

The Old Bedan



2012

IMPORTANT DATE FOR 2013

FRIDAY 25TH JANUARY 2013

WINTER REUNION IN BEDE CENTRE

From 4.30pm to 7pm

Tickets £7

Please bring cup. Plates provided.

Dinner tickets will be available on this evening.

Payment by 19th January

FRIDAY 26th APRIL 2013

ANNUAL LUNCH in the Sea Hotel, South Shields.

At 12.30pm for 1pm. Tickets £16

Payment must be made by 20th April.

TUESDAY 11th JUNE 2013

SUMMER REUNION at the Marriott Hotel Seaburn

Buffet lunch (optional) at 12 noon

THURSDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2013

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING at 2pm

This will be held at 38, Shakespeare Street, Leafields, Sunderland.

The home of our Chairman, Sylvia Pratt (Hill) SR5 2PL.

Please make a note of these dates NOW and ensure you pay for any tickets well in advance. In any correspondence please give your maiden name first, followed by your married name in brackets to enable us to quickly identify who you are.

THANK YOU

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The committee wish to repeat our thanks to John Broderick, Barbara's son, for his continuing help in the magazine production. John makes no charge for his help, and always says, as an Old Bedan himself, he is doing his bit!

Thank you again John.

We wish to let members know, also, how the cost of distributing the magazine has increased since the recent post delivery charges have increased. We try to deliver as many copies as possible, by hand, but this is obviously a limited operation. If any member, near or far, feels they could make a small donation, it would be gratefully received.

The raffles help us to keep reasonably solvent. Pat, our magazine assembler, also asks for no assistance for the cost of ink or paper.

The committee send their good wishes and kind thoughts to all members, particularly those who have health or family problems.

M.S.CUDDEFORD (DIXON)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our accounts have been checked and are in good order. The committee thank you for your support and hope to see you at our future reunions.

JUDITH ROSENSTEIN

SECRETARY'S REPORT 2012

This is a very difficult report to make, as my attendance has been virtually non-existent, due to circumstances beyond my control.

I can only apologise for this deficiency, and plead mitigating circumstances, which include health problems, and a terrible situation which arose due to negligence and misdiagnosis by the local G.P.

This almost caused my husband's death. This is on-going, and a reversal of Hartman's procedure is due to take him back into hospital within a couple of months.

I also had the wrong antibiotics and these were replaced by the correct ones which were killers – literally knockout drops – but after a few weeks they worked. Unfortunately they left me with little immunity, and on a subsequent visit to the doctor, I picked up something which reminded me of whooping cough, as a child. I ultimately lost my voice last week, but I'm pulling round now, after 10 weeks!

I am concerned that we need some new blood, to ensure that the magazine and Guild can continue. It is just unfortunate that nobody is in training to continue the good work. Thankfully we have a new committee member, and I welcome Mary Lawson. I am also grateful for the offers of help, and these need to be developed.

My Best Wishes to all Old Bedans everywhere and thank you for your toleration (in anticipation)

DOROTHY STEPHINSON (HARPIN)

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING 2012

On 13th September, our Chairman, Sylvia Hill, welcomed everyone to her home. She reported that advertising reunions had not been beneficial, but despite this, the reunions had been successful.

Mary Reed (Lawson) was welcomed onto the committee. Sylvia Hill and Dorothy Singleton had been dismayed and concerned after visiting Pat Cruddas, but are pleased to report better progress after subsequent visits.

The Chairman thanked Moira Dixon (Magazine Editor) for information sheet about sports and arts Academia at Bede. The Secretary's report was not available, due to illness. The Treasurer's report consisted of a healthy balance on both accounts and she circulated the Balance Sheet. Postage costs were discussed, especially to those overseas. The November 2011 magazines had cost in excess of £2.

