

# THE OLD BEDAN

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## IMPORTANT NEWS

BEFORE you read your magazine, please make a note of these dates in your diaries — in RED INK.

- FRIDAY Jan. 29th 1988** WINTER RE-UNION in Needlework Room in School, 7.00 p.m. — 9.30p.m.
- FRIDAY April 22nd 1988** ANNUAL DINNER AND DIAMOND JUBILEE of the Guild in the Hilton Suite, Seaburn Hotel, Sunderland. Price about £10.00. Please book a full week before.
- TUESDAY June 7th 1988** SUMMER RE-UNION at 7.00 p.m. in the Ramside, Durham.
- FRIDAY Sept. 30th 1988** ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING in School at 7.30 p.m. in the Needlework Room.

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We are pleased to welcome new members — both annual subscribers and life members in spite of the increased cost, £1 and £5 respectively and this has helped us to be solvent this year as you will see in the Balance Sheet. Will you please let Irene Wilkinson have your subscriptions for 1987/88 as soon as possible — always remembering that we use our "school" names, putting married names in brackets.

#### WINTER RE-UNION — January 30th 1987

Our Chairman Kathleen Scott (Bolton) welcomed 80-odd of us, packed into the Needlework Room, for our Winter get-together. We were pleased to see that a few more "new faces" had managed to squeeze in.

Robina Forster (Lawson) put our geography to the test once again, as we got to work our pens going across, down and horizontally over the map of Africa finding "places" .... Cairo, Casablanca, etc. etc. ...of course! However did we miss them?

Then Robina turned up some intriguing clues for her second game, "Items on a Menu". Some of the questions didn't really tax our brain "The sixteenth letter of the alphabet" (pea), "The tail end of Jasper" (Carrot), and "Turn H" (Spinach) ... but what could we make of this, "Cook, good lady" (Bakewell tart) or "Sounds as if a nurse is dressed up to go out" (Capon). There were some pretty amazing comments as we worked on this lot! So, "well-done" the brainy sweetie-winners! (You could be eligible to join MENSA).

Next, Irene produced the raffle prizes and thanked the people who had generously donated them — Elsie Kirkwood had kindly sent hers once again. Didn't we all hear squeals of delight as winning numbers were drawn out! As a result £26.50 was added to the Guild Fund.

If anything goes down well, it's Mrs. Harvey's "Something Special" delicious Suppers. No January Re-union is complete without them now. Served by the Committee Members, the food seemed to disappear in no time at all — no need for "doggy-bags" here.

By the way, did anyone notice how willing we all are to divert from our diets so early in the New Year?

Another thoroughly enjoyable evening ended — Just a simple affair as usual, but with such a happy atmosphere and a lot of reminiscing.

#### DINNER RE-UNION — April 3rd, 1987 at Seaburn Hotel.

It was a foggy, cold night "star-less and Bible-black" as we went to the Seaburn Hotel for our Annual Dinner Re-union; inside the Seaburn it was cozy, warm and inviting. Some eighty Old Bedians were gathering in the Hilton Suite, laughing and talking. We found seats from the table-lists prepared by Irene Wilkinson, then candles were lit, grace was said and we started our tasty meal. For the best part of an hour, Concordo could have passed directly over the hotel and we'd not have heard it! Well-tid, we prepared to sing the School Song. Winnie Scott (Thomas) moved to the piano carrying her old brown paper backed copy (top right hand corner "Winnie Scott Form 3A") and last year's manuscript copy transposed (at last!) into Key C, instead of Edgar Bainton's original E flat. (Old Bedians can't reach the high notes now!). Dismissing any wry thoughts as we sang "And toil for the ages yet to be. And for those who shall take our place;" we still sang with feeling because it was still *our* song and we remembered *OUR* Bede School, and wasn't the fact that we were still having a G.O.B. Dinner Re-union proof enough of our happy schooldays?

