrier, Zebodee - all these don't leave her much free time. Until a year or so ago Miss Barnard used to 'show' Zebodee, and he collected an imposing number of championship awards, but never showed any enthusiasm in shows, much preferring to chase pheasants in the fields! In a letter to Miss Wilman, Miss Barnard wrote "I'm quite certain that if I had no dog I'd cease to scour the countryside and thereby miss seeing many lovely sights. Because of 'Zeb' and going out and about so much my knowledge of the countryside has trobled, and also my ability to interpret what I am looking at". Through seeking quiet roads where Zeb could be let out of the car, she developed an interest in enclosure maps, field names, and the history and development of the countryside. She investigated where old roads used to be, and where they went, and studied the routes of Drift ways and Salt ways. Bedans who remember Miss Barnard as a young P. E. teacher, the embodiment of zest and energy, will be sorry to hear that she has developed 'misc' trouble, and this has resulted in a curtailment of physical activities to some extent. Our sympathy goes out to her.

Miss Orme stayed with Miss Wilman again this summer and was very happy to revisit Seaburn, Whitburn and Durham. She visited Miss Shearer and Miss Gibbons, and enjoyed visiting some of her former pupils. She was in Durham again in September on a "National Ensign" holiday, which involved staying at St. Aidan's College, listening to some lectures and going on a trip every day to places of historic interest including Hadrian's wall, Holy Island, Hexham Abbey, Fountain's Abbey, Ripon Cathedral, Minchingham, Bowes Museum, Easby Church, Edmondbyers and so on. Miss Orme is no longer interested in photography as ever, but now concentrates on taking colour films. She is a member of the Photographic Society in her home town of Eury, and has had the distinction of being the only woman member to give a talk to the Society.

Miss Frances Prior is now lecturing in Anthropology at Middlebrough College of Education. She is living in her own bungalow at Hemlington.

Younger Old Bedans. Theresa Graham is at Dartford College of Physical Education; Jackie Fenwick is at Leicester University studying psychology; Alison Little, Judith Mashev and Elizabeth Wright are studying medicine at Newcastle University, and Alex Davison physiology. Brenda Waller recently moved to Harrogate and is at Bedford College of Physical Education. Margaret Speers is at R. V. L. Newcastle; Carol Jenkinson is now living in Northamptonshire and works in the Civil Service; Valerie Lawton works in the secretarial department of Durham University. Josephine Conley, who left school in 1968 and found that an executive post in the Civil Service did not give the job satisfaction she hoped for, entered Hull University in 1974 to study English and was awarded the prize for the best student of the year. Ann Burnley is now teaching in Manchester; Kathleen Cassap and Christine Ayre teach at St. Thomas Aquinas school and share a cottage in Ryhope. Marjorie Baillie and Ruth Miscovitch have qualified as doctors. Catherine Beazley has gained an Honours B. Ed. degree in English and Psychology. Judy Radcliff is teaching P. E. at Beacon Hill School, Gateshead.

Older Old Bedans. Nan Stirling (Jeffrey) in a letter to Miss Shearer from Seaburn, wrote "I only wish I had not been too late to get in touch with dear Miss Arkle before she died. She was my second form mistress, Miss Houscar being my first. I had dear old "Granny" Meenard for my first French mistress, then you. I loved being in the School netball team with my sister Jean and my cousins Mollie and Nancy (Sharman) and Miss Arkle used to take us to Newcastle and South Shields to play school matches. I remember well the lovely picnic Miss Arkle took some of us to at Hendon Beach.

Is Margaret Baxter's mother, Elizabeth Leslie (Chapman) our oldest Old Bedan at 90 years of age?

## SPORT

**Hockey.** Anne Whitworth (Beds staff) played a memorable part in England's win over Wales in the final of the tournament of the International Federation of Women's Hockey Associations at Meadowbank Stadium, Edinburgh in September. Anne scored two excellent goals, and according to one first-hand report, some of the Australians voted her the best centre forward on view. The whole tournament had been very well organized and much enjoyed by the many international hockey players there. News of other Bedas achievements in hockey can be read in the Hockey Club Report.

**Gliding** - : Bessy Wilson (Robson) - a grandmother had her first lesson in gliding last year, and recently made her first solo flight. She has gained the 'A' certificate of the British Gliding Association, and she and her husband (Jimmy Robson, also an Old Bedas) are both members of the Yorkshire Gliding Club at Sutton Bank.

**Golf.** The usual keen golfers' names appear in the various clubs' prize lists, at Boldon - Olga Wright (Stewart) Ethel Lethe (Loomby) Jennie Hoy (Smith) Winnie Scott (Thomas) and at Wearside, Joan Hart (Wilson). Peggy Todd has been made an honorary life member of Wearside Golf Club for her services to the club; Kathleen Carr (Ritch) although not playing so much golf as formerly, is a selector for Durham County. Jan Hoy is county match secretary. A happy invitation day at Whitburn Golf Club saw Ethel Lethe, Florence Howbery (Crompton) Marjorie Wilson (Lindoo) Pamela Metcalfe (Wilson ex-staff) and Winnie Scott as competitors. Ethel and her partner won first prize.

Audrey Knight won the Sportswoman of the Year award in the Northern Region of the Department of Health and Social Security in 1978. An all-round competitor, Audrey plays hockey, tennis and badminton.

**The Arts.** Edith Gibson had a portrait in the Art Club Exhibition in Sunderland Art Gallery this year. Winner Knapper (Lonsdale) was an interested member of the Congregation of the Three Choirs Festival in Hereford Cathedral this summer, in which some of her family were taking part.

