

THE OLD BEDAN

1999

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2000

Friday 28th January 2000

Winter re-union in Bede Centre,
In the first building on the right of the
Girls' school at 7.00p.m.until 9.30p.m.
Dinner Tickets will be available on this
evening.
Tickets - £5.00

Friday 7th April 2000

Annual Dinner in the Swallow Hotel
Seaburn. 7.00p.m. for 7.30p.m. Until
10.30p.m.
Please note the earlier than usual date
of this function.
Tickets - £18.00 (Approx)

Friday 20th June 2000

Summer re-union at the Riverside Hotel,
Durham at 7.00p.m.

Friday 29th September 2000

Annual Business Meeting in Bede Centre
At 7.30p.m.

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE NOW OF THE DATES ABOVE, AND WILL YOU
ENSURE THAT YOU PAY FOR YOUR TICKETS IN ADVANCE, IF YOU
INTEND TO BE PRESENT.

THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND TREASURER ARE THEN ABLE TO
ENJOY THESE OCCASIONS AS MUCH AS YOU DO, WITHOUT
CONCERNING THEMSELVES WITH COLLECTING MONEY.

THANK -YOU.

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ANOTHER BEDAN MAGAZINE! The first of the new Millennium. It is of constant concern to me that I will not receive enough copy to fill the magazine, but letters and cuttings arrive during the year, which are all put safely away until October, when the work starts. I do not acknowledge receipt of all your news, but everything is gratefully received. Thank you therefore, for all news received, and thanks also to the sometimes reluctant members who give me reports on the events held during the year.

I apologise for any mistakes made in last year's magazine. (Put it down to first year hic-ups) We hope to do better this year.

My grateful thanks to Pat Marley (Binding) for all the work she put in with the magazine – without her major help the cost of the magazine would have been much higher. Thanks also go to Margaret. Anne Crowe's daughter, who has all the address labels printed for the magazine, with no cost to the G.O.B.S. Her assistance is invaluable.

MOIRA CUDDFORD (DIXON)

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

This is the last magazine of the Millennium and, as the century comes to a close, we will all be reflecting nostalgically on the amazing events we have witnessed in our lifetimes.

The Guild is looking much healthier now thanks to the efforts of our retiring chairman, Jean Rosenstein (Tarpin), who appealed for donations in the last magazine and brought funds flooding in.

Thanks also go to our retiring secretary, Marjorie Calvert, and outgoing committee members. We are of course always eager to welcome new members.

We have a Winter Reunion in January, Our Annual Dinner in April and also a Summer Reunion in June. Details of these are printed on the inside cover of this magazine. I look forward to seeing you at these events.

The magazine keeps many of our distant members in touch and we are always delighted to hear from them. Please remember, everyone, keep your news items coming because we want to know about you.

May you all be blessed with health, happiness and the comfort of good friends in the New Year.

DOBIS HENDERSON (WILTON)

MESSAGE FROM THE RETIRING CHAIRMAN

We have come to the end of another year and I have come to the end of my two-year term as chairman. We have had a successful year, our meetings have been well attended and the noise generated would indicate that everybody enjoyed themselves.

As a result of my remarks in last year's magazine we have had some lovely letters from Old Bodans. All said how much they enjoyed the magazine. A total of £440 was contributed in cheques large and small. Most people wished to remain anonymous so this is my thank you to you all.

I have printed almost all of one of the letters we received as it shows how much the magazine means to those who are spread far and wide with no other means of contact.

Looking at the accounts you will see that we have just managed to break even this year. Without your donations we would have been hard pressed.

As a result of the article by Susan Morris (Wolff) in last years magazine, the friend she was looking for did not contact her, but another did. I am therefore proposing a "Where are You Now" column.

If you have lost touch with friends or mislaid an address, write to any member of the committee with name, married name, year if possible and last known address. We will publish and try to make contact.

I have greatly enjoyed my two years as chairman and have worn the Chairman's collar with great pride. I am handing over to Doris Henderson (Wilson) who has been on the committee for many more years than I have. I know our Guild will be in safe hands and I should like to thank the committee for all their help and support during my term of Office.