Chairman Kathleen Scott (Bolton) welcomed our Vice-Presidents Miss Bradbury and Mrs. Carrick, and all, including members from Yorkshire, Northumberland, Teesside, then passed us on to Anne Mitchell (Crows) who had a brief word about the Social Services. Audrey Henderson added a few words about a suggested outing to the Pier Pavilion, South Shields in May, then — "Talk among yourselves", — while waitresses cleared the tables. Seats were changed as we moved around talking to friends and catching up on news until Chris Short was ready to entertain us. To the uninitiated, Chris is P.E. Adviser to Sunderland Education Authority, so we knew we were about to be "addicted" for part of the evening. Chris announced that of course we knew she was bi-lingual as she could talk "Proper" and "Geordie".

Her lively wit was interspersed with North Country folk-songs, and at least one member of the audience was thinking that Chris's clear (true) singing voice (unaccompanied) put shame to the present-day mike-dependent "stars" bolting out their limited repertoires, and repertoires — lyrics?? She gave us some classroom jokes, then quite suddenly the Hotel telephone started ringing persistently on the bar counter — "It's for mee-hee!" warbled Chris. Irene Wilkinson was trying to cope with the telephone query, and we heard her say "No she couldn't help them and that there was 'some sort of a function' going on at this end of the phone..." Laughter all round at this description of our Annual Dinner. Then we were relegated (dread word in Sunderland at that date) back to Chris, and "Dance to your Daddy", two lesser known sea-faring songs of the North Country, then up to Northumberland for another story concerning an old farmer, and the vet's pills for unco-operative taps — the pills, said the farmer, were "broom, roosid and tasted like peppermint"....

The evening drew to a close with a spirited rendering of "Wrap Up" by Chris, a hearty vote of thanks to her by Vice-Chairman Jean Koch (Now Mrs. Makins), and a quick thank you to Irene for organising the dinner, and another re-union was over.

A pleasant evening in a cosy room well suited to our needs, and out once again into the dark still foggy cold April evening, where the only airs that were abroad were the sounds of the breakers crashing up to the sea wall a hundred yards away, as we took leave of our friends for another year.

W.T.

#### THEATRE OUTING — 1987

On a dull evening in a disappointing summer the Old Bedlam May theatre outing to see "Washington Square" performed by the Westonians must have ranked among the highlights of our social life.

The authentic looking, claustrophobic living room of the formidable, learned Dr. Soper prepared us for this poignant period piece. At first the actors seemed to be speaking too quietly but after a very short time volume and pace had picked up. The business was clearly less plain and dull suited to her audience than the honourable doctor thought, and her nervous agitation in his presence was cleverly portrayed, highlighted by the blunderings of the well intentioned Aunt Permman.

The choice of a very pretty maid — and a confident cousin — together with the systematic over-dressing of the heiress in rich, flamboyantly coloured Paris fashions helped to show the disadvantages of the heiress. The dominating doctor and the fortune-hunting Morris played their roles so convincingly that the audience wanted, with Catherine Soper, to see her happy with the fortune-hunter if that were possible. The dramatic moments of the disclosing by Morris's recessionist aunt Mrs. Montgomery the jilting of the heiress, the sudden arrival home of doctor and daughter to the smell of cigar smoke after Morris has used the Soper home 'as his club' were excellently pointed and the bitter-sweetness of the revenge climax for the lonely heroine was fully shared by a most appreciative audience. What are the Westonians putting on next year?

#### SUMMER OUTING 1987

Though we were down on numbers slightly this year, the Summer Re-union at the Riverside Hall on Tuesday 9th June proved once again to be a very pleasant evening. We had the advantage of a smaller room to ourselves with reserved tables. This meant that Bedams were spared the ordeal of distracting music that we graciously suffered last year, and made it much cosier and amenable to relaxed conversation. Indeed the Management were obliged to close the partitions to the Pemberton Suite next door in order to dampen down the noise of chattering Bedams flowing through and disturbing a Quiz taking place in that area.

Aided by this privacy the evening ran smoothly. Dishes were conveniently forgotten as members indulged in the vast range of offerings at the carvery whilst the consumption of delicious sweets pleased the palate and added the final touch to a very enjoyable social occasion.

Pat Craddock (SngB).

