

## OB Club January 2016 Newsletter

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



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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

Having recently been awarded the Chevalier de Legion d'Honneur, we have unearthed an article from the 1985 Ousel, celebrating Donald Mantell's

### Dear Old Bedfordian

First things first, may we wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous 2016 from all of us here at the OB Club! We hope that you all enjoyed a well-deserved break over Christmas with your friends and family and are now feeling rejuvenated and ready for another year.

Starting off the New Year, former Director of Art from 1994-2013, Rob Campbell, will be holding a Private View of his new exhibition at the School tonight between 7.30-9pm, free of charge. All Old Bedfordians are invited and we are already looking forward to seeing a number of you at the event so please do come along for what promises to be a wonderful evening. [Find out more about the exhibition here.](#)

Would you like to inspire young people to enter your profession? Want to do a good deed for the New Year? We are looking for OBs and parents who would like to come along as career representatives to

(33-42) achievements. [Read more 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

8 Jan: [Rob Campbell \(Staff 94-13\) Art Exhibition - Private View](#)

[View all OB Club events](#)

Get social!



chat informally to current students about their career experiences and answer questions about their industry on Wednesday 2nd March. [See photos from the Careers Fair last year and find out how to register as a career representative for this year's event.](#)

Finally, we always enjoy hearing from you so please do continue sharing all of your news and updates for our monthly newsletters and the upcoming OB Review. If you do happen to recognise any of the handsome fellows in our cover photo 'OB Golf, 1992' we would also love to hear from you. Email Alumni Officer Iona Swannell who deals with our communications on [iswannell@bedfordschool.org.uk](mailto:iswannell@bedfordschool.org.uk)

Best wishes,

Richard, Gina and Iona  
OB Club Office

### News



#### Head Master's e-bulletin

This has been an extraordinary term by any school's standards...there are some areas of school life where we can recognise genuinely quantifiable national success in the past few weeks. [Read the latest parents' e-bulletin from the Head Master here](#)



#### Singapore Celebrations

Last month, DVP for Singapore, James Brodie (77-88) hosted a lively evening of dinner and drinks in Robinson Quay for OBs in the country.

With a good network over there, the event saw a good turnout, with several new faces amongst those who attended. Wet weather didn't deter the group and the meet-up continued into the small

#### Careers help needed

We are looking for OBs to share their career experiences at our Careers Fair on Wednesday 2nd March - an informal occasion to chat to boys and answer questions. Interested? [Read more about the evening and register to volunteer here](#)



#### Worthy Causes

Alongside three friends, James Kendall (00-03) is currently rowing 3000 miles across the Atlantic. The team are hoping to win the 2015 Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge whilst raising £30,000 for charity. [Read more here](#)

James Woodrow (74-84) has spent 24 hours experiencing being a refugee as part of the charity Crossroads 'Refugee

hours! The group look forward to another 'Run', which aims to educate people on enjoyable reunion soon. [Read more about the event here](#) global issues. [Find more about the charity here](#)



## Golf Society Website Launch From Waterloo to Afghanistan

Exciting news from the OB Golf Society, as they have now officially launched their own section of our website! The page includes information about the Society, its Halford Hewitt playing records, OBGS news, along with a calendar of upcoming events. [Please do have a look if you're interested in golf](#)



## Roach Scholarships

Thanks to a generous legacy left to us by Professor John Roach MA PhD (31-38), we are delighted to announce that the School will soon be able to offer Roach Scholarships to academically talented boys in the Lower Sixth. [Find out more about the Scholarships here](#)



## Talalay Prize

Max Williamson and Josh Carmichael have won this year's prestigious Talalay Science Prize. OBs Leon (34-36) and Paul Talalay (34-40) donated the prize back in 1992, in recognition of the high standard of teaching that they received whilst at the School. [Read more here](#)



## Sad News

We are saddened to inform you of the deaths of two much-respected former members of staff over the holiday period. Teacher of History, Gilbert Pleuger (staff 73-95) and Geography and Fives teacher, Jerry Cooper (staff 60-93), will be greatly missed by all who knew them.

## Tracing an OB?

Whether you are looking to rekindle an old friendship with a school buddy or have just lost a good friend's contact details or are looking for OBs in your area, you might want to give the OB Club's online alumni directory 'Connect' a go.

Please note that the Memorial Service of Replacing the printed 'Register' that you

Peter Wingate Jones (49-60) will be held at 2pm on Saturday 23rd January in Bedford School Chapel. All OBs are welcome, however we ask that those wishing to attend contact us on [obclub@bedfordschool.org.uk](mailto:obclub@bedfordschool.org.uk) to let us know so that we may inform his family of numbers.



### Congratulations in order

### Ousel coming soon...

- Well done to Sally Peck OBE, former Chairman of the Harpur Trust and wife of Ian Peck (65-76), who was awarded an OBE for services to the community through Education and Sport in Bedford and the Eastern Region in the New Year's Honours List. Please do contact us on [obclub@bedfordschool.org.uk](mailto:obclub@bedfordschool.org.uk) if you know of any OBs who have recently been awarded an OBE
  - We're also proud to report that OB and former bursar to the School, Donald Mantell (33-42), has been awarded the Chevalier de Legion d'Honneur in recognition of the part that he played in the Liberation of France during the Second World War.
  - Best wishes to former Director of Music Andrew Morris (staff 79-11) who is Master of the Worshipful Company of Musicians for 2016.
  - Capt. James Gilbert (02-07) of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers is now engaged to Isabelle Currie. Congratulations to you all!
- The annual Ousel publication was sent out before Christmas so if you're a Subscriber you should have received your copy by now. 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 future copy! As well as School updates, the Ousel contains an Old Bedfordians section packed with stories and updates.
- Become a Subscriber for just £25 a year to receive the Ousel, along with the other benefits such as reduced prices for selected OB events and access to our Heritage website. [Find out more about subscribing and its benefits](#)

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