In the world of Flower Arranging, May Embleton (Hysm) is an area demonstrator for N. A. F. A. S.; a teacher of Botana (Gogates School) she teaches Botana at Boldon Comprehensive School; Western flower arranging at Hobburn Technical College and has a fortnightly private class at Whitburn teaching Botana. She was the first Chairman of Cleasdon Flower Arranging Society, and has been made honorary President of Washington Flower Club. Of her inner Wheel activities, May is a Past President of Sunderland Inner Wheel and is at present overseas organizer for the club. Rose Holliday (Downs) who also teaches flower arranging has continued her winning ways with exhibits at Houghton Feast Flower Show, Harrington, Fenfield and various others, and won the Foster Cup at the revived Seaburn Flower Show, where

Elizabeth Henderson and Winnie Scott (Thomas) also won awards. Elizabeth Rowlandson (Longator) and Winnie attend the same Advanced Floral Art Class.

#### Interesting.

Muriel Woodruff (Heron) has been elected District Chairman of Inner Wheel, which means that during the year she will be invited to visit, and speak to, nearly all Inner Wheel Clubs throughout the country. In 1974 Muriel took an Open University B.A. degree in Education and Literature. Her original teaching diploma was taken at the Northern Counties Training College in domestic science and needlework, which she taught in schools both in Northumberland and Darham. Early in the year Maureen Little became a member of the executive of the Soroptomist Club in York, and chairman of the Social Activities Committee. A talk given by Maureen at one of the meetings was a great success, on the occasion of a presentation to Mrs. Coggan, the Archbishop's wife, before their move to Canterbury. We are sorry to hear that more recently, Maureen has been in poor health. Dorcas Ward (Macowe) is helping in a Council scheme in London to teach adults to read. Audrey Sidney (Spensley) is president of the W.I. in her home village of Hildwell, Yorks. She recently became a film 'extra' in crowd scenes for a Walt Disney film 'The Poseidon' - Over the bridge fourteen times! Shooting for the James Herriot 'vet' films has also been taking place in the area where Audrey lives. Brenda Snowball (Trewitt) was seen on television talking about the problems of transport for children in rural areas. Edith Wood (Kerr) is Press secretary of the Sunderland Branch of the National Deaf Children's Society. Liz Stirling (Gibson), wife of Old Bedan, Mike Gibson, was an active figure in the last local Council elections when her husband was standing as a Liberal candidate. Jean Koch (Francis) had a memorable and interesting holiday on a Greek cruise ship in September, on a "Wine-lovers' cruise". The 700 passengers enjoyed shore excursions visiting vineyards, and wine tasting at Bordeaux, Oporto, Madeira, Cadiz and Lisbon.

Margaret Machuchian (Lady Steele) recently celebrated her ruby wedding.

#### Meetings

In July, Audrey Hayton (Mrs. Carrick) took an Old Bedan into the staff room at Bede - the visitor was Isabel Costas (Stark) on three weeks holiday from Australia. Dorothy Pullan (Huxter), Ethel Foreman (Towers) and Isabel enjoyed a long chat together. They had been in the same form as schoolgirls at Bede and had not met for some twenty odd years. Miss Noel stayed with Audrey Hayton for a short time in August. At a small tea party, she was able to meet a number of Bede or former Bede staff: Misses K. Haslop, D. Wilman, D. Harding, L. Crose, W. Hall, M. Bernard, A. Kinch, Mrs. L. Youngs, and Mr. and Mrs. Taylor. Betty Costas (Wilkinson) and Miss M. Duns also called



to see her, and Mary Chapman (Grainger). Audrey visited Mollie Dunson at Bury St. Edmunds earlier in the year. Mollie hopes to retire at Christmas to spend more time with her father who is now 80. Kathleen Carr (Hitch) spent a few enjoyable days at Scarborough with Mollie Garbett (Johnson) watching the Commonwealth Ladies' Golf Championships at Ganton. On holiday at Watermillbeck someone hailed Kathleen delightedly as an Old Bedon, at a party. It was Freda Baxter (Dunford) who used to travel to Bede from Shields. She wanted news of Miss Peters, so Kathleen was able to tell her that she lived not far down the road at Ambleside. On a further outing in Border country having tea in Kelso Kath and Dorothy Metcalfe (Hirst) came face to face with Mary Leonard ( ) who enquired after Winnie Scott, Jennie Roy and countless others in her year. Mary is now living in the Border country, having moved from the south on her husband's retirement; she has an interesting job in Berwick working on the preservation of old buildings. There was a strong flavour of Bede in the gathering of friends at Mollie Garbett's daughter's wedding in the regimental chapel at York Minster in the summer - Dorothy Metcalfe, Kathleen Carr, Margaret Taylor (Finkle) Marjorie Taylor (Moison) and Elsie Garbett (Poatler) who was planning a visit to Australia to see her son. Elizabeth Henderson has visited Belle Eaton (Hutchinson) at Ambleside. All the Old Bedon friends of Lena Thompson and Miss Peters were very sorry to hear of the break-in at their Ambleside home. Margaret Chapman (Baxter) has paid her regular visit to Evelyn Thompson (Pym). Dorothy Middlemas (Sugden) spent a few days in Kirkcubbin near Newton Stewart) with Elsie Garrick (Smith). Miss Wilman met Jean Garrick ( Middlemas) and Ethel Beddingfield shopping in town. Ethel was on holiday from Norway where her husband is a University lecturer. Miss Wilman talked in N. E. E. B. with Doreen Stranghaas (Seymour) when buying a refrigerator. Last Easter Doreen Smith (Wilson) recognised as an Old Bedon Ethel Glancy (Crocker) in a lift in Moscow; Cathy McCree met Mary Mackintosh (Alderson) in a grocer's shop in Rothbury. Visitors to Ashwood Terrace this year include Nan Stirling (Jeffrey) after her first visit to an Old Bedon dinner - she had not seen Miss Shearer since school-days. Elsie White on a short visit to Sunderland from Vancouver, and Molly Topol.