Dorothy Singleton agreed to meet with Judith to review these. It was also agreed that Barbara Broderick would assist Dorothy Harpin, and Sylvia Hill would find out how the magazine was assembled with help from Pat Binding. Mary Lawson agreed to help Moira Dixon with editing etc.

Appointment of officers was deferred to a later meeting. Dates for 2013 were arranged and will appear on the inner leaf of the magazine cover.

Winter reunion games were discussed and concern for lack of magazine news was expressed.

DOROTHY STEPHINSON (HARPIN)

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Hello everyone,

I have almost completed my first year as Chairman and have thoroughly enjoyed it. The number of ladies at our three reunions has been almost identical to last year, and feedback has been favourable, but we would dearly like to see more of you. At the Summer Reunion in particular we meet up with 'girls' who come from all over the country, and speaking personally, I would not like to miss the opportunity of seeing them and learning what has been happening in their lives during the past year. So if those of you who do attend, know anyone who denies themselves this pleasure, tell them what they are missing, and let us see if the numbers go up this next year.

Finally on the subject of reunions, I must say a big thank you to all those who donated prizes for the Winter Reunion raffle, there seemed to be more than ever this year. The two raffles at the Winter and Spring Reunions raised a welcome £194 towards our funds.

You may remember that in last year's magazine I stressed the importance of finding new members to serve on the committee and as a result of this I have had the pleasure of welcoming Mary Reed (Lawson) into our fold.

Those of you who read the Sunderland Echo, will have read recently of the two new Academies which are to be created at the Bede Centre at the cost of £22000,000, though unfortunately the Shiny Row site is to be sold to find this. Both of these Academies will include the very best facilities and as a result Sunderland College will become, and I quote 'one of the best Performing Arts and Sports Centres in the U.K,' and now Sunderland University already attracts students from near and far Sunderland College will no doubt continue this happy trend. So this is very welcome news indeed.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN (cont)

Also anything which raises the people and reputation of Sunderland has to be applauded.

A final thought on the subject is that anything which promotes or facilitates the Arts or Sports must be a great thing, as these are two areas usually sidelined when there are cuts to be made! What a wonderful year this has been for the whole nation. The celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee were spectacular, so very very enjoyable (even though some of the more mature ladies did question the suitability of some of the artistes who appeared at the Grand Concert!)

What can I say about the Olympic Games and the Para-Olympics Games! The organization of these and the performances of the athletes surpassed everyone's expectations. To see so many people at the Para-Olympics rise above their disabilities and perform as they did, was surely one of the most uplifting and awe-inspiring things one could witness.

Whilst there are many things these days which cause us to complain about our country, and rightly so, we can remember 2012 as a year when we could hold our heads up high, before the rest of the world, and be proud to be British.

All that is on a national level but I am aware, that on a personal level 2012 has not been such a good year for everyone.. On behalf of the Guild I must send our condolence and deepest sympathy to those who have lost loved ones this year.

You may recall, that in the 2010's magazine Dorothy Stephinson (Harpin) wrote an account of a Service of Thanksgiving at Durham Cathedral, which she, Dorothy Jobling and I attended, to give thanks for, and to celebrate the life of Muriel Woodruff (Heron). Several poems and pieces of prose have been written to help and comfort those mourning loved ones, but I had never before heard the piece read out at that service by one of Muriel's daughters.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN (cont)

and it made a great impression on me. I would like to share it with you.

The Ship, by Bishop Brent

I am standing on the sea shore, a ship spread her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength, and I stand watching her till at length she is only a ribbon of white cloud on the horizon, just where the sea and sky come to mingle with each other. Then someone at my side says 'She is gone' 'Gone? Gone where? Gone from my sight, that is all; she is just as long in mast, hull and spars as she was when I saw her, and just as able to bear her load of living freight to the place of destination. Her diminished size and loss of sight is in me, not in her, and just at the moment when someone at my side says 'She is gone!' There are others who are watching her coming, and other voices take up a glad shout, 'There! She comes!' – and that is dying.

