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Dear Old Bedfordian

The run up to OB Week is always. . . exciting. I think that's the word! We're holding Reunions for Classes of 1981-85, Sanderson's and Ashburnham as well as our 'At Home' drinks for all OBs, traditionally hosted by the Head Master and OB Club President in the pavilion marquee. To follow, there's the usual relaxed OB lunch and entertaining OB v School cricket for those who choose to stay. By convention that's almost everyone.

But for summer 2011 we've also added something new: the inaugural OB Classic Car Fair. Technically, not exactly new then! But we hope a fun event for boys, parents, OBs and friends of the School alike to enjoy the cars and take part in a spectacular Drive-Past in support of the School's Access Award Scheme.

So a busy month in a very busy year for the OB Club which has seen a full calendar of events here in the UK and around the world, and a growing focus on supporting younger OBs through our new London Business Networking Forum, university gatherings, Christmas catch up events as well as the now annual OB Careers Fair at School each spring.

We've also been busy purchasing a new interactive website system with secure online members database to greatly improve and enhance communication between OBs, with the Club and help streamline our admin. Keep your eyes open for the launch this autumn.

With best wishes from all of us in the OB Club office.



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A word from the Head Master



It is always good to be reminded of why we do what we do. And two recent events, both involving Old Bedfordians, brought home to me - poignantly - what running a school is about. The first, tragically, was the death of **Peter Cook** (73-82), and the occasion of his funeral here at the School in April. None of us wanted such an occasion to take place, of course, but I will remember forever the sheer number who turned out to pay tribute, and so many of them were Old Bedfordians, of all ages, anxious both to remember him, to share that with each other, and to support the family. A moving day. And just this term, we had a visit from **Alastair Cook** (98-03). He wanted the opportunity to pay tribute to Andrew Morris, our retiring Director of Music, at a surprise lunch. Affection for staff, true friendship, fond memories, a supportive community in times of need. If a school produces that in its young men, not only will we have a thriving Old Bedfordians Club: they will have had a good education. Just two things to highlight maybe, in another very successful year for the School, but I would rather remember them and celebrate them than all the good Inspection Reports and exam results that I could turn to instead.

This Review will again tell you of the health of the Club and will highlight the smooth transition to the new BSA structure; I thank all involved - particularly the retiring President and Chairman and look forward to continued success. It is, as I often say, a privilege to know that the sentiments above are shared by us all. Enjoy your magazine!

John Moule

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FROM THE PRESIDENT Wg Cdr Roy W Gamblin AFC



OB REVIEW

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Later this summer we shall have a new President of the OB Club. It's hard to believe that nearly four years have flashed by since I was asked if I would be interested in taking on the role - for two years!

Nearly four years on, I think most would agree that we have seen the OB Club transformed into a more vibrant organisation that caters much more closely to what members said they wanted in the Spring 2008 survey. The Club now presents many more opportunities for participation by a much wider age-group and offers a much more varied selection of events, activities and connections. It has repaired its finances and greatly strengthened its relationship with the School. These successes have flowed directly from the efforts of a talented volunteer Council and Executive Committee coupled with especially hard work each day by our professional Director, Assistant Director and occasional assistance. We've also been greatly aided and abetted by the School in many ways, most notably by a Head Master who values the thriving OB Club with which he is well in tune.

Just yesterday, I had the privilege of meeting with a recent President of another well-known school's Old Boys Club, and their new Director, who had heard of our success and wanted a few steers on how to develop their own organisation along similar lines to ours. They were greatly encouraged by some of the lessons we have learned along the way and to hear that our achievements closely matched their aspirations, especially in providing the many opportunities we now have for the

younger OBs to develop their career, sporting and social potential. It's a great endorsement to have another Club wishing to emulate the Old Bedfordians Club in this way. I guess we'll have to make sure we stay in the lead though!

