

# **THE OLD BEDAN**

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**1984**

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## IMPORTANT NEWS

**BEFORE** you read your magazine, please get out your diaries and enter these dates in **RED**.

- Friday, January 25th, 1985 Winter Re-union in Needlework Room in School, 7 p.m.
- Friday, March 22nd, 1985 A visit to the Pier Pavilion in South Shields to see the Westsiders in "The Dresser" (recently performed in the West End with Albert Finney and Tom Courtenay). Price £1.60 (incl. postage of tickets to you). Tickets bookable with Audrey Henderson at Winter Re-union, payment with booking.
- Friday, April 26th, 1985 Annual Dinner at Hilton Suite, Seaburn Hotel - Price not more than £7.50. Please book no later than 19th April.
- Tuesday, June 11th, 1985 Informal Re-union at the Rainside, Durham in the Pemberton Suite at 7 p.m.
- Friday, September 27th, 1985 A.G.M. In School 7.30 p.m. in Needlework Room.

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Please let the Secretary, Irene Wilkinson, have your subscription (50p) for 1984-5 if you have not already paid. Life Subscription is £3.50. We regret that if you are not a 'gold-leaf' member, we cannot send a magazine. Please make it clear which is your maiden name and which your married name. In the magazine we always try to use your "school" name first and married name in brackets.

## OLD BEDANS NIGHT OUT

On the evening of March 23rd, 1984, twenty nine Old Bedans made their separate ways to the Pier Pavilion at South Shields to see a performance by the Westoviars Theatre Society of "And a Nightingale Sang" by Alan Plater. What an enjoyable evening it was. The players were excellent in their various roles. All agreed that "Helen" was a wonderful portrayal of the crippled girl. True there may have been a little bit of bias when we knew that "Helen" was on Bedle School staff, but she didn't need our help. She gave us good Gonesie dialect, very audible, laughter, concern, pathos. Such was her rapport with the part and the audience, that we gave her our riveted attention, our sympathy and, I suppose, at times moist eyes. The songs "White Cliffs of Dover", "Bless them all", "Ears, Rabbit Ears" and "A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square" which actually were part of the comedy in the play, took many in that G.O.B. Group in the audience back to the war years of sieges, gas masks, ration books, a twenty four hour pass, spam sandwiches, dried egg and the rarity of a banana!

Before the play started a young member of the party (almost a generation gap) turned to me and said "There are some four letter words in it, you know". I replied "Yes. I had heard of four letter words". I felt quite old but it was a nicely respectful sort of gesture . . .

At the interval we enjoyed a cup of coffee, biscuits and chat and then gladly followed the crisis of that Tyroside family, taking the four letter words in our stride, to the wistful but inevitable end of the play. It was a thought provoking production with an excellent cast and a memorable performance by Mrs. Jennifer Allen.

Thank you Audrey Hudson (Henderson) for arranging it all, quite a number of people said "Let's do it again".

W.T.

P.N. See front cover for the next show.

#### ANNUAL DINNER RE-UNION - Friday, 6th April, 1984

This was held in the Hilton Suite of the Seaburn and was attended by 59 Old Bodens who were entertained by Miss M. Dunn (with apologies to Alfred, Lord Tennyson - Jean Pillars writes:-)

They came from haunts of root and horn,  
They roamed through the valleys  
of Allen, Tyne, the Tans and Wear.  
They should have brought their wellies!  
From 'Barney', Fulwell, Tarnall Road,  
Northhallerton and Alston,  
East Grange, The Berks and Hartlepool  
And Hameshaugh (up by Fulstons)  
From Philip's house Anne hurried down  
From Ryhope Margaret travelled  
While Irene, with her smile and notes,  
The seating plan unravelled.  
They chattered, chattered all along  
To cross the brimming river,  
And howl along the rainsoaked prom.  
To join us for "The Dinner".  
Once safe inside, our friends we met  
And warmth, good food and laughter,  
Hot tooth, meat fowl, delicious sweets,  
Who said and meant "No afters!"  
As for our unknown friend and mine  
Her "Talent to Amuse" as  
Caused laughing all we ached and wept  
"To think she worked beside us!"  
Her sketch of wines and tasting seemed  
So full of knowing jargon  
But how could we make out the sense  
When Martel was "let gone."  
Returning for an encore, she  
appeared in scarlet clothing,  
Professor Klaggerheimner, the  
Expert of wovvil bogling.  
In Dittersdorfen shitter hausen  
All of us should gather  
The rare red-legged Festival  
of '86 to savour.