I send you all, near and far my very best wishes for health and happiness in the coming year.

JEAN A. ROSENSTEIN (TURPIN),
RETIRING CHAIRMAN

WINTER RE-UNION

There were 82 Ladies present at our January re-union. Games were kindly organised by Moira Shearer (Stimpson). The first. A game based on "Household Articles" and the second a game using "Couplets"

These were entertaining and allowed us all to circulate and chat, which was good.

The supper was again excellent, the caterers being "Something Special", who always live up to their title.

Then along came the raffle! There were heaps of prizes - all very varied and useful. As usual the chatter was plentiful and enjoyed by all.

Thank you Committee.

BETTY BRANTINGHAM (ROBSON)

SUMMER RE-UNION

Our summer re-union was held at the Ramside Hall Hotel in Durham on June 15th 1999.

The weather was perfect, very sunny and warm and everyone looked wonderful in their summer finery. (With our poor weather record up to now it was probably worn for the first time this year.) 36 Old Bodams managed to attend this year and we were in our usual room. It was nice to see some new faces - they were very welcome. A few familiar faces were missing but were probably on holiday or unable to attend for other reasons.

As usual, there was plenty of chatter and exchange of news and photographs. In our group Sheila Triggs (Allen) brought news and a picture of Joan Mitchell (Pantello) who has lived in Zimbabwe for many years but still likes to keep in touch.

As usual the food served at the canteen was delicious. One could choose hot or cold or just a sandwich. The sweets were very tempting, or you could just have a coffee or a drink.

When we left, the evening was still very warm, and we felt it had been a relaxing time enjoyed in comfortable surroundings with the company of friends.

DORIS HENDERSON (WILTON)

I had two reports about the dinner this year, so I have included both. Thank you to both contributors.

EDITOR

ANNUAL DINNER

Seventy-one Old Bedans attended the above event at the Swallow Hotel on 23rd April.

After being welcomed by our Chairman, Jean Rosenstein (Turpin), we proceeded to eat and chat in our various groups. We then, as is the custom, continued with a spirited rendering of the school song, ably accompanied at the piano by Joyce Bagley (Robson). Jean then gave us an informal resume of the year's events, after paying tribute to those who had served on the committee with particular thanks to Meira Cuddeford (Dixon) and Pat Marley (Birding) who were doing sterling work as co-editors of the magazine.

She also expressed a special thanks to Iris Harvey (Bennett) who had shouldered responsibility for the dinner arrangements.

In response to concerns expressed in 1998 regarding the financing of the magazine, Jean reported that donations totalling £440 had been received from Old Bedans from places as far afield as Devon and the Shetland Islands.

In the course of conversation several suggestions were made for items to be included in the magazine in future - notably a column entitled "Where are you now?" which could be the means of re-uniting friends who had lost touch with one another.

An idea circulating, around our table at least, was that perhaps in order to augment funds, some Old Bedans might care to consult the ladies from a Women's Institute in West Yorkshire who produced their own "Pin-up" Calendar as part of a fund raising scheme!

It had been good to meet together once more and exchange news and views with old school friends.

MARION SMITH (HARTLEY)

Once again held in the Swallow Hotel on April 25th 1999. Excited greetings and gloriously witty exchanges from 71 Old Bedans in the foyer. How about this one! ? "Hello! How are you?" "Fine, thank you, but I wish there was not so much of me!"

Our Chairman Jean Rosenstein (Turpin) warmly welcomed members from near and far and dinner was enjoyed "seated" this year - not buffet-style as in past years.

Our table was waited on by a very charming, very pretty waitress who turned out to be Claire Clarke's (Holmes) 17 year old granddaughter, who was helping out in order to pay for some driving lessons.

After coffee, Jean had a few encouraging words to say about the Guild's healthy finances. "This", she tells us, "has been a very good year for donations." Then she read to us a very moving letter from Elsie White (the first) who has lived in Canada for many years. Having read of the death of Elsie White (Bailey) she ended by paying tribute to a "specially loved and trusted lady."

