

beaten the School. The victory was made possible by a fine performance by the School second pair of Stephen Welti and Ian Dardis who won all six sets played. The School, under the captaincy of Tim Thurston, did well to reach the area finals of the Granville Cup by beating Alleyn's School and Watford Grammar School. However we came up against Magdalen College who after beating us went on to win the competition.

The School's singles tournament was won by Stephen Welti, the doubles by Tim Thurston and Murray Ferguson. The junior singles was won by J. Over. In the house tennis Ashburnham narrowly beat Crescent. With good performances from the lower VIs and having retained four from last years 1st VI the School will be hoping for success next year.

IAN DARDIS

## Swimming

The season was one of mixed fortunes with the Senior team losing all their matches and the Juniors winning all theirs, but combining points we won two of our three matches. However, this pattern was expected, and shows great promise for the future, as only two members of the School team were Seniors, thus many Juniors had to swim as Seniors.

Bishop's Stortford Seniors beat us by a narrow margin of two points, the competition resting on the Freestyle Relay which we lost by two yards; but thanks to the efforts of the Juniors who won by fifteen points, the overall result was in our favour.

In the triangular event against Wellingborough and Aldenham, the former posed no problems, but the match against Aldenham followed the same pattern as the Bishop's Stortford match with the Juniors pulling the Seniors through for an overall win.

The Senior team was totally outclassed by a stronger Haileybury team, our only success being a good win for Bradford (still a Junior) in the Senior 100 yards freestyle, a very closely fought race. The Junior team again won their match, but not by a large enough margin for an overall victory.

With Nigel Culverwell occupied in International Matches and 'A'-levels, Teddy Bradford must take his place as the School's best individual, having returned some very good times under the minute for 100 yards freestyle. Brandon and Charlton also put in several good performances, and Handy shows considerable promise for the future, if Rowing does not take up all his time. The team was well Captained by Mark Illingworth, with Julian Brandon as Secretary. Minor Colours were awarded to M. C. Illingworth, J. A. Brandon and M. C. Bradford.

## House Competitions

Paulo-Pontine walked away with the Senior Trophy, while Bromham managed to take the Junior in a very close-fought battle. In the Diving we saw the highest standard for several years, the St. Cuthbert's divers eventually winning. In the Water-Polo final, Paulo-Pontine beat Bromham soundly by nine goals to nil.

R.A.E.

## Archery

Once more the School team has had a good year. We managed to retain the County Outdoor title but lost the County Indoor title. It was disappointing though, that we did not have any matches against other Schools. Neither Haileybury nor Stowe were able to find times that fitted in with us.

On the individual side there was considerable improvement on the part of Bayliss, Coles and Wallace. Coles won both the County outdoor and the County Indoor individual titles and also won a medal for the highest placed Junior in a F.I.T.A. star tournament at Luton last term; Wallace was placed a creditable 5th in the shorter afternoon shoot, and Bayliss was 9th.

Bayliss and Coles took part in the Southern Counties Championship at Maidstone, Kent, at the beginning of this term, but after 3 dozen of the 12 dozen arrows, the event, both senior and junior sections, was called off due to high winds and rain.

ROBERT COLES

## Shooting

This summer found us with a relatively inexperienced group of marksmen for the Full-bore season – we had only two Upper-VIth formers in the club – and no more chance of open-range practice than in previous years. So we rather groped our way through the early meetings, losing our hold on the East Anglian Championship on the way, and arrived at Bisley in need of some very hard work. We only had six members who had been able to turn out regularly over the summer, and we had to cast our net wide in order to make up numbers. Indeed, nineteen boys turned out to shoot for the School during the term – an unsatisfactory state of affairs for the short term problem of producing a Bisley team, but a very healthy situation as far as the club is concerned for the future.

We went to Bisley with a shooting party of fourteen and no butt markers, and with our hopes very much higher than our expectations. But with characteristic grit the party got down to work straight away, and with the experience of Henry Gompertz and Robin Hatcher to lean on we were soon putting in reasonable scores. To our great pleasure, Paul Neate shot brilliantly on the Tuesday to come fourth in the Cadets Rifle Aggregate. However, on the Thursday, despite a fine shoot by Nick Smith as Ninth Man to launch the day, the VIII performed very poorly at 200 yards to earn a caustic earful, but then redeemed themselves with an outstanding score at 500 yards to bring us up to tenth place in the Ashburton Shield. To cap this, Robin Hatcher was to make the top score for an Atheling, and to be counted out into second place in the Schools Hundred by an Epsomian.

We were fortunate this year that all our rifles lasted the course without breaking down – a tribute to the consistent work over the season by the "weapon men", and despite some badly worn barrels which decided to continue to group for us. We have been issued with some no. 4s with new barrels, and it is hoped that we may be able to bring a few into service next year.

Five of the team stayed on to shoot the main Meeting and several OBs joined us for the week. Henry Gompertz celebrated his final summer with the School by being selected for the Inter-Services UK Cadets Team – for the second year running – and then for the A. G. Bell VIII against the Canadians, the first Bedfordian to be selected for this match. Robin Hatcher, our first Atheling, apart from winning pots of money, also shot in the Inter-services match and for his County, and went on to distinguish himself in Canada (and win more money), notably achieving the highest cadet aggregate at 200 yards over the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association Meeting. He concluded his season, on returning to England, by winning his County Championship with the remarkable Queen's second stage score of 148/150. It was

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# School Societies

## Bridge Club

Although the summer is not the best time for breaking ground in this activity, the energy of Bob Lawrence found new outlets in the direction of the High School and Dame Alice, and joint sessions were held on Wednesday afternoons for 1½ hours of Duplicate Pairs, an activity which we hope to continue. Lawrence and Brooks usually won these sessions, playing Precision Club, which they enterprisingly learned for a match which never materialised. It was pleasing also to notice the attendance of Fourth-Formers as well as senior boys. Lawrence maintained his interest throughout 'A'-Levels and ended up as a reasonable player; At the end of Term, he and M.R.V. won a Pairs handicap at the local club.

M.R.V.

### Problem

#### Your Hand

♠ A, 8;  
♥ A, J, 7, 6;  
♦ Q, J, 10, 9;  
♣ Q, 3, 2;

#### Dummy

♠ 10, 2;  
♥ K, 10, 9, 2;  
♦ A, K, 3;  
♣ J, 10, 9, 8.

You are playing in 4♥ against the lead of the King of Spades. What is your best plan?

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## Conservative Association

Last term we had two meetings, which, as a consequence of GCE examinations, were thinly attended. The first of these was held on 7 June when we secured the services of Mr Flint, a member of the Monday Club, a former bastion of right-wing political thought. Mr Flint's talk was not surprisingly entitled 'Radical thoughts from the right-wing'. He preferred to talk informally and heated debate from the floor was the rule rather than the exception. Subjects ranged from North Sea oil, the Communist threat from the East, electoral reform, local government and the Parliamentary system.

Our second meeting was held on 21 June when the guest speaker was Mr William Clark, MP, Deputy Chairman of the Conservative Party who spoke on the theme 'can Britain survive?' He was extremely critical of past and present governments and of today's society. The 'ridiculous level of Government spending' particularly aroused his wrath. He praised the idea of a Welfare State but said that it was clearly out of control, with men better off unemployed than they would be with jobs. He said that Unions were a good institution but that some of them had too much say in what a government did (particularly over pay disputes). He concluded his talk by saying that not only was the Labour Government not alleviating our present dire situation but, by the introduction of the Capital Transfer Tax and the Wealth Tax, would, in a generation, destroy the whole concept of the private firm. Like the previous meeting, this was held on an informal basis with much free discussion.

KEVIN RYAN (*Secretary*)

## Debating Society

Last term there were three debates crammed in among the differing examination time-tables and other commitments of the schools. The first debate of the term was held at the Modern School with the motion: 'This House would support the abolition of the monarchy'. Mr Peter Hankins (BMS) opened with a feeble and incompetently played rendering of

the National Anthem on a recorder – the required shuffling obviously annoyed the chairman, who told Mr Hankins to hurry up or words to that effect. The effect of his words failed to penetrate the notes taken, and presumably to the detriment of Her Majesty, caused little reaction from Miss Meeks (DAHS). It was not until Miss Moira Menzies (BHS), seconding the proposition, stripped all the glamour from the Royals with a tidal wave of sarcasm that the floor seemed to react. Mr Jon Crowe (BS) dealt very firmly with the little man in a blue mac. The floor found this motion very difficult to speak on and the motion was defeated by 82 votes.

The second debate was held in the Music School Hall on the motion: 'This House would approve of Britain's continued membership of the E.E.C.' – a topical motion for 17 May. Mr Gregory Halse informed the House eloquently of the advantages of remaining in Europe – well backed up with facts. Mr Desmond Swayne, in contrast, flooded the House with rhetorical hot air, as to why Britain should leave the E.E.C. – it was based wholly on emotion with not a grain of fact. Mr Ashly Pinnington reduced Mr Swayne's froth to scare mongering, and Mr Raymond Jones tried to cite the seven goals banded about by the pro-marketters and found they had all been achieved. The motion was carried by 40 votes to 9 with 16 abstentions.

JEREMY PAISEY (*President*); DOMINIC RUDD (*Secretary*)

## Young Farmers' Club

The summer term, being the examination term, has very few Young Farmers' Club visits and last summer term was no exception. We did, however, have an extremely interesting visit to the National Stud at Newmarket.

This was the only trip we managed last term but this term we have four or five trips in the pipeline, including of course our annual visit to Smithfield Show. Naturally any new members are most welcome – including new IVth formers.

ROBERT COLES, *President*

## Orienteering Club

After last year's successful holiday in the Lake District it was decided that the Orienteering Club should venture further afield, and thus Switzerland was chosen for this year's holiday, because of the Swiss Five Day International Orienteering Championships which are held every two years.

We arrived in Frauenfeld at 7 p.m. on 20 July and we pitched camp among the other five thousand competitors taking part in the event. The camp site had everything the Orienteer needed, including a sports shop, supermarket, restaurant, dance hall and many other facilities.