#### LOAN & SCHOLARSHIP FUND REPORT — 1987

A total of £120 was available this year for distribution to 15 girls going into Higher Education. This sum is somewhat less than in previous years due to falling interest rates over the past 12 months. The money was distributed among the girls according to performance at 'A' level.

The best performance this year was by Karen Johnson who obtained 3 B's and an A and was our first ever pupil to obtain a pass in the STEP papers now set by Cambridge University. Karen, consequently, is now reading Economics at Jesus College Cambridge.

K. Oates

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The A.G.M. was held on Friday 25th September 1987 in the Needlework Room, Bede School and 17 were present. Apologies for absence were received from — Win Scott (Thomas); Betty Brantingham (Hunter); Barty Wilson (Robson); Betty Sheppard (Gray) and Joan Hayton.

The minutes of the last A.G.M. were read, adopted and signed. The Secretary gave a report on membership and meetings held during the year.

The Treasurer reported a credit on the year's workings and thanked all those who had made donations over the year to help with the cost of the magazine.

The Chairman for the past two years, Kathleen Scott (Bolton) then handed over the Chairman's chain of office to the new Chairman Jean Koch (Mullins) wishing her much pleasure in her new office. The new committee was then announced and the retiring committee thanked for their help and support. Anna Mitchell (Crowe) read the Social Services report and the London Branch report from Dorcen Ward (Macrae) was read by the Secretary.

It was agreed the School prize would again be £25. The re-unions for the coming year were then discussed and dates agreed. Dates for these meetings to be put inside the front cover of the magazine.

As 1988 is the Diamond Jubilee of the Guild, it was felt we should celebrate the event and it was suggested we make the dinner A Diamond Jubilee Dinner. Suggestions were put forward and will be discussed by the committee. The meeting closed with tea and biscuits.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT — 1986/87

There are 462 members in the Guild of which 9 are new Life Members, 5 have become Life Members, 1 new Annual Member and 2 who were members years ago have re-joined.

There have been 3 committee meetings and 4 Re-unions during the year plus a theatre outing.

The A.G.M. was held on 26th September 1986 in the Needlework Room, Home Economics Dept. at Bede School and 14 were present.

The Winter Re-union was also held in the Needlework Room in January 30th 1987. 82 were present and the catering was again supplied by "Something Special" which once again was very good. The Needlework Room was rather crowded owing to a "break in" on the building the previous night and quite a lot of material etc. from damaged cupboards was packed into the Needlework Room. There was a slight shortage of chairs owing to the caretaker being involved with the Police for much of the day and no time to bring chairs from the main building. However Bede tongues were not affected in any way!!! There was plenty of chatter. The games were once again very ably organised by Robina Forster (Lawson) who has decided she needs a rest from this task. On everyone's behalf a big "Thank you" to Robina for the many games and brain teasers she has provided for our enjoyment. The Raffle was for Guild funds and raised £36.50. Thanks to everyone who gave generously and helped in any way to make this an enjoyable evening.

The Annual Dinner was at the Seaburn Hotel on Friday April 3rd 1987 in the Hilton Suite. We were pleased to welcome so many friends who were entertained by Miss Chris Short with songs and stories of Northumberland.

The Summer Re-union was at the Ramside Hotel on June 9th 1987 and there were 28 present. A room was reserved for the Old Bedian party this year.

The Annual prize giving at Bede School in December 1986 was attended by Kathleen Scott (Bolton), Joan Hayton and Irene Wilkinson.

We were pleased to see new faces at our Re-unions and hope to see more during 1987/88.

Thank you to all the committee who have been so helpful during the year, both at committee meetings and Re-unions.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT — 1986/87**

I am pleased to report a credit on the year's workings of £29.10. The subscriptions, especially Life subs. up, and the response to our appeal for donations raised £88. Have you made a donation to help with printing costs?

The balance on 31st August 1987 was £1,154.29 and the Balance Sheet shows how this is made up.

#### **BECOME LIFE MEMBERS:**

Rhennette Ellison (Lothhouse); Dorothy Tate (Denton); Eleanor Potts; Dorothy Dell (Davidson).