On a first visit to Roker Flower Club, Winnie Scott (Thomas) was delighted to see so many friendly (Old Bedon) faces - Winnie Knapper (Lonsdale), Elsie Davidson (Kirkwood), Hilda Udale (Butter) Marjorie Anderson (Cartis) and Eleanor Garraway (Brookless).

The Shields Girls. At the (then) new School in the 1880s' this was the name given to a group of girls who travelled daily into Sunderland to Bede, from South Shields. Hearing news of one on them, your Editor thought, "Where are they now?" This is the information we have collected:-

Jean Daniels ( ) is married and left South Shields. Ethel Davidson married and went to Scotland. Audrey Elliott (Hamden)

left South Shields after the war. Marjorie Ferguson is headmistress of an Infants School in South Shields. Joyce Gallow (Hodgson) was a South Shields Girl before moving to Sunderland, and now lives in Australia, (news of her elsewhere in the magazine). Alice Harper (Ayton) has left South Shields. Maribel Hensley married and lived in Stockton, was widowed, and died several years ago. Dorothy Hedworth (Curtis) lived in Tanganyika about 1948, returned to Goldstream, was widowed, and died there in 1978. Essie Newby (Hill) still lives in South Shields. Nadine Wilkinson (Watson) is believed to have been widowed during the war. Joyce Watson (Warwick) lives at Low Worsall near Yarm. Of Betty Oliver, Doreen Hunter, Joyce Lane we have no information.

In the same mood the original "Canasta" crowd - how many years have they had "Canasta Evenings" for Social Service funds? They reckon it is 28 years this year, so are having a 'Jubilee' canasta evening in January at the home of Irene Wilkinson. They have shared joys and sorrows through the years, seen families grow from babies to Nipias, college, universities, jobs, marriages - several members are now grandies. Of some of the original participants - Enid Potts (Wilson) now lives in Tonbridge; Pat Carty (Turnball) in Acklam near Middlesborough; Joan Henderson (Telfer) in Birmingham; Isobel Rolfe (Fentonby) "wanders" but her home is in New Malden. Joyce Gallow (Hodgson) in Australia will be coming home via June 1976 (visiting England?)

Letters On being elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, Alice Lowther (Habitaka) wrote to Miss Shearer, in March: "I still feel that any academic success I have been fortunate enough to achieve has been largely due to the strong positive influence you had on me in those far off happy days at Bede. Thank you again for it all. It is over ten years since I was in Sunderland - - - but like Professor Harold Orton, I still feel tears in my eyes when I hear a Durham accent... Annually I scan the 'Old Bede' for news of those I know"... In a letter to Joan Marshall (St. Adies), Dorothy Morrison (Petersen) from Denmark, sends regards to any Old Bedeans who remember her, and was "looking forward to the magazine". Dorothy hears from Froda Smith (Phillips) in Canada, and this year visiting her mother in Lincolnshire, found shopping "expensive in the U.K., but still cheap to us in Denmark".

Miss Orme wrote in November:

I keep in touch with Mrs. Doreen White (Miss French, the Art mistress before and in the early years of the war), who married and joined her missionary husband in China for several years until forced by the Communists to leave. They then spent a number of years as missionaries in South Africa, but on the death of her husband she returned to England with her two sons, and resumed her teaching career. Now retired, she lives in Pickering, Yorkshire,

where she cultivates vegetables, fruit and flowers for the local markets, and pursues this new found hobby with all the zest that characterized her activities in the art room at Bede. Her sons are married, and they and her grandchildren are a great delight to her.

I hear from Freda Meredith (Mrs. Doovy) - (who was a contemporary of Mary Arkless) - who is headmistress of a primary school in Birmingham. She has been unable to write to me for some years owing to the fact that her husband has become an invalid, but I greatly enjoyed entertaining them on a weekend visit here when he was in good health. Freda has changed little in appearance from the old days, but has lost the shyness which characterized her as a schoolgirl. She has greatly enjoyed her teaching career.

You will doubtless have heard that I myself visited Miss Wilman in Sunderland in June. In September I travelled to Northants again, to spend a week at Durham University, joining daily expeditions to places of historic interest, including Hadrian's Wall and the various Roman Stations which formerly I visited so regularly with my large retinue of gym-slip maidens! This was a truly nostalgic week, and made me feel quite young again. This time I managed to photograph everything in colour, and am now able to gaze upon my old haunts whenever the spirit moves me, - which happens frequently".