It only remains for me to wish you and your loved ones a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

SYLVIA PRATT (HILL)

WINTER REUNION 2012

Our reunion at the end of January, was held, as usual, in the School Hall. The weather was kind that afternoon, and again, members seemed to think the earlier start, at 4.30pm, was a good idea, and it was something to look forward to in the darker days of January.

There were 46 members there, and we all had, as usual, a welcome supper (or was it now tea?) from Mullers. There was an abundance of raffle prizes, making a profit of £100. Thank you everyone for your contributions.

Everyone either joined in the challenging games, as usual, or just sat and chatted while other did the hard work!

Again another successful G. O. B. meeting.

PAT MARLEY (BINDING)

SPRING LUNCH 2012

On Friday 27th April 2012 the Guild of Old Bedans held their Spring Lunch. This event is looked forward to by Old Bedans, because, to many, it finally marks the end of winter.

This particular year, cold and wet weather, seemed to persist longer than usual. Therefore it was with cheerful anticipation that 58 Old Bedans, came to the Sea Hotel to enjoy the meal and have a good chat, with friends and former class mates, especially those they had not seen for a while.

As in former years, members have been able to have the meal of their choice, from the Hotel's menu.

As usual members had all arrived by 12.30pm, but for some reason the food was not ready by 1 o'clock. In fact it was not served until 2 o'clock. Of course that meant 'pangs of hunger

SPRING LUNCH 2012 (cont)

had to be quelled!' However it gave everyone more time to gossip before the meal.

Eventually the tables were cleared and everyone settled down to enjoy the rest of the afternoon. The raffle was held and it made £94. The school song was sung, and we wish to thank Joyce Bagley for her accompaniment on the 'keyboard'.

We thank the committee for planning the 2012 reunion, and we also want to express our great appreciation to our Treasurer, Judith Rosenstein, for making the arrangement with the Sea Hotel staff. Judith has always been meticulous in her efforts to see that everything runs smoothly for our benefit.

We hope all those at the reunion had a good journey home and we thank them for coming and making it another pleasant and successful occasion.

PAT BIDDLESTONE

MARRIOTT SUMMER REUNION 2012

Unfortunately the members present at this gathering were much smaller than usual, with only 20 members present. Hopefully more members will come in 2013!!!

We can recommend the fish and chips, although, one may only have a cup of coffee or a sandwich if desired, as no pre-booking is necessary.

There was a mystery dark haired guest at the reunion, and no one seemed to identify her. She had been to the Marriott for a meal and had 'popped over' to see us. Can anyone help to identify her please?

DOROTY JOBLING (SINGLETON)

AGE ACTIVATED ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER

This is sometimes known as AAADD and it is very common without you realising you've got it.

This is how it manifests itself.

I need to wash my car. As I start towards the garage, I notice some mail on the hall table. I decide to go through it before washing the car. I put my keys down on the table, put my junk mail in the bin and notice that the bin is full. I decide to empty the bin so I put the letters back on the table, but then I think I may as well deal with the bills, so when I take the bin out, I am near the post box. I take my cheque book off the table and see there is only one cheque left, so I go to my desk in the study where I find a bottle of sparkling water I had been drinking. I'm about to look for my new cheque book, when I notice that the water has become warm, so I decide to put it in the fridge. I head towards the kitchen, when I notice the vase of flowers on the dining table, they need water. As I put the bottle of water down on the table I notice my glasses, which I have been looking for all morning. I decide I had better to take them back to my desk, but first I must water the flowers.

I fill a jug with water, when I spot the TV remote on the kitchen table, Tonight when we are watch TV in another room, we'll be looking for it, so I decide to take it back to the lounge, but first I must water the flowers. I start to pour some water on them but some spills on the floor, so I put the remote down to wipe up the spill. Then I head back down the hall, trying to remember what I was planning to do. Now it's the end of the day

The car isn't washed, the bills aren't paid, there is a warm bottle of water on the dining room table, the flowers aren't watered, there is only one cheque in my cheque book,

A.A.A.D.D.(cont)

I can't find the remote or my glasses, and I don't know what I did with the car keys.

