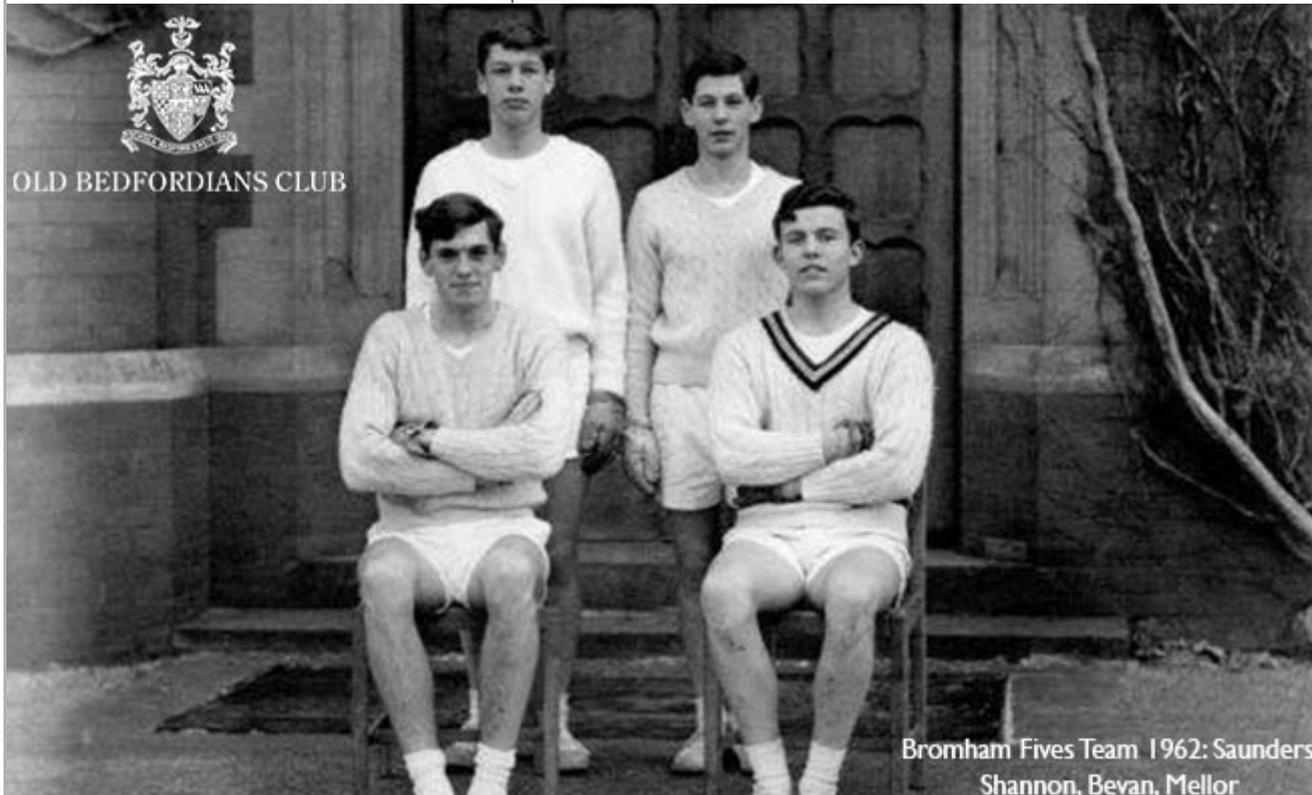


OB Club February Newsletter

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



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Archive of the Month

Having announced his retirement at the end of this academic year, Bob Eadie will have given 45 years of loyal service to the School and has been at the centre of its IT

Dear Old Bedfordian

Last week was a difficult week in the OB Club office, and also for the wider OB community. Rob Worboys (98-07) will be enormously missed and we will offer Gina and her family as much support as possible. Thank you for all of your kind messages.

Rob was a great supporter of the OB Club, and we are sure he would have wanted things to continue as usual, as far as possible.

With this in mind, we would like to pass on our sincerest congratulations to James Kendall, who left the School in 2003, on completing the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge last week with three other team-mates, having rowed 3000 miles across the Atlantic in just 44 days for charity. Known as the world's toughest row, the team took on the challenge to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust and the RNLI and are near to reaching their target of £30,000.

development since the very earliest days of computers at Bedford. To celebrate this achievement we have dug out this lovely article from 1995.

[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

13-14 Feb: [OB Golf Society](#)

[Halford Hewitt Selection](#)

[Weekend](#)

[View all OB Club events](#)

Get social!