Editorial. We are interested in the present School News for which we have to thank Mrs. Carrick and several members of staff. The interest also, seems to be one way only, apart from that shown in the Guild by Old Bedans still in school. Perhaps in such a vast and changing scene this is inevitable. Those of us whose hockey days are over find great pleasure in reading of the achievements of a flourishing hockey club, bridging the gap, to some extent, between the 'old' days and the present. It is indeed heart-warming in those restless times to hear of meetings of Bedans whose friendships formed at school have lasted over the years, and in reading in those (too few) letters, of the pleasure which Old Bedans have had in unexpected meetings; in requests for the 'old' school song, or the old long school photographs to be unrolled among a party of friends. Help in providing news for this year's magazine has come quietly from some unexpected sources. Your editor is very grateful, and because the fact that more news does not come from those who could easily provide the old items. Surely there are more Bedans Babes than those? or marriages?, or changes of address? The printer's and editor's blessing on those who have typed this year - Olga Stewart, Elizabeth Longster, Margaret Hunter and Nora Wilson. Please send us your news, or news of your friends before October of next year. Make it a Send-A-Contribution-To-The-Magazine-Year!

Inevitably the passing years bring sorrows or illness to some Old Bedans. Our kindest thoughts go to those who have faced trouble in bereavement, or ill health this past year.

Our thanks to Mr. Taylor, our auditor, and greetings to you all for  
1898. W. T.

Statement of Accounts on 31st August 1975

<u>Receipts</u>			<u>Expenditure</u>	
Subscriptions: Annual	18.25		Printing	82.43
Life	<u>18.35</u>		Stationery	4.37
		69.50	Post and Telephones	24.60
Donations		9.50	Gifts and Cards	3.14
Meetings		38.75	Editorial Expenses	2.00
Interest		39.77	London Branch	1.00
Collection for Passam			Joint Association	10.00
Typewriter	5.50		Island Revenue	28.38
			Donation for Typewriter	5.50
			Balance on the years Working	45.00
		<u>£206.10</u>		<u>£206.10</u>

Total Funds on August 31st 1975

Balance on August 31st 1974.	1201.43	Made up as follows:	
Balance on the years working	45.00	3½% War Stock	98.26
		½% Nat. Savings	
		Bonds	75.00
		Sunderland Trustee	
		Savings Bank:	
		Ordinary Dept.	93.89
		Spec. Inv. Dept.	958.10
		Barclays Bank	17.81
		Cash in hand	1.35
		<u>£1246.51</u>	<u>£1246.51</u>

I have examined the receipt books, Stock receipts, Savings bonds receipts, Deposit and Special Investment Accounts and Current Accounts and certify that everything is in order.

J. M. Taylor.  
14th Sept. 1975.

Margaret L. Hunter.  
Hon. Treasurer

## School News

### Obituary

On 13th January, School was stunned by the tragic news of the sudden death during the week-end of Mr. John Thompson.

Mr. Thompson joined Bede staff at the time of amalgamation in 1967, and served it devotedly during the ensuing years. His first concern was the well being of his pupils. His methodical approach, undoubted skill and infinite patience ensured that his room was a workshop in the happiest sense where purposeful activity brought pleasure and progress to all who trained under him. In this age of machinery and mass production, he succeeded in imparting the creative joy of the true craftsman to many young people.

The staff had good reason to appreciate his apparently imperturbable good nature and infinite generosity. The cabinet in the Upper Staff Room will long remind them of his skill as well as his kindness. The original members of the School Band will remember the joint efforts of Mr. Thompson and Mr. Pickering in providing them with a band stand for late days worthy of their ever improving performance, while others will recall the exquisite bows and lampstands produced with loving care as his contribution to the School Garden Fetes. The loss to the School was great; to his family it must have been devastating. We share their sorrow but hope that they will find consolation in treasured memories of the great happiness of their years together.

### Yuletide

In July Mrs. Montgomerie once again said farewell - but this time, sadly, it was final. She has served Bede as a member of the R. E. Department on a number of occasions and in various capacities for a total of twelve years. Her kindness, her lively interest in and concern for her pupils as individuals as well as her contribution to the C. E. M. and her work for the School Fetes (including the introduction of the Miss Bede contest) will long be remembered.

Mr. M. Street who came to the Girls' School in 1966 and proved his prowess on the football pitch as well as in the Latin Department, left to take up an appointment in New Zealand.

School also said 'Goodbye' to Mr. C. R. Wilson, who joined the History Department in the new 'historic' year of amalgamation, 1967, served it well and remained with us for what is, in these days of constant change, a relatively long time. Farewell's were also said to Mrs. R. K. Edmund (P. E.), an enthusiast who kindled the girls a like enthusiasm for physical activities, Mr. P. M. Robson (Music), who was responsible for the inception and development of the Brass Band of which the School is justly proud, Mr. B. D. Morris (Geography) and Mr. P. Mason (Physics and Maths) as well as two members of the Domestic Science Department - Mr. J. A. Smith whose treats we shall miss but who left for the happiest of reasons, and Miss S. Gibbons. Also leaving to return to her native France was our Assistant Miss, Michèle Bossœur. We hope that she enjoyed being here as much as we enjoyed having her.

During the course of the year School also said "Goodbye" to Mr. H. Miles, Ethrick House Master, Mrs. J. Farley (Maths) and Mrs. K. E. Lees (English).

We were grateful to several part-time staff for their services and sorry that the staffing situation did not permit us to enjoy their continued presence this year. They were Mrs. M. Antill, Mrs. R. M. Askins, Mrs. P. H. Sweetman and Mrs. J. Griffiths.

