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The latest news and updates for former students and staff of Bedford School



The Great Hall Burning Down, 1979

OLD BEDFORDIANS CLUB

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### Update your details

To amend the contact details we have for you, just [log in](#) or [register](#) on the OB Club's online Alumni Directory, so you receive relevant news and events in your area.

### Archive of the Month

As Sixth Former, Josh Taylor, recently commemorated the great fire that burned down the School's Main Building in 1979, we've brought you the original report of the dramatic event

### Dear Old Bedfordian

We hope that you've had a good Easter. Although the School is quiet with the boys on holiday for another week, here in the OB Club we're hard at work on the next edition of our mid-year publication, **The OB Review**. Due to be sent out to all OBs at the start of the Summer, please email the OB Club Office on [obclub@bedfordschool.org.uk](mailto:obclub@bedfordschool.org.uk) if you think we may not have your most up to date postal address, and this will of course help the OB Club to save money too. Packed with photos, news and updates from fellow OBs as well as recent Club events and sports fixtures, the Review makes for a great read so do make sure you get your copy.

We are also currently on the look-out for any OBs with an interest in Touch Rugby. Will Knight (98-09) is hoping to put together an **Old Bedfordians team for the O2 Touch League** taking place in Clapham Common this Spring and Summer and would like you to

from the Ousel that year! [Read it here.](#)

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to browse the online heritage website, which contains all Ousels back to 1876, the Roll of Honour and other School publications and photographs.

## Next Club event

7-10 April: [OB Golf Society Halford Hewitt Tournament](#)

[View all OB Club events](#)

Get social!



take part. This is a great opportunity to be part of a sociable team, meet fellow OBs and keep your fitness levels up. If you'd to join in please email Will on [willknight272@googlemail.com](mailto:willknight272@googlemail.com) or [click here to find out more information about the League.](#)

On the subject of sport, we would like to say a big thank you to all of you who came along to the **OB Sports Weekend** in mid March. Despite the rather mixed weather, it was a really enjoyable weekend and we were pleased to welcome back over sixty OBs to take on the School at Football, Hockey, Fives, Squash and Shooting. [Read the match reports here.](#)

Finally, following on from their victory against the Old Oundelians, we wish the OB Golf Society good luck in the **Halford Hewitt Tournament** next week. May their success continue!

Best wishes,

Richard, Gina and Iona  
OB Club Office

## News



### OB Sports Weekend

We enjoyed another fantastic turnout to the OB Club's annual Sports Weekend which took place over 12th and 13th March, with around sixty OBs taking part in Fives, Squash, Shooting, Hockey and Soccer. As always the fixtures were good fun, with both OBs and boys showing a great level of sportsmanship. [See photos from the event and read more here.](#)



### Sydney Annual Lunch

OBs and partners gathered on the 13th March for the DVP Sydney Annual Lunch at The Greens club hosted by DVP for Sydney, Richard Spivey (89-96). With stunning views of the Opera House and Harbour Bridge as a backdrop, the group caught up in the beautiful autumn sunshine whilst enjoying a casual meal and drinks. [Read more about the lunch here.](#)



### The Great Fire

The dramatic events of 3rd March 1979 were poignantly brought home to the boys on its 37th anniversary. Sixth

### The Baker Walker Cup

A new tradition started at Bedford School on Sunday 13th March. For the first time, the Baker Walker Cup was

Former, Josh Taylor, created a unique commemoration by burning a very striking (and large) canvas of the main school building, which he filmed to symbolise the speed with which fire can destroy hours of work. Then on the anniversary of the fire, his film was projected onto the main school building itself. [Find out more and watch a film of the projection here.](#)



presented following the annual football fixture between the School and Old Bedfordians Club. This special cup has been introduced to recognise the vital role played in supporting and promoting School football over many years by two key individuals, Colin Baker and Daniel Walker (81-85). [Find out more about the cup and the match itself here.](#)



### Introducing New DVPs

We are delighted to welcome two new Old Bedfordian District Vice Presidents to our worldwide OB community! Ambrose Wang (01-06), has taken up the role of DVP for Hong Kong, whilst Finn Longinotto has taken over from John Norris (57-62) as the DVP for Florida. Find out more about Ambrose [here](#), and read more about Finn and John [here](#).