I try to work out why nothing got done today and I'm getting the blame -- unfairly, because I have been busy and *now I'm really tired*. It's a problem and I'll try to get some help, but first I'll check my emails.....

I hasten to add that I'm not quite at this stage yet but the signs are there.

DOROTHY JOBLING (SINGLETON)

A note from our oldest Bedan who has had a book published

"Fools Rush In" by Lorna Raymond

Go to www.kindle.co.uk. Go to drop box and click on "Kindle Store"

Romance, general and then search by most recent publications.

Alternatively go to www.amazon.co.uk. Click on "Kindle Store"

And type Lorna Raymond into the search box.

Price £6.38 Fiction – Romance-General & New Books

Look for writers name as a few books have same title.

LORNA MACCOBY RAYMOND

NEW MEMBERS

Joan Eastern (Kirkaldy)
Margaret Beston (Reah)
Barbara Auchterlonie (Watson)

DEATHS

Joyce Worthy (Gaskin)
Elizabeth Ripley (Gaskin)
Dorothy Sutton
Jean Henderson (Telfer)
Jean Royal (Cox)
Kathleen Teasdale (Allen-Williams)
Mildred Boutflower (Waters)
Eleanor Potts
Lilian Dawson (Dodds)
Doreen Emmerson (Dodds)
Anne Shearer (Dalton)
Irene Elstob (Gunnah)
Marjorie Philiskirk (Netherton)
Mary Tulloch (Thompson)
Joan Jobling (Kirton)
Elizabeth Lundy (Munro)

SUNDERLAND CITY – PROSPECTS

Many people comment on the not so good things that have happened to Sunderland since the halcyon days of a vibrant town centre, with many department stores and plenty of smaller specialist shops. You could buy everything you needed for your home and for your clothing – posh or everyday. Nowadays other places get the business from our residents.

Today I am going to try to put a more optimistic view of our city as it is now. Not so much the shopping prospects, but the job prospects.

To start with Sunderland is becoming a centre of excellence for the software industry. BIC, the North East Business and Innovation Centre, is based on the north bank of the River Wear and is a regional enterprise agency. It oversees three software centres in Sunderland, namely, Rainton Bridge, Software Hatchery @ Sunderland University, Jupiter Centre on the north riverside and a new software centre at Tavistock Place, which is under construction and will accommodate 60 software companies. Sunderland is becoming the place to do business for the international software industry.

Since starting in 2008, Sunderland Software City has helped around 200 companies generating 100 new knowledge-intensive jobs and has supported approximately 40 businesses to start up. Funding from the European Development Fund 2007 – 2013 has helped in the start up process.

Sunderland University is growing in size and reputation and has been nominated in two categories, as one of only six universities in the country, for the Times Higher Education Awards. One of the categories nominated in is University of the Year.

SUNDERLAND PROSPECTS (cont)

Nissan is now a huge employer in the city with a workforce of thousands. The new Nissan hatchback, as yet unnamed, is to be produced at the Sunderland plant. It could lead to the creation of 225 jobs at the factory and a further 900 in the supply chain by 2014. Also, the new innovation model is to be built from 2013. Once the production of the two models begins it is estimated that the Sunderland workforce will stand at 6,625.

I feel I must mention the Seafront Regeneration Programme, as it means that many improvements are to be made from Roker along the front to Seaburn. The council has been awarded £1 million from the government and there will be £500,000 from the council's own funds to do the work

Roker seafront will have new event spaces, new lighting features and new educational and retail spaces. Seaburn is to be developed as a family-friendly resort with high quality indoor and outdoor facilities all year round.