Frauenfeld with its population of 18,500 acted as a base camp for the Orienteering, and on each day of the competition one had to get up early and travel in the minibus to the area where each event was being held. The distance of the events from Frauenfeld ranged from 8 miles to 90 miles.

The Orienteering itself was not much different from what one would find in England apart from the extra climbs involved on the courses, the more rugged landscape and the slightly superior quality of the maps. But this did not stop the competitors from Bedford School coming well down the field. This was basically due to the excellent running and map reading of the Swedes, Swiss and Norwegians who walked away with nearly all the prizes at the end. However no one from the School had to retire or managed to get himself injured, and there were two creditable performances from Mark Illingworth and Mr Osborne who both managed to

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## Combined Cadet Force

Major P. J. Guthrie

Peter Guthrie's departure at the end of the Summer Term was as great a loss to the CCF as it was to the Music Department and to the rest of the School. Peter served for 12 years with the contingent finishing as O.C. Army Section, Second-in-Command of the Contingent and a holder of the CCF Medal. His energy and enthusiasm were unceasing in every aspect of training in which he became involved and no more than at Adventurous Training where it often became difficult to distinguish between him and a mountain goat. He was equally at ease behind the wheel of a 4-tonner, on the deck of a MFV, organising initiative tests and exercising the right elbow behind a pint of golden bitter. Those of us remaining will have to work very hard if we are to generate as much *joie de vivre* as Peter did under all conditions.

### Appointments and Awards

Lt. P. D. Briggs is appointed O.C. Army Section with the rank of Captain. Flt.Lt. J. Sylvester is appointed 2i/c the contingent with the rank of Squadron Leader.

H. M. Hyde is appointed to the R.N. Section in the rank of sub-lieutenant. R. A. Eadie is appointed to the R.A.F. Section in the rank of Pilot Officer. J. F. Panton is appointed Head of the Corps in the rank of Cdt. RSM. The McCarthy-Ray Prize for good work with the CCF, Cdt. RSM N. Hart. The P. K. Bourne Prize for the best recruit 1974/75, G. J. Muir.

### Annual Camp, July 1975

It is nine years since the contingent has attended a Central Camp with ten other contingents. Nesscliff Training Camp is ten miles west of Shrewsbury in attractive rural Shropshire, with some interesting profiles of the hills of the Welsh border country as a backdrop. The very amiable weather, comfortable billets and good food contributed to an almost 'holiday camp' atmosphere because, in spite of the large numbers of cadets on the camp, there was no regimentation and each contingent was free to carry out its own training programme quite independently. The training areas were adjacent to the camp and although rather small in size had enough variety to allow adequate basic training, .22 and .303 shooting, an attempt at watermanship and a good night exercise. The latter was a 'sentry snatch' type exercise towards the banks of the River Severn on a very quiet dark night. During the exercise every cadet must surely have appreciated the range of even the slightest sound under these conditions.

Just across the Welsh border, Admiral Rodney is commemorated with a column on the highest of the three prominent peaks of the Breidden Hills. At 1200 feet, they were the focus of a map reading/orienteering exercise which finished in the English village of Melverley; proud of its 12th Century half-timbered church. Soccer and basketball were popular evening activities where the RSM demonstrated that he is a knowledgeable and adept basketball referee, but a rather less responsible soccer spectator. The week ended with the last round of Major Guthrie's initiative tests, the second annual mini-Olympics to end the training in lighter vein, and a presentation by CSM Brian Pinsent, on behalf of the cadets, of a pair of silver goblets as a token of appreciation of Major Guthrie's service with the contingent.

On reflection, the training programme could have been more ambitious had we known more about this type of central

camp, but with the probability of another central camp next year in Nottinghamshire the experience gained at Nesscliff should be a useful basis for a new approach to our annual camp programme. J.I.C.

### Cruise '75

This year the Naval Section cruise was at Plymouth on the Fleet Tender *Almouath*. A party of twelve, plus Messrs Guthrie and Young, travelled down to the West Country on a crowded Sunday at the beginning of August and arrived late in the afternoon. First appearances of the boat were not very encouraging, as she was deserted except for the duty cook, but the messdecks were clean and comfortable. There was no coke stove and no cooking to be done!

The first evening was spent teaching the Army Section members of the crew the parts of the boat, like the bow (front) and stern (back). We also had a look round the Devonport Dockyard and saw some ships including the *Ark Royal*. The next day the Skipper and the other members of the regular crew arrived and things looked up, despite some rain. We took stores on board and sailed in the direction of Torquay. The weather was calm but a bit misty. The duty watch learnt how to steer and the lookouts were chased for not reporting everything they saw. In the afternoon it was decided that we would go to Salcombe as the weather was too misty for much practical navigation other than using the radar.

Salcombe was packed and we had to be careful on our approach. We anchored opposite the ferry, cleaned ship and went ashore. Salcombe is a delightful place but a bit crowded. Everyone managed to keep out of the Officers' way and had a good evening, which turned into a night, as we had to stand anchor watches all night to make sure that the ship did not hit another boat or drag its anchor.

The next day we sailed for Torquay, handling the ship ourselves with much prompting from the Skipper. Navigation started to improve and we began to know where we were most of the time. In the afternoon we anchored in Anstey's Cove near Babbacombe, where everyone had a swim, and then went on to Torquay.

Torquay is very different to Salcombe – large and bustling with a typical 'resort' atmosphere. There was plenty to do ashore and the Officers were given a comprehensive conducted tour by the Skipper. On Wednesday we were going across Lyme Bay but the Coastguard sent out an SOS concerning a cabin cruiser that had broken down, so we mounted a 'search and rescue' operation in Start Bay. This involved working out the likely drift of the cruiser and setting courses to intercept. Unfortunately we did not find the boat, and the operation was called off and we went back to Torbay, in time to see a display by the Red Arrows over Paignton, which was superb. We tied up in Torquay alongside HMS *Aveley*, an Inshore Minesweeper. It was decided that Major Guthrie would play the bugle for the sunset ceremony and a colour party lowered colours before a large audience on the Torquay piers. We never worked out how all the spectators knew what was going to happen, but they all appeared at the right time.

It was back to Plymouth the next day, in a long rolling swell. Many stomachs were caught unawares and the ship resembled a casualty ward at times. The important thing was that everybody managed to do his job, and we made Plymouth on time.

We left the next day. We had a very good time and learnt a lot, particularly from the Skipper and crew. Everyone had a good time ashore. More importantly, everyone worked hard on the boat cleaning and other chores as well as the more

interesting things like steering and navigation. The result was that there was a very good spirit all the time and we all worked well together. We hope we can return, and we hope that members of other sections enjoyed themselves and learnt something.

P.A.Y.

### Outward Bound Course

During this summer holidays the Royal British Legion sponsored me to go on an Outward Bound Course at the Ullswater Outward Bound Mountain School.

Whilst on the course a lot was said about the aims of the Outward Bound Trust. For me, the points that came across most strongly were that the courses were meant to teach self-reliance, self-confidence and confidence in other people. One of the few definite rules is no smoking and the point of this is not so much to help people give up smoking as to create a sense of self-discipline.

The courses also throw people together from many walks of life, the people in the same group as me differed from boiler-maker to computer operator, from labourer to schoolboy. Once on the course you have to get on with the people around you or you are not going to enjoy the course. I found you got to know people fairly quickly. At first we were all together, but as the course went on we were split into smaller and smaller groups.

I must stress that an Outward Bound Course is not a civilian commando course. Very often people have never heard of Outward Bound and the few who have sometimes think of it as an army style course – it is nothing of the kind. It is certainly tough, but it has nothing to do with the popular image of army discipline and atmosphere. A great deal of the course is concerned with self-discipline – for instance there is no one yelling at you to get up at five in the morning when you are out camping, you just do it during the summer so that you can get in most of your walking before the day gets really hot, and believe me it got really hot this summer.

So much for the aims of the course; now for a little of the methods of the course. As I said before the majority of the course was concerned with walking, but another activity that played a large part was rock climbing. We did a little canoeing and watermanship but it was a mountain centre and primarily concerned with the mountains. I have done a fair bit of walking around this area so maybe some of the benefits felt by people who had never done hill walking before were lost on me; the activity which was most beneficial to me was the rock climbing. It taught me to have confidence in other people even if you are half way up a 200 ft vertical face and cannot see the person holding the rope at the top because of an overhang! Another part of the course which was small but important was the running. This comprised of a 2 mile steeplechase and 5½ mile fell race climbing 1,000 ft, these were the two main competitive events.

A typical day whilst we were in the centre was: rise and dip in the lake at 6.30, clean up, breakfast at 8 o'clock, assembly at 8.45 and start activities at 9.15 with lunch at 12.45 and tea at 5.30. Sometimes there would be a film or lecture in the evening.

The course was very well planned and as time went on we spent more and more time under canvas. The expeditions consisted of a three day introductory walk with 2 nights under canvas, a 24 hour solo expedition, a four day further training expedition with 2 days walking and 2 days climbing and finally a 50 mile hike in 3 days in the fourth week. In between the expeditions were instructional periods on first aid, rope-work and canoeing.

I certainly recommend the course to anyone at School, and even after they have left School there is always the possibility of firms sponsoring people for courses.

ROBERT COLES

### Summer Isles '75

The Summer Isles holiday started with a three hour delay while a derailed trainload of Scotch Whisky was cleared from the line at 2 a.m. in the morning near Wigan.

This indifferent start to the holiday was quickly forgotten when we saw the stark beauty of the Highlands and the forbidding outcrops of rock that we would have to climb in the next two weeks. A yellow landing craft ferried us from the jetty at Achiltibuie on the mainland to Tanera More a short sea crossing of about a mile and for the next two weeks we were cut off from civilisation . . .