But wait, the only creature left  
 Gustav, the lid flies open -  
 The Seaburn staff must farrigate  
 We may be barred from coming,  
 At last she goes - to loud applause  
 Our pleasant bonds we sever,  
 For men have come and men may go  
 While one wife waits - for ever!

J.P.

### SUMMER OUTING

On Tuesday, 19th June twenty-one Old Bedans arrived at the Ramside Hall Hotel at 7 p.m. and we made our way to the Pemberton Suite. The first to arrive sat in the window seat, rather disconcerting for one gentleman who realised he was about to be overwhelmed by a large group of ladies (perhaps it should be a group of large ladies!). He offered to move to another table and leave the whole window area to us. It transpired he was resident at the hotel, so when he reappeared in the room Banty Robson's party, to whom he had originally spoken, sent a drink across to him with their compliments. Unfortunately, to the embarrassment of another lady in our group, he thanked the wrong person! However, all was well that ended well.

Our party had a jolly good chat, which was the reason for the outing. Then some of us fancied the look of the carvery food at the bottom of the room. So good intentions flew out of the window, along with several diets, and many of us had a very enjoyable meal.

Everyone had a good time and it was agreed that we should repeat the experience. What was most enjoyed was the informality of the occasion and the opportunity to spend, and eat, as much or as little as each one wanted.

D.H. and A.H.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The total funds on August 31st, 1984 are £1258.65p. We had a loss on the year's working of £45.75tp.

Our total funds are made up as follows:- 1½% War Stock £98.36; Barclays Bank £149.25; T.S.B. Ord. a/c £180.84; Peoples Trust £64.96; T.S.B. Special a/c £843.18; Cash in hand £2.17.

Income from	Subscriptions	£93.50		
"	"	Donations	£45.00	
"	"	Meetings	£47.17p	
Expenses:	Printing	£148.58	Stationery	£8.97
	Postage	£49.94	Corporation	
	Cards - Xmas and get well etc.	78p	Tin	£33.88
	School Prize	£10.08		

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

There are 442 members in the Guild. Of these 6 are new Life members; 1 new Annual member - Vera Russell (Adamsen).

#### New Life Members:

Doris Coxon (Kearns), Shirley Coates (Lowe),  
 Linda Batey (Forster), Anne Weston (Fry),  
 Jane Little (Telford), Alice M. Waldron (Kilham).

**New Income Life Members:** Doreen Dent (Stoddart), Gladys Elliot (Canning),  
Moira Cuddelord (Dixon), Pat Donkin (Henderson),  
Majorie Sparling, Dorothy Common (Craven).

The A.G.M. was held on 10th September, 1983 in the Needlework Room, Bode School and there were 17 present.

The Winter Re-Union was also held in the Needlework Room on January 27th, 1984 and 65 attended. The very tasty refreshments were again provided by Miss A. Mills of the Home Economics Dept. and we are most grateful to her for catering for us. Robina Forster (Lawson) and Brenda Johnston (Juler) once again had everyone busy with most entertaining games and a big 'thank you' to them for their arrangements. A raffle was held for the Social Services - the prizes being provided by that committee.

The Dinner Re-union was held on Friday, April 6th at the Hilton Suite of the Seaburn Hotel - an excellent venue for us!