What of the future? The Council have nominated **Tim Langdon** (57-64), retired Royal Navy Captain, submarine commander and latterly a very successful businessman, for election as my successor at the AGM on 2nd July. He is a great candidate and he will be meeting a well-seasoned and successful team in place with a solid record of good performance. As in any organisation, there will be new challenges to meet along the way but I'm sure he will quickly grasp how we operate and will enjoy himself as I have done at the head of such a large, lively and interesting group of people.

I've enjoyed my time as President immensely. My personal thanks go to the very many of you at home and abroad who have supported me so superbly and who have given your friendship to me and to my wife June. On behalf of the Club, our thanks and very best wishes go to all of our supporters, OBs, School Staff at all levels, parents and friends who share in our success and help to make it all happen.

Roy Gamblin (56-60)

A SHOW OF APPRECIATION

A farewell dinner was held in May at Bedford School for OB President, Wg **Cmd Roy Gamblin AFC** (56-60), and OB Club Chairman, **Col Anthony Abrahams TD** (60-70), to say a resounding thank you to them both for all the hard work they have put into the Club over the past four years. Both have - we think - rather earned their retirement in July! **Lord Naseby** (50-55) gave a speech of thanks and



acknowledged the debt owed to them for helping to invigorate the Club and leave it in the very healthy state it is today.

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS

Bedford School Boat Club kicked off their 150th anniversary celebrations in true style with a ball on the 5th of March. Over 200 Old Bedfordians, staff, parents – past and present – and boys enjoyed a fantastic evening steeped in history and camaraderie.

The eagerly awaited 'James Crowden' boat was unveiled and named in honour of the acclaimed Olympic oarsman and Old Bedfordian **James Crowden** (41-46). Whilst **Chris Jones** (72-77) and Tom James MBE, gold medallist in the coxless fours at the 2008 Olympics, complemented one another in their speeches by looking at the Club's past successes whilst also highlighting the qualities required to be a current Olympian. The Medals of Old Bedfordian Olympic legend, **Jack Beresford CBE** (13-17) – on loan from the River and Rowing museum at Henley- were also on display to mark this remarkable milestone in history.

We wish the Boat Club a happy 150th birthday and hope that the camaraderie, team work and fun, that have made this wonderful sport so popular and such an integral part of the School, continue as the Boat Club launches itself into another 150 years of history.



Celebrating a remarkable milestone in the School's history - The Godber Family.

If you would like to make a donation to the Boat Club or would like to receive a copy of the special 150th Anniversary programme please do not hesitate to contact the Bedford School Association on **01234 362256** or **bsa@bedfordschool.org.uk**.

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JAMES CROWDEN BACK ON THE WATER

James Crowden (41-46) returned to Bedford School Boat Club ahead of the Bedford Regatta with **Richard Barnwell** (72-77), the current High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire, to see the new 'James Crowden' being put through its paces on the river. He also enjoyed lunch with the Head Master and a tour of Pemberley House, before catching up with **Ian Codrington** (45-56) and **Hugh Maltby** (73-83), Chairman and Secretary of the Bedford Regatta respectively, at the Boat House.

KEEPING IT IN THE FAMILY

Until **Sir Steve Redgrave CBE** powered across the finish in Sydney, OB and Pemberley House boy **Jack Beresford** (13-17) laid claim to the world's greatest oarsman title, having won three gold and two silver Olympic medals in successive Olympics. But Jack wasn't the only



1927 Jack Beresford.

Beresford to row or the first Beresford at Pemberley. With both his OB father and nephew **Michael Beresford** (47-53) Olympic oarsman, the Beresfords are thought to be the only family in history with three generations of Olympic finalists in the same discipline and to have won c.1,000 top class races between them. Michael returned to Pemberley in March with his wife, Roma, to help celebrate the opening of the Jack Beresford Games Room and to attend the Bedford School Boat Club 150th Anniversary Ball.