#### **NEW MEMBERS:**

Dorothy Waggott (Alderson); Margaret Botcherby (Scott) rejoined.

#### **NEW LIFE MEMBERS:**

Margery Robson (Hodson); Christine Holt (Atkinson); Hilda Bath; Edna Hornsby; Marjorie Veitch (Holmes); Lynn Hoggleswhite (Bainbridge); May Emblenon (Hyam); Elizabeth Melton (Pugh); Maureen W. Pallas (Collingwood-Price).

#### **SOCIAL SERVICES REPORT — 1987 September 25th**

We have had our usual 3 Committee meetings — before Christmas — before Easter and tonight.

One of our five people who we have visited has died — but (hopefully) we have two new families to visit. If any of you know someone who would welcome the kind of help we are able to give, we'd be pleased to have their names.



Because of our reduced numbers of recipients we have been able to be more generous and gave £20 or £15 to our people at Christmas and £15 at Easter and £10 now!

At our Easter meeting we wondered what had become of Gladys Miller who had been a stalwart on our Committee. She is in Azalea house and I saw her when visiting a neighbour now in residence there.

We heard via Elsie Kirkwood that 1988 will be our Diamond Jubilee as a guild and wondered how to mark the event.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Eldridge (Mair) since our last A.G.M. but Mrs. Chapman who will be 102 in December keeps well.

Thanks to the Canasta players for their continued generosity and I was delighted with the early start to the "season". We usually arrange the first game after the A.G.M. — but we've already had two sessions.

#### STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS 1986/87

Income		Expenditure	
Donations	£32.00	Harvest Gifts	£73.75
Canasta Parties	£122.70	Christmas Gifts	£75.00
Coffee Collections	£2.50	Easter Gifts	£60.00
Collection at Dinner	£57.90	Balance in Hand	£136.71
Interest	£5.20		
Balance from 1985/6.	£145.16		
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Anne Mitchell (Crows)

#### THE LONDON BRANCH

Since I last reported we have had our usual lunch parties — at my home in October (1986) and Nancy Lawther's (Hubicka) in May.

We were pleased to see Isabel Lundy (Manro) after an absence of two years due to an injury to her foot while on holiday in Russia which took much longer to heal than anticipated. She gave us an entertaining account of her experience in a Russian Hospital. Thanks to the kindness of the two couriers (Russian and English) she was able to enjoy the rest of the tour.

Liz Keeler (Burton) who joined us two years ago announced that she was moving to Devon to be Headmistress of Edgchill College, Bideford. We are sorry to lose her but hope she will contact us, as promised, if she is in town at the right time.

I had a surprise visit recently from a former member, Alice Waldron (Kilburn) who gave up teaching two years ago and went to live in Estepora (Malaga). She is in an "English Community" has made many friends and has set up a small "library" for the exiles.

Our 1987 October Re-union was arranged for the 17th but in view of the hurricane in the early hours of the 16th it was doubtful whether anyone would be able to get to Ealing by car or train or into Birch Grove as there were fallen trees in practically every road!

The telephone was soon ringing as Old Bedans phoned to say that they could not come. Eleanor Wilson (Tribesedge), Joyce Hebron (Ayles) in Kent and Marjorie Bales (Kewick) in Hampshire had no electricity, devastated gardens and roof damage. Trains were not expected to be running normally by Saturday so they reluctantly decided to stay at home.

Andrea Clayburn (Storey) and Nancy Lawther (Hubicka) got here by car after I had phoned with information about the location of the fallen trees. Doreen Stoddart (Bayfield) and her husband had a long difficult drive from Wiltshire but arrived in time for lunch. Edith Broderick (Barge) and Irene Chavson (Cook) had reasonable journeys by train so there were enough of us to make it sound like a party! The conversation was reminiscent of those about air-raid experiences!

We were all sorry that so many of our members were unable to come owing to previous engagements or the weather — we toasted absent friends.

Best wishes for a Merry Xmas and Happy 1988.