Jean then thanked everyone for the support and co-operation given to her during her two years as Chairman and gave a welcoming introduction to Doris Henderson (Wilton) her successor.

She made another appeal for a desperately needed permanent Secretary and thanked Marjorie Calvert for valiantly filling the office temporarily.

We were pleased to see Audrey Hayton (Carrick) among us again in such fine form.

We are always happy to welcome our President at our functions.

Once again we offer our thanks to Joyce Bagley (Robson) our accompanist to the singing of the School Song. We were noticeably "comfortable" with the music this year. Joyce told us the secret later she had transposed it again to an even lower key. (At the rate we are going we will end up a right bunch of Ann Sheltons! - remember Ann?) Another "thank you" again to Ann Mitchell (Crowe) for the loan of her keyboard and thanks to the young member of her family for transporting it.

There was no formal entertainment but ample time for lively "all-girls" talk (A refreshing change from football, cars, the price of a pint etc.) We could have gone on chatting for hours more. Isn't it lovely to meet up with old friends and schoolmates? Nostalgia! Nostalgia!

We eagerly look forward to the next one in April 2000.

LILY RICHARDSON (LAWSON)

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

This was held on Friday 24th September 1999 in Wearside College, Bode Centre. The Chairman Jean Rosenstein (Turpin) welcomed 11 members and received apologies from Iris Harvey (Beckett) and Pat Craddock (Snell).

Minutes of the last ABM were read and approved. The Secretary gave a report on membership and meetings held during the year, and also gave notice of her resignation to be effective at once. A replacement must be found.

The Treasurer's report looked much healthier due to generous donations and new life memberships. The Chairman had made many appeals and members had responded. Magazine changes had brought down the cost of printing, thanks to our magazine secretary.

The Chairman's report was read out and mention was made about the games at the Winter Re-union, and a meeting with the organiser is planned.

The Annual Dinner was criticised for not being up to the usual standard, and this will be looked into.

The retiring Chairman Jean Rosenstein (Turpin) handed over the Chair of Office to Doris Henderson (Wilkes) who is the new Chairman.

The retiring Chairman, the Secretary, and the members of the committee were thanked for their hard work and support.

The programme for the coming year was discussed and dates agreed. These will be published on the front cover of the magazine.

The Chairman's choice of charity was left until a future date.

SECRETARY'S REPORT September 24th 1998.

At present, membership stands at approximately 341.

It was with regret that we received the news of the death of Mrs Mollie Maddison of Wolsingham, on the 19th November 1998. Also the death, on the 25th December 1998 of Evelyn Leonard (Allen) after a long illness.

The Winter Re-union in January was well attended with 82 people present. This year the games were devised by Moira Simpson (Shaner) and enjoyed by all.

The Annual Dinner was held on 27th April in the Swallow Hotel. It was attended by 70 members. Complaints about the meal served, were received by various committee members and duly noted.

The Summer Re-union at the Riverside Hall Hotel on 15th June attracted only 39 members. At this time of the year many members are on holiday, which explains the poor attendance.

Everyone there enjoyed their evening.

Finally, I regretfully submit my resignation as Secretary.

I originally took over for two years while Irene Wilkinson was Chairman, and was persuaded to continue for another two years, but can no longer continue.

MARJORIE CALVERT.

TREASURERS REPORT

I am pleased to report that the finances of the Guild are looking healthier. Many thanks for your very generous donations and to those who have become life members or renewed their membership.

The current account has £320.02 and the savings account £1383.45.

JUDITH ROSENSTEIN

39er's RE-UNION

On Friday August 26th 1999, 10 years since the first re-union, the 39'ers once again gathered at the Ramside, and a lively and joyous occasion it proved to be. As usual some had travelled from afar – Joyce Speers and Edna Wilson (Bucks) and Doreen Dobson from Merseyside. Sheila Snowball (Cambria) was accompanied by Kathleen Humphries. They had made contact last year when Sheila had heard that Kathleen had been living in Brampton for many years. We were all delighted to see her, and hope that this will be the first of many re-unions.

