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**3rd July 2019**

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## Dear Past Parent

You will have seen in our previous communications that we have appointed past (and current) parent and OB Mr Hugh Maltby (73-83) to succeed Richard Garrett as the Director of the Bedford School Association and to serve, accordingly, on the Core Management Team. An avid sportsman, Hugh's interests include rowing, triathlon, rugby and cycling, in the first two of which he has competed at national and international level. We are very much looking forward to him joining the team.

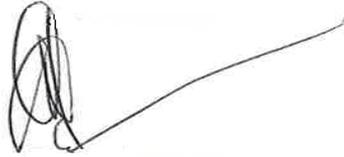
We are pleased to report that the annual OB Sports Weekend was once again a great success and we would like to say a big thank you to all past parents who came to support the teams. It was great to welcome back over 70 OBs to take on the School at football, hockey, fives, squash and shooting. Read the match reports [here](#).

As always, we encourage past parents to attend events both at the School and further afield. We have highlighted below a few different events for the coming months 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

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## News



### An Inspirational Evening for Oarsmen

We are happy to report that the Boat Club Annual Dinner and Awards Evening, held on 16th March, was a great success! It was lovely to see such a good turnout with a nice mix of OBs, parents, past parents and current School boys attending. After dinner, our guest speaker for the evening, Rory Mackenzie, delivered an inspirational and quite extraordinary speech about his journey from the battlefields of Iraq to the sunny climes of Barbados. Read the full story and see photos [here](#).



### Remembering Former Staff

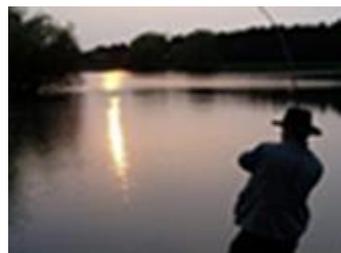
We are sad to pass on news that Sue van Heerden recently passed away in Zimbabwe after a period of illness with cancer. Many of you will know that Sue taught in the English Department from 2010-2018. She made many great friends at the School and was hugely popular with both colleagues, boys and parents. The School held a Service of Thanksgiving for Sue on Saturday 30 March. We were also sad to hear that Bob Goodacre, who taught at the School from 1961-1997 also passed away recently. You can read his full obituary [here](#).

## Events



### Bedford Regatta

This year marks the 155th year of the Bedford Regatta, one of the oldest and largest single day river regattas in the country. Many past parents (including our new BSA Director) will be helping to run the event which takes place this year on **Saturday 11th May**. The Regatta Enclosure will be the rallying point for the School, so do please pop along for a drink, enjoy some delicious food from the Friends of Bedford School Boat Club Barbeque, and cheer on the School Teams. We very much look forward to seeing you there.



### Afternoon of Fly Fishing

Past parent and OB Simon Bath (56-64) is kindly hosting a fishing afternoon at Roxton Park Trout Fishery on **Tuesday May 21st**. Nestled in the Ouse Valley, this stunning location is surrounded on three sides by established trees providing excellent shelter and plenty of casting room. As well as fishing from the banks, there is an opportunity to fish from one of the four boats at your disposal. Food and a selection of drinks are included in the price and you can bring guests along to enjoy the the beautiful surroundings. Find out more and book your place [here](#).



### Silverstone Experience

The OB Club is planning an afternoon at the recently opened Silverstone Experience, the home of British Motor Sport, on **Sunday 9th June**. Appealing to all ages, this event is open to anyone who has an interest in the history of motor racing. State of the art interactive displays will take you on a journey where you will learn of human endeavour, great sporting rivalries and engineering innovation. It promises to be an afternoon for the whole family. [Find out more and book your places here by Monday 6th May](#).



### Henley Royal Regatta

We are always so delighted when past parents join us at the School and OB Club Drinks Reception at Henley Royal Regatta. This year the Reception will be taking place in Butler's Field on **Wednesday 3rd July** between 11.00am-12.30pm. You can see photographs from last year's event [here](#). We also again have the opportunity to purchase passes for the Stewards' Enclosure through the School's membership. [You can find out more and order your passes here](#). We very much look forward to seeing you

there and along the riverbank as we  
cheer on the School Crew.

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