### Future OBs

In years gone by, boys left the School with little information on the Old Bedfordians Club, these days however things are a little different! Boys in the Upper Sixth now profit from a presentation by Director of the OB Club, Richard Garrett giving them information on the heritage of the OB Club, along with its many benefits, and how they can get involved. [Find out more here.](#)



### Wellbelove Prize

On 2nd March, the School hosted novelist, journalist and broadcaster Terence Blacker to judge the 2016 Wellbelove writing competition, set up in honour of Archie Wellbelove (01-12). [Read more about the prize here.](#)

We are also pleased to announce that Henry Wellbelove (00-11) has become an ambassador for the Road Victims Trust. The charity helped Henry and his family through their loss after Archie was tragically killed in a road traffic accident in 2012. [Read more about Henry's role here.](#)

### Jonno Judges Drama

On 26th February, Jonno Davies (01-10) came back to school to judge the first ever Prep School House Drama Competition. Before the event, he answered questions from Year 7 & 8 pupils about his acting career and gave fantastic advice to our budding young actors!

Commenting on the event, Jonno said: "It's a fantastic initiative; it is genuinely exciting to see boys taking ownership of their Drama and having fun devising and performing work". [Find out more here.](#)



### Victory Against Oundelians

Another golfing year dawned for the OB Golf Society on the 19th March at the Royal Worlington Golf Club for the first match in the Calendar, the Old Oundelians. Alongside enjoying the customary roast lunch and some terrible jokes, the team beat Oundle, and in doing so avenged their defeat at last year's fixture. [Read more here.](#)



### Head Master's e-bulletin

"Many of you will have heard by now that Mr Baker, our excellent Vice Master, who has been at the school for 37 years, has announced his retirement from the end of this academic year. We will all have the chance to say thank you to him at this year's Speech Day...The new Vice Master will be Dr Daniel Koch." [Read the latest Head Master's e-bulletin to current parents here.](#)



### News of OBs

- Good luck to George Cochrane-Davies (08-15), pictured above, who will be running the Manchester Marathon on April 10th in aid of Meningitis Research



### Touch Rugby League

Enjoy Touch Rugby? Will Knight (98-09) is hoping to put together an Old Bedfordians team for the O2 Touch League. Taking place in Clapham Common this Spring and Summer, this is a great opportunity to be part of a sociable team, to meet fellow OBs and to enjoy touch rugby so don't miss out! [Find out more here.](#)



### Lord Winston Lecture

We are delighted to welcome Lord Robert Winston, Emeritus Professor of Fertility Studies, Imperial College London, for the last of this year's Harpur Science Forum lectures. Lord Robert Winston will speak on 'MODIFYING HUMANS: Where Does Genetics Stop?' on Monday 25 April, from 4.45 to 5.45pm in Bedford School's Great Hall. [Find out more about this fantastic event, open to all OBs, here.](#)



### OB Review coming soon...

The OB Club's mid-year annual publication is due to be published early this summer. Sent out free of charge to all OBs for whom we have a postal address, it's a great way to catch up on news of your fellow OBs and the Club.

Foundation. [Visit his fundraising page here.](#)

- Congratulations to William Kendall (69-79) who has been appointed the High Sheriff of Suffolk for 2016-2017.
- Henry Regan (03-08) has recently joined the cast of Bill Kenwright's UK tour of Blood Brothers - look out for him in a theatre near you soon!
- Book lovers will be pleased to hear that John Nightingale's (57-67) latest novel, The Appearance of Murder, has received the endorsement of both The Times and Ian Rankin. [Find out more about the book here.](#)
- It was lovely to hear from former Inky teacher, Michael Burgoyne (Staff 72-77), who has spent 35 years living in Italy. Now back in the UK, Michael is a trustee for The Air Ambulance and The Children's Air Ambulance. We look forward to seeing him at an OB event soon!

Please let us know on [obclub@bedfordschool.org.uk](mailto:obclub@bedfordschool.org.uk) if you have recently moved house to make sure you receive this year's copy! A light-hearted magazine, the Review is packed with stories and updates from the last six months.

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