All of us were to take part in a two week course organised by the Summer Isles Adventure Centre that was designed to introduce boys to the skills of sailing (in longboats and 420s) canoeing, camping and climbing. The first week found masters and boys returning to the island soaking wet either from strenuous canoe expeditions, stamina building mountain strolls or fanatical longboat races. Even though we returned from our day's activities tired and wet there always seemed to be time for us to open fresh conflict between ourselves and the traditional enemy of past Bedford School Parties . . . the Jellyfish.

The second week of camp was devoted largely to an expedition to Gruinard Bay which we reached after the rigours of a force 5 gale and the exertions of baling for our lives. We spent five days surfing, rock climbing, hill walking and caving at various locations on the mainland and on Priest Island, all in brilliant sunshine and calm weather.

The practical Christianity of the resident community on Tanera got across to many of us. Their words and lives showed the relevance of Christian faith in today's society.

We offer our thanks to Mr Hepworth, Mr Lapage, Mr Coggins and Mr Baskerville for organising and taking part in a very enjoyable and successful holiday. Next year's School Camp in the Summer Isles will be from 18 August to 1 September.

ROGER BAILEY

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come in the first half of the field. A major hindrance to a large number of competitors was the weather which remained very hot and sunny over the period of the event.

We left Frauenfeld on the 28 July and proceeded slowly homewards via Geneva, Orleans and Paris, spending a short time at each place in order to do some sightseeing. On the 1 August we left Calais for Dover and arrived back in England exhausted. Many thanks must go to Mr Osborne for organising what proved to be a most enjoyable, beneficial and interesting holiday.

R. J. BROWN

### Solution to Bridge Problem

Win the first trick and cash the Ace and King of Trumps. If the Queen of trumps does not appear, play Ace, King, Queen of Diamonds, then the Jack, discarding Dummy's Spade. If an opponent trumps, it is with his master. Trumped you will still only lose 3 tricks. This way you will lose only if defenders' Trumps are divided 4-1, or 3-2 with a doubleton Diamond in the same hand as the Queen of Hearts. If you finesse the Hearts and lose, defenders will take a Spade trick immediately, as well as the Hearts Queen and Ace and King of Clubs.

# Preparatory School Notes

The Summer Term is usually the most enjoyable term in the School year, but this term was far from being a very happy one. We were all shocked and saddened by the sudden death of Mr Michael Stephens, without whom the School did not seem the same. We were also depressed by the impending departure of Mr Palmer and Miss Fovargue. The weather did not help; a more cheerless spring it would be difficult to imagine.

Looking on the brighter side, we were very happy to welcome Mr Guy Fletcher as a member of the Preparatory School Staff. Guy is treble welcome: firstly in his own right, then as the son of Mr Murray Fletcher of the Upper School, and lastly as an ex-pupil of the Preparatory School himself. He is a notable rugger player, turning out for Bedford Town XV and accompanying them on their recent tour of Canada. We wish him every happiness and success here.

The Athletic Sports took place on Thursday 15 May in Arctic conditions, after ten days of cold winds and showers, during which, we managed to get through the heats. The ground was soft and damp, which did not make for good times, but under the circumstances the athletes did very well. Mrs Palmer was our Guest of Honour and presented the Cups and Certificates. Our thanks are due to her for coming along and performing this kind office. The Prize-winners were:

50m Under 9	1st Hendry ii	2nd Pleasants
65m Age 9	1st Lake	2nd Thurston
65m Age 10	1st Grant ii	2nd Stairs i
65m Open	1st Grant i	2nd Bartle
180m Open	1st Grant i	2nd Hadfield
90m Handicap	1st Hendry ii	2nd Monks
180m Handicap	1st Thurston	2nd Lake
270m Handicap	1st P. Allen	2nd Bushell
Hurdles Age 9	1st Falcongrecn i	2nd Lake
Hurdles Age 10	1st Grant ii	2nd Constable
Hurdles Open	1st Bartle	2nd Const i
Long Jump Under 9	1st Falcongrecn ii	2nd Young
Long Jump Age 9	1st Falcongrecn i	2nd Masters
Cricket Ball Junior	1st Mitchell	2nd Seager-Smith
Cricket Ball Senior	1st Black i	2nd Grant i
Sack Race	1st Seager-Smith	2nd Boston
Obstacle Race	1st P. Williams	2nd Bartle
Tug of War	PHILPOTTS beat GREENE	
Junior House Relay	1st FANSHAWE	2nd BRERETON
Senior House Relay	1st PHILPOTTS	2nd BRERETON
Victor Ludorum	W. Grant	
Morling Challenge Cup	J. Bartle and G. Hadfield	
House Sports Cup	FANSHAWE	

The Annual Concert, which was held on Thursday 5 June before a large and enthusiastic audience, was a most enjoyable occasion. The concert followed the same pattern as usual, seeking to give a sample of each of the musical activities, and involving nearly all the boys in the School.

This was Miss Fovargue's last concert before her retirement, and it is gratifying to record that there has never been a more successful or memorable one. The splendid performance of the choir in *The Apple* and in her own song, *The Scarecrow* must have given her enormous pleasure. Miss Fovargue's other chief interest, the percussion bands, performed with great gusto. The Orchestra and String classes, the soloists, the recorder group and the chorus are all to be greatly congratulated on a fine performance, reflecting the many hours

of devoted practice put in by the boys themselves, by the Director of Music and his staff, and by Miss Harman, who has for so many years acted as general co-ordinator, arranging times for lessons, and supervising the practice of the string players.

After the concert Miss Fovargue presented the Kate Freyhan Cup for Recorder playing to Adam Johnson, and the Music Prize to Mark Edmonds. Certificates for success in music examinations were presented to:

David Clements, Andrew Skinnard (2), John Chilver, Richard Galley, Alastair Greene, Charles Stevens, John Frankish, Richard Stark, Anthony Williams, Geoffrey Hadfield, Michael Nutt, Benjamin Turner (2), Robert Moser, Adam Johnson, Mark Edmonds (2).

The Preparatory School Service took place in the School Chapel on Thursday 10 July. The theme of the service was Steadfastness in Faith. We are greatly obliged to the Chaplain for arranging the service and giving the Address, and we also thank Miss Lapage for again bringing her guitar, and singing the song *Castles on the Sand*.

On the following afternoon, 11 July, the Preparatory School Prizegiving was held in the Great Hall. It was most fitting that on this occasion our Guests of Honour were the Head Master and Mrs Brown on the eve of their departure, and so we were able to take leave of them in proper style. We are grateful to them both for attending this function at a time when they must have been very pressed, and to the Head Master for addressing us and presenting the prizes. The Head Master in his speech paid tribute to Mr Palmer and to Miss Fovargue for their long years of service to the School, and after presenting the prizes made the presentation of our parting gifts to them: a watch and a cheque to Mr Palmer, and a cheque to Miss Fovargue. Mr Palmer then presented our parting gift to the Head Master and Mrs Brown, which took the form of a cheque. The prizewinners were:

*Form Prizes:*

I1a Anthony Williams, I1b Philip Gibby, I1c Mark Edmonds, I2a Thomas Stambach, I2b Gary Dimmock, I2h Neil Boston, Warren Fisher, I2s Giles Constable, I3a Jonathan Billing, I3b Richard Morgan, I4 Peter Sowerby.

*Fuller Memorial Maths Prize:*

Sern Notley I1a, Philip Gibby I1b, Dermot Stephens I1c, Richard Cartwright I2a, Ian Notley I2b, Warren Fisher I2h, Simon Hattan I2s.

*Art:* John Chilver

*Latin:* Anthony Williams

*Music:* Mark Edmonds

*Chess (Senior):* 1st Anthony Stairs, 2nd Keith Hargreaves

*Chess (Junior):* 1st Hugh Elliott, 2nd Martin Falcongrecn

*Cricket Outstanding Batsman:* Christopher Bell;

*Good Captaincy and bowling:* Walter Black;

*Fielding:* James Black.

Our last thoughts remain with Mr Palmer, who at the last Assembly of term said farewell to us after so many years devoted service. He takes with him the gratitude and affectionate good wishes for a long and happy retirement from everyone who has had the good fortune to make his acquaintance. His last official act as Head Master of the Preparatory School was to present the House Shield, which went this year to Greene.

D.W.L.



## Donald Palmer

It is with the most profound regret that we say goodbye to Donald Palmer, Headmaster of the Preparatory School for the last fifteen years.

After eighteen months in Canada in the difficult times of the crash on Wall Street, Donald returned home to take a degree at Cambridge while teaching at St. Faith's, combining two activities each of which most would consider to be a full-time occupation in itself. He became a member of the Staff in 1936, completing thirty-nine years distinguished service, with a break for the war, in which he served as an officer of the RAF in the Middle East. He became Headmaster of the Preparatory School in 1960, on the retirement of his great friend and mentor, Mr T. P. Snow.

Donald's life was dedicated to the service of the School and to the welfare of his pupils. For many years he ran Nash's as a boarding house, in which he was whole-heartedly assisted by Mrs Palmer, who before her marriage, had herself been a Mistress in the Preparatory School, and whose charm as a hostess, and whose splendid teas, will long be remembered.

Apart from his loyalty to the School, Staff and pupils,

Donald will be long remembered for his many other sterling qualities; his unfailing kindness and humanity; his tolerance and the ability always to see the best in everyone and everything; his understanding of human failings and weaknesses in others; all of which endeared him to everyone who knew him.

As a teacher Donald combined great knowledge and wide erudition with the ability to explain things clearly in simple terms. He was never at a loss for an apposite quotation or anecdote, generally very amusing, for he had a great sense of humour.

As Headmaster, Donald had the gift of getting the best out of Staff and boys without any friction. His unfailing courtesy, and inner harmony, sustained by his deep commitment to the Christian faith, contributed largely to creating in the Inky an oasis of security in a desert world of discord and changing values.

Donald's enormous energy spilled over into his many interests and activities: his work for the Church, his photography, his garden. If it is possible to prepare for retirement by laying up mental treasure, Donald will be well-off indeed.

