

Old Bedfordians Club

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Rowing

Old Bedfordians who have been members of the Boat Club within the last quarter century will be sad to know that the great magician, Bill Maltby, retires at the end of this Summer term. Bill's ability to conjure up a fine racing boat from a mass of wrecked timbers is only matched by his ability to create a boat, or a trailer or even an oarsman where there wasn't one before. The Bedford Schools are losing a true and wonderful craftsman.

Bill and Betty are moving to a new house in Bedford and it seems fit that we Old Bedfordians should provide a suitable present by which we can say thank you.

Donations may be sent to John Osborne, at Bedford School.

J.B.D.O.

Fives

When Cambridge defeated Oxford in the Inter-varsity Rugby Fives Match, four Old Bedfordians were playing for Cambridge University, and one OB was playing for Oxford University.

Rowing

Old Bedfordians taking part in the 1976 Henley Royal Regatta included David Warbrick-Smith (60-65) who rowed '6' in the Vesta Rowing Club VIII in the Thames Cup and Neil Burnet (69-74) rowed '7' in the Clare College Cambridge Ladies Plate crew. Neil Burnet was selected to row for Cambridge in the Oxford and Cambridge race.

In September Warbrick-Smith was in the winning coxwainless pair in the Pairs Head of the River race on the Tideway, and followed this by rowing in the winning coxed four from Vesta RC in the Tideway Head for Fours in October.

A. M. St. L. Ramsay Murray (25-36), Thames RC, won a veterans division in the Head of The Cam Long Distance Sculling Championship in November, his fourth win in this annual event.

The Bedfordians Rifle Club

The Club has got off to a flying start and already has over 30 members. Official reaction in the courts of the mighty has been most encouraging, and the secretary of the National Rifle Association, Air Commodore Riall, has written to the hon. sec. in the following terms: "What a splendid idea that your School Rifle Club should become a club catering both for the Old Boys and those still at school. I can see enormous merit in this, not the least of which is the encouragement of the young by 'those of riper years'. (I bet that makes some of you feel old! — S.N.J.). Once this is a going concern, I would like to quote it in the N.R.A. Journal because what is good for Bedford School is surely twice as

good for any other school." Well, there's fame for you.

We hope to field our strongest yet team in the Veterans at Bisley, and are delighted that Hamish Keith will be over from Kenya with his team to add his experience to our ever-improving fire-power. If you have not heard from Tim Elliott and wish to know about arrangements for Bisley, please get in touch with him at the School.

S. N. Jones (*Chairman*)

OB News

R. K. Ryan (71-76) writes: "I am presently reading Politics at Leeds University. I am in possession of an Army University Bursary which pays me a grant of £900 per annum while I am at University. This particular scheme has only just been introduced, and I am therefore the first OB to get an Army University Bursary."

Captain H. M. Newcomb (RN Ret'd), who lives at Gardenvale, Melbourne, has sent a copy of the rules of the Debating Society dated March 1873. He also sends a copy of "A Farewell Ode on the Retirement of the Rev F. Fanshawe, MA", words by the Rev C. G. Wilkinson, music by Dr P. H. Diemer (the School's music master). The Ode (and its music) was published by Novello, Ewer & Co., and makes 20 well-printed pages. Was this the first school song? Perhaps one of our older readers can tell us.

Colonel Peter Seabrook (35-46) writes to say that he has left Dubai, and is now Chief of Staff to the Rear-Admiral commanding British forces in Malta.

J. W. E. Rumboll (55-61) is working for Costains on the Dubai Dry Dock project, and R. T. A. Laville (44-54) has moved from Hong Kong to Bahrain.

Lt-Col W. Daniels (21-31) has received a pleasant letter from A. H. C. Spark (19-24) who said how good it was to see the XV results in the papers again, particularly as they were having such a good season.

Just before Christmas Daniels met J. V. C. Anthony (21-28) (waiting on Leicester Square Station), who told him that he had been talking over the telephone to Commander the Revd R. S. P. Marrs (23-29), who now lives in retirement at Bulmer, Yorkshire.

A. H. L. Lawrence (53-60) has gained a PhD in geology at Imperial College, London. His present address is 329 Abbey Road, Basingstoke, Hants.

N. E. Dudley, FRCS (Oxon), FRCS (Ed) has been awarded the James Berry Prize for 1973-75 by the Royal College of Surgeons for his contribution to advance the techniques of parathyroid surgery.

The oldest living member of the Old Bedfordians Club is H. N. Tyerman (89-98) who was 97 on 27 December 1976. His work on the *Children's Newspaper* no doubt helped to keep him young. The runner-up is Brigadier A. B. McPherson, CBE, MVO, MC (99-04), who was 90 on 6 January 1977. We congratulate them both.

S. C. Gray (59-64) was known during his time as Head of the School as a man of many and curious interests. He has now won fame by winning the title of "Shopper of the Year"