Instead of planning a fancy Summer Outing, it was decided to meet at the Bayside Hotel on June 19th. Everyone to make their own way - no worries about the "well being" of a hired coach. There was a good choice of food so everyone could make their own selection.

The Guild of Old Bodes was represented at the Annual Prize giving in December at the invitation of the Headmaster.

#### **LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND REPORT - 1984**

A total of £276.31 was available. £264.50 was distributed to 19 girls going into Higher Education, the scholarships being awarded on a scale according to 'A' level performance, from £30 - £5.

Two girls achieved a total of 15+ points: 3 x A and merits on Special Papers.

Sheila Watson, the highest scorer at 'A' level, won a place and exhibition at New College, Oxford, to Study P.F.E.

The committee received a request from a former Bodean, Hazel Barton for a loan of £20 to cover the application fee for an M.A. course in painting. It was unanimously agreed that this be made a scholarship provided the course has been taken up.

L. Youngs  
Senior Mistress/Head of Upper School

#### **G.O.B. SOCIAL SERVICE REPORT 1983-84**

The committee have met 3 times this year - mainly to arrange for the distribution of cash to our ladies; now down to seven in number. We were delighted to be able to give £30 each to them at Christmas, Easter and again for the Harvest Gift. A little extra "giving" took place this year - when at Christmas we gave tins of sweets to Florence Bruce (Maie then Eldridge) and Elizabeth Leiley (Chapman), both of whom were in their 99th year. We think they must be the oldest Old Bodes and both are in fairly good health and most certainly sound in mind. They both were delighted to be remembered. One of our ladies has moved into a private nursing home on the sea front and is so much happier that "she's a pleasure to visit", says Bona. Another has moved into sheltered housing in East Herrington and her tears have turned to smiles. From our younger recipient - a single parent 'mum' with 4 daughters to bring up, we got a beautiful card with "God's Blessings to us all - "The world could use more people like you, who are always thinking of nice things to do."

Many thanks to all of you who support our raffles so generously and to those who continue to play canasta and give the proceeds of their evening's pleasure to our funds.

<b>Income:</b>		<b>Expenditure:</b>	
Brought forward		Harvest gifts	£42.00
from 1983	£196.46	Christmas gifts	80.00
Canasta and raffles	127.70	Easter gifts	60.00
Donations	33.00	Individual gifts	8.23
Winter Re-union raffle	29.00		£198.23
Collection at Dinner	8.50	Balance in hand	£220.82
Coffee collections	60		
Interest	10.77		
Cash returned	5.00		
	£411.05		£411.05

Anne Mitchell (Crows)

### The LONDON BRANCH

Our lunch parties in October '83 and May '84 have been much enjoyed, although only six members have been present on each occasion. There are only thirteen of us, but it has never been possible to choose a date that suited everybody, as we all lead busy lives and have family commitments.

Nancy Lawther (Habicka) and I share the entertaining now as Ealing is only 6 miles from Central London and most of our members have awkward journeys of between twenty five - sixty miles.

There is obviously a strong bond between us all, that they come so far for a few hours' chat. (They bring a gift for the hostess too!).

Needless to say we still indulge in school reminiscences and would welcome any Old Bedan new-comer to the Home Counties with some different memories. . . .

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Dorcas kindly included a list of London members:-

Joyce Hebron (Ayler), Irene Cheven (Cook), Kathleen Young (Cragg), Edith Broderick (Barga), Dorcas Stoddart (Rayfield), Nancy Lawther (Habicka), Elke Burnham (Jackson), Marjorie Reed (Perry), Eleanor Wilson (Tibensalge) and Alice Waldron (Kilburn).

### SPORTING NEWS

Anne Hardy (Whitworth) was one of the territorial hockey coaches at a sports weekend at Leicester University.