It is unlikely that Donald will be going now but for the unfortunate fact that Mrs Palmer has been unwell for some time, and Donald feels that she needs all the undivided attention that he can give her. They intend to live in Hastings, and it is to be hoped that the change will be of benefit to them both. They will take with them our deepest affection and gratitude for all they have done, and our warmest wishes for their future happiness.

D.W.L.

*Mrs. M. E. Robinson, a member of the Inky Staff from 1946 to 1973 writes:*

Donald Palmer was an enthusiastic and dedicated teacher; he loved being a Schoolmaster and used to say 'I am so lucky, I am paid for what I really like doing!' He came into teaching the hard way. In the late 1920s when employment was so hard to come by and money was short for most people, he left Durham School and went to Canada as a bank clerk, but his heart was set on teaching, so he came back to England with a job at St. Faith's School, Cambridge. He worked for his degree at Queens' College, while doing a full-time job at this boarding prep. school, which in those days meant very little time off. It was a very tight programme and Donald has hair-raising stories of fitting in lectures between morning lessons and afternoon duties. But he achieved his ambition and got his degree. Then he came to the Inky in 1936 and except for the war years in the RAF has worked there since, first of all with Mr Snow as our Headmaster and then as Headmaster himself. Donald has never lost a boyish enthusiasm and zest for life and he and Eve Palmer ran a very happy home at 'Nash's' for the small boarders for many years. His remarkable retention of facts and figures and knowledge of whole passages of English Literature and the Bible have been a rich vein in his teaching and his talks to the boys. He has an amazing facility for having the right funny story for every occasion! This makes him a bouyant and amusing companion, a great thing to have in a staff-room. I shall always remember his consideration and help to his staff, his readiness to shoulder problems and to give every kind of unstinted practical help however busy he was.

M. E. Robinson



### Miss E. Fovargue

Miss Fovargue was appointed Music Mistress of the Inky in January 1950 and almost immediately the class music of the Inky blossomed in her hands from the traditional singing class to a much more varied and imaginative form of music education. Under her the Inky singing tradition grew from strength to strength, from those younger boys whose voices were still unco-ordinated in pitch to the expert choir of musical senior boys; but as a complement to the singing she developed other class activities such as percussion work. Even in the early fifties, before the educational trend-setters had come to the fore with their plugging of 'Orffery' and the fashionable acquisition of exotic melodic percussion instruments, she was achieving exciting results by using the limited range of non-tuned instruments (triangles, castanets, cymbals, drums, tambourines) to develop in her pupils a keen sense of rhythm and appreciation of varied tone colour patterns.

When one thinks of Miss Fovargue's achievements it is the Inky Carol Service which probably comes first to mind. Essentially her own personal creation it had a uniquely intimate atmosphere and it is a mark of the occasion's resilience that, when recently it was moved from the Inky Hall to St. Peter's church so that more parents could enjoy the experience, it withstood the transplanting and indeed emerged the richer. Miss Fovargue has always been interested in composition and her 'Inky Carol' was regularly sung on these occasions.

Another of Miss Fovargue's perennial successes both in the

Bedford Music Festival and the Inky Annual Concerts was the Inky Choir. However I know that she has felt particular pleasure in helping younger boys who could not sing in tune in class music periods. Whereas before her time they would have been sent to sit silent at the back of the class-room, in her classes they were respected as 'listeners' who gradually learnt to sing in tune.

Countless Bedfordians have good reason to be grateful to Miss Fovargue and remember her work and personality; and we all, young and old, send her in her retirement our best wishes for the future.

E.J.A.

### Preparatory School Cricket

The 1975 season was another good one with sunny weather and enjoyable cricket. The First XI played well and won four of its six matches. Scores:

Scores:

- Bedford 81, Wellingborough 84-4;
- Bedford 91, Kimbolton 92-8;
- Bedford 141-7, Kingshott 18;
- Bedford 75, Kimbolton 43;
- Bedford 53-7, Houghton Hall 51;
- Bedford 172, The Fathers 143.

The team was captained by Walter Black, who lost the toss every time, but nevertheless was a valuable opening bowler. James Black proved a surprisingly agile wicket-keeper, and both twins hit the ball hard. Michael Nutt and David Stroud promised well for next season but the outstanding player was Christopher Bell, who took 15 wickets and scored 158 runs in matches. Peter Cook and Edward Allen also gained their colours. Other members of the team were Timothy Conniff, Jonathan Bartle, Adam Johnson, Charles Stevens, Anthony Stairs, William Grant and Russell Toone.

As usual we owe a great deal to Mr Caple for his coaching and to the many parents who watched us and helped most generously with transport. It is good to feel that our cricket gives so much pleasure to players and spectators alike.

D.C.P.

### Preparatory School Swimming

This year we were not invited to enter a team at the Oxford Gala, so the most important event in the swimming calendar was the Swimming Sports which took place on the morning of Saturday 5th July.

The main race, the two lengths Open, was won by Geoffrey Hadfield for the second year running. Hadfield's skill as a swimmer has earned him medals in European competition this year and we congratulate him on his success.

Brereton won the sports comfortably, taking first place in the 2 lengths Open, the diving and the House Relay. The results were as follows:

*One length freestyle (aged 10 and under)*

- 1st Carrington, 2nd Falcongren i, 3rd Hilson.

*Two lengths Open (Peter Page Cup)*

- 1st Hadfield, 2nd Bartle, 3rd Ingle.

*One length Novices (Pickering Cup)*

- 1st M. Knights, 2nd Black ii, 3rd Black i.

*Diving*

- 1st Bridgman, 2nd W. Grant i, 3rd B. Johnson iv.

Swimming in the Inky has received a welcome boost, with the news that the I4 boys are to be allowed the use of the Bedford High School indoor pool on Monday afternoons in the Christmas Term.

M.B.

# Old Bedfordians Club

## SECRETARY'S NOTES

Lt-Col Norman Maclean retired at the end of July. He is in very poor health, and cannot leave the house. Mrs Maclean is fortunately a little better. The new secretary (A. D. Nightall) has received many letters from O.B.s everywhere expressing regret at Norman's enforced retirement, and hopes for his early return to health.

### Montreal 1976

An OB Dinner has been arranged at the Four Seasons Hotel, Montreal, for Saturday, 24 July 1976, during the Olympics. If you are interested please write to J. S. Roberts, 2117 Rushton Road, Ottawa, Ontario, K2A 1N6.

### Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting of the Old Bedfordians Club was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 12 July 1975, under the chairmanship of the President, Sir John Howard.

The Head Master, William Brown, was also present, this being the last AGM that he would attend in his capacity as Head Master.

In welcoming those present the Chairman referred particularly to Neville Wentworth Cumming, who had come over from the USA, and who had done so much, in conjunction with Sydney Waldecker, for OBs in the United States.

The Secretary, Lieut-Colonel Norman Maclean, read his report on the year's activities, and Ronald Warlow, the Honorary Treasurer, presented the accounts, which showed that the Club was just managing to make both ends meet.

Officers of the Club were then elected as follows: *President*, Sir John Howard; *Vice-Presidents*, J. G. Cook, Dr E. D. Page, H. C. Purnell, S. C. Waldecker, E. A. Rumboll, W. M. Brown; *Hon Treasurer*, R. E. Warlow; *Committee*, (members to replace those retiring by rota), R. Digby-Clarke, R. J. Harper, I. C. Codrington, G. F. Redman, Air Cdre J. E. R. Sowman; *Hon Auditor*, T. R. Marshall.

The Chairman then referred to Lieut-Colonel Norman Maclean, who for thirteen years had served the Club with integrity and devotion, but who was now compelled to resign through ill-health. He said that an appeal to members on behalf of Norman Maclean would be circulated with forthcoming mailings of THE OUSEL and Newsletter. The chairman then nominated A. D. Nightall as the new secretary, and this was carried by the meeting.

## OLD BEDFORDIANS WEEK

### Cricket

Thanks to the generosity of Bedford Town Cricket Club who allowed the club to use their ground, the Old Bedfordians were able to arrange an extra game during the week. The match was against the Old Bedford Modernians and it is now intended to make this a regular fixture. The High Sheriff of Bedfordshire, R. A. Gale, has kindly donated a magnificent cup and the OBs became the first holders by virtue of a nine-wicket win.

The annual match against the School was also won and the OBs had the better of a drawn game with the XL Club. However, the match against Incogniti was lost by three wickets.

Unfortunately John Pearson, the elected captain, was unable to play because of injury and Mike Green again

deputised. At the annual meeting, held during the week, Pearson decided not to seek re-election and Green was appointed captain for next season with Mike Henderson taking over as vice-captain.

### v Old Modernians – won by 9 wickets

The OBs gave their most impressive performance for several seasons in inflicting a crushing defeat on the Old Modernians. Man of the match was Ian McLaren who bowled nine overs for only 16 runs and then battled superbly in making an unbeaten 75.

At one stage the Modernians were well placed at 50-1, but Richard Nice then turned in a useful spell and wickets tumbled. It was only a stubborn last-wicket partnership between Meadows and Proudman that enabled the Modernians to make as many as 132.

This target proved to be no test for the OBs. Pip August was caught with the score at 28, but McLaren then took control. He cracked 12 fours and a six to hustle his side to victory with no fewer than 28 overs to spare.

Old Modernians 132 (Nice 3-29). Old Bedfordians 136-1 (McLaren not out 75, Feaver not out 36).

### v XL Club – drawn

The XL Club battled for no fewer than 73 overs to total 191-8 declared and tea was actually taken between innings in an all-day game.

The visitors owed their big score chiefly to honorary member Peter Wiser, a master at the School, who made 55 coming in at number seven.

It was a guest player for the OBs, School Captain Ian Peck, who almost enabled the side to pull off a memorable win. He batted brilliantly to make 90 and with useful support coming from Henderson, Feaver and Nigel Mobbs, the OBs finished only six runs short of victory, despite receiving only 34 overs.

XL Club 191-8 dec (Mobbs 3-47). Old Bedfordians 186-4 (Peck 90, Feaver 30).