### New Staff

In the course of last year, School welcomed Mrs. J. V. Davies (Classics), Mr. B. Southcombe (English), and Mr. A. N. White (Ethrick Course Tutor), Mrs. J. Taylor (Ethrick House Mistress) as well as several staff who helped, because of temporary problems until July: namely Mr. H. A. Claxton, Mr. P. Prossopis, Mr. J. Emerson (Sen.) and Mr. R. Lovett. The two latter joined us full time in September when we were also happy to welcome Mrs. J. P. Veitch (nee Robertson - an old Bedan), who will teach maths, another old Bedan, Miss S. M. Wright who with Mrs. S. D. Remondino and Mrs. S. L. Pattison joined the Remedial Department; Mrs. S. L. Siddall (Geography and Environmental Studies); Miss N. L. Batty (P.E.) together with Miss M. Smart and Mrs. M. Sped who both joined the Home Economics Department.

Mlle. Monique Apart, the new French Assistant, shares her time between Bede and Thornhill Schools, while the German Department is for the first time, enjoying the services of a language assistant, Herr. Andreas Freund, who also helps at Monkwearmouth School.

### Bede School Sixth Form 1974-75

The Sixth Form at Bede School has been able to show once again a considerable list of academic successes.

In the Advanced Level G.C.E. examinations in 1975, 145 pupils were entered and showed a pass rate of over 80% of all the subjects taken. Of these 14, 4% were passes at grade A. 79 pupils passed in three subjects and 54 in one or two subjects.

Sixty eight people, 31 girls and 37 boys, have gone on to Universities. One girl and six boys obtained places at Oxford or Cambridge and of the twenty four Universities that they have gone to, Newcastle was the most popular with 18 entrants, Cambridge is next with 5, and Leeds, York and Nottingham took four each.

The courses being followed reflect the wide range of interests of our pupils. As well as the usual 'school' subjects they have also gone on to study Law, Medicine, Dentistry, Russian, Psychology, Bacteriology, Pharmacology, Communication Science, Linguistics, Social Science, Management Science, Economics and Land Economics.

In addition to twenty two (17 boys and 5 girls) have gone to Polytechnics or Technical Colleges for degree courses, H. N. D. courses or College Certificate courses. Eighteen (9 boys and 9 girls) have gone to Colleges of Education for teacher training courses.

Twenty two (6 girls and 16 boys) went into some form of employment; banking, management training, nursing, the Civil Service, accountancy and professional footballing being some of the occupations taken up.

Eighteen people are not accounted for, but some had made application for situations before they left school.

An incomplete list of University successes is appended. There must be many more that have not been reported back to the school.

#### Graduate Successes 1975

1.	Francis Robinson	:	Leeds	:	Biochem.
2.	Steven Field	:	Swansea	:	Biochem.
3.	Alan Pattinson	:	Cumbr. St. J.	:	Prelim. exam. Eng.
4.	David Payne	:	Leeds	:	Control Eng.
5.	Ken Henderson	:	Leeds	:	Control Eng.
6.	Paul Acarley	:	Leeds	:	Electrical & Electronic Eng.
7.	Roger Kiasy	:	Newcastle	:	Law
8.	Steven Collings	:	Manchester	:	Maths
9.	Clive Robinson	:		:	Maths
10.	Faustine Middleton	:	Newcastle	:	Classics
11.	Carol Greenwood	:	Newcastle	:	Classics
12.	Sean Bagley	:	Sheffield	:	Latin
13.	Brian Dobson	:	Churchill	:	Physics
14.	Barbara Graham	:	Durham (St. Aidan)	:	Sociology
15.	John Wardropper	:	Man. U.	:	Comp. Sci.
16.	Malcolm Thompson	:	Man. U.	:	Comp. Sci.
17.	Eric Ramsay	:	York	:	Maths
18.	Brian Wilson	:	Durham	:	Chem.
19.	Lawrence Potter	:	Leeds	:	Physics
20.	Stephen Green	:	Leeds	:	Elec. & Electronic Eng.
21.	Paul Judson	:	Sheffield	:	Metal
22.	David Orms	:	Sussex Poly.	:	B. Ed.
23.	Olwyn Slater	:	Leicester	:	Soc. Sci.
24.	Christine Barnes	:	Newcastle	:	Zoo
25.	Mary Walker	:	Durham	:	English?
26.	Sarah Bowman	:	Liverpool	:	Vet. Sci.
27.	Thomas Jones	:	Sheff. Poly.	:	App. Physics
28.	Lesley B. Walker	:	D'ham C. of Ed.	:	Cert. Ed.
29.	Linda Aspinson	:	Swansea	:	Eng. & Span.
30.	Malcolm Evison	:	Hull	:	Special Theology
31.	Ronald Thompson	:	Q.M.C. London	:	Physics

### Middle School Reports

Keeping track of summer leavers is a very difficult task and our records are by no means complete but at our last check about 110 pupils had left school and many of these had embarked upon courses at Colleges of Further Education. Most of our leavers who went straight into occupations obtained positions in unskilled or clerical work as well as apprenticeships of some diversity - for example hairdressing, joinery, and engineering of different types.

It is pleasing to record that Ross Mathieson passed stiff competition to join the Northumberland Women's Police and that Neil Henderson and Selby Harris became police cadets in the same force.

Sadly we know of four girls and seven boys who have not obtained employment by September and we can only hope that they will soon be settled down.

### School Alterations

The Home Economics and Technology Departments began, in September, to use the new prefabricated buildings erected on the former hockey pitch at the east side of the school.

For some time now a new pottery room in the Junior School basement has been in use. The site will be remembered by varying generations of Redans as the shower and changing rooms, the Upper Sixth (for Scholarship Seventh) study or as the First Year cloakroom.