Lacy Hogan (McConnell) presented a trophy she had donated some years ago (after a hole-in-one actually) to a mixed age group of lady golfers at Bolton Golf Club. At that gathering in August were Old Bedans Pauline Vitch (Crozier), Olga Wright (Stewart), Jenny Hey (Smith), Winnie Scott (Thomas), Dorothy Crispen (Kennedy) and Ethel Lethe (Lockonby). Also none of the above mentioned won it on this occasion, but glad-to-be back Winnie Scott was delighted to win the Bolton 'Vear' Trophy earlier in the year. Other trophy winners included Olga Wright, Jen Hey and Ethel Lethe.

Perry Graham captained Durham County Second XI as well as the Philadelphia Bedans Club in Hockey. Norma Batty (Dob) played extremely well for England B team as well as the North 1st XI - Durham County 1st XI and Philadelphia Bedans were very proud of her achievements. Caroline Nisby is very active in the hockey world playing for Durham County 1st XI and Philadelphia Bedans and acting as the County Match Secretary. She finds time to take part in a number of Athletic Meetings too. Jean Taylor (Cole) having been invited to play for a veterans hockey match with the present Philadelphia Bedans team, enjoyed herself so much she returned to play regularly in goal for 1st XI. Also returned to play for this team is Kathleen Cassop (Laytherpe), so Jean and Kathleen's children enjoy these extra playtimes together.

Judy Radcliff (Stewart) played on the Durham County Second XI again - scored many goals for both that team and Philadelphia Botans 1st XI. She also organises the Club indoor team and plays in all the matches with a group of other 1st XI members.

Audrey Knight is still playing (and winning) tennis matches both for Bellford House Tennis Club and for various Civil Service representative teams. Joyce Orr (Newwood), Violet Smith (Hoptonhall) and Joan Brown enjoy their tennis at Bellford House and are delighted that Violet has resumed play after a long spell of back trouble.

#### NEWS

Miss Laura Milbanks (ex-staff) was among those presented with a certificate for 50 blood-donor sessions at which the often rains Pat Hall (Hatchinson). Laura took several South farmers along to give their first pint.

The Flower Festival at Birnes Museum in June saw several Old Bedan flower arrangers at work, among them Elizabeth Rowlandson (Longster), Hilda Odale (Rutter) and Winnie Scott.

Lilian Hannam (Cowie) is second Vice-Chairman of the Northumberland and Durham Area of N.A.F.A.S.

Anne McKeeney (Milton) has again visited her daughter Susan - now Wood - in North Australia.

Mrs. G. Clarke (Grace Clarke's mother) has retired from her voluntary work with the League of Hospital Friends and was presented with a bougain.

Dorcas Smith (Witton) is the present treasurer of the Seaburn Ladies' Probus Club.

Kathleen Young (Craggs) in her lovely long letter from Pinner, Middlesex, writes of her retirement from the First School in Hatch End where the work was "very hard but rewarding". One of her colleagues was a niece of Lily Richardson's (Lawson). Once again the old school photograph plays its part and although "it is falling to bits and patched up with sellotape, I am not going to part with it" says Kathleen. Her sister Dorothy (Whalton) has two daughters, Gillian and Pat, (also Old Bedans). She has been visited by a cousin Joyce Elliott (Farrar) and also met Hilda Hartley (Sutton) at a family wedding. Kathleen manages an annual visit to - or from Elsie Lynn (Turner) who lives in Newcastle. Kathleen hears from Flora Broderick (Allen), Joan Woodward, Beryl Pritchard (Middleton), Joyce Hawking (Farnie) and Enid Robson (Ramsay). Dorothy Knight's (Winter)'s parents visited Kathleen and brought news of Marie and Audrey Winter (Collins). Kathleen has also had a visit from Audrey Smith (Dewley) whose husband was best man at Kathleen's wedding. Aina Raine (Robertson) and her husband have had a dream cruise to South Africa after winning a competition in the Sunday Sun. Their move to Winklet Avenue in recent years seems to have been a lucky move.