Then we have the beautiful river walk on the north bank of the river, with its sculptures, fine buildings like the Glass Centre and University Campus I could go on about the C to C cycle route but that will have to be left for another day. I hope I have given you a flavour of what I think, that all is not doom and gloom for the future of our home town. It was once known as the largest ship building town in the world and you never know, we may, in a far distance time in the future, be known as the best silicon valley in the world. Here's hoping.

DOROTHY JOBLING (SINGLETON)

ENGLISH BLUNDER GEMS

From *Lost in Translation* by Charlie Croker

In a hotel lobby, Beijing, China.

Good appearance please no watermelon please

Seoul

Choose twin bed or marriage size we regret no King Kong size

Istanbul

Flying water in all rooms

In an Italian hotel, signs by the bell

If service is required give two strokes to the maid and three to the waiter

It is kindly requested from our guests that they avoid dirting and doing rumours in the rooms

Hot and cold running water up and down the stairs

Ethiopia

To call room service please open the door and call Room Service. Please call quiet people may sleep

Tokyo

It is forbidden to steal hotel towels please

If you are not person to do such thing is please not to read notis

Guests are requested not to smoke or do other disgusting behaviours in bed

Shanghai

It is forbidden to play recorder in guest rooms

Rome

Please dial 7 to retrieve your auto from the garbage

China

Invisible service is available for your rest being not disturbed

LETTER FROM ABROAD

My home is in Fish Hoek which lies on False Bay between Kalk Bay – a small working fishing harbour and Simonstown - once the British Naval Base at the tip of Africa, now home to the South African Navy. The Dutch were great colonisers and Simonstown was named for Simon van der Stel, their leader. It is a historical Olde Worlde little town with quaint shops selling antiques, jewellery, old fashioned clothes, bric-a-brac and the like. It also sports an Ice Cream Parlour which to my delight also sells fruit sorbet. Simonstown has a harbour where many luxury yachts, pleasure and fishing craft are moored. Quite often one can see seals cavorting in the water.

Fish Hoek has a delightful long beach with a pleasant promenade, plenty of parking, a restaurant and several brightly coloured bathing huts. Often I drive there (3km) on a Sunday to watch the waves and refresh my soul. It is not as big nor as developed as Seaburn.

The town itself is on the coastal road very close to the beach. It has a Fish and Chip shop renowned for its fare throughout the peninsula. On a hot day how delightful to eat your fish and chips sitting on a seat watching the sea.

Great White Sharks have a home in False Bay and Fish Hoek has become known as "The Shark Capital of the World" on account of shark attacks, sometimes fatal, which have occurred at Fish Hoek beach. Be assured I put only my feet in the water!

JOAN BROOKS (RICHARDS)

MY OBE

When a mysterious letter arrived in mid-November last year marked 'URGENT PERSONAL – CABINET OFFICE', my husband, Tom, felt compelled to ring me at work, to ask what he should do with it. The envelope was just screaming to be opened and I was not there! Neither of us had any idea about its contents, but we were both equally curious. "Just open it" I said rather bravely, with not the faintest of notion what was to follow. There was a palpable and deeply disturbing silence at the end of the line as Tom quickly skim read the contents, then went back to the beginning and blurted out, "You've been recommended for an OBE!!! It says 'The Prime Minister has asked me to inform you in strict confidence, that he is recommending that Her Majesty may be graciously pleased to approve that you be appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire in the New Year 2012 Honours List" We were stunned and amazed and very, excited, but we heeded the request for confidentiality, and set about our normal business for the remainder of the day (and indeed, the remainder of the year). It truly was the biggest secret that we had ever kept.

The letter advised that no further correspondence would be received in the run up to the official announcement on 31st December and occasionally, it all seemed a bit of a dream. However one minute after midnight, the Honours list was published on the internet and at precisely 00.41am, I received my first congratulatory email!!! I had no idea that so many people were awake and scanning the news at that time of day!! It was wonderful, that in the days to come, so many colleagues, friends, family and people whose path had simply crossed with mine, during my career, took the time to get in touch.