Doreen Dodds and Joyce Robson are now great grandmothers (surely too young?) and Lucy Mills is awaiting her first grandchild. Betty Scott (new heart valve) was looking forward to a holiday in France and Jane Liddle is happily recovered from an operation in the spring. Greetings cards were sent to Beryl Shwain who is now living in Israel with her daughter, and to Dorrie Robson who, unfortunately is not well enough to attend. Our next re-union will be at the Ramside on Friday August 25th 2000 at 12 noon.

Those present were: -

Maureen Richardson	Kathleen Humphrey
Maricl Stadden	Stella Butterley
Marjorie Bailes	Marjorie Harris
Jean Liddle	Joyce Speers
Bernie Ellison	Sheila Snowball
Kathleen Miller	Doreen Dodds
Joyce Robson	Edna Clement
Doreen Dobson	Eileen Young
Lucy Mills	Betty Scott
Edna Wilson	Joyce Townes
Joyce Wilson (a guest)	

MORE 39er's NEWS

The 39er's lunch meetings – begin to celebrate the 70th birthdays – have become a regular feature. We all enjoy these informal get-togethers and welcome anyone who can attend – information from Marjorie Harris.

JOYCE TOWNES (MORRISON)

1940 ENTRY – MINI RE-UNION

Our thanks once again to Iris Harvey who arranged our re-union lunch at the Barnes Hotel July 9th. It was well-attended 22 present (and 5 apologies) Food very good and company superb. The more we chatted the more memories regarding teachers and classmates were evoked. Subjects ranged from navy-blue knickers to Notariani's ice cream. However we all agreed that we had been privileged to be taught by such a dedicated group of women. Personally I am still marvelling how we can all be in touch after 50+ years.

SHEILS TRIGGS (ALLEN)

1945-50 (OR THEREABOUTS) RE-UNION

Following our successful re-union in May 1997, we are arranging another on Saturday May 6th 2000, again at the Swallow Hotel Seaburn. We are hoping that all who made it in 1997 will be able to come again, and others beside. The more the merrier.

We are wondering about the whereabouts of Violet Addison, Audrey Amos, Elsie Elliott, Gwen Grace and Sylvia Pratt (whose daughter is Melanie Hills alias "Aveline" in "Bread")

Ex-Staff is also welcome.

Anyone wanting further information please get in touch with Audrey Skinner

(Sanderson) on 01915366123 or Margaret Skipsy (Hasdown) on 01642555329 (Billingham)

DEATHS

Mollie Hinkley (Maddison)
Dorothy Leonard (Allen)
Elizabeth May Fenton (Loughlin)(46-51)
Hilken Swan
Ethel Proctor (Powley)
Mary Bryant Died in Coldstream aged 86
Lily Crowe (Staff Member)

NEW MEMBERS

Alice May Waldron (Kilburn)
Audrey Robson (Parkinson)
Kathleen Humphrey (Hudspeth)
Karen Foster (Dodsworth)
Susan Ainsley (Manroc)

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OBITUARIES

ETHEL PROCTOR (POWLEY)

Ethel. Aged 93, unfortunately died in a road accident in April 1999. She was an active member of many groups in the City before her death and in her younger days had obviously been an intrepid traveller, having visited Alaska, Grand Canyon, Petra, Russia and Australia.

She was also a bridge player of note, and a member of the writer's circle, showing a quick sense of wit, and good memory. Her son, the Rev. Bob Powley, lives near Chester with his family.

Old Dodans who are near her age and fellow members of the groups in which she was interested will remember her.

EVELYNE LEONARD (ALLEN)

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August 1915 - 25th December 1998

Attended Bede School 1946 -1953

Read German at King's College Newcastle. Subsequently went to teach in Germany where she was married and had a daughter Birgitta.

Evelyn returned to England in 1963 and held a number of teaching posts in County Durham retiring as Head of Modern Languages at Peterlee College.