Laura Milbanks tells us that Mavis Fraser (Penderelth) remembers being in the same form as Hilda Andrews (Moor). Hazel Oliver (Richards) lectures in English. Wendy Oliver (Lewis) is a pharmacist in Bristol. Enid Bagley (Egry) has had - or is still enjoying - a three month stay with her son and his family in New Zealand. Helen Highburn (Drummond) is in her final year of training for the United Reform Church ministry. She hopes to be ordained next year.

Berty Wilson (Robson) has been helping, as Appeal Secretary, with the recent successful appeal for funds for Ashbrooke Foundation and has now been appointed Hon. Secretary to the Trustees of the Ashbrooke Foundation.

I was delighted to have a long letter from Elsie Kirkwood a few days ago - and very pleased to have words of encouragement about this onerous task as Editor. Elsie was pleased to report that her grandson, who had a very serious car accident, is now pronounced fit and well and back to work. Her husband Oliver too has had a serious eye infection which, luckily, is on the mend. Elsie reports that her rose bushes are still beautiful and she sends greetings to all Old Bedans. She is still being ferried hither and thither by Grace Caldwell (Allison) who invited Elsie and her husband to spend an evening with Isabel Caldwell and their mother.



Just a few "overlapped" snippets of news. Lily Jamieson (Davison) has visited England with her husband in June this year - their present home is Eskaboell Vale - Australia.

Valerie Capland has retired from her position as Air Hostess.

Joyce Gullen (Hodgson) has now moved to Melbourne, Australia.

Vivie Waddle (Ball) and her husband have completed a seven week safari through South Africa.

Jocelyn Pritchard (Oliver) has moved to Goldborough near Knarborough.

Lucinda Mills (Davison) often sees Marie Winter (Peterson) in Hobart.

Margery Smith (Symons) has been home from New Zealand and reported she was unable to join us at the dinner (7).

Anne Weston (Fry) corresponds regularly with Barbara Lee (Martin) in Regina Canada where Barbara has lived for 13 years.

Anne Jennings (Berry) is now living in Australia.

Ashley Auld is teaching in Hensel Hempstead.

Marjorie Anderson (Cattis) met Mary Thurlbeck (Post) at a musical evening in Roker Methodist Church.

## MEETINGS

Jean Brewis and Joyce Haldane (Harrison) met on Seaburn beach and Jean reports that Joyce now hopes to attend more G.O.B. functions and catch up on runs now that she has retired. Jean also meets on some of the Wednesday walks (6-10 mile strolls) Dorothy Waggon, Joyce Towns and Mariel Orr (Sherriff). Thanks to a little help from Ieene, Audrey Midwood (Thomas) had a visit from Olive Stonehouse (Wilson), thus bridging a 30 year gap. Margaret Hogg (Berry) visited the Lake District and met Isabel Hutchinson (Lester) who now lives in Bowers-in-Wenderness, where she takes an active part in several local activities. Isabel met Mildred Achenfwaite (Taylor) one day at the check out of a super-market in Kerdal. Imagine the queue that formed while Isabel and Mildred had a chat!

Mary Bilby's (Richardson) 88th birthday celebration at the Scout Hut, East Harrington, was attended by several Old Bedans. Dorothy Morrison (Peterson) who has lived in Denmark for many years has visited Freida Smith (Phillips) and spent an unforgettable month with her in Canada. Dorothy hopes to visit Joan Marshall (St. Julian) next year and would like to meet as many Old Bedans as possible. If you remember Dorothy and would like to see her in 1985 - do contact Joan.

Twelve Old Bedans who were at school in the late 1940's met at Maira Cuddeford's (Dixon) one evening in July. After a noisy (as you can imagine) evening the twelve resolved to repeat the re-union around July 1985. If any of the same vintage would like to join the following twelve, please make your desires known to any of them:- Barbara Smith (Broderick), Aoni Trembath (Ridley), Margaret Laidlaw, Maira Cuddeford (Dixon), Pat Marley (Bridging), Erid Noble, Margaret Taylor (Spoors), Inese Jamieson (Greenar), Rhona Slater (Robson), Joan Hodges (Davison), Jean Harrison (Morrison) and Dorothy Cookham (Dugdale).