[Find out how you can support the guys and their chosen charities here.](#)

We would also like to thank all those who joined us for our London Networking Forum last month. Always a most enjoyable evening, this one was no exception, as we were treated to a mini-master class on wine in the delightful surroundings of the Piano Lounge and Wine Cellar in the newly opened Clerkenwell London on Farringdon Road. If you haven't already, do [have a look at the pictures from the event here.](#)

Best wishes,

OB Club Team

News



Fives Champion Returns

Former National Schools Fives champion for three years running, Peter Mellor (57-62), returned to the School on Saturday 30th January for a Fives coaching session with three members of the current School 1st IV. Pictured in our cover photo as part of the Bromham Fives Team back in 1962, Peter gave the boys some useful advice, and it was great to have him back with us. [Find out more here.](#)



Careers help needed

We are looking for OBs to share their career experiences at our Careers Fair on the evening of Wednesday 2nd March - an informal occasion to chat to boys and answer questions. Would you like to inspire young people to enter your profession, then perhaps you might want to take part in this fantastic annual



Atlantic Success

A huge congratulations to James Kendall, who left in 2003, and his team 'All Beans No Monkeys' on crossing the finish line of the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge last week, having rowed 3000 miles across the Atlantic in just 44 days for charity. [Find out more about the epic journey here.](#)



Networking in Stylish Surroundings

Hosted by Oliver English (07-12), we were treated to a delightful evening in the Piano Lounge and Wine Cellar of the Clerkenwell London on 27th January, for our most recent networking forum. Including a mini-masterclass on wine, it was good to see a number of OBs who

event? [Find out more here and see photos from last year.](#)



had not attended our events previously! [Read more and see photos here.](#)



Happy Chinese New Year

Happy Chinese New Year! From all of us here at the OB Club we would like to wish you and your family a prosperous Year of the Monkey. Whether you live in China or are visiting South East Asia for business or pleasure, why not use this opportunity to get in touch with OBs in the region? [See a list of our OBs across the world here.](#)

Good Reads Galore

Writer and journalist, Mark Ledsom (80-91), has released his first book, an English translation of the German children's classic 'Max & Moritz'. [Find out more here.](#)

Former Green Jacket, Nick Haynes (59-69) has also been busy writing, and tells the story of the Peninsular War through the paintings of Christa Hook in their recently published book 'Far in Advance'. [Read more here.](#)



Befriending the Barbarians

Jack Goldberg (09-11) recently won the chance to spend the day with The Barbarians. Not only was the lucky chap able to watch a training session, he raced against South African legend, Pat Lambie and was taken out for a meal with the team afterwards. What an experience! [Read more here](#)

Poll Function

We are much looking forward to welcoming back Theo St. Claire (Theo Green 01-10) to the School, with newly-formed theatre company 'The Project' as they bring their exciting show 'Poll Function' to The Quarry Theatre on 20th February. [Read more about Theo's career and book your tickets here.](#)



English Careers Fair

We were pleased to welcome Robin Hampshire (13-15) and Oliver Yew (00-05) back to the School for an event promoting 'Careers in Literature, Arts and the Media' on Monday 1st February.

Farewell and Good Luck

Several staff who have served many years at the School will be stepping down this academic year. Those in double digits leaving the Prep School at the end of the Spring Term are Charles

An enjoyable and informative evening, we would like to thank both Robin and Oliver for taking part in the event. [Read more here.](#)



Blacklock (27 years) and Di MacAskill (14 years), and similarly, departing the Upper School at the end of the Summer Term are Bob Eadie (45 years), [pictured above in 1982](#), Colin Baker (37 years) and Peter Brough (31 years). Please feel free to join us on Speech Day, 2nd July 2016, to say your personal farewell.



News of OBs

- Beady-eyed OBs will have spotted Hugh Norton (62-70) on TV recently. Father of James Norton, the British actor who catapulted to worldwide fame after his starring role in War and Peace, Hugh has appeared as an extra in the hit adaptation. [Read more here.](#)
- Sam Richards (96-04) has also had a brush with fame, featuring as a love interest on the popular ITV dating show 'Take Me Out' last week, successfully managing to win a date - go Sam!
- It was interesting to see that England's all-time leading run-scorer, Alastair Cook MBE (98-03), while not busy playing cricket found time to visit a pioneering farming project in the Western Cape province of South Africa last month. [Read more here.](#)

The Ollie Feast Trust

The Ollie Feast Trust has now been formally established in memory of Oliver Feast (02-10) who tragically died at a very young age last year. A number of events have been planned for the year ahead, with the first one being a 'Bacon Butty Challenge' on Saturday 12th March. [Find out more about the charity and how to take part here.](#)

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