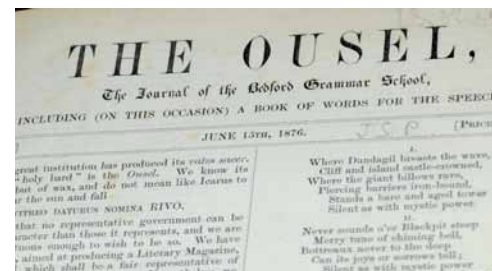
THE LITERARY LANDLORD

Perhaps few would associate **Al Murray** (77-86), better known as 'the Pub Landlord', with one of the greatest writers of the 19th century: William Makepiece Thackeray. But not only is Al producing a landmark BBC documentary on Thackeray to mark the bicentennial of Thackeray's birth, he is in fact the great man's great-great-great grandson. Commenting on his relative, Al said 'Thackeray's life was amazing. He was a journalist really, a Grub Street hack in the finest sense.'

This is not Al's first documentary – the Oxford History graduate has already presented a programme for BBC4 on the emergence of the German national identity in the late 19th Century.



OUSEL ARCHIVE ONLINE



The Ousel has been the School's 'paper of record' since 1876 and a great source of information on all aspects of life at Bedford over the years. Until now very few people have possessed complete sets, but thanks to a grant from Bedford School Trust, the School Archive in conjunction with SDS Heritage has now begun the task of digitising the publication in its entirety. By Autumn 2011, Old Bedfordians will have open access to all 1,204 issues (over 22,000 pages) of the publication online, complete with a state-of-the-art interface, index and search facilities. Don't worry, for those of you who prefer, we'll continue to send out paper copies.

Responding to disaster

When the massive earthquake (6.3 on the Richter Scale) hit Christchurch in February Jim Stuart-Black (88-93), Special Operations Manager for the New Zealand Fire Service and a Team Leader for the UN Disaster Team, swung into action. Christchurch had been devastated, buildings were down, fires were raging, and electricity and communications systems were struggling to cope.

At its height, Jim was coordinating around 1400 personnel. 'Coordinating the response was a tremendous challenge', he said, 'balancing the need to maintain operational tempo with the constant need to ensure the safety of all the national and international teams rescuing the living and recovering the bodies of the deceased.'



Barely home in Wellington three weeks later, news of another massive earthquake and tsunami off the coast of Japan saw Jim set off again with a 60 strong team to join a large national and international response group. In a heart-breaking operation his team joined local rescuers in the search for survivors and in recovering the deceased from the most heavily affected part of the eastern coast.



CARPET RIDE TO KHIVA

Following in the footsteps of OB Captain **Frederick Burnaby** (1851-52), **Chris Alexander** (86-92) arrived in Khiva in November 1998 - and hated it! The bitter desert winds swept through the oasis and he struggled to find somewhere to live, learn the language and make friends. He stayed for seven years.

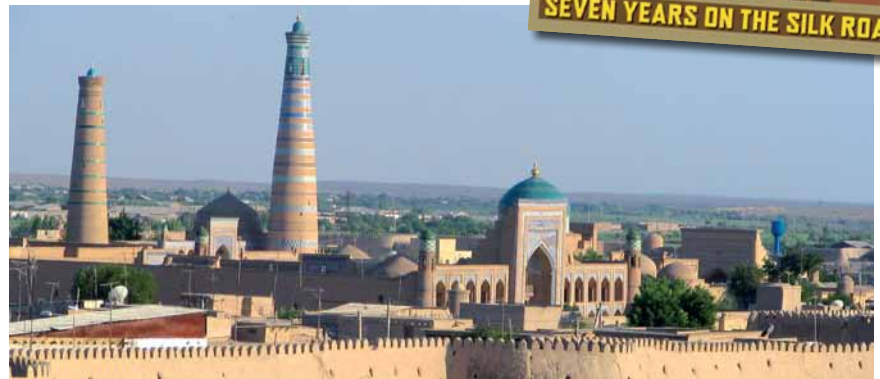
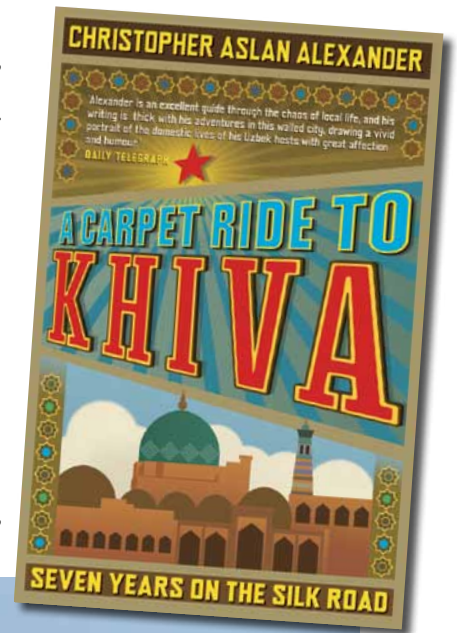
Chris worked in conjunction with the British Council and UNESCO to set up two workshops in the walled city. His remit: to revive 15th century carpet designs from the Timurid period and reintroduce natural dye-making, something of which he had no experience.

