

THE OLD BEDAN

1998

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 1999

- FRIDAY 29th JAN 1999** **WINTER RE-UNION** in the Bode Centre in the first building on the right of the Girls' School at 7pm.
Tickets £5
- FRIDAY 23RD APRIL** **ANNUAL DINNER** in the Swallow Hotel Scabam 7.00pm for 7.30pm (tickets £18 approx)
- TUESDAY 15TH JUNE** **SUMMER RE-UNION** at the Ramside Hotel Durham at 7.00pm
- FRIDAY 14th SEPT** **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING** in Bode Centre at 7.30pm

Please make a note in your diaries of the above dates, and will you also ensure that you pay for your tickets in advance if you intend to be present at these re-unions.

The committee members concerned will then also enjoy these occasions as much as you do without being concerned about collecting money.

Thank you.

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Last year the comment was made by Anne Mitchell (Crowe) that the magazine would be produced by a younger management team not much younger but perhaps enthusiasts will make up for any deficiencies Judith Rosenstein is again hoping to receive even more subscriptions very few new members joined during the last twelve months. Please try and persuade your non-member friends to join the Guild. Cost is £10 for life membership (£2 for annual). Maiden names are used with married names in brackets, where applicable. If you are just joining, please state year of starting and leaving school. Remember if you move address and do not let us know you will not receive your magazine.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I feel that I should share with you some of the problems that have been discussed recently. The format of the magazine has not changed for many years, but the costs keep rising. We send out over 400 magazines at the average cost of £1.30. Those of you who joined as Life Members many years ago are living on "tick" and even the £10 Life Membership only covers about five years. I pointed this out at the Annual Dinner and was grateful to receive donations of £91 in the box put out for that purpose. (Despite this we have run of a loss of £182 this year.

I should like to appeal to those of you who do not attend our functions, but enjoy the magazine, to make a donation to help the funds.

We decided that we had to try and reduce the cost of printing. Moira Cuddihford (Dixon) has done sterling work getting estimates from printers. Pat Marley (Hindling) is doing the preparation on a word processor, for which many thanks.

At the time of writing this, I do not know what the format will be, but I hope you will find it pleasing.

We do not hope to make a profit on the winter Re-union or the Annual Dinner, but we must cover costs. The Committee had long discussions about the venue for the dinner. We have to consider parking, easy access for older guests, apart from the rooms and food.

It was finally agreed to continue to use the Swallow Hotel and a provisional booking has already been made. The costs have not yet been assessed, but we must budget for at least £18, as start saving now!

A small presentation of enamel brooches was made to Joan Hayton and Ann Mitchell (Croove) at the dinner, in appreciation of their long service on the committee and the tremendous work they have done over the years. Irene Wilkinson received her brooch at the Riverside Reception, to mark her long service to the Guild and Lily Richardson (Lawson) was presented with a basket of flowers, as a small thank you for preparing the games over ten years for the winter re-union.

Irene and Joan have resigned from the committee because of ill health, but Anne is still soldiering on as are the other members.

Please keep your news items coming in. Tell us about your families and celebrations. Write and tell us when they happen, rather than wait until press time (end of October) because I know only too well that memory fades and time passes so quickly.

We would also like to have your comments about the magazine and anything else that impinges on the Guild.

I send you my best wishes for a happy and healthy year and I hope to see many more of you at our re-unions.

JEAN ROSENSTEN (TURNER)

ENID NOBLE MBE

Enid who died in April 1998, was born and educated in Sunderland and after training at Langham Tower College, taught in schools throughout the town, ending her career as Head Teacher at Commercial Road Junior School.

She dedicated her life to teaching and her primary concern was always for the children under her care. In retirement she continued her interest in educational matters, was a keen church member and devoted herself to the care of her mother.

Enid loved the North East, indeed she was a product of the area and repaid the City for her privileged education at the Bode Grammar School by devoting her life to service in Sunderland.

JEAN STRAUGHAN (ROBSON)

Jean also died this year, and, as a contemporary of Enid's this would be an appropriate time to mention her passing. Always friendly and interested in others, she was a good friend to Bodens in trouble and she went to great lengths to help other people with their problems.

ELSIE WHITE (BAILEY)

It was with great sadness that members heard of Elsie's death after a long illness. She was a very popular and well known member of the Guild and will be much missed by all who knew her. The following letters have been received.