Doreen Ward (Macrae)

## NEWS

Norma Batey (Dix) has represented England at Hockey. Violet Smith (Heptonstall) has become a Magistrate. Winnie Scott (Thomas) is one of a small group of flower enthusiasts invited to arrange the flowers for the wedding of the elder daughter of Marjell Woodruff (Heron) in Durham Cathedral.

Jean Brewis (Pillars) was invited to London to receive a "TORCH" award for her services to Hockey at "grass roots" level.

At one committee meeting we heard the amazing tale of Pat Cradillas (Snell)'s caravan which was stolen from Richmond, Yorkshire and thanks to Pat's determination and excellent sleuthing, found a month later — "For Sale" at Appleby Fair.

Eileen Robinson (Temple) is the current chairman of Hastings Hill Townswomen Guild.

May Emblemton (Hyam) has been appointed Director of Darham & Weanside Soetsu School of Kabanata, Tokyo, Japan.

Joyce Richardson (Anderson) is now back in Sunderland, since her husband — a Methodist minister — has retired. He was to help out at St. Bede's United Reform Church who were without a minister.

Joyce Holden (Harrison) still keeps in touch with her French pen-friend and stays with her in Paris and still corresponds with her American pen-friend.

Alison Carter — by now an QLD Bedan won a top Scholarship from North Thames Division of British Gas which she was to take up when she went to Ashton University, Birmingham to take a degree in Management & Administrative Studies.

Kay Fraser has just returned from a taxing three months on board a square-rigged ship with the Operation Raleigh crew. Kay — a trained nurse — after learning the sailing ropes in Guam, South America, went off to Japan where she was diving to find Japanese wrecks which were virtually untouched and then on to a Zen monastery where life was hard. Breakfast of plain boiled rice at 3.00 a.m. — meditation from 4.00 a.m. - 5.00 a.m. then chanting followed by more meditation. Then followed a karate session with the world champion — when she was beaten — of course.

Anne Mitchell, having spent four years at Goldsmith College in London and a year in Germany, is now doing a one year Post Graduate diploma in hotel & catering management at Manchester Polytechnic.

Linda Poslter has been awarded a 2 year NATO Scholarship to study at the Pharmaceutical Medical Department at the University of California. This, after 6 years study of Chemistry at Cambridge University where she was the first woman to become Secretary and then President of the University Chemistry Society and on graduation became a Doctor of Philosophy.

Irene Wilkinson and Dorothy Middlemiss (Sugden) were on an outing for retired teachers to the Yorkshire Dales and were joined by Joan Tweedie (Sanderson) when they stopped for tea at Leyburn.

Margaret Chastney (Ratter) met Mavis Sidney (Spensley) at Reeth Show where they were acting as judges — Margaret, the children's handwriting and handicrafts by Mavis. Margaret is currently teaching at Gannorside and Mavis is at Hasenoworth.

It was good to hear from Christine Morgan during the year and to know that she still enjoys the "mag" and its news. She is in contact with Peggy Barron (Bradshaw) and they lunch together now and again.

Also — keep up the good work with the physically & mentally handicapped — Mariel Anderson (Keribworth) — She sends her regards to all from Saffron Walden.

How nice that the "Bedon" sent by Annie McKenny (McLion) to her daughter Elizabeth (Pugh) for many years was the cause of Elizabeth becoming a "Life Member", "Welcome to the fold!"

I was delighted to hear direct from my own classmate Dorothy Morrison (Peterson) from Denmark — this after 50 years!! Dorothy has been on her travels again visiting Freeda Smith (Phillips) in Nova Scotia when they saw the Moscow Circus in Halifax — quite an experience. On her return flight she sat beside a man from Middlesbrough who "placed" her as from Durham! Obviously Dorothy has retained her local accent in spite of 50 years in Denmark — and why not? She hopes to retire in December and we look forward to her visit to Sunderland in 1988.

