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Archive of the Month

As Matthew Ayres (00-10) returned to the School earlier this month to speak at this year's Young Enterprise Bedford County Finals, we thought we'd take a look back

Dear Old Bedfordian

As summer and half term are almost upon us, the OB Club Office will be taking the opportunity next week to take a break before the final half of the summer term begins. With the OB Club out of action for a week, we have decided to send out both our June News and Events emails slightly earlier than usual in order to give everybody a chance a look at the exciting calendar of events we have taking place over the next few months. Please do bear with us if you try to get in contact over half term, we will try to get back to you as soon as possible on our return on 6th June.

The OB Review should be making its way to you very soon, so we hope you will enjoy your copy of the OB Club's annual publication. As many of you will know this year we celebrate 125 years since the official formation of the OB Club, and to reflect this we have produced a special bumper edition of the magazine. Containing news, photos

to 2009 at Matthew's own successful project for the scheme. Matthew led his team in compiling and producing a book entitled *Wisdom - What I Wish I Had Known* which contained nuggets of wisdom from the likes of Andy Gomarsall (88-93), Lord Naseby (50-55) and Sir James Dyson! [Read more about it here.](#)

[Become a Subscribing Member](#) 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

04 -11 June: [OB Golf Tour to Kerry](#)

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and stories from OBs across the globe, the Review makes for light-hearted reading and you never know, you may spot an old friend within its pages! Please do let us know on obclub@bedfordschool.org.uk if you do not receive a copy.

We would also like to thank all OBs, partners, friends and family who joined us at the [Club's 125th Anniversary Dinner and Reunion Weekend which took place in New York](#) last weekend, along with, of course, local DVP Miles Young (63-72) who helped to organise the event. The celebrations were much enjoyed by all, and it was great to see that the OB community in North America is very much thriving. We are particularly excited to hear that Finn Longinotto (57-62) has already started planning a similar gathering in Florida in early 2018! [Find out more about the role of DVPs here.](#)

Best wishes,

Richard, Gina and Iona
OB Club Office

News



New York, New York!

Over the weekend of the 20th to 22nd May, the Club's 125th Anniversary celebrations kicked off in earnest in New York. The weekend attracted OBs and partners who live in New York and America, as well as those from much further afield! The local DVP, Miles Young (63-72) had put together a varied and most enjoyable programme which gave plenty of opportunity to get to know one another and to enjoy each other's company. [See photos from the event and read more here.](#)



Bedford Regatta

The Bedford School Boat Club enjoyed

Delacroix at the National

On a warm summer evening on Friday 6th May a group of OBs, their partners, staff and boys met up at the National Gallery. They all enjoyed a lecture by James Heard on the current exhibition 'Delacroix and the Rise of Modern Art'. The group went on to have a delicious meal at the restaurant at the National Portrait Gallery which has amazing views over Trafalgar Square and beyond. [See photos from the evening and read more here.](#)



Remembrance in the Somme

its most triumphant day at Bedford Regatta for many years on Saturday 7th May 2016. In a superb day of racing an impressive six School crews won their events! The support from parents, boys, staff and OBs was also amazing, and a special thank you must go to Hugh (73-83) and Rachel Maltby for everything that they do every year to make the day such a success. [See photos from the day and read more about it here.](#)



Alongside a group of current boys from the School, almost 40 OBs and partners took part in an Act of Remembrance on Sunday 1st May at the Thiepval Memorial in Somme, northern France. Over the weekend OBs also enjoyed a tour which took in the Menin Gate and St George's Chapel in Ypres, Passchendaele and the Somme; the memories no doubt will stay with them for years to come! [Read more about the trip here.](#)



Bedford School Treasures

Bedford School Parents' Guild summer event: *Bedford School Treasures* with David Fletcher (58-69), proved a great success. David enthralled the audience with anecdotes from his own Bedford School days and his expert knowledge on a number of the most interesting items in the school's archives, during his fascinating talk in the main auditorium. The Parents' Guild were delighted that the event was so well attended and hope to work with David again in the near future. [Read more about the evening here.](#)



