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Archive of the Month

As we celebrated HM The Queen's ninetieth birthday last week, we thought it was only fitting to bring you a little bit of royal history. Sixty years ago, the School's 1st VIII were

Dear Old Bedfordian

With the cricket whites out and summer term now in full swing, it promises to be a busy month for the OB Club! With so much going on we are sending out both our May News and Events emails at the very end of April to give everyone more time to plan ahead.

We are fast approaching what will be one of the OB Club's largest ever American events, taking place in a couple of weeks' time. To mark 125 years since the Old Bedfordians was officially established, OBs will be gathering in New York for the [OB Club North America 125th Anniversary Dinner](#) on Saturday 21st May, alongside a [Reunion Weekend](#). It promises to be a truly special occasion, and we look forward to welcoming all of you who have already booked onto the event. Whether you live near 'The Big Apple' or will just be visiting, it's

presented with the inaugural Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup by Her Majesty, then Princess Elizabeth, at the 1946 Henley Royal Regatta. The full article from the Ousel that year describes the team's nail-biting victory against Radley! [Read 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

30 April: [OB Golf](#)
[Society Spring Meeting at Royal Worlington](#)

[View all OB Club events](#)

Get social!



not too late to book your place but do be quick, [find out more and sign up here.](#)

We're also putting the finishing touches to the OB Club's annual publication, the OB Review, ready for it to be sent out to all OBs for whom we have a postal address. If you have recently moved house or think we may not have your current postal address do contact us on obclub@bedfordschool.org.uk to let us know your new address. Packed with news, updates and stories from OBs across the world, don't miss out on your copy!

Lastly we would like to say a big thank you to all OBs who attended the Canada Rugby Tour Fundraising Dinner last Saturday and to all who made the event such a success. You will be pleased to hear that a good amount was raised on the night! We have nearly finalised the tour's programme and will let OBs in Canada know further details in the coming weeks.

Best wishes,

Richard, Gina and Iona
OB Club Office

News



Networking at Brand Exchange

Over forty OBs joined us for our second Business Networking Forum of 2016, hosted by Darren Stones (85-90). Held at Brand Exchange, a stylish private members' club, we were pleased to welcome Colin Baker, along with his son Tom (94-04), daughter Hannah, and son-in-law Josh Mason (00-05) to the event. [See photos from the event and read more here.](#)



Hamburg Reunion

The OB Deutschland group met for their Annual Spring Reunion this April in the waterside metropolis of Hamburg. The group spent the weekend exploring the city, enjoying a guided boat tour and sampling the famous Kiez district's nightlife. The highlight of the event was the Reunion Dinner for which they were joined by Colin Baker and his wife Jackie as guests of honour. [See photos and read more about the reunion here.](#)



An Oarsome Day

On the afternoon of Saturday 16th April the 1st VIII versus OB races were hotly contested. Two different OB crews took pride in holding the 1st VIII to a one all draw! In the evening, over 150 guests including members from the 1966 1st VIII, attended the annual Boat Club Dinner and Awards Evening which was held in the Great Hall.

To keep up to date with news from the Boat Club, the boys' achievements and forthcoming events, [read The Friends of Bedford School Boat Club's spring newsletter here.](#)



Golfing Around

The OB Golf Society have had a busy month, having won their first match of the season against the Old Oundelians on 19th March. At the customary venue of the Royal Worlington Golf Club, the men avenged their narrow defeat from 2015's fixture and enjoyed a roast lunch to celebrate their victory.

The OBGS also proved tough competition against Bradfield in this years' Halford Hewitt Golf Tournament. Although losing in the second round, it was a close-run match and the team are not dispirited! [Read more here.](#)



New DVP for Georgia

We are pleased to announce that CEO of Great American Days, Adrian Dewey (87-89), has volunteered to take up the role of District Vice President for the state of Georgia in the USA. We are sure he will be an asset to the OB community in the surrounding area and encourage OBs living in or visiting Georgia to get in touch with him! [Read more about Adrian, the role of DVPs and find your nearest contact here.](#)



Geoff Wickens' Retirement

Many OBs will fondly remember Mr Wickens from his 37 years at Bedford School, be it teaching maths and science, or a variety of sports, or as Deputy Head in the Prep School. Sadly he will retire this term on health grounds and in these special circumstances we hope that the wider School community will help raise funds for a very important leaving present. [To find out more please see this letter from Mr Ian Silk, the Headmaster of the Prep.](#)



Future Science

Lord Professor Robert Winston officially opened Bedford School's refurbished Science laboratories before giving a lecture to over 500 guests, including several OBs, on Monday 25 April 2016. The refurbishment project, which was funded by the Bedford School Foundation, the Bedford School Trust, a

RIBA Award for Quarry Theatre

We are delighted to announce that The Quarry Theatre at St. Luke's was recognised for its architectural excellence and contribution to society by The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) in their recent East of England

number of generous individual donors, and the legacy from late Old Bedfordian Brian Saville (40-48), took place over the summers of 2014 and 2015. [Read more about the event here.](#)



450th Thanksgiving Service
Bedford School pupils were among over 400 children who took part in a special Thanksgiving service at St Paul's Church to mark the 450th anniversary of The Harpur Trust on Friday 22 April 2016. The Thanksgiving Service was the first in a series of public events which are being held across 2016 to mark the anniversary of the Trust, including a play about Bedford's history at the Quarry Theatre in September. [Find out more here.](#)



News of OBs

- Congratulations to Alexander Walsh, pictured above, on his marriage to Anthea Grace Malley at St Cuthbert's Church in Southport on 15th April!
- Science enthusiasts may like to take a look at Dr Paddy Brock's (Staff 05-07) collaborative video with boredomresearch simulating the transmission of malaria. [Watch it here.](#)
- Penguinologist Dr Tom Hart's (88-98) fascinating BBC documentary 'Our World - The Penguin Watchers' is now available to [watch on YouTube here.](#)

awards. The Quarry Theatre, which opened a year ago, has now staged over 148 shows with over 10,000 people passing through its doors. [Read more about the award here.](#)



Supporting the Cricketer Cup

After last year's excellent performance in the prestigious Cricketer Cup competition, it would be great if OBs could show their support for the OB Cricket Club once again. Please feel free to bring along a picnic and deckchairs (and some sun screen!). The first match will take place at Radley College on June 12th, commencing at 11.30am. [Find out more here.](#)



OB Review coming soon...

The OB Club's mid-year annual magazine is due to be published in the next couple of weeks. 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.

Please let us know on 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.

- We were pleased to catch up with Andrew Shirley (80-91), earlier this month. Having produced the 10th edition of Knight Frank's annual magazine, *The Wealth Report*, Andrew is proud of this personal milestone! [Read the publication here.](#)
- A hearty well done to both Justin White (78-87), who came 3rd in the Amarin Triathlon in Thailand, and Adam Baggs (87-97) who completed the annual Devises to Westminster Canoe Race this April.

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