

# The Old Bedan



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# The Guild of Old Bedans

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2015

**Annual Lunch** at the Sea Hotel, South Shields on Friday 24th April 2015. 12.30 for 1pm. Tickets £16. Payment must be made by 17th April.

**Summer Reunion** at the Marriott Hotel, Seaburn on Tuesday 9th June 2015 at 12 noon. Buffet Lunch (optional) .

**Annual Business Meeting** on Wednesday 10th September 2015 at 2pm. Held at the home of **Brenda Liddle (Fleming)**, 9, Grange Park Avenue, Sunderland, SR5 1NS.

**Winter Reunion** at the Bede Centre on 16th October 4.30 pm—7pm. Tickets £7 . Please bring cups. Plates are provided. Dinner tickets will be available. Pay by 8th October.

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



## Outgoing Chairman

It is with some regret that I have found it necessary because of health problems to resign as Chairman of the Guild. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to hold this office for the past two and a half years.

My good wishes go to whoever takes over as Chairman and I hope they enjoy it as much as I have done. I hope to continue serving as a members of the committee and look forward to seeing you at our reunions.

My very best wishes to you all.

Sylvia Pratt (Hill)

## Treasurer's Report

The accounts are checked and are in good order. As you can see from the balance sheet we are quite healthy.

Thank you everyone for doing the raffles and selling the tickets, and for supporting us. It all helps. We all look forward to seeing you at the next reunion.

Judith Rosenstein

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## Membership Secretary's Report

I am valiantly trying to do the job that Dorothy Stephinson (Turpin) did so well and for so long so here goes.

### New Members

Lynne Colling (Clewes)

Marjorie Crompton (Mitchell)

Angela Porter (Cassels) (1959-66)

Grace Purvis (Carver) 1958-65)

Vivian A. Washington (Hornsby Smith) 1956—63

Kay Washington (Wright) 1961-68)

You will notice a few changes in the magazine this year and that is down to our saviour Margaret Nichol (Thompson) who has saved the day by volunteering to be the Editor of our magazine. She has found some younger Old Bedans to add to our news and it makes me very positive for the future of the Guild. We all know, that without the magazine, the Guild of Old Bedans would probably cease to be. So thank you very much Margaret and long may you continue.

Dorothy Jobling (Singleton)

## Call to Younger Old Bedans

It would be so heart warming if some of our younger ex-Bedans, who live locally, could join our happy band and maybe help on the committee.\*\* We would love to see you. Please think about it if you see this magazine.

Dorothy Jobling (Singleton)

*\*\*The Committee normally meets 4 times a year apart from the reunion dates.*



## Editor's comments

Although I live many miles from Sunderland nowadays, (in Plymouth, ) I responded to the "WANTED" advert in the last magazine for someone to help with production. In these days of electronic communication, I thought I could at least prepare the magazine as long as it could continue to be printed and distributed in Sunderland, which it can.

I have produced newsletters for a couple of charitable organisations in the past and currently produce the one for the U3A in Plymouth which comes out 3 times a year.

After contacting Dorothy, she and the Committee have decided to let me loose. I want to encourage Old Bedans to send contributions to me by email. My email address is

[margthompson@virginmedia.com](mailto:margthompson@virginmedia.com)

Please make a note of this for future reference.

You can send me items throughout the year, as and when the mood takes you, which should be sooner rather than later. These days I find that if I don't do something when I think of it, I then forget!! The deadline for each edition is the end of September.

You can also post items to me. My address is on the front page. I would also like to receive photos which I will try and include. I have shown the years at Bede after each member's bracketed name (if I have been given them).

If you would like to receive an electronic copy of the Old Bedan magazine, please let me know. I can send it in A5 booklet form or A4 (both in pdf). This will help reduce costs.

## Photos—Where are they now?



The Hockey team in 1963. I believe it was the youngest team ever to win the County Championship? Am I right?

**Top row, far right Angela Porter (Cassels) 1959—66**

I live on the Isle of Arran in the Firth of Clyde with my husband Jim. We have been here for some 14 years, having moved here permanently not long before Jim retired. We commuted for a couple of years on a weekly basis to our work in Glasgow and East Kilbride but finally gave up the "rat race" in 2005 and 2006 respectively.

I was a chief auditor and then assistant director with Audit Scotland before retiring, having completed a post graduate accountancy course and then my professional training in my early 40s. Before that I worked for 4 years with an education project in Glasgow.