Study Centre Anniversary

Twenty years after first opening its doors, the Bedford School Study Centre will be closing at the end of the summer term. To mark both its anniversary and closure, the Study Centre warmly invite past students and staff to come along and have a last walk down memory lane at an open afternoon and afternoon tea on Sunday 26th June from 2-5pm. [Find](#)

Sporting Heroes Celebrated

As recent OB Club and School events have caused us to remember the courageous actions of past OBs, you may be interested to read BBC journalist Stephen Walker's book. *Ireland's Call - Irish Sporting Heroes who Fell in the Great War* gives a moving insight into the lives of several OBs, including Basil Maclear and brothers Everard and Averell Digges-La-Touches. Available from the OB Club Office for just £10 (plus £1.25 postage & packaging), please email obclub@bedfordschool.org.uk if you would like to purchase a copy.



Reflections on 45 Years

On 13th May Mr Eadie gave a moving address at the Upper School Assembly in the Great Hall. Bob leaves the School this summer after 45 years on the staff and will be greatly missed. Many OBs will remember Bob Eadie and we hope that he will in his retirement enjoy catching up with some of the 6000 OBs who passed through the School during

[out more about the event and RSVP here.](#)



Mining in Depth

DVP for Somerset and Bristol, Mark Howson (65-74), returned to the School on Friday 6th May to give our upper sixth a lecture entitled 'An International Career in the Mining Industry'. Having spent almost 40 years as a mining geologist, Mark's work with Rio Tinto has taken him across the globe to 22 countries in six continents! Talking about his travels and experiences, Mark gave the boys a fascinating insight into the industry. [Read more here.](#)



Charity Cricket

A number of OBs are helping to put on a charity cricket event on Friday 15th July at the School. This is in support of the Bedford Hospitals Charity and in particular the Primrose Unit where cancer sufferers are treated. We hope that you may come along. [Find out more here.](#)



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his time. Bob will be attending the [DVP London Summer Party](#) on Saturday 11th June. [Read Mr Eadie's address here.](#)



Inspiring Keynote Speaker

We were delighted to welcome back Matthew Ayres (00-10) for the Young Enterprise Bedfordshire County Finals on Thursday 5th May 2016. Matthew, who took part in the competition in 2009 while at School, gave an inspiring keynote speech to the pupil teams. He also spoke about his previous, highly successful Young Enterprise project: a book entitled 'What Do You Wish You Had Known at Eighteen?', which included advice from prominent OBs. [Read more here.](#)



Mo Bros Unite!

The Movember Foundation is seeking student ambassadors who want to have fun and make a difference by raising funds and awareness for men's health. Your role will include recruiting and supporting your team and organising events to bring the campaign alive. The application deadline is **15th June** so be quick! [Find out more and apply here.](#)



Young OBs in the Making!

On Friday 13th May, which sounds rather ominous, the current Upper Sixth

- DVP for Kent, Surrey and Sussex, Michael Stainer (56-66), and Neville Craddock (55-62) enjoyed a novel way of exploring the grounds of Leeds Castle last weekend. Alongside Michael's daughters, they gave Segways a go and described the experience as a bit like skating but great fun!
 - Our thanks go to John Ward (52-63) and Professor Martin Snaith (53-63) for the valuable insights and support they gave Bedford School's Engineering Education Team Scheme. The team enjoyed great success at the recent assessment day at the University of Hertfordshire.
 - We were delighted to welcome back Ian Charrie (71-78), Michael Hawkins (56-60) and Andrew Mckay (61-71) to the School as they popped in for visits over the month of May. We are always happy to show OBs around the School so do say hello to us if you're ever nearby! If possible do try and get in contact with us in advance so that we may ensure someone from the Club will be here to greet you.
- Form boys studying 'A levels' received a presentation from the Club's Director, Richard Garrett. As part of the presentation the boys were told how they could engage with the Club and the benefits of being part of this global organisation, but the key message was that at whatever age an OB makes contact with the Club they will receive a warm welcome. [Read more here.](#)

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