ELSIE WHITE (BAILEY) 1927 - 1998

Elsie was a joy to know. She was always smiling and never grumbled. Full of energy and enthusiasm, although small in stature, Elsie threw herself into activities with all her might and main.

She was a very caring person and showed her concern for everyone. We feel proud to have known her and been her friends. She will long be remembered by the "38" year group.

God Bless you Elsie.

DORRIS ROBSON (TURNER)

News of Elsie's death was received with profound sadness by a great many people. Elsie had borne her years of suffering with patience and fortitude and maintained her bright disposition in spite of pain and discomfort. Throughout she was lovingly cared for by her husband Jim, children Julia and Colin and sisters Sylvia and Edna with the dedicated support of the medical staff.

I was privileged to share a friendship with Elsie from 1939 when we became pupils at the Dede. From there we moved on to Sunderland Training College, where we both developed an interest in Scottish Country Dancing and attended classes at St Georges House. This was just another physical activity at which Elsie excelled, including netball, rounders etc.

Anyone coming into contact with Elsie could not fail to benefit. She was warm, kind and caring, a giver not a taker and everyone responded to her infectious laugh.

The anxiety in which she was held by her family, friends, colleagues, former pupils and parents bears witness to her strength of character and good works. To Jim and her family, heartfelt sympathy is extended. The world is a poorer place in Elsie's absence, but her memory lives on.

RITA MANNING (DIX)

ETHEL FOHRMAN (TOWERS)

Ethel had long been connected with the Old Dedeans and attended as many meetings as she was able, before her illness. She was a teacher and missionary for many years and taught at Dede before her retirement. She will be remembered by many of the older Dedeans and her past pupils.

JEAN DREWIS (MILLANS)

Although this article should have been in last years magazine, I would like to contribute this as a tribute to Jean.

I first met Jean, not at the Dede, as she was some 11 years older than I, but when I lived a few doors away from her in Fulwell. We first met through our respective little daughters, Ann and Angela, who formed a firm and lasting friendship.

Jean soon (naturally) co-opted me into the old Dedeans Hockey team.

This did not last long however, as I sustained several injuries and had baby sitting problems, but it was the start of a 35 year friendship.

Through Jean I joined the Guild and the Ramblers.

We spent lovely afternoons at Art Galleries, Gift shops and of course tea rooms.

Jean and I had a great time together at the Bede Centenary - an unforgettable day I remember not meeting anyone from my year - Jean of course knew everyone. We were on the point of organising a mini - holiday together when she died.

I just wished to pay tribute to her in print as she was such a wonderful and inspiring friend to me. We will never forget her.

ANN WHITE

WINTER RE-UNION

The weather was kind again to us this year as we gathered for our reunion on 30th January 1998. Another new venue in the warm and comfortable surroundings of Flat 1 on the former East Hockey pitch.

The good turn out of 78 members included a few very welcome new faces among the many old friends.

Lively competition and entertainment was generated by the games provided by Lily Richardson (Lawson). Lily, whose brain teasers have kept us all on our toes for the last 50 years, is now retiring. Our Chairmen thanked Lily warmly for all her inventive efforts and hoped that someone would be willing to take over this ritual job.

The flower arrangements which graced our tables on arrival were later included in the excellent raffle. A delicious supper by "Something Special" was enjoyed by all.

Thank you to all the committee for organising such an enjoyable evening. I am sure everyone went home happier for having made the effort to attend.

DORIS HENDERSON (WILTON)

ANNUAL DINNER

With 77 "girls" gathered together at the Swallow Hotel on 1 May 1998, our numbers were slightly down, perhaps because the date was a week later than usual.

The volume of sound was certainly not down, for our chattering was as enthusiastic as ever.

We were welcomed by our Chairman Jean Rosenstein (Tropin) and were served a delicious meal of Celery and Stilton soup, Breast of Chicken with a white wine and mushroom sauce, followed by a dessert of Brandy Snap Basket with fresh fruit and cream, then coffee and mints. We were impressed by the great efficiency of the hotel staff.

We then addressed ourselves to the School Song. This we did with little skill (the high notes are still too high) but with great gusto and tremendous pride. The accompanist was Joyce Robson (Dagley). I hasten to add that Joyce was most certainly skilled. Chairman Jean then spoke to us, telling us of her concern about our diminishing funds, largely due to the cost of the magazine, which is about £1.20 per copy. She sent round a begging bowl for donations.

She also spoke of our appreciation of Irene Wilkinson's many years of service as Secretary and Treasurer, and as immediate Past Chairman.