Our three daughters now live in St Albans and in the Gold Coast, Australia. So we have a great choice of holiday destinations! The hockey photo is very apt. With the St Albans and Cambridge families, we went to the Commonwealth Games in July and saw, among other sports, two hockey games, including Scotland in one and Australia in the other. Hockey today has moved on considerably from the 1960s! It was very enjoyable, especially as the son of friends was playing in the Scotland team.

*Editor's note—Are you in this photo? (I know I am) If so, email me and update me with where you are now!*

# Photo Corner



Some photos from the Annual lunch at the Sea Hotel, South Shields on 2nd May 2014.





## Annual Lunch 2014

I made a New Year's resolution in January to attend the Old Bedan's Annual Lunch this year. I had said for several years that I would try and make it but something always seemed to prevent it. I mentioned my intention to my sister Helen Nichol (Scott) 1961—68, who said that she too would like to attend. We drove up and spent a long weekend with Anita Pescod (Emerson) and duly attended the lunch on 2nd May.

The weather was lovely. We were a very small table—just 3 from 1958 and Helen from 1961! However we enjoyed the lunch very much. I thought the choices were varied and the food was good.. Next year will be the 50th anniversary of leaving for those of us who stayed into the 6th form. We are going to try and increase the number at our table to—a lot! Please make the effort to come. Margaret Nichol (Thompson) 1958—65

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Friday May 2nd and the sun was shining as Old Bedan Ladies, with a spring in their step arrived at the Sea Hotel, South Shields for lunch. Having consulted the table plan, everyone settled at their tables to gather "up to date" news of members from the Guild and of their own school year. The room was bright, serviettes in Bede colours and views of the sea with a large ferry gliding away from the pier made the occasion feel special. All were welcomed and after selecting their meal from an extensive menu, the chattering began in earnest.

As laughter rang out lunch was served by first rate staff and judging by the empty plates around the room, the food was excellent as usual. Following lunch everyone, with pride, sang the school song which was followed by the raffle draw which raised £102 for funds. The committee work hard to arrange events and on behalf of the 41 attending, I sincerely thank them for such an enjoyable day.

Number were lower this year due to a mix up on the dates but rest assured next year is book for 24th April 2015 when I am sure, normal service will be resumed.

Marjorie Harris (Stothard)

# Annual Lunch 2014

The Old Bedan lunch was very good as usual and I think Stella Butterly (Chambers) who accompanied me really enjoyed the day and we had a good chat on the journey to and fro.

Lucy Davison

## My "Bedan" experience

For years I have transported my mother, Marjorie Harris (Stothard) to reunions at the Marriott, Ramside Hall and recently the Sea Hotel. This year unfortunately her friend, Joyce Spoons (Strutt) could not attend and rather than waste the ticket my mother asked if I would like to have lunch. This I did and what an experience!

I sat listening to all in awe of their memories and how news of members was relayed. Sitting opposite was Sheila Coates (Bagley) who I recall as a PE teacher at netball tournaments when I was representing my school in competitions! At the end Stella Chambers (Butterley) said she attended Northumberland College and that is where I completed my teacher training. What a small world we live in!

The highlight for me was the School Song. Sung with passion after all the years gone by which certainly made me feel emotional to think that all these ladies keep in touch.

Thank you all for making the occasion a special event for a non Bedan!

All I can say is keep on going and all younger Bedans make the effort to attend as you are missing out on a wonderful opportunity to rekindle friendships and remember the good times.

Denise Ruffell



## Summer Reunion June 2014

I have just returned from the Britannia in Cleadon Village, having spent the last 3 hours in the company of 17 Old Bedans. Most of us were "locals" but Joyce Nisbett (Hartung) and Mary Scott travelled from further afield.

Joyce lives in Austria and Mary in the West Midlands, near to Birmingham. Both planned a holiday here with the summer reunion in mind. I can confidently say that they both enjoyed the gathering and reminiscing over past times.

It is the first time we have been to this venue for the reunion and I think we will be returning here next year.

There were some teething problems which I am sure can be ironed out.

The staff were friendly and the choice of meals was varied and reasonably priced. The room was light and airy and the fact that the weather was good added to the atmosphere.

Thanks to Sylvia Pratt (Hill) who did the research for this venue and I think she was relieved that it all went so well.

Here's to us all being able to meet up again next year.