She married George Allen in 1988.

Evelyn was a caring, supportive friend and devoted much of her time and energy to a number of voluntary agencies until her illness early in 1998.

She is sadly missed by her family and friends.

EDNA DENT (AKAL)

CONGRATULATIONS MISS P. M. PETERS

In 1947 Miss Peters, former teacher at Bode and organiser for P. E. in Sunderland, was tall. Elegant, with excellent posture and was rather daunting. ("Terrifying" springs to mind) to us.

As new teachers in our probationary year, when she "dropped in" on our P.E. lessons. Nevertheless Pete was always kind, helpful, encouraging and enthusiastic at school, and also with keep fit classes and Scottish Dancing.

In February 1999 Pete is still tall, elegant and still with excellent posture (absolutely straight!) She looked really fabulous with her white curly hair and red suit.

Eight of us from Lena Thompson's West Southwick Staff – plus some husbands – making 15 of us in all, gathered at the Rothay Manor Hotel, Ambleside. A glass of "Daddy" in hand, to celebrate, and congratulate Pete on her 90th birthday. The run over to Ambleside was glorious with a sparkling day, bright sunshine and a dusting of snow on the fell tops.

We enjoyed a delicious lunch. As usual, at the Rothay Manor. Then Jackie Edwards, who taught P.E., was delegated to speech making. She reminded us that unfortunately she had a broken arm on two occasions. Pete's comments at the time were "Once is an accident, but twice is pure carelessness" – Happy Days! Anyway Jackie presented Pete, on our behalf, with a beautiful green and gold glass paperweight, made at the new Glass Centre in Sunderland, and also a book on the "History of Glass".

Pete was thrilled! She is very interested in glass making and the New Glass Centre, as well as Sunderland Football Team.

Of course we had to have a cake with "X10" (What else?) and "Happy Birthday". I believe Mavis Toller (Craighton) and Marjorie Harris were responsible for the cake.

Time for more chatting and Pete talked to everyone, and too soon it was well past 3 o'clock.

It was a really lovely day and I'm sure Pete enjoyed herself and so did Lena. I didn't ask if they were going home to put their feet up – probably not.

Congratulations Pete – and keep going!

Many thanks to Sylvia Hood (Briggs) for organising the day.

We celebrated Lena's 90th in a similar fashion two years ago.

Both Pete and Lena are marvellous and always interested in people, education and current affairs.

Good wishes to them both.

LUCY MILLS (DAVISON)

NEWS FROM ABROAD

LYNNE SYMONDS

Lynne has again been "in the news" in our local paper, with more information about her efforts to bring greater learning to the tribe in Ghana, where she is known as the "Chief of Enlightenment". She has set up learning links between the schools and the University in Sunderland their counter parts in an area of Ghana. Books and equipment from Wearside have been shipped to Ghana to assist in this project. Qualified in Surrey has also now promised to send sports equipment out to Ghana to help, having seen what has been achieved in Sunderland.

Lynne is grateful for any help that can be given by Wearsidians, which will assist her project in any way.

ELSE WHITE THE FIRST

I have received the 1998 issue of the Old Bedan, and as the years go by (I am now 83) there are fewer and fewer names I recognise. One I remember well is Doreen Ward.

After coming to Vancouver in 1930 (where I continued my education) I kept up a correspondence with Miss Arkle, and as I travelled fairly extensively after the war excerpts from my letters often appeared in the "Bedan". After some years another Elsie White came along and I was then referred to as "the first" and she was the "second". After the death of Miss Arkle my correspondence ceased and eventually there was only one Elsie White who was still known and the added designation was dropped. Although I did not know the second Elsie, I was always interested in her involvement and it was with considerable sorrow that I read of her death. Judging from the tributes in the Bedan she must have been a very special lady. (she was -ed)

With best wishes to you and the Guild.

ELSE WHITE THE FIRST

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LETTERS

There might be a lot of Joneses in your records, but I'm the one that was at Forest Ash, Spencer's Hall, Harrogate until last April. In my school days I was Shelagh Duchassa, at Bede 1937-64, daughter of Joan Squires (at Bede 1930-35).