On arrival he was given the following good advice, "You'll find yourself doing things you're not qualified to do and would never have the opportunity to do elsewhere. You just do them because no one else is." Chris often thought of these words when he was holed up in the British library poring over medieval Persian manuscripts, debating Timurid carpet designs with an Oxford professor, stripped naked and radiated at a former Soviet youth

camp, crawling through worm droppings in an attempt to record the silkworm's life-cycle, accused of drug-smuggling while attempting to bring sacks of natural dyes out of Afghanistan, or running for cover as an anti-Western riot engulfed the Kabul carpet bazaar.

Chris was heartbroken when he had to leave but is returning shortly to Central Asia, to Kyrgyzstan, to start a wood-carving workshop beside the world's largest natural walnut forest.

Chris' account of his adventures, 'A Carpet Ride to Khiva - seven years on the Silk Road', was published in July 2010.



BEDFORD SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (BSA)

So what's it all about?

Richard Garrett joined the School Staff at the start of the 2010/11 Academic Year to head up the BSA. Here, he tells us a bit more about its role.

"The aim of the BSA is to work with all alumni groups in order to develop a sense of belonging and an active

network which positively supports Bedford School. In recent years the School has taken a more inclusive approach in attempting to make all "alumni" feel most welcome. In simple terms, with a more joined up approach we feel that more can be achieved. The BSA

supports the work of the BPSA, Parents Guild, Old Bedfordians Club and Foundation, and wants to help all of these organisations flourish. It also aims to build strong relationships with Friends of the School, particularly within the local community. We are thrilled that more and more people want to be associated with Bedford School and join us at a variety of events and gatherings. Throughout its

history the School has meant a great deal to many people. Whatever their particular connection, we hope that they are all proud of their association, now and in the future."



The BSA Team - Richard Garrett and Natalie Thompson.

Destination: SOUTH EAST ASIA

Plans are afoot for the Head Master, John Moule, and Director of Bedford School Association, Richard Garrett to make a long overdue visit to South East Asia in the Autumn of 2012. Old Bedfordians, current and past parents and friends of the School from the region (and beyond) will be invited to meet together to establish new friendships, renew old ones, as well as find out about developments within the School and the work of the Foundation.

An itinerary with firm dates will be finalised in the near future. Watch this space.



FROM BEDFORD to the Somme

Re-tracing the footsteps of **Denzil Heriz Smith** (1904-14) a contingent of 26 OBs and friends set sail from the cliffs of Dover on April 1st heading for the battlefields of the Somme.

The group started their tour at the Lochnager Crater and looked in awe at the enormous hole that had been torn in the earth by the huge explosion designed to soften up the German fortifications on the opening day of the battle - 'the largest crater ever made by man in anger'.

They then visited the scenes of Denzil's next 2 engagements: Pommiers Redoubt and Trones Wood, placing themselves in his shoes as they tramped firstly up hill, over the fields, imagining the horror experienced by the soldiers of being so exposed to enemy gunfire, and then making their way through the wood with imagined snipers behind every tree.