Jean Mitchell (Penstole) whilst on holiday from Rhodesia spent a pleasant evening with Anne Mitchell (her cousin) and Joan Brooks at the home of another ex. G.P.O. telephonist (but not an Old Bedan). Jean and Anne had not met since Jean and Joan set off for Rhodesia as 20+ year olds. Much news was exchanged and lots of laughter too.

Mariel Slawther (Edwards) now living in Vancouver was in the U.K. on holiday in the Spring and arranged a meeting with Lilian Robertson (Elliot) in Durham. They had lunch in the County Hall and then returned to Lilian's home in Egglestone for tea and further chat. Mariel married in Australia and New Zealand prior to her marriage and has married for the past 17 years in Vancouver. Lilian has been in Local Government for the past 12 years in Darlington Area and has been a County Councillor for 3 years and also a J.P. in Barnard Castle and Bishop Auckland for the past year.

Beryl Berry (Westermarck) who has lived in Stockholm for the past 23 years teaches English there.

## HOMES OF OLD BEDANS

Ella Soley (Edwards) has moved to Harrow where she is still following her artistic leisure pursuits - art, pottery and sculpture. Jennifer Edwards (Cooper) now lives and teaches in Glossop. Jean Henderson (Telfer) is now back in Sunderland and living at East Harrington. Hilson Bagley (White) lives in Nottingham. Edith Edmonds (Bryan) who lived in York for many years has now moved to Skipton-on-Soar. Barbara Bagley (Haydon) is now living in Oslo, and is "revelling in the fresh air and beautiful countryside after living in London within sight of the M4". Dorothy Pullan (Hunter) met Betty Rough (Hephurn) after a service in St. Gabriel's Church and learnt that Gladys Watson (Drummond) was in England visiting relatives this summer. Gladys, whose home is in Toronto, would welcome any Old Bedan who is in that area. Joyce Prince (Bell) is back in England after several years in Israel and now lives in Gloucester.

## BEDAN ACHIEVEMENTS AND SUCCESSES

Carole Kerry graduated from Bradford University, Alison Boyd from Nottingham (English), Pauline Marshall from Liverpool (Geology), Angela Thompson from Newcastle (Law), Julie Cairns from Warwick (History), Maraline Ambler from Edinburgh College of Art (B.A. in Design), Susan Melton (Wood) a law degree in N. Australia. Marie Anderson who conducted polo as a child and who lives in Farnham, Surrey, has won a cash award for becoming the county's best student in her local paper. She is studying a B.A. Arts and Music Open University course as well as being a governor of three schools and a health council representative. Dr. Judith Mashers, now living in Portsmouth, has received the Astra Research Award in London for her work "Factors Influencing Breast Feeding at Home". Pat Craddock (Stoll) is now President of the Photographic Society in Sunderland.

## DEATHS

Madge Hardy; Lillie Boster; Renee Tindle (Darling); Betty Ross (Brown); Edith Lockey (Smith); Rita Craggs; Mary Burton (Raid); Phyllis Lodge; Rosina Carter; Norah Hunter; Elsie Watson; Kathleen (Kitty) Clayburn (Cooper); Freda Menfield (Dovey).

## MARRIAGES

Gillian Wheldon (Mandy)  
Audrey Bagley (Jarvis)

## BIRTHS

Anne Penderleith (Kelly) a second son  
Barbara Bagley (Haydon) a son  
Sally Auld (Patterson) daughter

Kathleen Clapham (Cooper) who died this year at the age of 88 years was a Bedian in the early years of this century. We are grateful to her sister (Mrs. Oliver) who sent in this news of her life.