Audrey Skinner (Sanderson) 1945—50



## From Bede uniform to African chief's regalia

The joy of Old Bedans' reunions is to share our many and varied recollections of our schooldays, which for many of us opened up opportunities for fulfilling lives and careers. This is far from the experience of girls growing up in remote Northern Ghana, but, thanks to the Wulugu Project founded over twenty years ago by Old Bedan Lynne Luccock (Symonds), 1958-65 the lives and futures of over 200,000 girls and women are now much brighter. I'd lost touch with Lynne since leaving school in (say it quietly!) 1965, and was delighted to meet up with her again at a reunion event organised by Anita Pescod (Emerson) and Carole Kemp (Andrews) a couple of years ago. Having last met over a Bunsen burner in the chemistry lab, we had a lot of catching up to do, and I was deeply touched when Lynne told me about her work.

After leaving Bede, Lynne became a chemistry teacher and married a Norfolk farmer, and at an international science conference in Japan in 1993 she met Karimu Nachina, a head teacher from Ghana, who told her of the difficulties faced by his students, especially girls. Many were living in extreme poverty, denied schooling either because they could not afford uniforms or equipment, or because they were sent to work, or worse, sold into prostitution. Schools were inadequate, underfunded and understaffed, often in a state of near-collapse and lacking basic materials. Lynne was determined to make a difference and the Wulugu Project was born.

Lynne began by establishing contact between her own school and Wulugu Secondary School and started fundraising. Her students collected and sent books (4 tonnes!), and two years later funded a hostel for girls at the school.

# From Bede uniform to African chief's regalia



Since then, working closely with local communities, Wulugu has built or renovated and maintained forty schools across the Northern Region of Ghana. It has supported vocational schemes and teacher training, offered health education in HIV/AIDS, and provided much needed equipment such as sewing machines and ploughs to help people become self-sufficient.

Lynne continues to work ceaselessly to raise funds necessary for this work to continue. She has kept her roots in Sunderland, obtaining generous support from Sunderland Rotarians, and from schools such as Biddick Academy, which recently donated £5,000 for desks. Wulugu is run entirely by volunteers in England and Ghana, so 98% of donations go direct to the project. If you would like to help, or to learn more about Wulugu do visit <http://www.wulugu.co.uk>



Dorothy Nelson (Stainsby)  
1958—65

Lynne in her  
tribal chief's  
regalia





## Recollections of “ Incidents ” at Bede

Foot through the ceiling of Room 19—last day of term July 1960

Our form room was the Music Room—up in the tower. On the last day of term somehow the door to the loft was left unlocked, so some of us explored. During the speedy return someone's foot missed a beam and she stepped on the plaster!!!! Yes it was me! I spent the whole summer worrying that my father was going to get a bill for the damage!

Margaret Nichol (Thompson) 1958—65

I feel rather guilty about the hole in the ceiling incident. I asked Elizabeth Kerr if she knew what lay beyond that back door and I may have triggered off the exploration:

Audrey Robson (Parkinson) 1958—65

Yes I do well remember the " foot through the ceiling " incident. I believe we went through the attic door from the music room. My recollection is of the very speedy return through the beams when we realised what had happened.

Grace Purvis (Carver) 1958—65

I well remember the exploration from the music room and also that it was your (Margaret's) foot! However I am pretty sure that there were four of us - one may have turned back. I remember 'it' being mentioned in the end of year afternoon assembly and I too was worried my parents may receive a bill!

Susan Melton ( Melton-Hill ) 1958—65

What I remember is on my first day at Bede, having the register taken by Mrs Youngs, who when she heard my name said, "Are you Margaret Nichol's sister?" When I replied, "Yes". She pointed to a patch on the ceiling of the form room, Room 19 and said, "She did that!" How I wished the floor would swallow me up!!

Helen Nichol (Scott) 1961—68



## Broken water pipe Room 1 - First day of autumn term 1960

So there I was on the first day back after the "Foot through the ceiling incident," very relieved that no bill had been received for the damage. Leaning against the window sill of Room 1, chatting to friends prior to assembly, I put my foot on the pipe attached to the radiator. Then I stood up and crack..... water cascaded from the radiator spraying the room. Up in front of Miss Bradbury again!!

Margaret Nichol (Thompson)

## Recollections of going to school



This is a picture of a tram at the stop where I used to get on to go to Bede. It is at the corner of Fulwell Road and Sea Road at Fulwell. A few of my friends used to get on further down the line and we would discuss everything, including ,

'Have you done last night's homework?'