The actual investiture took place at Buckingham Palace on Thursday 31st May, and was simply the most wonderful

MY OBE (cont)

experience from beginning to end. London was jam packed at the time and with a real buzz, as it was the weekend of Jubilee. Once inside the splendour of it all was quite breath-taking – the guards with their mirror like breastplates, the gilded furniture, the amazing array of paintings, the grand reception areas and, of course, the huge ballroom where the awards are made. Everyone was extremely friendly and helpful however, and it was clear they wanted us to have a real day to remember. Those who were receiving awards were taken off to be briefed on protocol, and the morning sped by like a well oiled machine.

It was very humbling to talk to others who were also being honoured on that day. We met some amazing people who had shown enormous bravery and incredible levels of commitment to causes and communities across the globe as well as the UK. The great leveller however, was the total fear that rose in all of us heel wearing women, when we were instructed we had to walk backwards from the dais having once received our award!!! We all had visions of ending up on our “derriers”, sprawled in front of a bemused Prince Charles, who was officiating that day! Fortunately you will be pleased to know we all made it through without that indignity!!

My OBE was awarded for services to Further Education and, having recently retired after working in education for over 37 years, it was an enormous honour to have been recognised in this way and at this point in my life. More importantly, I like to think it was a huge accolade to be enjoyed by all of those who have helped and encouraged me throughout my career - my teachers and lecturers, managers, friends and colleagues and most of all my family and long suffering husband!

LINDA MADDISON (MOORE)

MY OLYMPIC EXPERIENCE

Wow, what a brilliant summer. I was so excited to get through all of the interviews and be selected as a games maker for the summer's Olympic Games. As a tennis fan I was ecstatic to be selected as part of the athlete support team at Wimbledon.

Having followed all of the media coverage on the journey of the Olympic Torch, I went to Ascot to watch the torch relay so that I could be involved in the build up to the Games. It was fascinating watching the entourage arrive in large coaches and to see the crowd's excitement when the torch was handed over to Denise Lewis. I was within touching distance of Denise as she entered Ascot racecourse, torch in hand. She then passed the torch on to Frankie Dettori, who was waiting on horseback, and proceeded to circle the parade ring as a proud torchbearer.

My role as part of the athlete support team at Wimbledon started two weeks before the actual event. This enabled me and my colleagues to familiarise ourselves with our roles and the surroundings. We also had to look after any tennis players arriving early to practice.

In my first few days as a games maker, I saw many parts of Wimbledon that the general public never get to see. We were given a tour of the ladies and gentlemen's locker rooms (before the players arrived!), the players restaurant and lounge and the players' "chill out" area.

We were shown the route that the players take from the locker room to Centre Court, past the enormous trophy cabinet and along the corridor with pictures of past champions covering the walls on either side. An awe-inspiring journey. Less awe-inspiring was the journey to Court One, which takes you

MY OLYMPIC EXPERIENCE (cont)

underneath Centre Court and through a rabbit warren of underground corridors. Some of the other games makers walked both of these paths several times a day, as they were required to escort players from the locker rooms to the courts.

On my first few days volunteering (two weeks before the tournament started), only Andy Murray and the Kazakhstan team were at Wimbledon practicing

Another duty, which I performed on several occasions, was to be on hand in the players' gym to pander to their every need (issuing towels, water etc and ensuring that the equipment was clean and functional). On my first occasion in the gym, I watched Roger Federer do a 40 minute training session. It was fascinating to see the type of gym work he did – at one point, he was balancing on one leg on a wobble board holding a ball the size of a small football. His trainer would throw another ball to him and he would shadow a forehand or backhand stroke and would hit that ball back to his trainer. Perhaps this is the secret to his phenomenal balance on court!