Vera Kemp (Devlin) was to visit Nancy Mitchell for her (Vera's) birthday in September when Nancy received a phone call from Edith Biederick (Blage) who was in Barnard Castle at the time. An invitation for Edith and her husband to come for tea then crossed and all three had a great "do you remember session". The three had worked together as G.P.O. telephonists during the war and had many experiences to recall — including the memory of Vera and then Nancy, in turn, borrowing Edith's sister-in-law's wedding dress for their respective weddings. A fact hard to believe if you could see us now!! One small and thin and the other...!! Edith and her husband returned the next day for an overnight stay and more gossip and to quote Edith — rounded off, beautifully, the best holiday for some time.

Marianne Allison (Moffatt) whose home is in Aldborough St. John spent a holiday with her sister-in-law Grace Calkwell (Allison).

Margaret Robinson (Kirkwood) lives in Whitehassen, Cumbria and she visited her aunt Elsie Davidson (Kirkwood) whilst on holiday. Margaret also visited Morag Brown (Hutton) in Sunderland. Morag is very involved as an instructor in Scottish dancing.

Mollie Adairthwaite (Taylor) whose home is in Brigsteer, Kendal Cumbria helps with the pollinating of the Primula Nursery and took charge of the Craft and Produce sections of the County Show. During last year she spent some time with her sister-in-law Bessie Taylor during a visit to Sunderland.

Elsie Davidson still keeps a keen interest in all our activities and news and with help from Grace Calkwell still manages to get to various functions in aid of different charities. Her gold watch, presented to her on her retirement as Hon. Secretary/Treasurer of the Guild, is still going and has never been repaired. Elsie reminded us that we — as a Guild — are 60 years old in 1988 and we hope to celebrate the fact at the Dinner next year — so keep the date free!

Marilyn Mincham (Galbers) is a statistician and regional representative for a firm of brokers which is part of National Westminster Group.

Jean Mitchell (Pentelle) paid another fleeting visit to Sunderland this summer and spent a few hours with her cousin — Nancy Mitchell. Jean Brooks ( ) was recently in Harare, Zimbabwe and spent some time with Jean.

Rene Halliday (Downs) and Kathleen Scott (Bolton) had a "glorious" days' outing to Warside Head with Phyllis Peters and Lena Thompson in September. We were delighted to hear that Pete & Lena are fit and well.

When we heard, via the "London News" of Isobel Lundy's (Marian) visit to a Russian hospital we thought you'd all be interested in how "the other half lives" so — here is Isobel's report: —

For our summer holiday in 1985 my husband and I went on a tour of Russia. On day 5, we flew from Kiev to Tashkent. Arrived at the Hotel while we were waiting for room numbers and keys, I decided to go downstairs to the cloakroom. At the bottom of the flight, thinking I was on the level I stepped briskly forward — and there was one more step, and I fell. Someone picked me up and I promptly fell down again so the hotel Doctor was sent for — every Tourist hotel in Russia has a resident medic, — and he summoned a mini-Ambulance and accompanied by our Russian Courier, Alexis, we set off for the Institute of Traumatology. This is the equivalent of the Casualty dept. of our hospitals but is a separate institution. The first thing that met our gaze when we opened the door was a triple flight of stone stairs; no lift, no porch Alexis had to carry me up. I was parked on a trolley like an outside tea trolley and wheeled in to the X-ray dept. where a tough beaverly female seized my damaged foot and yanked it into position, and said something very cross. Alexis interpreted "She says not to tremble!" I said "Tell her to try not trembling stuck in this uncomfortable position" for my trolley had no back rest and my foot really did hurt. Eventually the plates were developed and she announced that I had not broken my ankle (which was what I thought) but had cracked a bone so they put on a plaster and Alexis carried me down the three flights of stairs and we went back to the hotel.

After lunch I set off with Felix our English courier in a taxi in search of crutches. In England, crutches are lent by the hospital and when you no longer need them you return them but in Russia you have to buy them. They cost five roubles (25). We reached our destination and I hopped laboriously, supported by husband and courier, up the steps to the entrance (every public building in Russia stands at the head of an imposing flight of steps) only to find that it was the wrong place; we should have been across the road. The next one was the right place but they had no crutches in stock. Felix phoned one more place without success, we went back to the hotel, he got an other address from the doctor and this time returned triumphantly bearing crutches (I had given up and retired to bed). They were very uncomfortable crutches but with them — and the boys to heave me on to buses and planes — I got to Samarkand, Bokhara, Moscow and Leningrad. The really interesting thing was the contrast between the kindness and sympathy of individual people and the absolute lack of any official consideration for the disabled. All these steps, and not a ramp in sight = not a wheelchair in sight either. My husband asked at the hotel in Moscow if we could borrow a wheelchair and they looked at him in utter amazement.