### v The School – won by 4 wickets

The match against the School proved to be most entertaining with the OBs getting home with a couple of overs to spare by four wickets.

The School had much the better of the first day. All the batsmen looked in form and with Peck and Coleridge completing half-centuries, the School were able to declare at 200-4.

The OBs got off to a bad start, losing Feaver for a duck, and then a heavy rainstorm brought a premature close to the day. The following morning though, Robin Blunt and Tony Dawes got the scoreboard moving quickly and Mike Green decided to declare 34 runs behind.

Peck immediately answered the challenge with another superb innings, although the other batsmen struggled against some fine bowling by Henderson. Peck went on to make 79 before getting out in what he had decided would be the last over.

This was a magnificent gesture by the School Captain as he was only a handful of runs away from being only the second player in history to complete a thousand runs in a season for the School.

The OBs were set to make 176 and they were given a fine



start by Gore and Green who, despite a break for rain, put on 67 for the first wicket.

When the last 20 overs were called, the OBs still needed to make 106, but Gore went on to make 51 and Robin Blunt contributed an aggressive 39 to put victory in sight.

#### School – First Innings

Peck <i>lbw b</i> Henderson	56
Boyd-Moss <i>c</i> Blunt <i>b</i> Howlett	31
Coleridge <i>c</i> and <i>b</i> Dance	53
Lamb not out	22
Willis <i>b</i> Dance	20
Holtom not out	4
Extras	14
Total (4 wkts dec)	200

*Bowling*: Howlett 12-0-46-1; Dance 11-5-0-65-2; Henderson 18-4-49-1; Blunt 6-1-26-0.

#### Old Bedfordians – First Innings

Gore <i>b</i> Gardner	20
Feaver <i>b</i> Gardner	0
Carlisle <i>b</i> Boyd-Moss	27
Blunt <i>c</i> Peck <i>b</i> Gardner	35
Dawes <i>c</i> and <i>b</i> Gardner	34
Howlett <i>c</i> Peck <i>b</i> Boyd-Moss	10
Fitt <i>c</i> Lamb <i>b</i> Boyd-Moss	1
Dance <i>c</i> Coleridge <i>b</i> Gardner	17
Green not out	15
Extras	7
Total (8 wkts dec)	166

*Bowling*: Gardner 19-2-6-57-5; Boyd-Moss 19-4-59-3.

#### School – Second Innings

Peck <i>b</i> Blunt	79
Boyd-Moss <i>b</i> Henderson	5
Coleridge <i>c</i> and <i>b</i> Henderson	15
Lamb <i>b</i> Henderson	3
Willis <i>c</i> Carlisle <i>b</i> Henderson	8
Pinsent <i>c</i> Green <i>b</i> Dance	6
Harris <i>b</i> Henderson	9
Bradshaw not out	9
Extras	7
Total (7 wkts dec)	141

*Bowling*: Henderson 19-3-47-5; Dance 9-1-34-1; Blunt 2-0-13-1.

#### Old Bedfordians – Second Innings

Gore <i>c</i> Coleridge <i>b</i> Peck	51
Green <i>c</i> Palmer <i>b</i> Boyd-Moss	21
Dawes <i>c</i> Lamb <i>b</i> Gardner	20
Blunt <i>c</i> Boyd-Moss <i>b</i> Palmer	39
Carlisle <i>c</i> Palmer <i>b</i> Peck	12
Feaver not out	16
Howlett <i>b</i> Palmer	3
Dance not out	1
Extras	14
Total (6 wkts)	177

*Bowling*: Palmer 10-1-46-2; Gardner 13-1-65-1; Boyd-Moss 3-0-15-1; Peck 7-0-37-2.

#### Golf

The annual match OBs *v* the School was played on Thursday, 10th July, at the Bedford & County Golf Club at Clapham. The OBs won four games, and the School one game, and one was halved. R. W. Maris and W. O. Newcomb halved

with J. R. Grey and J. C. Grey; J. G. Inskip and A. J. Ormerod lost 6/5 to R. M. Hatcher and P. M. Tenneson; A. C. Fitt and G. H. Peck beat J. F. Barnes and H. J. Dayal by two holes; G. L. B. August and K. Vane Percy beat A. J. Crawford and C. R. Holmes 3/2; I. Chrystal and T. R. Marshall beat T. C. Tipple and J. A. Lamb 5/4; and D. G. Bowring and A. R. Jesty beat C. M. Blackburn and C. E. S. Gellatly 5/3.

#### Lawn Tennis

Old Bedfordians Week 1975 carried the usual three days of tennis.

On Wednesday 9 July eight players took part in the practice match. Some good tennis was played before – late in the afternoon – rain slightly curtailed the proceedings.

On Thursday the OBs played the Staff and won by the handsome margin of 20 sets to 4. It has to be said that a great deal depended on a few critical points. Five sets in all were decided by tie-breaks and the OBs won the lot, including a marathon at the very end of the afternoon when the Staff allowed four set points to escape. OB team and sets won and lost:

D. R. Brooks and M. H. Rudd	2-4
S. J. Endersby and J. A. Lamb	6-0
S. T. Davies and M. A. Turner	6-0
M. C. Daniel and J. Skinner	6-0

On Friday the OB Club turned out a very strong team of eighteen against the School. It is really a great tribute to the School players, some of them very young, that they were not whitewashed.

At the top of the order for the Club, we were especially pleased to have O. V. Bevan playing again, after he had had to miss 1974, and he and Stuart Endersby gave us just the start we wanted by beginning with a win against the School first pair. For the second year running, Anthony Bevan and Geoffrey Farr won all their sets, and they are undoubtedly a formidable combination.

As the match progressed, the Club piled up the total of sets won. By tea, however, a new factor had entered the calculations: black clouds were gathering. Tea was taken with haste, and the OBs were quickly resuming the job of getting the 28 sets needed to win the match. When the clouds burst, we found we had done it with a little to spare. The OB Club won the match by 35 sets to 9.

OB Club team and sets won and lost:

O. V. Bevan and S. J. Endersby	4-1
A. V. Bevan and G. R. D. Farr	6-0
D. R. Brooks and D. P. C. Stileman	3-2
N. O. Connolly and M. W. L. Morris	3-1
S. T. Davies and M. A. Turner	2-2
M. H. Rudd and C. Strain	3-1
J. J. Kane and M. J. Shreeves	6-0
D. A. Edwards and K. Schoenenberger	3-2
M. C. Daniel and J. Skinner	5-0
	M.C.D.

#### OB SPORT

##### Bisley 1975 – Public Schools Veterans

This was the strongest and largest turnout of OBs to date and the first time we have been able to enter three teams for the Veterans. The scores this year were the highest ever and the 'A' team came 44th. One or two people were disappointed with their individual scores but considering most of us had not shot for a year this was not a bad result. With a cross-wind blowing on Century Range, the experience of two OBs who shoot regularly was invaluable.

The scores were as follows ex 250:  
 'A' team 213: Philip Dawes 46, John Cousins 42, Ian Hutchinson 45, Nick Amos 37, Jeremy Martin 43.  
 'B' team 208: Simon Jones 43, Justin Smith 41, Geoff Harrison 42, David Lord 42, Mike Eatly 40.  
 'C' team: Bob Larman 37, Major David Pugh 37, Jeremy Simpson 44.

Two members of the 'C' team had to drop out unavoidably before the match and their team card was entered uncompleted.

With the exception of one Methuselah the oldest Veteran OB was a decrepit 25 which indicates a potentially strong pool of marksmen has now been established. A number of OBs are already doing the annual Bisley Meeting and it is planned to establish a full-bore rifle club for all Bedfordians, past and present. This will provide amongst other things an opportunity for those wishing to continue shooting regularly after they leave the School to do so with the backing of a club they already belong to, when to attempt to do so on their own might otherwise prove to be financially prohibitive.

As Mr Elliott mentioned in the last Ousel, he would like to hear from any OBs interested who are not on his mailing list.

### Fives

The season 1974-75 saw the Old Bedfordians Club emerge with an unbeaten record - played 12, won 12. We therefore embark on the new season with hopes of doing well, but still with our old anxieties about shortage of players. Would those wanting to play fives please contact either Mark Daniel or the OB Club Office; do not wait to be asked.

The two fixtures which resulted in walk-overs for the Club last season have both been dropped from the list. Two new fixtures are under negotiation, but at time of going to press the list reads:

1975			
23 November	away	Old Bedford Modernians	
30 November	away	Merchant Taylors	
14 December		Bedford School	
1976			
1 February	home	Haileybury	
21 February	away	Haileybury (6 a side)	
29 February	home	Old Bedford Modernians	
6 March	away	Bedford Modern School (8 a side)	
27 March		Bedford School (8 a side)	

M.C.D.

### Rowing

A finger injury just before the University of London trial eights race prevented Mike Dalton (63-71) from stroking one of the crews. However, he subsequently rejoined the University squad and rowed in the University of London 2nd boat in the Reading and Kingston Heads, and in the Tideway Head of the River race, when the crew finished 10th, beating the C.U.B.C. Goldie crew and all other university and college crews except University of London 1.

Andrew Gaskell (64-72) and Stephen Knight (62-73) have again rowed in the Durham University crew. This crew, after winning the Head of the Trent pennant, won the Universities' Athletic Union pennant in the Tideway Head by coming 17th.

James Crowden (41-46) was again in the Cambridge team of coaches, with yet again successful results in the Boat Race.

Neil Burnet (69-74) of last year's School VIII rowed 3 in the Cambridge light-weight crew against an Oxford light-

weight crew over a downstream course at Henley in March. This was the first event of this sort between the universities.

Old Bedfordians competing at Henley Royal Regatta in 1975 included:

N. G. Burnet (69-74) '7' in Clare College, Cambridge Ladies Plate crew. F. M. Drake (69-73) '3' in King's College, Cambridge Visitors' Cup four. Andrew Gaskell (64-72) Auriol R.C. Wyfold four ('3') and Goblets pair. P. J. Kingston (67-71) LMBC Ladies' Plate eight ('3') and Visitors' four. Stephen Knight (62-73) '3' in Durham University Ladies' Plate crew. Gareth Morris (61-70) coxswain, Quintin Boat Club Thames Cup eight (finalists). D. G. Winter (62-73) Bedford R.C. Britannia Cup four (bow).