"At school and subsequently at Durham University's King's College, Newcastle, she was a great hockey captain. As a woman science graduate, she was then a nurse and after war work as an analytical chemist 1914-18 she taught in several schools, including Abbey School, Malvern, where she initiated Science teaching. In those days, such work ended with marriage (1922) but she returned to Analytical work in 1938, which she left to teach in place of men at Eltham College until that war was over. She then taught at Sidcup Girls' Technical School into her widowhood, eventually retiring when aged 71.

On moving to a "granny flat" in her son's house in Cambridge in 1972 she was delighted to re-establish contact with the Old Bedians and even managed to attend some Cambridge Old Bedians' dinners in the mid 70's. Those who met her in the 1970's and enjoyed her alert mind with many memories, and her keen interest in the world, the school, and Old Bedians, will regret her passing. They will be pleased to know that she continued mentally unchanged until her sudden death in April.

#### RETIREMENTS

Audrey Hudson (Henderson); Sylvia Kilmister (Rowlands); Kathleen Scott (Bodine); Edna Glancy (Crozier); Pat Kendall (Gilbertson); Audrey Kinch; Joyce Haklane (Harrison); Joyce Towns (Morrison); Dorothy Waggott (Alderson) and Kathleen Young (Craggs).

#### NEARLY NINETY GLORIOUS YEARS

Friday, 20th July was the day the school said "Goodbye" to three members of staff who together had spent eighty-nine years at Bede, as pupils and teachers. A party was held after school in what was once the Girls' library. It was a light-hearted occasion, full of humour, with a little nostalgia and hopes for the future.

The Headmaster presented the three, who were all taking early retirement, with gifts from their colleagues. Audrey Kinch and Audrey Hudson (Henderson), former pupils, had taught at the school from 1947 and 1968 respectively, while Mark Marshall came from Barnes Senior Boys' School to Bede Girls' in 1962. In October, members of the staff of the old Girls' School held a party in Miss Broadbent's house to extend their good wishes to Audrey Kinch for her long association with the school.

We're sure that Old Bedians who knew these members of staff will join us in wishing them well for the future.

A.H.

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

Thanks to all who have written this year with news for the magazine. I hope I have not left out any bits you have given me and you will have noticed - I'm sure - that I have put my address on the front page to encourage you all to write, even a few lines. I only had the audacity to do this because someone said they'd searched from cover to cover for my address - so please use it.

Once again - thanks to our Auditor - Mr. Scott, who so kindly checks the Accounts for us and to Dorothy Dugdale who has typed the copy for me, and to the Committee who have gathered in snippets of news for me - and you - this year.

We send our sympathy to all who have been bereaved this year and hope that time will be a wonderful healer. Also to all who are sick, we wish a speedy recovery. We hope that Miss Carrick's recent eye operation is a complete success and wish her well.

Now you can get on with your work girls! A Happy and Healthy New Year to you all. Please write.

A.C.

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR 1st SEPT, 1983 - 31st AUG, 1984.

RECEIPTS			EXPENDITURE	
Subscriptions			Printing	148.50
Annual	16.50		Stationery	8.97
Life	38.50	55.00	Postages and Telephones	48.59
Donations		45.00	Flowers and Cards	.78
Meetings		47.17%	Corporation Tax	33.88
Interest		67.34	Editorial Expenses	1.50
Less on Year's Workings		45.75%	School Prize	10.00
		<u>£255.57</u>	London Branch Expenses	1.35
				<u>£255.57</u>
Total Funds on August 31st, 1984			Made up as follows:-	
Balance August 31st, 1983	1204.40%		3½% War Stock	98.36
Less on Year's Workings	45.75%		T.S.B. Ordinary Account	100.84
			T.S.B. Special Account	843.10
			Barclay's Bank	149.23
			Peoples Trust	64.98
			Cash in Hand	2.17
		<u>£1258.65</u>		<u>£1258.65</u>