Col Mark Adkin (45-54) had done some wonderful research into the life and death of

Heriz-Smith and at Boom Ravine they again crossed open fields to find the spot where Mark believed Denzil was mortally wounded. With very little difficulty the group actually recovered some old shell casings just lying at the edge of the ploughed fields.

The very poignant visit culminated in the laying of a wreath on behalf of the OB Club at the Thiepval Memorial to the missing of the Somme.

The book 'From Bedford to the Somme' by Tim Machin is available from the School Shop.



May 2011 saw the launch of the OB Club's exciting new London Business Networking forum at the iconic Moor House in Moorgate, London. The forum was the excellent idea of **Philip Stott** (84-89), **Nigel Wilson** (64-74), Brenda Roberts and **Oliver Slack** (83-93), who hoped to provide a new opportunity for OBs in and around London to meet and network for personal, career and/or business reasons. They were ably helped by **Alex Peck** (95-06) and **Charlie Wren** (95-06).

As well the opportunity to network with fellow Old Bedfordians, the 80 plus OBs who attended the evening

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By the end of the evening, the wide mix of OBs from many different professions had rekindled old friendships and formed many new ones. All washed down by the taste of the delicious wines provided by Hamish amidst the stunning paintings and sculptures of Salvadore Dali, on show that evening.

The evening, hailed a resounding success by all, left



enjoyed a presentation by wine merchant, **Hamish Wakes-Miller** (77-88), who came to talk about his business and introduce some of his favourite wines. Hamish lives much of the year in France where he also arranges wine tours to Bordeaux:
www.bellawines.co.uk

just one question on everyone's minds - when is the next one?

A provisional date has now been set for Wednesday 21 September 2011 – so get the date in your diary now!



By Popular Demand

We are delighted to advise you that the OB Club Register will go online in the autumn when the OB Club and BSA unveil their new interactive website: Connect. This is as a result of the OB Club Executive Committee recognising that there is a huge demand amongst the Club Members to stay in touch and to support one another. Ultimately this lies at the very heart of the Club's raison d'être.

Members, once they have signed up for a secure login, will now be able look up old friends and classmates, search for OBs around the world before setting off on their travels, or seek fellow OBs in similar professions for careers advice and networking.

As with the printed register, if you do not wish your full contact details to appear in the online register please do let us know by 10th September 2011.



SHARING EXPERIENCE

The OB Club was delighted to invite recent OB leavers **Harry Beale** (98-09) and **Doug Worboys** (98-09) to speak at the Club's presentation talk to the Upper Sixth Form leavers in February. Both Harry and Doug discussed the benefits of belonging to the Club and their experiences as OBs, both in the UK and around the world when travelling on Gap years; Doug mentioning in particular the welcome and assistance offered by the Club's extensive DVP network around the world.

The fifth Annual OB Careers Fair in March was bigger than ever with 70 OBs, parents and friends on hand to offer their help and guidance in their own fields of expertise. This year the careers advice was as diverse as ever – from Medicine and Law, to Skiing and even being a Masterchef!

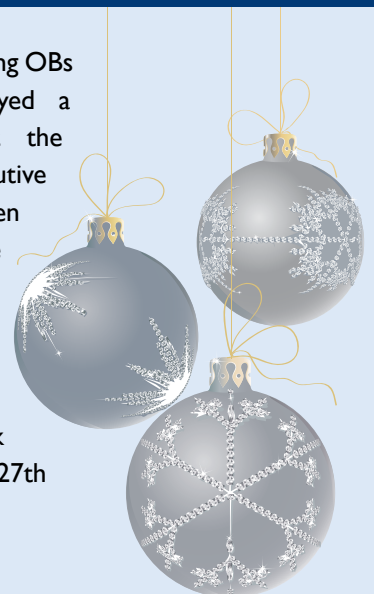
All the pupils who attended agreed the information and ideas given was invaluable and they appreciated hearing first hand from OBs rather than via the standard talks and promotions.