Anne Mitchell (Coxson) was then thanked for her many years of compiling and editing the magazine with such skill. Jean then presented Anne with a lovely flower enamelled brooch (the flowers were "Dark Blue") and promised to give one to Irene at the Summer Re-union.

Jean also announced that Lily Richardson (Lawson) had said that after 10 years of arranging general the Winter Re-union she cannot think of any more (I'm not surprised!). Meira Simpson (Shewer) has offered to take over. We look forward with interest - will they be even hander?

Meira Coddford (Dixon) is our new magazine editor.

Jean also asked each table to discuss and decide whether or not to have entertainment at the dinner - or to socialize and talk. Talking won the day.

Finally many thanks to the Officers and Committee members who "made" the arrangements for a splendid evening.

JEANNE KOCH (MALTAS)

SUMMER RE-UNION

The Riverside Hotel was the usual venue for this 15th Re-union, when 32 members came from far and near to meet and catch up on all the news.

As always, it was a most enjoyable occasion, good company, good food and liquid refreshment in warm comfortable surroundings.

Once again I had the pleasure of giving a lift to Joan Brookes (Richard) from South Africa, who visits her Mum in Fulwell as often as she can - in fact Joan is fast becoming one of our regular attenders. As we travel to and fro, I hear about Joan's interesting life - will she continue next year, I wonder?

Early in the evening, our noisy chatter was interrupted and all eyes turned to the Chairman Jean Rosenstein (Tropin) who crossed the floor, bearing gifts, an attractive brooch for Irene and an absolutely gorgeous basket of flowers for me.

Jean said they were given to us from the Guild in recognition of our service. We also got a card with a decoupage flower arrangement on the front, made by Judith Rosenstein.

It was totally unexpected and we thank you very much. Moira Simpson (Sharer) has offered to organise the games at our future Winter Re-unions. I have been criticized occasionally, for making the games too difficult, but I have had lots of praise and thanks too, now, however, I confess to running out of ideas. I hope Moira has as much fun doing it as I have had. May these evenings long continue.

LILY RICHARDSON (LAWSON)

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

This meeting was held on 19th September 1998, when members were welcomed by the Chairman Joan Rasmussen (Turpin). Apologies were received from Marjorie Calvert, Joan Hayton, Joan Koch (Maltes), Irene Wilkinson and B. Robson, and Moira Cuddeford (Dinner).

Minutes of the last AGM were read and approved. The Secretary's report was read by the Chairman, in her absence, followed by the Treasurer's report.

The cost of sending magazines was again discussed. Dates for the 1999 Re-unions were decided upon and it was decided to publish these dates in the Neighbourhood News section of the Sunderland Echo.

The Chairman's choice of charity for this year will be the Echo Scanner Appeal and Blood Disorder Group at the Royal City Hospital.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Over the past year the Winter Re-union, Annual Dinner and Summer Re-union were well attended. Numbers at the Summer Re-union were slightly down, probably due to people being on holiday. In 1999 this Re-union will be held a week earlier on June 15th, so hopefully more members will be able to attend.

It was with regret that we received the news of the death of Eril Noble, a past committee member, also Elsie White (Bailey) a stalwart member of the Guild.

There are not many new members to report, but one yearly member has changed to Life Membership.

A provisional booking has been made for the Annual Dinner to be held on April 23rd 1999 at the Swallow Hotel and this will be confirmed nearer the time.

It was with regret that we received the resignation of Irene Wilkinnes, Lily Richardson (Lawson) Anne Mitchell (Cross) from the committee. All have given sterling service, for which we thank them.

MARJORIE CALVERT

TREASURER'S REPORT

I am sorry to have to report a large loss on the years working of £182.87. Cost of the magazine with the postage, our biggest outlay, was over £550. Donations, rallies, subscriptions, interest and meetings amounted to £414. We have £229.57 in the cheque book account and £1065.79 in the TSH account at the moment.

JUDITH ROSENSTEIN

CHANGES

I feel I would like to write in appreciation of three valuable and long standing Office Bearers, whose names no longer appear on the first pages of the Old Bodian. Anne, Irene and Joan. No need for eulogies - they have appeared on the magazine for decades. Anne and Joan have produced the Old Bodian for many years now - a task which proves more time consuming than we can imagine. I thank them for those years of dedication and service to the Guild. IT WILL BE A REAL TREAT FOR Anne, this year, to put her feet up, sit with a smile on her face and enjoy reading a magazine of which she has no knowledge whatever of the contents.