Neil Burnet subsequently rowed in the C.U.B.C. light-weight eight in the new lightweight event in the National Championships at Nottingham, winning a silver medal in coming second to the National Squad lightweight crew.

Paul Kingston (67-71) is part of the Lady Margaret first boat, with all its blues and internationals, which has dominated college rowing at Cambridge this year.

### OB NOTES

From Air Cdre Roy Crompton comes news of an unusual dinner he is organising at the RAF Club on 4 October - the 56th annual reunion of the 54th Divisional Signals Company, Royal Engineers.

Though the company was only about 120 strong in 1914, Crompton is still in touch with about 15 of its 'Old Boys.' The present chairman is Gordon Parker, chairman of the Felixstowe Dock and Harbour Board, and other notabilities from its ranks included the late Air Chief Marshal Sir Leslie Hollinghurst, who first saw service with the unit.

The Air Commodore's involvement, however, is purely hereditary. His father, who served with the company from 1914 to 1918, organised its all-ranks reunions for many years. When he died in 1970, his son took the job over. - *Daily Telegraph*.

Lieut.-Colonel D. H. Andrews, MC (22-27), and Lieut.-Colonel W. Daniels (21-31), attended the annual dinner of the Royal West African Frontier Force Officers' Association at the Army and Navy Club, London, on 10 October 1975. 'Crocus' Andrews proposed the toast of 'The African Soldier'.

### DINNER, LUNCHESS and GATHERINGS

#### South Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire

The DVP, John Alcock, and Mrs Alcock organised their annual very successful cocktail party at their house at Kinsbourne Green on 21 June 1975.

The following OBs were present:

J. A. Alcock (15-22), J. E. Alcock (49-55), W. M. Brown (21-33), A. M. Coates (39-44), R. Copeland (65-74), M. C. Daniel (51-63), A. M. Facer (28-32), G. R. D. Farr (50-56), J. A. C. Frary (64-71), D. Garrett (45-54), H. G. Green (42-49), A. J. Hay (65-72), R. F. Hewitt (52-62), V. J. Holley (43-50), R. D. James (46-56), J. J. Kane (51-58), R. J. Kendrick (62-71), F. J. Laborda (25-34), S. F. P. Lander (44-48), G. H. Maclean (45-49), R. H. Mercer (25-33), L. J. Merchant (14-19), A. D. Nightall (20-25), Dr E. D. Page (20-27), W. M. Plewman (48-56), L. W. Polard (33-41), H. D. Praat (22-30), J. A. Randall (25-30), R. F. Ransford (26-28), M. H. Rudd (35-39), P. J. Searby (38-43), R. W. J. Smith (49-54), P. A. W. Starkie (53-58),

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# William Brown

## The Farewell Party

On Friday 11 July, some 400 people, comprising parents, masters, governors of the Harpur Trust, and Old Bedfordians, gathered in the Great Hall to say good-bye to the Head Master and Mrs Brown, and to unveil the portrait which had been painted by Mr Bernard Dunstan, RA. The guests were received by the Chairman of the Harpur Trust and President of the Old Bedfordians Club, Sir John Howard, with Lady Howard and Mr and Mrs W. M. Brown.

Addressing the gathering, Sir John said: 'I welcome you all this evening to this great gathering representing parents, masters, governors of the Harpur Trust, and Old Bedfordians. We are met together to bid farewell to the Head Master and Mrs Brown on his retirement.

'This can be considered a sad or happy occasion whichever way you wish to look at it. Sad, because no longer will he be Head Master of this great School in which capacity he has earned the respect of us all. Happy, because it enables us this evening to record our appreciation and grateful thanks for the great services that Bill Brown has rendered to Bedford School over the years, the first 10 years as a boy here himself finishing as Head of the School, then 22 years as an old boy, and since 1955 as Head Master of the School.

'Bill Brown, as a staunch Christian and a God-fearing man, has had his strong religious principles as a firm base on which his policy for running this School has been built.

'The last few years have not been easy for running a School of over 1,000 boys, but Bill Brown during this period of an ever-widening permissive society has always acted in a way which he considered right, and the tone and high standards of the School have not only been maintained but enhanced during his headmastership. The Head Master has been greatly responsible for forming a strong welfare and community service which renders aid to the aged and handicapped, working at Bromham Hospital and elsewhere.

'Every large school relies greatly on the goodwill of its old boys and old girls to send their own children to their old schools. The Old Bedfordians Club of Bedford School has over 5,000 members spread all over the world and is reputed to be the largest old boys' Club of any British public school. When our members heard of Bill Brown's retirement hundreds of letters were received by me wishing that they be associated this evening with our expression of appreciation to Bill and Betty Brown for their services to the School over such a long period and very many have wished to subscribe to the cheque which the Club has presented to him.

'Very few functions or OB activities held in different parts of the country has he missed since he has been Head Master. As Head Master his help to the Club has been tremendous and as a vice-president we hope this will continue in the future.

'On the material side, he has been responsible for the many additions and improvements to the School property carried out over the years. The new dining hall opened by the Queen Mother was primarily inspired by him. The Music School, and the enlargements and improvements to the Howard and Fitzpatrick buildings were his responsibility. The building of a new boarding house and the improvement to others we owe mainly to him. The starting of the construction of the new

biology building and many other structures on the school premises, too numerous to recount, he has been responsible for.

'On our London estate, immediately after the war he played a large part in running the Holborn Boys' Club which did so much good for the neighbourhood, and gave so much pleasure to hundreds of young people living in the poorer parts of our Holborn estate.

'I am convinced that Bill Brown would not have been able to accomplish all that he has done so successfully had he not had such a loving wife beside him. Betty has contributed much to the School and in outside work for the Borough, on the bench and in many other capacities, and we owe her our deepest gratitude for her great services.

When the history of the past 50 years of this great School is brought up-to-date, when the achievements of its old boys are recorded, in war, in the colonial service and the outstanding contributions that some have made to industry and the national welfare of this country are written, then the name of William Brown will rank with that of James Surtees Phillpotts as one of the great Head Masters of Bedford School over the generations.

'This School was brought into being some 450 years ago, and as far as our records show William Brown is the only old boy of the School who has ultimately become its Head Master.

'So, William and Betty Brown, on behalf of us all I thank you both for the great services which you have both rendered to this great School which we love, and I am going to ask Betty, who knows better than any of us all that Bill has done, to unveil this portrait which is presented to the School by the Harpur Trust and the Old Bedfordians Club.'

Sir John then asked Mrs Brown to unveil the portrait, after which Mrs Roseveare presented her with a bouquet. The Head Master then thanked Sir John in moving terms which unfortunately have not been recorded. And after a while the party disbanded after an evening that none will forget.

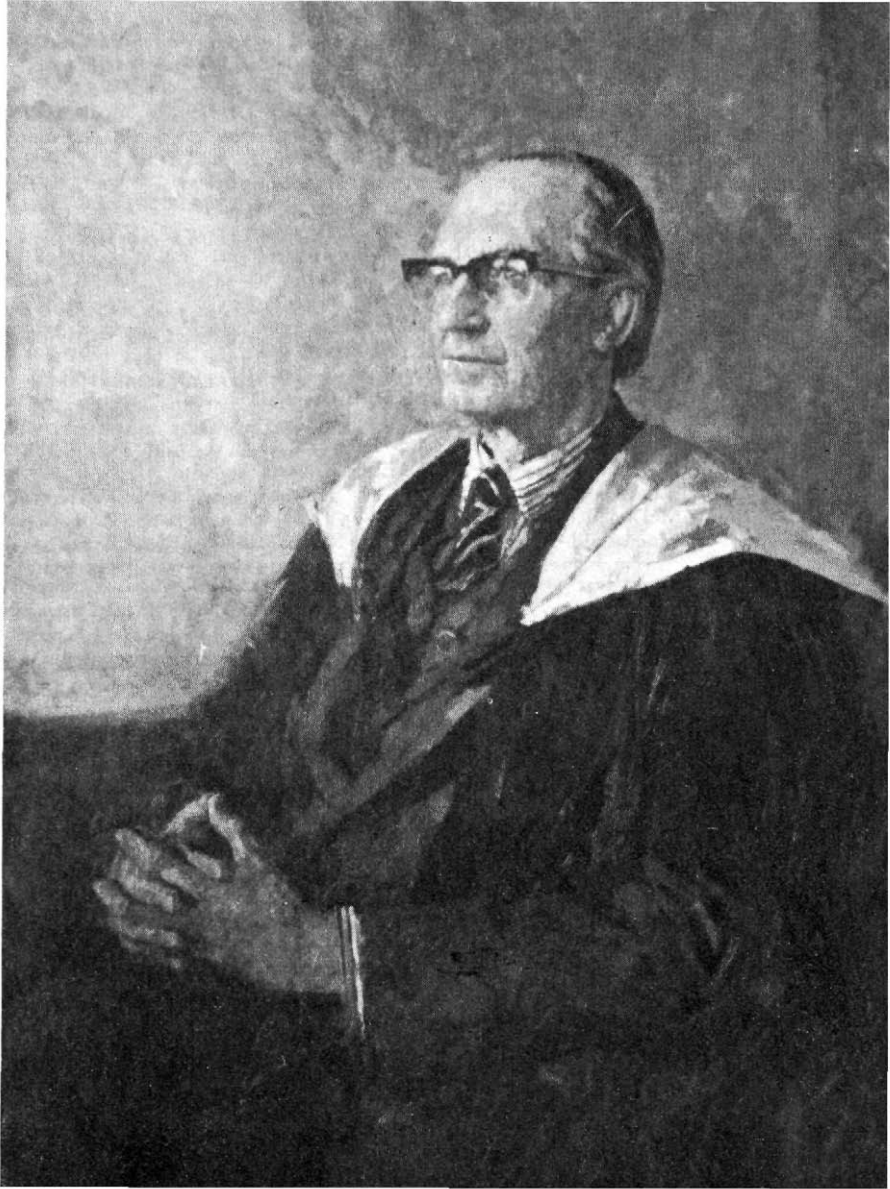
## Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner of the Old Bedfordians Club was held in the Great Hall on Saturday 7 June. This was a memorable occasion. It was the official farewell of Old Bedfordians to a great Head Master and fellow Old Bedfordian, William Brown, whose school life began when he entered the School in 1921 and ended in his retirement at the end of the Summer Term 1975.