If you would like to help and offer careers advice for your profession next year, please contact the OB Club with details of your particular area of expertise.



Festive Times

Still full of festive cheer, around 30 young OBs (and some not so young!) enjoyed a post-Christmas drink together at the Embankment Hotel in Bedford. Executive Committee member Charlie Wren hosted the evening and welcomed the OBs who were back in Bedford for the Christmas break free from the rigors of University life. Following the success of the evening, plans are in the works for another festive drink this year. Date for the diary – 27th December 2011.





BEDFORD SCHOOL FOUNDATION

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Richard Garrett as Director of the Bedford School Association (BSA), and Natalie Thompson who will look after the BSA's administration. I am pleased to report that they are both embracing School life.

The changes have meant that since the Autumn term 2010 the Foundation has been managed by the BSA, which behaves as a normal department within the School organisation. This has resulted in the Foundation and Old Bedfordians Club occupying a more central position within the School. It has also clearly sent out the message that fundraising is key to Bedford's future. Its new position will allow the Foundation to have a closer involvement with the day to day activity in the School and to actively engage with a wider pool of alumni. Although the Old Bedfordians Club remains a separate entity to the School within the BSA, the new structure promotes closer working links being forged between the two organisations for their mutual benefit. Although it is still early days, this seems from everyone's perspective to be working well.

A HUGE thank you to all those that have donated to the Foundation over the last year. You are making a remarkable difference which will benefit boys immediately and for future generations.



Chris Johnson (66-75), Chairman of the Foundation



Chapel Organ

103 seasons and still not quite out!

You will be aware that the School is actively raising funds (£700,000) for a new Chapel organ, however this is proving to be a real challenge and tougher than we anticipated. The original organ, which was installed in 1908, has given fantastic service, accompanying thousands of boys and parents over the years as they worship in the Chapel. Although Andrew Morris, the current Director of Music sadly retires after thirty two years loyal service at the end of this academic year, we are committed to continuing the School's focus on Music and maintaining its national and international reputation, particularly for Choral Music. With this in mind, many Old Bedfordians and Friends of the School attended Andrew's last concert in London on 31st March at St James' Piccadilly. It was as memorable as ever, although of course there was a tinge of sadness. Inspired by such concerts, we will continue to push on with this important fundraising appeal.

If you have any questions or ideas relating to this specific project please do not hesitate to contact the Foundation. We would love to hear your ideas.

OBs Directly Helping Others



The Scholarship and Access Awards Fund raised £63,272 in 2010, with one single donation of £48,000. Many thanks to all donors. Supporting more boys to reach their full potential by providing the opportunity of a Bedford School education remains one of our top priorities. Donating to this fund and giving boys the chance of a Bedford School education is a cause that more and more Old Bedfordians are choosing to support. Many see this as a good way in which to recognise the fortunate start in life that they were given and take great pleasure in passing that opportunity on.

The Foundation

ENGAGING ALL LEVELS OF SUPPORT

One of the key changes agreed at Foundation AGM earlier this year was the creation of a new 'entry level' donor grade. In order to make the Foundation more accessible the first rung on the ladder is now "Associate Member." This means that the donor's gift, combined with gift aid, must total £1000 within 5 years (or less). So in reality a commitment to pay £14 per month (with gift aid added) for 60 months will now give you Foundation Membership for life from your first instalment.

All Members of the Foundation and 1552 Legacy Club are most welcome to attend the School's Annual Founders and Benefactors Chapel Service and Lunch – In 2011 this will be taking place on Sunday 2nd October. For more information please contact the BSA Office.

The Foundation (Registered Charity No. 1095681) is part of the Bedford School Association (BSA).

If you need further information or would like to discuss a donation or legacy gift please contact the BSA, Richard Garrett,
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OUR WAR



Captain Alexander Rawlins (92-02) appeared the BBC3 documentary series, 'Our War' in June this year. The series was produced to mark the 10 year anniversary of the war in Afghanistan and told the story of the conflict through the words and pictures of the young soldiers themselves.