Further alterations in the Lower School basement will soon provide three new Art rooms so that the Department will be more compact and stock and facilities within easy reach of all.



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### Secretary's Report

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held on 3rd December 1975.

The officers elected are shown above.

We made a welcome return to Durham Castle for our Annual Reunion this year, on April 15th 1975. 146 members and guests enjoyed an excellent meal in historic surroundings.

Entertainment by Mr. F. Lawson who sang a variety of songs to his own accompaniment rounded off a pleasant evening.

As you will see elsewhere a determined effort is being made to rescue and preserve photographs of our Sports Teams of the Past.

The Old Bedans' prize of £5 coupled with a similar amount from the girls is presented annually as a combined gift to boy or girl.

The Reunion in 1976 will again be at Durham Castle on Wednesday the 7th of April. Entertainment by Mr. and Mrs. Clough. Tickets and Wine Lists will be available in February.

### In Memoriam

We regret to report the deaths of three of our members, N. B. Hlyth, T. B. Common and P. A. Thompson (1921-36) during the past year.

### News of Old Bedans Abroad

James Robert A. emigrated to Sidney, British Columbia in 1955 and is now a Helicopter Pilot with the Canadian Coastguard.

Figg T. W. (1946 -51) General Manager for the Singer Argentine Division in Buenos Aires has been awarded the top prize in his Company's world wide competition. He received his prize in London at the Annual Conference.

### Non Retirement

Samuel B (1934) retired this year as Director General of English Industrial Estates Corporation at Tean Valley. He joined the North Eastern Trading Estates in 1946, became Secretary in 1959 and then its first General Manager in 1966 and Director General in 1974. However not content to rest on his laurels, he has joined Sunderland Corporation as Industrial Development Officer. His wide experience from Mexico, Canada and Europe should prove invaluable!

### Promotions

Williams R. (1943) has been appointed Regional Controller of Housing and Planning in Newcastle. A Graduate of the Newcastle School of Architecture, he has returned North from the West Midlands.

Roberts M. S. (1950-57) a London based Sunderland Supporter is now Deputy Investment Manager for Barclays Bank. From L.S.E. he became an Investment Analyst, Stockbroker and Investment Manager for London Dominion Trust before his present appointment.

Rutter R. (1932) from the family printing business to Head of the Nuclear Operations Branch of the Central Electricity Generating Board, via an external London University Honours Degree as a part time student at the Sunderland Technical College.

Smith Ted (1938) has been promoted to Superintendent and Administration Officer for the Sunderland Division of the Northumbria Police Force in 1948 he has served under three authorities with out moving his base - Sunderland, Durham and Northumbria Forces.

Lister K. (1897 42) has had double promotion this year. In July he became Deputy General Manager (North) and Director of Portsmouth and Sunderland Newspapers Ltd and in October became General Manager (North).

Tynell E. B. (1941) has been appointed Deputy Education Officer for Surrey following administration posts in Derbyshire, Devon, Sussex and Kent.

Cassidy B. G. was in Sunderland in March to lead a half day conference on "Streamlining Office Procedures" following his appointment as Organisation and Development Manager of Lawson Paragon and Chairman of London Industrial Relations Committee of the British Printing Industries Federation. He is also a member of The Institution of Works Study Practitioners and a member of the National Negotiation Team in Printing Industry Agreements.

Bally M. (1904 59) has been appointed Sales Manager of the Sunderland Branch of Dutton Forshaw Ltd.

#### Honours Awards

Kirby P. Prof. Director of Research for Welwyn Electrical Ltd, Buntingford on the Development of New Components for the Electronic Industry and is now leading a team of Electronic Scientists. He has been awarded the Order of the British Empire in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Macfarlane J. W. (1882 38) a former Sunderland footballer and now a University Professor at East Anglia University has been created Commander of the Royal Norwegian Order of St. Olav for "Distinguished Services to Norway and to Humanity". He has translated and written many books dealing with Scandinavian Literature

#### Awards

Clemmison N. (1902 39) B. B. C. Zoologist has won a top award in an International Television Competition in Japan for his Ecology Programme made for the Open University.

#### Entertainment

Bolan J. our own 'Likely Lad' stepped from the comedy scene to play Mephist at the Old Vic Theatre. We are also pleased to learn he is to star in a full length feature film about the North.

#### Churchill Scholarships

Laidler K. (1961 68) A Research Zoologist at Durham University has won a 1966 Churchill Travelling Scholarship to study a rare breed of parrot and rare trees on St. Vincent Island in the West Indies.

Langley D. (1948-51) Headmaster for Hales School for the Deaf in Plymouth is to spend six months in the U.S.A. and Holland studying techniques of teaching the deaf. A Churchill Scholarship Travel Grant has been awarded for the project.

#### Student Award

Hutchinson J. (1964-71) has won the Tinsneson Memorial Prize for the best Student Teacher at Bede College, Durham.

#### Sheffield University News

Jackson P. (1964) has received an Honour Degree in Metallurgy.

Pattinson J.H. (1963-70) an M.A. Degree in Town and Country Planning.

Murtis K. Prof. (1961-68) has been given his "Chair" and been made Professor of Architecture.

#### One-Man Exhibition

Maccoby D. (1934-42) whose Abstract Paintings and Portraits have won acclaim in France and U.S.A. is to put on a One-Man Exhibition at the Ben Uri Art Gallery in London.

#### Local News

Joseph M. (1948-53) in this years President of the Sunderland Chamber of Trade.