I started Bede in 1945 and I had the choice of bus or tram to go to school but I think the trams were more frequent. I used to get the 7:50 tram most days, unless I was on chair-putting-out duty and then it would be earlier. Sometimes I would ride to school on my bike for the 5 mile journey but I can't remember how long it took. I do remember having a spell of going home for lunch on my bike, but we had long lunch hours then. Happy Days,

Dorothy Jobling (Singleton)

## Incident at Derwent Hill, Outward Bound Centre

That (foot through ceiling) incident reminded me of another one on Derwentwater. I think it was in the sixth form and the Geography group went to Derwent House for a week's field course. One of the activities we took part in was canoeing. We learned how to capsize and how to form a 'raft' of canoes if anyone did accidentally capsize. We then all set off to canoe to an island on the lake. I remember being in a double canoe (not sure with whom) and others were in singles. Half way across a sudden storm blew up and a canoe capsized. I'm afraid the 'form a raft' safety advice seemed to be forgotten as we paddled furiously back to shore. In my mind's eye I can see the person who capsized hanging on to the back of the teacher/ instructor's canoe and being towed back to the creek. I do hope this memory isn't fully a figment of my imagination or has become very embroidered over time. Perhaps someone else can remember? \*\*

I wonder if any old Bedans have seen the following website? It is a great live webcam of Roker beach. Living on the south coast I regularly check the Sunderland weather.

[www.sunderland.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=3382](http://www.sunderland.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=3382)

Grace Purvis (Carver) 1958—65

*\*\* No Grace you didn't imagine it, I was the one who capsized. A sudden squall came up and a wave slapped the side of my canoe and I went in. The decision not to "form a raft" was made because it was too rough!*

*I remember trying to cling on to the end of the instructor's fibre glass boat. My hands kept slipping off as there was nothing to get hold of.*

*I remember getting ashore and being taken to a house. Here I was told to strip off and get into a bath of what seemed to be really hot water but once I had warmed up was lukewarm. I guess it was to prevent hypothermia?? I know I was the best swimmer in the group and I dread to think what might have happened if anyone else had gone into the freezing water.*  
*Margaret Nichol (Thompson)*



## Brief biography

After my A Levels I joined the Civil Service as an E.O. I was in the Ministry of Pensions at Houghton le Spring. I joined Sunderland Rambling Club where I met up with my husband to be. He got a research job with Boots and so we moved to Lowdham, a village near Nottingham and got married. I continued in the Civil Service becoming their Insurance Officer dealing with benefit appeals, fraud etc. until I got pregnant. I was also their Sports and Social Secretary. I had Graham first followed 3 years later by Helen. After messing about with stables work I did an accounts course. I was self employed for a while to fit in with the children. I then got a job at Nottingham High School for Boys. I spent their money; organised trips and holidays and booked travel for teachers' courses. I worked there for 16 years until I retired 3 years ago. Graham works in IT and Helen married Detective Frost and produced 2 little Frosts. They live in Letchworth but keep us quite busy.

I don't think that I'm truly retired! I do auditing for the W.I. I am Treasurer of our W.I. Hall and of our Local History Group. I also audit for local groups and invigilate for the High School. I help at our village toddler group; sick visit for church; do Time Travel with children at Southwell Minster; work 2 mornings at a paper shop and am Chairperson of Lowdham Village Hall and Playing Fields. The latter is very time consuming and a bit of a headache.

I go swimming twice a week and cycle and ramble around rural Lowdham and surrounding area. I'm also a member of a 'Twirlie' Group. We go out and about on buses - not too early so we don't pay - and meet up once a month at the pub.

I still find the time to go out and about with Ray; do housework and gardening and look after the cat!

I still meet up with Elizabeth Kerr now Pearce and we always bring in the New Year together with our husbands' support!

**Audrey Robson (Parkinson) 1958—65**



## The Mafia

The importance of the Guild of Old Bedans to friendships cannot be exaggerated. As we grow older it is so very important to keep in touch with our contemporaries. This sentiment was so clearly emphasized to me a few weeks ago while on a short holiday in Kendal with my cousin and his wife June. June had lost touch with an old and trusted friend. She asked me if I knew Betty Miller as she was an Old Bedan? I said, 'No, but I knew a group who probably did.'