Thank you Anne for giving us years of enjoyable reading.

Now Irene (how we shall miss that powerful voice!)

Being our Secretary and Treasurer has been a very important part of her life. I hope she finds plenty of other interests to fill the gap. She always knew what worked best for the Guild. She will be a hard act to follow.

At last year's Winter Re-union, I was amazed to hear the Chairman order Irene to "sit down and be waited on for a change". We hope she will do just that at many more Old Bodian functions.

Numerous people have spoken, or written kind affirming letters supporting what Irene has said or done, not only Guild members, but people like Tom, the caretaker and Joan Harvey of "Something Special" who "can't believe she's gone" and from whom, I suspect, we got her "special Treatment" as a result of Irene's diplomacy.

We wish them both good health and every happiness for the future.

LILY RICHARDSON (LAWSON)

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

JOYCE WIGGINGTON (TURNER)
SIBILA TRIGGS (ALLEN)
NOLA JOHNSON (FINTON)
SIBILA BROWN (ROBSON)

This new interest is often repeated by Bedans who no longer live in the area and the sentiment is much appreciated

HINTON

Although I am living so far away, I try to keep in touch with Old Bedan news and receiving the magazine is one of the highlights of the year. It is nice to know that there are people, such as your committee, who are willing to take on onerous tasks in order to keep the rest of us informed about Old Bedan news and views.

RITA MANNING (DIX)

LETTERS

MODERN DAY MIRACLE

It is thanks to Mary Lewis, a letter in the Northern Echo and some detective work by Iris Harvey (Bennett) that I attended my first re-union at Riverside Hall in June 1998.

Leaving school in 1943 and moving away from Sunderland in 1952, I thought the chances of meeting any of my old school friends were "pretty remote". However I was delighted to join them and thoroughly enjoyed the evening, which passed all too quickly. I hope this is the first of many.

My pleasure was further enhanced when meeting again with Joan Brooker (Richards) all the way from South Africa, who together with Joan Mitchell was often in my thoughts and recollections of the old days.

SIBILA TRIGGS (ALLEN)

MORE LETTERS!

I had an interesting experience in the Bridge Club at Inverness. In a game between games, I was chatting to a Scottish lady and asked her if she belonged to Inverness. Her reply was in the negative but she went on to say that she had lived there most of her life, apart from some years when she had lived in Northumberland, with her husband and son. "That's my part of the world you are talking about I told her "and went on to say that a friend of mine lived in a village called HUMSHAUGH. "That's where I lived " was the reply . "What was your friend's name?" "Lucy..." "not Lucy DAVISON" she chimed in before I could finish. Yes it was Lucy Mills of the 3fers to whom she was referring. Its a small world!

RUTH MANNING (DIX)

Yet another example of how small the world is :-

Maura Cuddeford (Dixon) and her husband Alan, arrived recently at J.F.K airport in New York at the commencement of a New England tour. On approaching someone who looked vaguely familiar, it was confirmed that another Old Bedon, namely Marion Smith (Hartley) and her husband Bill were also commencing the same tour and that their respective son and daughter, Keith and Jane were also from Bede, both being in the same class whilst there. An enjoyable holiday was taken by both couples.

MOIRA CUDEDFORD (DIXON)

NOW A LETTER FROM GERMANY

There is not an awful lot of news in the magazine about people during my time at Bede (1961-68) but I see many familiar names of friends of my mother Kathleen Scott (Horton) who was a very active Old Bedon and concerta player. Unfortunately, I no longer have any direct relations in Sunderland to pass any news to me.

Trippstadt is a small village in the Palatinate - S.W. Germany. I am a member of the Evangelical Church house assembly.

We also celebrated 25 years of the United Reform Church in Hingley/Koskilly in October 1997 during a weeks visit to Yorkshire and Cumbria.

We gave a concert in Kendal where I had a very brief meeting with an Old Bedon. Its a small world.

Thanks to you and all those concerned with the magazine.

ROSEMARY HOLTON (CELEIM)

TRAVELS OF A BEBAN

Graduating from Dede in 1968 and qualifying as a teacher of high school mathematics from Durham University seemed to fulfill all my ambitions. Little did I know that this was just the beginning of a lifetime's adventure. Soon after our marriage, my husband joined an international computer corporation and was promoted to their expatriate trouble-shooting division. This was the start of 25 years of travel around the world.