There were only two speeches: Sir John Howard, as President of the Old Bedfordians Club and Chairman of the Harpur Trust, proposed the toast of 'W. M. Brown, Esq, MA', at the conclusion of which the Head Master was presented with a cheque for £600, the gift of Old Bedfordians from all over the world. The Head Master in his reply thanked Sir John and Old Bedfordians, and reviewed his life at Bedford.

The following were present:

J. E. Alcock (49-55)	H. W. T. Beckett (23-32)
J. V. C. Anthony, OBE (21-28)	P. H. Beckett (51-61)
R. M. Barford (14-22)	P. J. Bennett (46-54)
P. J. M. Battle (68-72)	J. Beresford, CBE (13-17)
G. T. Bax (16-26)	J. R. Beresford (59-64)



M. V. Bevan (50-62)	A. W. C. Fraser (60-71)	Lt-Col N. G. Maclean (12-18)	T. E. Rogers, CMG, MBE (27-32)
O. V. Bevan (16-28)	H. D. Galbraith	J. R. Macgregor (23-31)	W. F. Rogers (30-37)
G. E. R. Blakely (53-57)	N. E. Garner (58-66)	Major D. R. Mantell (33-42)	E. T. Rollinson (26-29)
J. D. Bodkin (60-64)	A. A. Garson (30-34)	M. W. L. Morris, MP (50-55)	E. F. Crawford Smith (18-28)
A. G. Brewis (61-71)	R. N. Geor (60-70)	Major F. E. Moules, TD, JP (20-22)	J. A. Smith (21-30)
R. C. Brooks (29-38)	R. R. A. Grant (49-57)	A. D. Nightall (20-25)	Air Cdre J. E. R. Sowman, CB, CBE, DL (13-19)
W. M. Brown (21-33)	D. Gregson (65-70)	A. J. Ormerod (47-57)	Lt-Col D. R. Stenhouse (22-31)
A. E. Bugle (23-31)	D. A. Hammond (43-51)	Dr E. D. Page (20-27)	W. A. Thorn (43-49)
G. P. Bulman, CBE (01-09)	Dr P. S. Hawkins (20-33)	H. P. Pagett (27-31)	J. P. Thurston (68-73)
J. A. Bulman (37-42)	Major A. W. Hislop (32-38)	Dr F. W. N. Paterson (61-66)	C. L. Vincent (27-32)
Surg-Cdr W. A. Burnett OBE (18-28)	E. W. Hislop (64-69)	H. McC. Paterson (65-70)	R. E. Webster (42-45)
J. K. Carlton, (23-29)	A. G. A. Hodges (08-12)	R. G. Paterson (04-06)	R. C. West (49-56)
RSM L. Coblenz	B. E. Howard (42-55)	E. D. M. Peacock (37-47)	R. N. Weston (49-59)
J. G. Cook, CVO, CBE (22-29)	Sir John Howard (15-18)	D. T. Percival (68-72)	P. C. M. Weston, MC (23-31)
C. N. Wentworth Cumming (08-17)	S. R. Hutchinson (66-72)	K. Vane Percy (28-34)	D. E. Williams (61-68)
Lt-Col W. Daniels (21-31)	E. A. W. Jones (45-56)	L. H. E. Perks (16-25)	W. H. Williams (63-69)
D. M. Darlow (63-68)	P. W. Jones (49-60)	H. D. Praat, JP (22-30)	C. P. Winnington-Ingram (67-72)
Surg-Cdr H. M. Darlow (24-34)	A. I. Joseph (60-64)	P. W. Previte (70-74)	C. W. Wiskin (17-25)
E. F. Davison (17-28)	Lt-Col I. H. Joseph (25-27)	T. H. Price (26-34)	J. R. Worboys (22-26)
C. M. A. Dudeney (27-39)	C. I. T. Kemp (39-46)	M. D. V. Randall (60-72)	B. Worsdall (31-37)
N. E. Dudley (49-57)	R. J. Kendrick (62-71)	G. F. Redman (56-67)	W. P. Wright (42-47)
P. H. Duke (26-30)	C. J. R. Kettler (46-68)	J. S. Rees	A. L. Wylie, MC (31-42)
A. D. Erskine-Murray (35-41)	H. R. M. Killender (58-61)	D. E. C. Roberts (29-38)	D. W. Wylie (29-33)
A. W. Ferguson (63-72)	R. J. Larman (63-71)	W. W. S. Robertson, CBE (15-25)	R. R. G. Wylie (70-74)
A. C. Fitt (26-37)	G. H. E. Layton (14-18)	J. P. R. Rogers (62-66)	P. M. Young (63-72)
F. M. Fletcher (34-42)	V. F. D. Lee, TD		
R. Foster (54-59)	G. M. Lightfoot		
	D. R. M. Lindsell (63-67)		
	K. R. Lindsell (28-33)		
	J. F. McDanell (60-65)		
	J. A. Macdonald		

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P. V. Waller (28-35), R. E. Webster (42-45), W. P. Wright (42-47).

### Scotland

There was a merry party at the house of Lt-Col J. A. Stewart (34-43) at Lasswade, near Edinburgh, on Friday, 10th October. A telegram was read from Sir John Howard, and a letter from O. V. Bevan, who had been invited but much regretted that he couldn't be present. Arthur Nightall was welcomed in his new capacity as Club secretary. He said a few words about progress at the School, and brought words of greeting from the new Head Master. The Scottish OBs sent back their best wishes to the School and particularly to Norman Maclean with hopes of a speedy recovery. Those attending were: R. P. Anderson (19-22), C. C. Cumming (31-36), B. C. E. Earle (31-33), J. C. V. Hodder (34-37), J. M. McIntosh (30-41), B. Montgomery-Smith (49-55), C. D. Pagan (21-26), Brigadier J. L. Proudlock (14-24), J. B. Smith (29-40), Lt-Col J. A. Stewart (34-43), L. I. Thomas (36-41), E. J. Wilkins (staff, 65-71), A. D. Nightall (20-25), and a welcome visitor from the south, Lt-Col D. J. R. Moore (17-26).

The next reunion will be in the early summer of 1977, and by popular request will probably be another dinner in Dunfermline, inflation permitting.

### Hampshire, Dorset and South Wiltshire

The annual Bournemouth lunch was held at the Anglo-Swiss Hotel on Saturday, 4 October, under the guidance of the DVP, Harry Pagett, and Frank Moules. This lunch will go down in history as the first OB function attended by our new Head Master, Mr C. I. M. Jones.

The toast of the School was ably proposed by Lt-Col I. R. McIntosh, and the Head Master successfully broke the ice and swam ashore to considerable applause.

Surg-Cdr H. M. Darlow proposed the toast of the Old Bedfordians Club, and Dr E. D. Page replied.

The following were present:

C. B. Cook (12-15), C. J. Curtis (17-20), D. M. Darlow (63-68), H. M. Darlow (24-34), T. S. Darlow (68-74), C. L. Eckstein (23-31), J. C. Edwards (43-54), R. A. Franks (33-41), J. H. Hampton (24-29), P. S. Hawkins (22-33), Mr C. I. M. Jones, W. P. Meldrum (21-31), I. R. McIntosh (15-25), I. D. Moss (38-42), F. E. Moules (21-22), A. D. Nightall (20-25), E. D. Page (20-27), H. P. Pagett (27-31), R. Pickett (19-24), G. Place (30-33), A. R. Pyne (28-32), E. T. Rollinson (26-29), N. W. St. G. Rowe (23-31), H. W. Spring-Smyth (06-10), T. Le. M. Spring-Smyth (37-42), P. T. Thompson (29-36), J. H. Wilkin (22-26), G. H. Wilkins (29-34), M. H. Woodard (24-34), E. A. Woodger (27-34).

### Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire

The DVP, Dr A. J. Swannell (48-55) and Mrs Swannell entertained Old Bedfordians at their home, 32 Wollaton Vale, Nottingham, on Wednesday 14 May. The following OBs and their ladies had a very pleasant evening: R. K. Byfield (49-54), P. E. Erskine-Murray (36-45), R. H. Lawson (59-63), Major P. S. McCullagh (29-37), Dr A. P. M. Page (17-25), C. T. Rouse (34-39).

### Surrey and Sussex

A very happy cocktail party was held by Canon D. H. Booth, MBE, OMC, at Shoreham Grammar School on Friday, 18 July. Fourteen OBs and their ladies attended. The DVP, Claude Curtis, was responsible for the organisation. Among others

present were the following whose signatures are legible: J. B. Buckwell (16-26), A. E. Bugle (23-31), R. B. S. Eraut (23-27), W. H. Gillespie (24-27), F. E. Moules (21-22), A. D. Nightall (20-25), Dr E. D. Page (20-27), G. Place (30-33), T. E. Rogers, CMG, MBE (27-32), R. M. Skinner (21-28), R. E. Warlow (19-26).

### Hong Kong

The DVP, E. C. L. Allen (47-54), and Mrs Allen entertained OBs at their home on Wednesday 18 June. The following were present: N. J. French (61-67), F. J. Knightly (27-31), D. D. Lawrence (49-56), P. Mellor (57-62), R. A. De Morgan (50-54), P. A. Pettigrew (48-58), P. Steyn (33-42), D. R. Walker (61-65), A. C. W. Wimbush (59-64), and G. A. R. Wright-Nooth (31-36).