As games makers, we were given the opportunity to watch the torch procession through Wimbledon (to act as crowd control for the children sitting close to the cameras). We stood in the thick of the action on top of Henman Hill/Murray Mound awaiting Andy Murray's arrival with the torch.

Venus Williams, who was the next torchbearer, joined us on the hill and, whilst waiting for Andy to arrive with the torch, chatted with the crowd and showed the unlit torch to all of the children. She had a lovely manner and, was very friendly. I was also struck by how tall, slim and elegant she was! Andy duly arrived with the torch and passed the flame to Venus.

MY OLYMPIS EXPERIENCE(cont)

He also stayed and chatted to the crowd and I was very excited to have been part of that momentous occasion.

The Olympic Tennis started the following weekend. It was clear that the organisers were keen to ensure that the event differed from the Wimbledon Championships which had taken place just a few weeks earlier. The signage and colouring had completely changed and there was not a Rolex in sight. The tournament opened with a live performance by the Pet Shop Boys and flash dancers performed an impromptu dance concert for the spectators sitting on the hill. Walking from Wimbledon station up to the All England Club, it was wonderful to see all of the other games makers directing people to the tournament with giant hands and big smiles. There was also music blasting from all sides of the All England Club – walking past one gate you would hear the Beatles and passing another you would hear a brass band, the atmosphere was fantastic.

Fortunately, although stationed in the gym for much of my time, I was able to keep track of how Team GB was fairing in other sports on TV. I was extremely excited when the ladies pairs won Team GB's first gold medal. Julien Benneteau (a top French player) was in the gym at the time and congratulated us on our country's first gold medal, which he said was well deserved. It was an exciting day as the medals came in thick and fast.

Yaroslava Shvedova (one of the female players) chatted to me and my fellow games maker for 20 minutes and we congratulated her on winning a "golden set" (not losing a point in the whole set) during the Wimbledon Championships a few weeks earlier, in her match against Sara Errani.

MY OLYMPIC EXPERIENCE(cont)

I was also lucky enough to sit in the player's box for Caroline Wozniacki's match against Yanina Wickmayer. Unfortunately, Rory McIlroy wasn't there that day, but I saw him in the gym the next day when he was working out with Wozniacki.

On my last day, Serena Williams came to warm up for her match and Maria Sharapova's match was being shown on the TV in the gym. Serena asked if we could turn the sound down and we all laughed!!

These are just some of my favourite moments during my time as a volunteer. I had the opportunity to interact with many top players (Federer, Djokovic, Cloisters, Tsonga to name but a few).

It was a memorable experience that I will always treasure and I am honoured to have been a part of such a fantastic event. It was really refreshing to find people friendly and communicative on my journeys into work. I was spoken to on the station platform and also on the trains. People were interested to know what I was doing and also shared enthusiasm for the Games.

I only hope that the positivity and friendliness that the Olympics evoked will continue!

MIDGE BINDING (COX)

INTERNET CONTACT

In this age of advanced technology (often too advanced for sixty five year olds), we are trying to contact all Bedans who started in 1958, with the intention of building up an email network for those who are interested.

This year we had two informal mini reunions at the Ramside Hall Hotel and they were greatly enjoyed by those who attended.

We have managed to obtain this address from our 1990 archives and hope that you will contact us if you would like to be included in the network.

Our email addresses are:-

anitaemerson@btinternet.com and

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We would love to hear from you,

ANITA PESCOD (EMMERSON)

BALANCE SHEET SEPTEMBER 2012

INCOME

Subscriptions	30.00
Donations	130.00
Interest	6.20
Raffles	194.00
Winter Reunion	336.00
Annual Lunch	<u>928.00</u>

EXPENDITURE

Postage	138.81
Winter Reunion	290.22
Engraving trays	45.20
Gifts	39.98
Raffle	
Prizes	28.96
Annual Lunch	867.10

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Total Funds September 2012

Balance Sheet September 2011
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TSB A/C
Barclays

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