Thank you for the 1998 edition of The Old Bedan. Fortunately it reached me, courtesy of the Royal Mail Re-direction Service, because I had omitted to let you know of my change of address - I must have been a nightmare for your records over the years, because this is my twentieth address since leaving school! However, I think we have at last stopped rotating faster than the globe and we hope to settle here on the Wold.

My husband has left the RAF after 30 years and is now working at a large comprehensive school in Beverley, as Administration and Development Manager.

We chose Skiptonhorpe because it kept me near enough to Wetherby so that I have been able to continue as Assistant Chaplain at the Young Officers Institution there. That post may come as a surprise to anyone who remembers me doing a degree in Modern Languages (!) but I trained as a Church of England Reader a few years ago, and within a year the opportunity for this interesting career move came along. It is challenging, stimulating, frustrating at times (but not too often) and very rewarding.

My contemporaries at Bode rarely seem to get their names in the magazine. A pity, because I've really only kept in touch with Dorothy Shookl (Stephenson) and Pamela Hjers (Atkinson), despite the grand 25-years-after-leaving-school reunion a great number of us enjoyed in 1985. I'd have thought that by now we'd reached the age of nostalgia and reminiscing!

Maybe if you put some of this in the next edition of the mag some of my "generation" might react!

My greetings to anyone who does remember me – and keep up the good work.

SHELAGH BRUCHLANAN (JONES)

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THE LONDON BRANCH

This year our lunches were not tele -a -tele for Nancy Lawther (Fhubiska) and I as they were in 1998! In May, Nancy was hostess to Edith Broderick (Harge) from Reading and Muriel Woodruff (Heron) from Durham. Nancy and I played darts and Muriel a solo. In October Muriel and Isabel Lundy (Munro) and Nancy were my guests and we could not resist a few school reminiscences!

Muriel played her latest piano piece and proved how successful it had been to start playing again after a gap of over 50 years.

I remembered a photo album given to me by Miss Franklyn when I visited her in Harrogate shortly before her death. Muriel was pleased to see herself on the group photo of all who went on the trip to Norway in July 1936, organised by Miss Franklyn.

At the end of an enjoyable afternoon we four octogenarians O. B.'s, agreed we were lucky to be very mobile and so busy, we were never bored.

DOREEN WARD (MACRAE)

SNIPPETS FROM HOME

PAT CRUDDAS (SNELL) comments on a chance meeting with Jean English (Haldrup) and her husband Josef in Mirrison's car park. They spent the next morning over coffee, exchanging news, and recalling interesting memories whilst looking at old photographs.

MAUREEN RICHARDSON (ROBSON) 1939-45 wrote a letter stating how many of "the Old Bedans" had ended up in North Yorkshire. She continued " I suppose it may be because we were evacuated at the beginning of the war. We often go through the town to visit our friends in Swaledale.

On the way we pass Linnoc House in Malton Dism. I remember climbing the uncarpeted stairs to the music room. How did they get the piano up there? "

Have any other Bedans similarly interesting memories ?.

AUDREY SKINNER (SANDERSON) has been having great difficulty with arthritis known in the last few years, however she writes, "Things are now looking up. I had a knee replacement in June and am having the other knee done in October. I am hoping to be back to normal in a few months, and to be able to make it to some of the re-unions in 2000!"

LAURA MILBANKE was one of the many visitors to overseas locations to be photographed reading the Sunderland Echo. In her case she was in Spain at the cathedral in Santiago de Compostela.

JUDITH AND JEAN ROSENSTEIN (TURPIN) were again photographed in the Sunderland Echo preparing flower arrangements for St. Nicholas' church in September 1999. Parishioners had been celebrating the church's 60th anniversary, and the highlight was the flower festival, appropriately named Diamond Reflections.