By contrast, Gatwick and British Rail whizzed me in and out of wheel chairs with incredible efficiency and I cannot speak too highly of their organisation. Back in Cambridge I went to Addenbrookes Hospital had more X-rays and was told there was nothing wrong with my ankle I had fractured my heel; it should not have been put in plaster; there was nothing to be done except keep it off the ground and wait for the bone to heal; and — "We call it the two-year fracture". So three more months on crutches and then the laborious process of learning to walk on two feet again. The foot is still a bit stiff and I doubt if I shall ever again go for a long country walk. But I'd still like to go back to Leningrad some day.

## NEWS FROM ABROAD

A welcome letter from Margaret Nicholson (Grazeby) who together with her sister Irene (now Dickinson) had just returned from Australia. They spent a week with Joyce Gallow (Hodgson) in Moonsbank and Joyce invited Olga Phaup (Sindair) for lunch one day. Out came the school photograph and the Bedan — and the drinks — on to the patio. — an aside — the husbands were there too! Margaret and Irene then stayed with Irene's daughter Janet in Melbourne visiting Sydney, Brisbane etc. They also spent a week on Hamilton Island on the Great Barrier Reef where they had a fabulous time. Thanks for writing to me Margaret.

## HOMES OF OLD BEDANS

Madeline Binks (Somerville) has moved from Yorkshire where she lived for 20 years, to Paignton, South Devon on her husband's retirement.

Lilla Hamman (Cowic) is moving from the North East to Warwickshire.

The notelet which arrived with the London Branch news from Dorcen Macrae, depicted 'Down House' formerly the home for 40 years of Charles Darwin — and now the home of Eleanor Wilson (Tiberidge) whose husband is custodian of the Darwin Museum. Dorcen also tells us that she's been a bee-keeper for over 40 years and also goes to a group piano lesson at Ealing College and plays duets to social groups or accompanies singers - many and varied talents!

## MEETINGS

— Gladys Littlehales and Joan Ball (Turpin) met in Marks & Spencers and in spite of the passage of time recognised each other at once.

— Gladys Ebbett (Canning) and Janet Walton (Oversden) who lives in Leeds met at Cover Hill Guest House, Nr. Scarborough, and discovered that both had attended Bede School.

— Eunice Bruce (Wood) has been visited in Falmouth, Cornwall, by Pauline Welch (Cromer).

— Joan Ball (Turpin) met Margaret Garbutt (Carr) in Redwite and Win Scott met by chance Dorothy Crow (Robinson) first at Ambleside and later — again by chance — at Holshead, North West Horticultural Society Gardens. Enid Claxton (Harrison) on holiday in the North, spent a few days in Sunderland with Joan Henderson (Telfer). Joan invited Irene Wilkinson and Joyce Danning (Henderson) to join them for a good old Bedan chatter session. The long school photo of pre-war years was well scrutinized and enjoyed.

Moira Simpson (Shearer) tells us that several ladies — many of whom are Old Bodams — meet in the Blue Bell at Fulwell (need I say — Sunderland) every 4th Tuesday for lunch — any time after mid-day. This same group also share rides to enjoy a Spring and an Autumn weekend somewhere within 100 mile radius. The group includes Marjorie Calvert, Pat Hittlesome, Joan Straughan (Robson), Doris Robson (O'Connor), Joan Hayton, Freda Davison (Pounder), Pat Webster (Curtis), Moira Simpson (Shearer), Rosemary Gilchrist (Patterson), Maureen Thompson (Young), Maris Veitch (Bell), Pauline Veitch (Crozier), Dorothy Tate (Denton) and Dorothy Midgeley (Turnbull). If you would like to join any of these ventures — do contact Moira who would welcome you.