The series made use of footage recorded by the soldiers themselves and captured their day-to-day experiences. They presented a soldier's eye view of the conflict more startlingly immersive than anything that had gone before.

Xander featured in the episode 'The Invisible

Enemy', which focused on his regiment, the Grenadier Guards, and their terrifying struggle with landmines, (IEDs). Xander was platoon commander and his footage followed his men after the loss of one their company, 23-year-old Guardsman Jamie Janes, who stood on a landmine during a patrol.



Xander also released a Christmas single last year entitled '1,000 Miles Apart' to raise funds for the veterans mental health charity, Combat Stress and ABF The Soldiers Charity, drawing on the sentiment of man's sadness of being away from loved ones at the festive time.

NEWS OF OBs

John Holley (43-50) was recently in touch with the Club to track down school-boy friend **John Armstrong** (44-54). Neither had seen each other since they had left the school in the 50's when they had been the original 'anoraks' – train spotters, but loved it!

Former Foreign Secretary for the Indian Government and Deputy Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, **Krishnan Srinivasan** (47-54), is in regular contact for the forthcoming exhibition at the School of notable OBs and has donated a number of his books to the School Library. Krishnan is a regular columnist on international affairs.

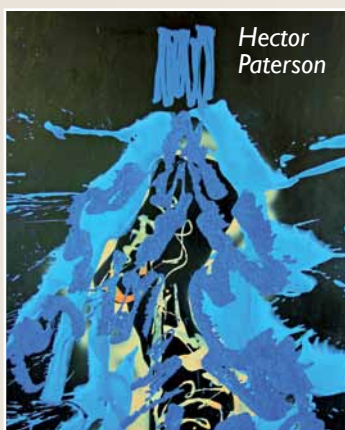
Ex French Foreign Legionnaire, **Simon Murray** (49-58), was recently appointed Chairman of Glencore, one of the world's largest suppliers of commodities and raw materials.



John Payne & Philip Spray

Imagine **John Payne's** (48-58) surprise when he found out the man in the next seat at the Adelaide Test Match was fellow OB **Philip Spray** (57-64), with Alistair Cook batting on the field. (see photo)

Painter and Art Consultant **Hector Paterson** (65-70) held an exhibition of his work in Mayfair in November. The theme was 'Women Showering' and featured 70 works, some 50 painted on old roof slates salvaged from Windsor Castle after the fire. His next exhibition is due in autumn 2011. (see photo)



Hector Paterson

Rob Kendrick (62-71) was elected to serve on North Kesteven District Council in Lincolnshire in the May local government elections.

Jonathan Pinnock (63-73) was one of the winners of this year's Scott Prize and will now have a collection of short stories published later this year. He has just published his second book 'Mrs Darcy versus the Aliens'.

Mark Burrows (67-76) (pen name Mark Vivian) published his first novel last year, *The Marsh Man*, a tale of 'religious mania, Victorian medical ethics and a plethora of bizarre characters. (see photo)



Mark Burrows

Clive Temple (75-79) is now the Senior Lecturer and Programme Director for the MSc Motorsport Engineering and Management at Cranfield University. He was interested to discover recently that his second great grand uncle **John H V Campbell** was Master of Fencing and Gymnastics at Bedford.

George Bristow (69-80) has bought the Pilot Boat Inn in Bembridge, Isle of Wight. Discount of 10% to any OBs who come in!!

Gavin Grey (78-83) received much acclaim recently when he stepped in for most of the day as the BBC's news anchorman during the recent BBC strike.

Corporate Banker with Lloyds, **Steve Lyon** (73-84) led the team which packaged the deal for Silverstone to bring back the British Grand Prix to Silverstone. (see photo)



Steve on left with Richard Phillips from Silverstone and Damon Hill from British Racing Drivers Club on the day the new F1 track was opened.