LYNDA BATEY (FORSTER) News has arrived about Susan Forster (Craddock) 1969-76 who joined the N.H.S. as an administrator, married in 1980, and had two children, whilst continuing to work as a project manager for Berkshire N.H.S. She left to take a degree in psychology at Reading University, gaining a first in her finals and has recently been awarded a scholarship by the university to do PhD. Congratulations.

CLIFFORD HARTLEY Mention has recently been made in the Sunderland Echo of this teacher of Music at Bede Grammar School. He formed the Bishopscarmouth Choral Society from the senior girls at the school and men from the church. The accompanist for that first season was Dorothy Dodds (Groves) a Bedan sixth former at that time.

MARJORIE ANDERSON (CURTIS) AND DOROTHY MIDDLEMAS (SUGDEN) Paid a visit in December 1998 to Elsie Garrick (Smith) in Woodhall Spa. Elsie had not been well enough to travel north for a few years. They had a lovely day together and her health had improved. They talked for hours, exchanging news, and hope to repeat the visit in the future.

Dorothy had a serious accident early in 1999, injuring her eye, but following an operation, is improving.

MAURIEEN THOMPSON (YOUNG) visited Joyce Hepple (Bainbridge) at their home in Hunt Green Worcester. Joyce left Bede in 1948 working first at the office of a clothing factory at Palfon, then leaving to work at the sweet factory in Charter-le-Street.

MARGARET LAIDLAW still keeps in touch with Mavis Berriman (Jackson) who lives in Canada. A group of Old Bedians went to Dunsen in April, so unfortunately 6 members had to miss the Annual Dinner, as they had already booked for this visit. These deprived members were Margaret Laidlaw, Marjorie Calvert, Brenda Johnstone (Julie), Moira Simpson (Shearer), Pat Biddlestone, and Maureen Thompson (Young).

LILIAN DAWSON (DODDS)

Are there any Old Bedians who remember the "Tur - tab" days and Lilian? She remembers attending there, prior to going to the new Bee School in Durham Road. West Park Central school moved in after Bee School left. Lilian always attends our re-unions, and would like to be joined by anyone who remembers her, and others of her year.

VALERIE WILLIAMSON (TRIGG) 1948-55

Valerie met up with Pat Loxton (Cowie) and her husband Alan, also an Old Bedian, in Oxford. They had recently celebrated their Ruby Wedding. Valerie also met Norma Oxsbury (Hunter). Apparently they all live near her daughter, who teaches at Bresham School.

OLGA STONE (HAWKINS) was in touch with Moira Mahony (Blairbrough), following the death of Moira's husband Ronford, early in 1999. Moira had recently visited the Glass Centre, whilst visiting her daughter in Sunderland, and commented "I marvelled at all the development from the harbour up to the bridge. It is all very bright and clear, but all the atmosphere has gone."

My father was the Plant Engineer at Dowlfords and he had to lay out and strip the new Palmers Hill Yard, now the site of the Glass Museum. My Grandfather was manager of a small brass foundry near the bridge - a terrible place - all heat and fumes and black soot in my childhood memory - It is now the University of Sunderland. I don't know whether to be pleased or sorry."

Congratulations to Audrey Hudson (Henderson) and her husband Ken, Who celebrated their Golden Wedding in February, with two parties, one in Norfolk for family and the second in Sunderland for local friends.

Congratulations to Jean A Rosenstein (Turpin) who gained an honours degree in History and the History of Art and Design at Sunderland University after five years part time study.

Beryl Schwam (Betty Morris) has moved to Israel. Her new address is,
13 Shlomo Hamelach Ap 111

GUILD OF OLD BEDANS BALANCE SHEET**SEPTEMBER 1998 - AUGUST 1999****INCOME**

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	375.22
Credit on year	457.12
	<u>832.34</u>

TOTAL FUNDS ON AUGUST 31ST 1999

Balance 31/05/98	1344.72	3.5% War Stock	98.36
Credit in Year	<u>457.12</u>	TSD Savings Account	1383.46
	<u>1801.84</u>	Barclays plc Account	<u>329.02</u>
			<u>1801.84</u>

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20/09/99