### IN MEMORIAM

BRIGADIER GEOFFREY COULSON BULL  
DSO, OBE

Born 6 August 1895  
At the School 1902 to 1907  
Died on 26 August 1975 at Fordingbridge, Hants

BASIL GEORGE CLARK  
Born 23 February 1909  
At the School from 1920 to 1926  
Died at Boston, Lincolnshire, on 26 June 1975

EDWIN MAXWELL CREASE  
Born 20 September 1900  
At the School from 1917 to 1919  
Died in Wells, Somerset, on 17 May 1975

CAPTAIN WILFRED CECIL FOWLER  
Born 13 February 1896  
At the School from 1910 to 1914  
Died in Kenya 25 September 1975

Cecil Fowler joined the Royal Warwickshire Regt after leaving Sandhurst. He served in the 1914-18 war and was awarded the MC and was mentioned in dispatches. After the war he served with the King's African Rifles until his retirement in 1933, and spent the remainder of his life in Kenya.

CAPTAIN LESLIE GEORGE GRUNDY  
Born 15 October 1903  
At the School from 1918 to 1922  
Died on 2 October 1975, at Leatherhead Hospital

COLONEL JOHN NOEL ALEXANDRE HARRIS  
Born 25 December 1898

At the School from 1913 to 1916  
Died on 2 July 1975, at Boscombe, Bournemouth

John Harris lived most of his life in Jersey. He served in the 1914-18 and 1939-45 wars, with the Royal Indian Army Service Corps.

KENNETH BRYAN KEITH  
Born 9 June 1919  
At the School from 1932 to 1938  
Died in Nairobi, Kenya, on 3 August 1975

EADRED JOHN TENNANT LUTYENS, TD  
Born 1st July 1891  
At the School from 1903 to 1909  
Died in hospital on 21 June 1975

LIEUT-COLONEL ENDERBY GORDON LUTYENS-HUMFREY  
MC  
Born 16 June 1893  
At the School from 1904 to 1911  
Died at Ockley, Dorking, Surrey in September, 1975

DONAL WILLIAM MORPHY  
Born 12 December 1900  
At the School from 1912 to 1917  
Died at Byworth, Sussex, on 25 May 1975  
The founder of the electrical appliance company, Morphy Richards

GUY CAMERON PATTISON FGA  
Born 2 July 1926  
At the School from 1939 to 1944  
Died 18 June 1975

Guy Pattison was head of St. Peter's, a member of the 1st VIII, a senior monitor, prominent in house football and athletics, and a flight-sergeant in the A.T.C. He was a chartered accountant and at the time of his death was finance manager for Laing Wimpey Alireza, the overseas subsidiary of the John Laing Construction Company. He was the son of an Old Bedfordian, Sq-Ldr H. A. L. Pattison (11-14), and the father of M. L. Pattison (62-67) and N. C. Pattison (68-73).

NEVILLE REDMORE RAY  
Born 31 October 1908  
At the School from 1923 to 1926  
Died on 31 May 1975

EDWARD LANCELOT SEATON  
Born 14 March 1892  
At the School from 1906 to 1909  
Died on 5 August 1975 in London

ROBERT GOWAN GILLMOR SQUIBBS  
Born 24 March 1903  
At the School from 1916 to 1922  
Died in Bedford on 17 May 1975

Gowan Squibbs began his school life in 15. When he left for Balliol College, Oxford, in 1922, he had obtained School colours in football, swimming, and athletics, and was captain of the gymnasium. He was invited to play for East Midlands while still at school, an invitation the 1st XV coach asked him not to accept. At Oxford he played for the University Greyhounds, Harlequins, and East Midlands, and boxed for the University. An injured knee cost him his ruggar blue.

After Oxford he taught for a year at Berkhamsted before joining the Colonial Service. He spent four years as Superintendent of Education in Nigeria and six years as an Administrative Officer in the Northern Provinces before being invalided in 1936. A year later he was on the staff of King's School, Macclesfield, where he coached their 1st XV. In his three seasons at Macclesfield the XV showed a record of 85 per cent wins.

He joined our Lower School in 1943. His remarkable ability as a teacher was recorded at some length by Noel Sutcliffe in *THE OUSEL* when Squibbs retired in 1965.

The last years of his life were marred by an increasing frailty which he bore with a determined indifference.

Our sympathy goes to his widow, Edith, and his son and daughter, Michael and Margaret.

LIEUT-COLONEL CHARLES LLEWELLYN WEMYSS

Born 1st November 1892

At the School from 1900 to 1911

Died at Bognor Regis on 9 June 1975

CHARLES PHILIP WILLIAMS, ERD, FRIBA

Born 7 November 1904

At the School from 1916 to 1921

Died on 12 August 1975, in Bangor

**In Memoriam R.S.M. Whitelaw**

Lieut-Colonel J. A. Stewart (34-43) has sent this tribute to the late R.S.M. Whitelaw, whose death was announced in the March 1975 issue of THE OUSEL.

R.S.M. Whitelaw was an uncompromising, no-nonsense Scot for whom the cardinal virtues in life were discipline and integrity. He was a short man, but possessed a superb military carriage and immense presence. His piercing blue eyes could strike chill in your heart. They could also twinkle delightfully when his Scots sense of humour was tickled.

A brilliant gymnast and instructor, he lived for his 'gym-boys'. Under his guidance and with Sgt. Jackson's help, budding experts in their gym sphere became public school

terrors on the bars or in the ring – names like Rustonji, the Feildens and Donovans, the Parkers and Walshes, Oakley, Eberhardie, Dawes, Penny, Hoppé and many others. The School probably reached a zenith in boxers, fencers, and gymnasts between 1935 and 1945.

Perhaps I have made him sound a fearful character. In fact this was not so unless you were inherently bad or persistently idle. All his gym-boys loved him. A less known side of him was remarkably aesthetic for an old soldier. He loved painting, and his reproduction of a famous portrait of Nelson shows a surprising delicacy of touch, form and hue. He was clever with his hands, and produced expertly machine-turned candlesticks for his friends. His garden was always a joy to behold.

There was always a cheerful welcome for OBs calling at his lovely little cottage in Goldington, for a chat about old times over a plate of Mrs Whitelaw's little cakes.

Most of us strive hopefully towards perfection in our various undertakings. The first physical strivings of many of us started under R.S.M. John Whitelaw. Those who had the privilege of doing so strive just that little bit harder for having known this dedicated PT instructor, and mourn the passing of a fine man.

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this sort of ability, coupled with a high degree of leadership from our senior shots which brought us to achieve such a respectable showing in the face of considerable difficulties at Bisley.

*Bisley Results*

Ashburton	10th	(1974)	2nd
Ninth Man	4th		8th
Cadet Pair	17th		33rd

*Awards*

Kenya Trophy (Full-bore match aggregate): A. J. Hamilton.

N.R.A. Medal (Top Bisley aggregate): R. M. Hatcher.

Donegall Badge (Top Ashburton score): R. M. Hatcher.

*Honours*

R. H. K. Gompertz shot in UK Cadets Team and AG Bell VIII. R. M. Hatcher shot in UK Cadets Team and for Suffolk.

VIII R. M. Hatcher, Captain; D. Fraser; R. H. K. Gompertz;

A. J. Hamilton; N. Hart; P. I. Mounfield; P. J. H. Neate;

S. J. D. Smith.

T.J.E.

**Canada 1975**

The under-19 UK Rifle Team (The Athelings) met up at Victoria Coach Station on Wednesday 30 July, only a few days after leaving Bisley. The flight over on the Jumbo Jet went well and we arrived at Montreal Airport around mid-day (local time) where the sun was blazing down – a fore-taste of the heat-wave we were to experience in Toronto. Here we met the Canadian Army bus which we soon found out to be almost missing its clutch and completely missing its second gear, and which was to be ours for the next three weeks. After a long drive we reached Kingston at the Western end of Lake Ontario where we stayed for three days at the immaculate Canadian Forces Base. From there we went on a cruise round the Thousand Islands of the St Lawrence, getting off at Clayton in the USA for an hour (half of which was spent in the Immigration Office!), and visited Old Fort Henry (the Canadians are very proud of their forts, and in the summer months University students compose the guards

of these forts, dressing in nineteenth century uniforms and drilling – with fantastic precision – in the old fashioned way). We were taken to a Penitentiary for medium term prisoners – and let out again – and were shown over Bellevue House, the home of the first Canadian Prime Minister. Our outstanding memory, though, was the quality of the food: delicious . . .

We then went on to Toronto for a week, arriving at the peak of the heat wave which the local papers were comparing with 1936 when 550 people died of heat in a week. Keeping our fluid level well up, we visited a number of places, of which perhaps the most impressive was the Niagara Falls, despite Bank Holiday crowds. Half a day in the vast Steel Mills of Stelco at Hamilton, Toronto City Hall, Ontario Place, frequent trips down Yonge Street – what you might call an interesting area of the City – and the week sped by.

From Toronto, we drove for six hours to the Connaught Ranges near Ottawa to do what we had really come for – shoot. The ranges were superb, a great line of 150 targets, with another 150 in complete disrepair stretching beyond them, but there was a little unease when we first saw our living quarters – two marquees. Life was indeed primitive, but the shooting made up for it, especially since the team not only won the International match against the Canadian cadets by a record margin, but also achieved the fantastic distinction of three firsts and two seconds in the *open* prize lists over the Meeting. After the eight days shooting were over and our Commandant had reassembled his bicycle following a suitably hairy final evening, we moved on to Montreal for the last few days. We had been marvellously looked after by the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association, and had much cause to thank the Senior GB team for their help over the week.

Montreal was a disappointment, not so much because there was less to see and do, as because we had come to Canada to do a job (the 1974 Athelings had been roughly handled and the reputation of John Bull was at stake), and we were too tired afterwards to appreciate very much. On August 22nd, we returned on the night flight, with a brief stop at Shannon, and were all soon at home and asleep.

R. M. HATCHER