Our first port of call was Sweden, where our children were enrolled in the British School of Stockholm. This gave them the opportunity to mix with children of many different nationalities and even learn some Swedish.

My career route was to teach English-as-a-foreign-language to adults. Who knew that teaching could be so much fun!

From Sweden we travelled on to Amsterdam in the Netherlands. Living next door to a canal proved to be a very unusual experience, especially when the canal froze over and we were able to go skating. My career path on this occasion was to teach science and mathematics at the International School of Amsterdam and this was my first introduction to the American school system. We returned briefly to England, where I became interested in working with severely mentally handicapped children. In this enlightened environment I fine-tuned my education skills. Under the wonderful leadership of a truly inspired headmistress I learned to develop the full potential of my pupils. With one very special autistic child we were able to coax him to speak, after being mute for six years. This was accomplished by modifying his diet to remove all chemicals, colourings and preservatives. His vocabulary went from zero to 85 in a period of three months. This was the beginning of my work with children using diet modification to regulate behaviour and solve learning problems.

All too soon the time came to pack our suitcases again. Next stop Toronto, Canada and my first introduction to the North American continent. Canadians are almost a cross between Americans and English and seem to have adopted the best of both societies. While the weather is cold in the winter, it is also extremely dry and the summers are beautiful but sadly too short. Our children completed high school in Toronto, while I taught the equivalent of "A" level mathematics in my son's school - much to his delight!

From Toronto we moved to Dallas, Texas, a place made famous by J.R. Ewing and the assassination of President Kennedy. This was my introduction to stretch-limousines, rednecks and cowboys. Two degrees heat and air conditioned houses and cars. During my time in Dallas I was employed as the Head of Special Needs Education.

In this capacity I developed individual programs for each of the pupils under my care and co-ordinated with the various outside consultants and therapists used by the school.

After three years we thought we had finally settled down. But it was not to be. My husband was asked to take up a new position in Boston, Massachusetts.

The Americans refer to this part of the United States as New England, an appropriate description for a city dating back to the time of the original pilgrims and known for the famous "Tea Party".

Massachusetts is also known for it's many institutions of higher learning including the famous Harvard and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Surrounded by so many educational institutions I felt inspired to study for my Master of Science degree in Business and Organizational Learning. This was the beginning of my second career. Following successful completion of my degree course, I became Director of Corporate Education at one of the largest universities in the city. This was my introduction to corporate America and where I learnt that while doors may open easily for men, the only way women can open these doors is through ongoing education.

During my time in the United States I developed a strong interest in the various areas of complementary medicine, including naturopathy, homeopathy and shiatsu. This knowledge was to become very helpful in my host country of residence. Our children had, by this time graduated from university and had left us with an empty nest. When the opportunity presented itself to move to Israel we were delighted to do so.

The move to Israel was a little more difficult than our previous moves as we were changing culture as well as location. Once I had mastered the language, life became much easier. This was also my opportunity to choose my third career. I founded my own company called "Lifestyle Management". This is a program that guides people to better health through good diet, suitable exercise and stress control techniques.

Following the lessons learnt in Boston, I am studying to become a naturopathic practitioner and hope to continue on to study for my doctorate. Who knows what opportunities will present themselves in the future.

Since leaving Sunderland I have lost contact with a very dear friend. Dorothy Heavers was my constant companion throughout school and I would be very happy to hear from anyone who has kept in touch with her during these years, or anyone who has chosen a career in complimentary medicine. I can be contacted at:-

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A RELATED LETTER

I have just returned from a six weeks visit to my daughter Susan Morris (Walt) who lives in Netanya in Israel. While I was there I was in contact with Blossom Grosswald (Maier). We had a lovely day together with her husband Albert. Blossom used to live on a Masary (Village) where her husband was the chief engineer, but now they have retired and moved to Pardas Chaim. Jo live near their eldest daughter. Blossom has 5 children and 22 grandchildren. I am also in contact with Deryl Wilder who is my late husband's niece. She lives in Cleveland, Ohio USA and has one son.

BERYL SHAWM (MORRIS)

N B Deryl - Betty - was unfortunately widowed this year, just before her Golden Wedding.

HEAN ROBINSTEIN (TURPIN)

MEMBERS REPORT

Ten of the "39ers" met in the Stadium of Light for lunch on Monday 16th January 1998 to celebrate the big "Seven O"

Three of our members reached this milestone in January. It was a very pleasant interlude which we hope to repeat between now and the Summer.

