



### Save the Date

[School and OB Club  
Henley Drinks Reception](#)

**Wednesday 3rd July  
2019**

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### Dear Past Parent

Many of you will have seen our communication informing you of the sad news that Richard Garrett, BSA Director, passed away before Christmas. The Past Parents Association works within the BSA and Richard was very keen to ensure that even when their boys had left the School, parents continued to be part of the wider school community and felt welcome to attend as many events as possible at the School. We were therefore touched to see so many past parents paying their respects at his Memorial Service in February.

We were pleased to see past parents involved in two major events during the first week of March. Sunday 3rd March marked the 40th Anniversary of the fire that destroyed the main School building and past parents returned to the [Commemoration Event](#) that took place in the Chapel and the Great Hall. A number also gave up their time to talk about their professions at the [Annual OB Careers Fair](#) in the Great Hall on Wednesday 6th March. Further details about these events can be found below.

We have highlighted below a number of upcoming events and would be delighted if you could join us. Please also continue to keep an eye

out for musical and performing arts events taking place in the Quarry Theatre. Full Details can be found in the ['What's On'](#) Brochure.

I hope to see you at an event in the near future.

Kind regards



Richard Banks  
Chairman - Past Parents Association

## News



### 40 years on from the Fire

On the 40th Anniversary of the fire that destroyed the main School Building, past parents joined OBs, former staff, staff, firefighters, parents and local residents who came together to commemorate the event. The evening began with a special Evensong Service in the Chapel, where the Revd Michael Hepworth, School Chaplain at the time of the fire, gave the sermon. Guests then moved across to the Great Hall for a Drinks Reception where they had the opportunity to catch up with old friends, share their memories and look at photographs and memorabilia from the fire. They were also treated to a special video that had been put together by the School which recounted the story of the fire. [Read the full story, see photos and the video.](#)



### OB Careers Fair

The thirteenth Annual OB Careers was a huge success and was again supported by volunteers from our Past Parent community. Boys and girls from Bedford School, Bedford Girls' School, Mark Rutherford and Bedford Academy had the opportunity to get some careers advice from Real Estate Agents, Architects, Pilots, Journalists and Investment Bankers, to name but a few. The feedback we had from boys, parents and our volunteers was extremely positive. If you would like to help out at future careers evenings, or would like to offer other careers advice, please contact Gina Worboys. [Find out more and see photos from the evening.](#)

## Events



## OB Sports Weekend

This year's OB Sports Weekend takes place on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th March. With OBs returning to play the boys at Squash, Fives and Shooting on Saturday, and Football and Hockey on the Sunday, it promises to be a fantastic weekend of sport. If you are the parent of an OB taking part, or just want to come along to watch some great sport, you will be more than welcome. Similarly, if you are also an OB, why not sign up! [Find out more here.](#)



## Choral Society Concert

At this year's [Choral Society Concert](#) on Sunday 24th March, singers from Bedford School Choral Society, the Eagle Choir and Bel Canto (from Bedford Girls' School) are performing Leonard Bernstein's Chichester Psalms and John Sanders' 'Urbs Beata', accompanied by the Phoenix Ensemble. The Bernstein is full of fun and sung in Hebrew, and the Sanders is a exciting re-telling of the traditional medieval mystery play. We do hope you can make it.



## Bedford Regatta

This year's [Bedford Regatta](#) will take place on Saturday 11th May. The rallying point for the School will be on the Regatta Enclosure, located on the south side of the suspension bridge. The Friends of Bedford School Boat Club (FOBSBC) will be running a barbeque and providing support for the event in many different ways. The FOBSBC are always looking for volunteers, so if you would like to get involved, please email them at [friendsofbsbc@bedfordschool.org.uk](mailto:friendsofbsbc@bedfordschool.org.uk).



## OB Review 2019

The OB Club are currently putting together the 2019 edition of the OB Review. This excellent publication will be posted to all OBs free of charge and gives them a fantastic review of what has been happening in the OB Community over the last year. If your son(s) are a little shy in sharing their news, then we rely on proud parents sharing it on their behalf. If your son has been on an adventure, landed his dream job, or just done something that you would like to share, please email [Clara Policella](#) in the OB Club office.

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