Joan Boswell (Rough) had a pleasant encounter with Joan Jopling (Kirkon) at Seaburn.

Iris Harvey (Bernett) spent a few hours with Irene Denton (Crimson) in Market Deeping and related news of Old Bodams and our Dinner etc. Irene sends greetings to anyone who remembers her.

Margaret Chapman (Hunter) met a York Official Guide and in the course of conversation discovered that the Guide had been "tested" by Maureen Liddle who for many years before her death was a Guide in York.

Molly Charlton (Litchfield) met at Erad Spensley's with Joyce Pillars and was later joined by Betty Caws (Means) and her husband. They shared news of Joan Milner, Glasgow; Ada Tweedle, Lincolnshire; Marjorie Phaup, Bramhall & Marian Allison, whilst the "Girls" had their quiet get together their husbands were having an "Old Boys" reunion with a friend from Canada.

## DEATHS

Glady Littlehales (Mrs. Beany)  
Ethel Brown (Mrs. Carty)  
Moira Nelson (Mrs. Dawson)  
Moira Prior (Mrs. Pierpoint)  
Aileen Henderson  
Margaret MacLachlan (Lady Steel)  
Winnie James (Chalk)  
Wyneth Rough (Mrs. McHenry)  
Kathleen Smith (Mrs. Pickworth)  
Sheila Turpin (Mrs. Stephenson)  
Hilda Rickaby (Mrs. Mitchell)  
Marjorie Victory (Mrs. Pattison)  
Elizabeth Tharbeck (Mrs. Airey)  
Alice Proctor (Mrs. Easthaugh)  
Hilda Milburn (Mrs. Taylor)  
Elsie Graham (Twoody)

## MARRIAGES

Jean Koch (Maltus)  
Marilyn Mincham (Goldberg)

## **BIRTHS**

Dorothy Craig (Carpenter) a daughter.  
Susan Broderick (Shaw) a son.

## **RETIREMENTS**

Evelyn Leonard (Scott) has retired from teaching Ocean since 1956.

Olwyn Acklam (Marshall) who was Headmistress of Town End Farm School when it opened has retired as Headmistress of Fulwell Infants.

## **EDITORIAL COMMENTS**

Many thanks to all who have provided the items of news — however small — which have enabled me to produce the magazine once again. To Irene — who provides the reports and keeps our money safe and to those who — almost without demer — report on our social occasions, I send a special thank you.

We have all been indebted to Robina Forster (Lawson) for our "entertainment" in recent years and we hope she will feel able to return in that "role" after a well-earned break. Meanwhile we thank Lily Lawson and Doreen Stanforth (Sims) for stepping into the breach.

Also — our thanks to Mr. Scott who so kindly audits our Accounts and to Dorothy, who does the typing of the copy for me.

My plea for letters has borne some fruit, so I appeal again — do write to me — if only to let me know you "care" about the Guild and its achievements.

We send our deepest sympathy to all who have been bereaved during the year and best wishes for a speedy recovery to those who are ill. Have a Happy New Year & God Bless you all.

Anne Crowe.



**BALANCE SHEET — 1st September 1986 — 31st August 1987**

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**RECEIPTS**

Subscriptions: Annual	17.00		
Life	60.00	77.00	
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Donations		68.00	
Meetings		85.85	
Interest		62.99	
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		£113.94	
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**EXPENDITURE**

Printing	153.00
Stationery	11.53
Postages & Telephones	62.43
Cards	1.00
School Prize	25.00
Gift — Auditor	2.30
Corporation Tax	29.58
Credit on year's Workings	29.19
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	£113.94
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**Total Funds on 31.8.87**

Balance on Aug. 31st 1986	1,125.19
Credit on Year's Workings	29.10
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	£1,154.29
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**Made up as follows:—**

3½% War Stock	698.36
T.S.B. Investment a/c	845.40
T.S.B. Ordinary a/c	79.49
Barclays Bank	120.45
Cash in Hand	10.59
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	£1,154.29
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Scott 24.9.87.