Those who came along were:-

Marjorie Harris (Steward)	Stella Ealey (Anderson)
Dorothy Robson (Turner)	Maril Stadden
Elizabeth Filson (Loffthouse)	
Joyce Trueman (Marrison)	Marjorie Hoiles (Webb)
Dorcas Doolin (Harrison)	Vicki Clements
Kathleen Miller (Pherson)	

ANOTHER MEMBERS MEETING

On Friday 28th August 1998 we converged on the Riverside for our 10th annual re-union. For some this entailed a long journey - Rita Manning (Inverness), Zoe Cartwright (Shropshire), Dorcas Doolin (Merseyside), Sheila Snowball (Cumbria). All agreed that the circumlocution was brilliant and well worth the journey.

The lady of the group, Hilson Young, has come of age, so we are all septuagenarians. Not that anyone noticed - we were all "old girls" largely enjoying the company of old friends.

Lucy Mills saw everyone in rather a different light this year - she has had her contacts removed!

Maurice Richardson and Edna Clement reported their new hips were doing fine - Joyce Robson insists her old ones are O.K. (ain't she the lucky one!!) Doreen Dreyer has a stroke in January, but has made a good recovery and, intrepid as ever, is off on safari to Kenya. She has decided to give up sky diving!!

In July, 12 of us spent a day at Melsonby, as guests of Marjorie Harris. Thank you Marjorie for a most enjoyable day and a truly splendid luncheon and thanks to your friends Mr & Mrs Lilley for allowing us the freedom of their new home.

We were all saddened by the news that Elsie White (Hailey) had finally lost her long and courageous fight against illness. None of us will forget her ready smile and caring nature.

Our next re-union will be on Friday 27th August 1999 at 12 noon in the Riverside

Those present were:-

MARJORIE BAILES
STELLA BATEY
STELLA BUTTERLY
EDNA CLEMENT
ZOE CHOWCHOFF
DORIS DIXON
DORIS DIXON
DORIS DREYER
MARJORIE HARRIS
JOAN LITTLE

BITA MANNING
LUCY MILLS
MAURICE RICHARDSON
JOYCE ROBSON
BETTY SCOTT
SHEILA SNOWBALL
MURIEL STAINSON
JOYCE TOWNIN
ELLEN YOUNG

DORIS DIXON (JEMMERSON)

NEWS

At a recent Macmillan coffee break meeting, quite a number of old babies were present. They included CLARA JOYCE OXON (WILKINSON) ELIZABETH ROWLANDSON (LANCASTER), MARGARET KUMING (GREENFIELD), NORMA WYNNESS (LAKIN), BERYL FURCHARD (MIDDLETON), MAY MORRISON (WALKER) and IRIS HARVEY (HENNETT)

May and Hanna are in touch with GRACE INTWISTLE (ZIMMERMAN) who was first contacted in Canada before coming to Bole in 1985.

She then returned with her family to Canada, then America, before finally settling in Morpeth in 1990. Grace would be pleased to hear from anyone who remembers her (tel 01670 518017). She would particularly like to hear from Awey Tamar(44-51).

How about organizing a mini re-union? I am sure it would be well supported.

IRIS HARVEY (DENNETT)

In the 1966 magazine, Pat Swan (Falkus) had news of Rosie Schlessinger (Eschwege) now living in a Kibbutz in Israel. Pat wrote to Rosie and has since received a reply, some details from this letter are given below.

"I was pleased, but not however astonished to receive your letter. You mention Mrs Shore worked on a committee to look after and raise funds for the girls. She shopped with us for clothes and shoes and actually sewed my uniform when I commenced at Bede. Mrs Shore still visits me and the other girls from the hostel when she comes to Israel. She is a wonderful person.

In her last letter she sent me an extract of something you had about our classmates, and how you had obtained information about me through her. That explains why your letter did not surprise me as completely as you imagined it would."

Rosie refers to another girl who had also lived in the hostel in Sunderland at the same time, but who is in another Kibbutz in Israel, but so far she has limited information about her. Perhaps we will have further news of her in the future.

Rosie continues

"I do still work. It is one of the principals of the Kibbutz that one works as long as one is able. With advancing years, the number of working hours is reduced and the work is adapted to the individual capacity of the person.

Well Pat it really was a pleasure to hear from you and remember events from the past.

With all my best wishes to you and anyone who is interested.

I remain your former classmate."