Wilson S.S. (1921-28) newly retired Head of Monkwearmouth Comprehensive School is President of Seaburn Rotary Club this year.

Martin W.S. (1914-20) former Mayor of Sunderland is the new Chairman of the Sunderland Conservative Association.

Members will be distressed to learn of the illness of Tom Ayre during the last year. Progress has been slow but we are pleased to report that Tom is feeling a lot better. I am sure all members will join us in wishing him a full and speedy recovery.

#### School Notes

John Hawker (Hertford) and Sydney Elliott (Kettle) started their Oxford studies this year and Tony Watson (St. Caths.) John Reece (Queens) Andrew Cavourhill and Paul Knappin (Trinity) Dave Behrman (St. Johns) and Deborah Wells (Girton) start at Cambridge University.

#### Old Bedens at Cambridge

The Society of Old Bedens at Cambridge continues to flourish. The reins this year are held by K. Tilson, J. Visk and A. Pattinson. A series of successful functions have been held during the year. A Disco at Girton College last November organised by eight Old Bedens somehow produced some 350 guests.

The Annual Dinner in February presided over by J. R. Badborough was attended by forty guests from School, Graduates, Undergraduate and Mrs. Cooper (1896-14) now an ever present. A Past Outing, Fireworks Party at Gorton and a Fish and Chip Party at St. John's formed the nucleus of other activities.

#### Old Bedans' Badminton Club

I am pleased to report that the Club continues to thrive. Despite increased costs we still have very full sessions 7.30 to 10p. m. each Wednesday in the Upper Hall. New members are always very welcome.

J. I. Whan,  
110, Gartland Road,  
Grindon.

#### Old Bedans A. F. C.

Football, whether it be played in the Premier League or the North Eastern Amateur League, consists of individual teams striving for success.

Every team at one time or other experiences success and failure and Old Bedans are no exception.

During the last few seasons we have struggled at or near the bottom of the First Division and narrowly avoided relegation to the Second.

The 1974-75 Season was the turning point in our fortunes, the Club completing the fixtures in SIXTH position with the following result:-  
P 26, W 11, D 4, L 9, GO. 59. 28.

Pleasley won the League with 44 points followed by Sunderland College of Education with 43.

The Second Division clear winners were Belford House 'A' with 49 points, with Electrooil runners up, 37.

Belford House having a team in the First Division remained in the Second while Electrooil were promoted.

Due to the amalgamation of Sunderland College of Education and Sunderland Polytechnic no relegations were made thus Marlaymas and Newcastle University Reserves held their places in the First Division.

The 1974-75 Challenge Shield was won by Belford House 2 - 1 against Whitley Bay Amateurs.

Old Bedans now play their Home games at Plains Farm Ground changing in the Bede School, and League fixtures for those who are interested are generally printed in the Friday edition of the Sunderland Echo.

This Season we are maintaining a good position and the morale of the Club is at present higher than it has been for some time.

During the close season two friendly games were arranged with teams in the North West. The first against Morecombe F. C. in the

Northern Premier League, before our biggest ever crowd of approximately 1000; was won by Old Bedans 1 goal to nil.

The second against Cornforth Rangers of the Lancashire Combination League was also won by Old Bedans 4 goals to nil.

This spirit has spilled over into the 1975-76 Season where to date our results are P 3, W 4, D 1, L 4. Most of these games have been against teams occupying top league positions.

Officers for the Club for the 1975-76 Season are as follows:-

President	R. T. Ayre
Captain	A. Worriner
Vice-Captain	T. Cohen
Secretary	O. Topel
Treasurer	F. Gillespie
Finance Organiser	J. McDonald

Inflation has hit the Club but with an annual levy per player and a weekly football sweep, we just manage to keep solvent.

We are grateful to the Old Bedan Association for the gift of a football for the 1974-76 Season.

Looking forward to the new year we hope for continued success both on and off the field.

O. Topel,  
Hon. Secretary,  
Old Bedans A.F.C.,  
7, Harewood Gardens,  
Sunderland.

### Reminiscing

This is our 88th Anniversary.

Below is an extract from the Diamond Jubilee Magazine of 1960 which will be of interest to Scouters, to many who had the pleasure of doing 'P. T.' under the averse eye of Peter Fulton and to all those budding journalists, authors, poets, wits etc.

### Bedan Scouts

The Bedan Troop was formed in October, 1928, with the Headmaster as Group Scoutmaster, and Mr. P. F. Fulton as Scoutmaster. From more than 160 boys wishing to join, 14 were selected to form the nucleus of the troop. Later others were admitted, and six patrols were formed. The average membership of the troop has been 55. Meetings were held in the School Hall until a hut was obtained and erected in the school grounds.

In October 1928, Bedan Scouts provided a Guard of Honour for Sir Charles Trevelyan when he came to open the new school buildings in Durham Road.

Of the many annual camps the most outstanding was probably the fourth - held in 1932 at Basington, near Forlock in Somerset, when 82 scouts attended.

The high standard of camping maintained by the troop is shown by the fact that the Stanfield Richardson Challenge Cup for camping has been won several times, and the Dryburn Cup (open to all troops in Durham County) was won in 1948.

The troop continued to function all through the war, even during the evacuation period at Northallerton. In 1939 Mr. J. S. Campbell formed the Broomton Bedans Troop for junior boys, but when he joined the Forces, and the school returned to Sunderland, this troop was disbanded.