Into action went the group I jokingly called The Old Bedan Mafia! The word was spread, questions asked, "Did anyone know or remember Betty Miller and where was she now?"

The questions rippled through the Mafia and the answers began to arrive. One person knew where she lived and another would call and see her. If she was not available she would leave a note.

One day after the note was delivered I received a phone call from Betty's cousin telling me she is alive and well and happily living in a care home. She is delighted to know her old friend June is looking for her. ----- success the Mafia had done its job!

Friends reunited!

Thank you Old Bedans, let's make sure we keep this valuable society strong and healthy.

Margaret Botcherby (Scott)

## Snippets

- Joyce Bell (Prince) was 90 years old in April and is still very active and lives in Scarborough.
- Calling all 39rs to lunch monthly at La Toscaninas, Derwent Street, Sunderland. Ring Joan Liddle for dates and times.
- Rennie Lofthouse (Ellison) was recuperating after a hospital stay so could not attend the lunch but sends her regards and hopes to see you next year.

Joan Liddle Tel: 0191 5293012

- Poppy Gould who now lives in Petersfield, Hants would like to send greetings to whoever knows her.
- Kathleen Robson also send her regards. Kathleen is not in good health but still loves to attend the Baltimore Concert Orchestra where her son plays first horn.

Sheila Coates (Bagley)

- Joyce Spoor (Stutt), having recently been in hospital, could not manage to attend but is looking forward to next year.
- Edna Dorrell (Winson) was in Sunderland visiting her sister in April so, after contacting me, a few of us had coffee in the Blue Bell, Fulwell to catch up.

Marjorie Harris (Stothard)

- Susan Melton-Hill now lives in Vienna but regularly visits Australia to see her 2 daughters. She keeps in touch with Carole Smith (Swetenham), Jennifer Stewart (Lovell) and Anthea Minchom (Levene).
- Grace Purvis (Carver) lives in Rustington on the Sussex coast.
- Anita Pescod (Emerson) keeps in touch with a lot of school friends and regularly organises get togethers especially when Maureen Ferry visits from Los Angeles.



## Snippets

Hazel McCree (Elmslie) is now living in Nidderdale and still plays the occasional game of cricket for her local team. Her daughter, Fiona, qualified as a doctor in 2013

Hazel visited Pat Kirtley 1945—52 in December 2013. Pat still lives in Sunderland, and is as cheerful as ever.

Anthea Minchom (Levene) wonders if there are any Old Bedans living in New Zealand as she will be visiting both island in Jan/Feb 2015. (Contact the Editor for her email address)

**Also she has suggested a reunion of those who left Bede 50 years ago.**

*I suggest we do something the day after the Annual lunch, i.e. on Saturday April 25th. Then we can attend both events.*

*Get in touch with Anita Pescod (Emerson) or Margaret Nichol (Thompson)*

## First Day at Bede



Margaret Nichol (Thompson) and Jean Barnes (Fawcett) ready for their first day at Bede—September 1958.

## Obituaries

Audrey Shaw (Watson) 7/9/20—25/1/13

Audrey was the youngest of 3 children of Fred & Minnie Watson of Ashgrove Terrace and attended Bede School between the wars. Audrey was manageress of a ladies hairdresser's before marrying Wilf Shaw of Glebe Farm, West Boldon in 1941. They farmed there and raised 2 boys. In 1962, the family moved to Lockerbie in Southern Scotland.

Audrey, a town girl, took to being a farmer's wife during the second world war, raising the boys and helping on the farm. The move to Lockerbie saw her take part in the Episcopal Church, flower arranging, curling, bridge and Save the Children, whilst supporting the family on the farm. Audrey continued to run the farm after Wilf died in 1996 until her death in 2013. Brian Shaw (son)

## Deaths

Gladys Elliott (Canning)

Doris Coxon (Keams)

Hannah Stirling (Jefferys)

Eileen Horn (McCree)

Joan Ball (Turpin)

Sheila McBain (Sidebottom)

Audrey Waler (Colbeck)

Doreen Applegarth (Oliphant)

Betty Hunter Brantingham  
(Robson)

Elizabeth Mitchell (Christie)

Jean Collier (Winter)

Audrey Shaw (Watson)

Jean Maltas (Koch)

Joan Bambrough (Washington)

Joyce Robson (Wolladge)



## Obituaries

Joan Bambrough (Washington) 22.11.1918 – 31.1.2014

Joan was a gregarious lady with a wide range of hobbies and a lifelong interest in learning. She was married to Jack Washington, a well-known local sportsman, for 59 years – a very happy marriage, even though she was not interested in sport! She enjoyed a challenge and, at the age of 40 she learnt to swim, at 50 it was driving and at 70 she joined a gym, whilst 80 brought pierced ears.