ROSIE SCHLESINGER (ESCHWEGE)

PAT SWAN (FRI, TOM)

1955-1962 RE-UNION

Were you a first farmer in 1955 ?

If you were and have not yet received details of our re-union in 1999, please get in touch with me. If you can help me to make contact with any of the girls below I would be pleased to hear from you.

MARGARET ANDERSON

KY MORLAN

DOROTHY EDMUNSON

ANNE BARTLETT

SYLVIA ROBSON

SHELA IRVING

ELEANITH SANDERSON

GILLIAN SPIGHT

MARRIANNE LECK

MARGARET DAVISON

VALERIE McLAREN

JOAN MELBURN

JEAN DEVINE

ILAN BAKER

PAT ROBINSON

JENNIFER HUTTON

BOBEL BATEY

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1940 ENTRY

On September 23rd 1998 eighteen members met at the Darnley Hotel for lunch. This meeting had been hastily arranged because Joan Brookes (Richards) was returning to South Africa after her annual visit home.

Faithie Humphries (Hunter) came up from York and Dorcas Walker (Lorne) from Darlington. Sheila Triggs (Allen), who only found us this year, came from Stockton and Mary Tulkoh (Thompson) and Jean Johnson (Cree) from Durham. His Harvey (Darnatt) had been voiceless for five weeks and only just recovered in time to enjoy the gossip.

Because of short notice, many were either away or had other arrangements. Many thanks to everyone who made the effort to attend. We look forward to another get together next year.

JEAN ROSENSTEIN (TURPIN)

LONDON BRANCH

Ishtar note. I telephoned Doreen Ward (Macrae) in September, to ask her if she had any news for the magazine. She subsequently sent me a short report given below, plus a very chatty letter, in which she tells me she tries to organise a small re-union on the second Saturday of each October. She writes to her "group"-using cards with a North Country flavour, to keep them all in touch writing in untidy scrawl, about which, she says Miss Hutchinson would be scathing and Miss Shearer disgusted!

Doreen has suffered for many years from Arthritis, but manages to keep mobile, but has had to give up coming North for holidays and although writing is painful her piano playing is not affected, fortunately. She would make any old Bedlam in the area welcome.

LONDON BRANCH REPORT

For the third time in succession there was no re-union of the few members I contact twice a year as they were all otherwise engaged. Nancy Lawther (Hubicka) and I were joined by my husband for lunch. Afterwards it was "just" practising for a recital at Shaftesbury House. Actually the only 'London' Old Bedlams are Nancy and I. The others live in Reading, Cambridge, Westbury, Durham and Hartlepool. The Northerners have daughters in London, which makes the journey worthwhile. When we last got together, everyone enjoyed exchanging news and talking about school 'in the olden days'. We all hope to be free for the next re-union, but this has not been possible.

Would any old Bedlams in the London area like to join us some time in May 1999.

DOREEN WARD (MACRAE) Telephone 0181 992 3897

I have received a letter from Lynne Luccock (Symonds) from Norwich. She tells me she was awarded an Honorary Fellowship by Sunderland University this year for her work in the developing world and in International Science Education. She is, amongst other things, International Liaison Officer for the Commonwealth Association for Science, Maths and Technology advocates. She adds "As director of a charity called the WULUGA Project, I am working hard to improve the education of women in a very difficult area in Northern Ghana. A number of people in Sunderland have helped me with this, but I do need more volunteers. Are there any old Bedlams anywhere in the Country with a little time on their hands? I would love to hear from them. What we are doing is really making a difference - that is why Linda Collier has agreed to be a patron.

LYNNE LUCCOCK (SYMONDS)

In September 1998 there was a very attractive photograph in the Sunderland Echo of our Treasurer Judith Rosenstein framed in a colourful array of flowers. St. Peter's, Sunderland was the setting for an exhibition by the Sunderland Floral Art Club, to raise funds for the QUELAINE - BARRE SYNDROME support group. (This disease attacks the nervous system and can lead to paralysis)

Many other old Bedlans was concerned with this exhibition and the Floral Art Club, which meets on the third Tuesday of every month in the Foyalty Theatre, Charter Road, is always on the look out for new members.