### The Bedan

The 'Bedan' was first published in 1908 and was issued at fortnightly intervals, price 2d. It served as a prospectus, showing photographs of classrooms and laboratories and gave news of the school, and of scholars and old scholars, and was favourably commented on in the Press. Mr. G. T. Ferguson gave much time and effort to its publication.

In later years the 'Bedan' was published at the end of each term, and the Christmas General Knowledge Paper became a feature. A Roll of Honour was compiled in the First World War, and again in the Second World War, and published in all the war-editions. From 1920 to 1924, the magazine was not published but it was revived in 1924. The Editors were then elected from the senior boys with a supporting committee of boys and masters.

The 'Bedan' has continued to be produced, rising in price to 6d., and later to 1/- as the costs of publication rose. For this reason too it is now published only once a year, in July.

The Magazine Committee aims to give news of the school, opportunities for boys to have their work in prose and verse published, and in general to be a recorder of school events.

### School Photographs

All former Bedans must recall the long line of framed team photographs that adorned the corridor walls both of the first West Park building and subsequently of the school on the hill. A recent interior decoration of the school meant that the 'picture gallery' was removed from the walls. There is apparently no intention to replace these photographs. So rather than allow this part of school history and tradition to be consigned to the limbo of the storeroom, an attempt is being made to preserve the photographs in some collected form which will eventually be retained in the School library.

A check has revealed that certain frames have managed to go astray and an appeal is made to anyone who may be able to fill the gaps in the collection.

It is realized that the vast majority of readers of this appeal will not themselves have in their possession such photographs as are

sought. They may however, know of likely sources that would lead to 'finds'. Finding actual photographs, copies of the Eades Magazines covering the particular years would prove to be of great value as regards team groups that could be reproduced or give a lead to contacts.

The details sought cover the following: -

Soccer: '23, '24, '25, '28, '27, '40, '41, '42.

Rugby: '51, '52, '61, '62, '65, '66, '67.

Cricket: '46 to '50.

Any information, no matter how slight, that might aid this search will be gratefully received by either Mr. M. Berry, 118, The Broadway, Sunderland S64141 or Mr. G. T. Halstead, 7, Ropylton Drive, Sunderland S64608.

### Subscriptions

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Club Finance Association

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st August 1971

Expenditure		Income	
Proportion of Magazine cost	67.45	4 Life Subscriptions at £3.50	12.00
Proportion of School Prize	5.00	22 Annual Subscriptions at 45p	8.80
Annual Dinner Subsidy	64.95	1 Standing Order at 20p	20
Loan on 10th A.O. M.	2.50		
Advertising of 10th A.O. M.	2.75		
Postages	15.00	Interest from Building Society	25.00
Barbecue	3.00	Interest from Building Society (Organised)	1.00
Secretary's Expenses	1.50	Excess of expenditure over income	110.00
Balance of Football	13.45		
	<u>189.10</u>		<u>100.10</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31st August 1971

Capital fund as at 31. 8. 70	500.00		
Less: excess of expenditure over income	110.00		
	<u>390.00</u>		
		Assets	
		Club at Directors Bank Ltd	25.45
		Bank of Scotland Building Society	165.00
		Bank of Scotland Building Society (Organised)	100.00
			<u>390.45</u>

1971 Donation Paper Account

Receipts		Payments	
Donations	546.20	Wines	67.45
Donation Cards	2.50	41 Tickets at £3	123.00
Printing	4.00	100 Tickets at £1.00	200.00
Excessible	5.00	Barbecue	64.95
Secretary's Expenses	1.75		
	<u>565.45</u>		<u>465.40</u>

Certified to be in accordance with the books of account.

B. T. Ayres  
I. Hudson

Hon. Auditors

P. Graham, Hon. Treasurer.

ASSOCIATION of OLD BODERS

Receipts and Expenditures account for the year ended 31st August 1975.

Expenditure	£	s	d	Receipts	£	s	d
Association of Old Boders School Prize		10	00	From O. B. Guild (proportion of prize)			5 00
Widfield Printing Company		136	01	" O. B. Association			5 00
Advertising of 1974 A. O. B.		7	90	" O. B. Guild (proportion of magazine)			25 54
Bank charges			01	" O. B. Association			18 45
Secretary's Expenses		1 00		Profit from Social Evening			2 10
Loan at 1974 A. O. B.		2 00		Gift from O. B. Guild			5 00
Loan on Oaking		1 10		Balance of expenditures over Income			25
		<u>152</u>	<u>41</u>				<u>100</u>

Total Expenditure

Cash at Widfield Bank Ltd. 31. 8. 74  
Less amount of expenditures over Income

£	s	d
	28	
	<u>2</u>	<u>41</u>

Cash at Widfield Bank Ltd.

£	s	d
	26	
	<u>2</u>	<u>41</u>

Certified to be in accordance with the books of account.

A. Smith      Hon. Auditors  
D. Gault

F. Graham      Hon. Treasurer

THE GUILD OF OLD BRITAINS

The Winter Reunion will be held in the Needlework Room (Pro-Fab.) at Bede School on Friday, 30th January 1976, from 7 p.m. - 9.45 p.m. Price 60p. Names to the Secretary or any member of the Committee before January 23rd.

The Dinner Reunion will be held in the White Lion Hotel, Houghton - le - Spring, on Friday, 9th April, 1976. Tickets approximately £2.40. Lifts have been willingly offered, so please do ask the Secretary if you need transport. Names required by Monday, 29th March.

Subscriptions for 1975/76 are now due.

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