Health concerns led to her very reluctantly leaving Sunderland at the age of 88, to live in Leeds, close to her two daughters, Vivien & Kay, her 5 grand-daughters and 2 great-grandchildren.

She eagerly read the OLD BEDAN & kept many back copies to re-read. She lived independently in Leeds for 5 years, but, following a fall, spent her last 12 months in a nursing home, where she died, in January, aged 95 years.

Whilst her later years were spent away from Sunderland she did manage to get a few trips back, meeting friends & relations and walking along the sea-front. At her insistence, her ashes returned to her home & were scattered in the sea off Roker Pier, on a very wet and windy day, with family and friends around her.

Vivien A Hornsby Smith (nee Washington)

## Paraprosdokians

Paraprosdokians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently humorous. Winston Churchill loved them:

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
3. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
4. I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now.

## 1962 Trip to Italy with Mr Cox



At the Baths of Caracella. Janice, Kathryn, Judith, Mr Nottingham, Miss Taylor and Miss Dunns?? Who are the 2 girls on the left?

Near Pompeii - from left to right — Judith Wharton, Kathryn Russell, Avril Foster, Janice Arnold and Maureen Ferry.



I have colour transparencies from this trip which I have digitized and will email or send you copies if you get in touch. Didn't we look young??? Margaret Nichol (Thompson)



## A Visit to the Bede in October 2014 by Jean Haswell

My cousin, Ann Masteman (McLachan, and I made a sentimental journey to the Bede site the other day.

Some of you may remember the tragic death of my brother, Geoffrey Haswell, on 15th October 1952. A tree was planted in his memory beside the rugby pitch where he died and I had a sudden urge to go and find out if it was still there.

I tentatively wrote to the head teacher asking permission and received a gracious reply suggestion 11am the following Monday.

Ann and I duly arrived on a very stormy day, pouring with rain.

The Bede is no longer the Bede as we knew it 70 years ago, but the Bede Campus of Sunderland College. It teaches sixth formers up to A level, acting as a 6th form college.

Reception was now in what was Miss Moul's and the school office combined, to the right of the front door. We were greeted by Karen Wade, the Principal, a warm friendly woman who welcomed us and showed us around the school as it is today.

Wow, what a change from our day! With 2500 students plus the facilities for them, the place buzzed with orderly activity. "Shaping careers through training and education" says the Prospectus, "gain practical life skills with our foundation study programme". It made us feel very happy that the school of today is giving its students the education and opportunities which were there for us so many years ago. And yes, Geoffrey's tree is still there more than 60 years on.

### On a lighter note

#### Aircraft Carrier Sees The Light.

*Americans:* Please divert your course 15 degrees to the north to avoid a collision.

*Canadians:* Recommend you divert your course 15 degrees to the south to avoid a collision.

*Americans:* This is the captain of a US navy ship. I say again divert your course.

*Canadians:* No, I say again, you divert your course.

*Americans:* This is the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln, the second largest ship in the United States' Atlantic fleet..... We are accompanied by three destroyers, three cruisers and numerous support vessels. I demand that you change your course 15 degrees north or counter measures will be taken to ensure the safety of this ship.

*Canadians:* This is a lighthouse— your call.

Balance Sheet

Sept 2013-Sept 2014

**INCOME****EXPENDITURE**

Subscriptions	£10.00	Postage	£195.92
Donations	£108.00	Annual Lunch	£598.00
Interest	£6.52	Expenses	£50.00
Raffle	£102.00	Raffle Prizes	£31.96
Annual Lunch	£714.00	Total	<b><u>£875.88</u></b>
Autumn Reunion	£84.00	Credit on year	£148.64
	<b><u>£1,024.52</u></b>		<b><u>£1,024.52</u></b>

Total Funds Sept 2014

Balance 2013	£4,183.92	3.5% War Stock	£98.36
Credit on year	£148.64	TSB Account	£3,708.47
		Barclays Account	£525.73
	<b><u>£4,332.56</u></b>		<b><u>£4,332.56</u></b>

Checked and verified  
Joyce M Lowe  
28th August 2014



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