THE CANASTA GROUP

The meeting held on 2nd October 1998 at the home of Gladys Stewart (Sidney) was a rather special event, as Gladys had recently celebrated her 90th birthday. Gladys always produces a mouthwatering cake at any canasta meeting, and on this occasion everyone enjoyed a piece of the delicious birthday cake which she had made herself. Fortunately she had made a large one, because she had been doing quite a lot of entertaining. She had in excess of 70 cards, truly a sign of how well she is thought of. May you continue to enjoy good health Gladys, and play canasta for many years to come. Those present to drink her health were:-

JOAN BALL (TURPIN)	IRIS HARVEY (BENNETT)
JOAN BOSWELL (ROUGH)	ELIZABETH HENDERSON
FOREIGN BENT (STONMART)	JEAN KOCH (MALTAS)
BELLE DODD (SMITH)	ANNE MITCHELL (CROWE)
GLADYS ELLIOTT (CAMBING)	IRENE WILKINSON
CONSTANCE GRINDROY (WHARLTON) Co-opted	

IRIS HARVEY (BENNETT)

GENERAL SNIPPETS

Mary Henderson (Lewis) who left Bede in 1959 is now a Great Grandmother. - I wonder how many more Old Bedlans are in this happy state?

Jean Wilson (Dobson) is chairman for Seaburn Ladies Probus Club for 1998 - 1999.

Edna Richardson (Phibbsick) is now living in Stamford - on - Avon.

If anyone knows the present address of Joan Darnett formerly of Grangeovers, who left Bede in 1941 to move with her family to the South, could they please contact Jean Wilson (Dobson) tel:0191 5342236, who would be grateful for any information.

If anyone has a commemorative scarf or tie (1990) they wish to sell - please contact Iris Harvey Bennett 3488259

Are there any members who remember Heather Duckett (Tweed)? She now lives in Australia and has done for the past 26 years. In October she was here visiting her father. She sends good wishes to all who remember her.

In August Iris Harvey (Bennett) travelled to Lincolnshire for the Golden Wedding celebration of Irene Denton (Crinson) at whose wedding she was bridesmaid, unfortunately the other bridesmaid, Doreen Kewell Hoover, was unable to be there.

Sunderland Embroiderers Guild, which number many Old Doctors amongst its membership, is holding an exhibition at the Stadium of Light from June 3rd - 5th 1999. Make a note in your diary and you are sure to meet some old friends.

DEATHS

ELSIE BAILEY (WHITE)
MURIEL CRUTTON (DOW)
VIVIANNE MACKAY (YOUNG)
EMIL NOBLE
HILDA HURGESS
MARJORIE SMITH (JAMISON)
VERA THURN (WILTON)
ETHEL FOREMAN (TOWERS)

DORIS AISDETT (PRENTICE)
GWYN CLARK (CUMMINGS)
VERA HARRALD
JEAN STRALCHIAN (ROBINSON)
NANCY VICTORIA WALKER
ROSE TAYLOR (CRUTE)
WINNIE KNAPPER (LONSDALE)

EDITORS COMMENTS

After I had promised to take over the production of the magazine from Anne, who had done this work so efficiently, I began to get cold feet. I wondered why I had burdened myself with such a task, when it is so easy just to sit back, wait until the magazine arrives, just before Christmas, and sit back with a cup of tea and read it quickly from cover to cover. However, now the task is, hopefully, successfully completed, I find I have actually enjoyed doing it. I am extremely grateful to Anne, as she gave me much advice before I started. I especially thank Pat Marley (Hindley) for her efforts on her computer. She is a fairly new member of the Guild, but she offered to help, without any hesitation, when she knew a typist was needed, and she realised how important it was to cut the magazine costs before we ran out of funds completely.

I have kept to the familiar format, and thank all who did the reports on the Guild meetings and all who sent in news. It would be pleasing if some of the Old Doctors who meet at the mini Re-unions would join the Guild and make an effort to come to the Guild Re-unions as well.

Have an enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

MORIA CLUDEPCOU (DIXON)

BALANCE SHEET FOR SEPTEMBER 1997-AUGUST 1998

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Subscriptions	46.00	Auditor	10.00
Donations	121.30	Magazines	418.00
Bills	89.20	Post. Tel. Stat	157.20
Interest	35.13	Gifts	32.00
Charities	122.00		
	414.33		
Loss on working	181.87		
	<u>232.46</u>		<u>207.20</u>

Total Funds on August 31st 1998 made up as follows:

Balance August 31 st 1998	1537.59	3.7% War Stock	98.14
Loss on Years Working	181.87	Toll Savings Ac	1036.78
		Handys Bank	<u>229.27</u>
	<u>1355.72</u>		<u>1344.73</u>

Audited and found correct
D. Hunt 10.10.98