Rev'd Dr Stephen Laird (73-84) wrote in February to tell us about a Car Fair at Bedford in the early 1970s. Back in the days before 'health & safety' it seems budding schoolboy photographers were allowed on to the flat part of the dining hall roof to take pictures. Does anyone still have any?

James Brodie (77-88), DVP for Singapore, completed the Western Australia Ironman Triathlon in Busselton, some 120 miles south of Perth, Western Australia, in aid of Save the Children. The event comprised a 3.8 km swim around the town's famous pier (some recent shark activity) followed by a 180 km cycle ride and finished off with a full marathon (42.2 km).

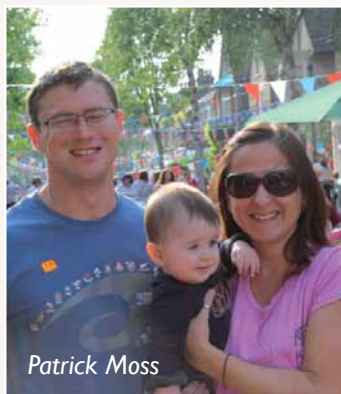
Guy Riley (80-91) shaved off all his hair to raise money for Red Nose Day!



Philip Pope & Alastair Cook

Philip Pope (81-92) was pleased to meet up with Alastair Cook in Sydney shortly after the 5th Ashes test in January 2011. As Public Affairs Manager for Cricket Australia Philip had had a hand in arranging the presentation of the Compton-Miller Medal (Man of the Series) to Alastair. (see photo)

Patrick Moss (83-94), Nic and son, Tristan, enjoyed the Royal Wedding Street Party in Waterloo Road, Bedford whilst visiting from New Zealand. They then continued to party, as the main purpose for the trip was to attend his parents' Ruby Wedding Anniversary celebrations. (see photo)



Patrick Moss

Rohan Srinivasan (93-95) attended the American University at Richmond and is now Director and CEO of the London-based public relations firm Eulogy's Indian headquarters at Bangalore.

New DVP for Tennessee, **Ed Nash** (90-95), has become involved in the Nashville Occasionals Cricket Club who organise a match in May against a visiting side made up of old boys of UK schools, a number of which Bedford play against. Any OB cricketer who wishes to play should get in touch with Ed.

Joe Lawrence (93-00) is now living in Tunja, Columbia, and has opened a Language Academy. Anyone interested in experiencing life and work in Colombia can contact Joe through the OB Club.



Will Backhouse

Will Backhouse (92-01) visited the School on a flying visit from his home in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where he works in the oil and gas industry. (see photo)

Dr Ashwin Reddy (92-03) married Dr Sarah Nethercott at Holy Trinity Church, Cambridge in August 2010. The couple met whilst studying medicine at Cambridge and had a Hindu Blessing following the wedding in India.



Simon Pitfield

Simon Pitfield (97-05) recently played for the White Hart Marauders at the Sasha Harding Testimonial Match at Bedford Rugby Club where he met up with his old coach from the Prep School, Shawn Phillips. (see photo)

Andrew Mickle (99-04) is currently working in surveying for a year in Auckland. NZ

Jamie Worboys (98-05) and **James Gilbert** (02-07) passed out at Sandhurst in April. Jamie has been commissioned into the Royal Artillery whilst James has joined his brother **Stuart Gilbert** (99-04) in the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers. (see photo)

Jamie Worboys, James Gilbert & Stuart Gilbert



Frankie Lawrence (94-05) played a starring role in ITV's popular dating programme 'Take me Out', where one lucky contestant has the chance to take his pick of 30 dating hopefuls. Frankie is pursuing a career in Entertainment.



Tim Dunning

Tim Dunning (01-06) joined his new ship in March, HMS Illustrious, an Invincible-class light aircraft carrier. (see photo)

Richard Martell (96-07) launched his new social network 'Floxx' in January 2011. Floxx, reported to be funded by Dragons Den investor, Doug Richard, is based mostly around FitFinder (see OB Review 2010) but with a few subtle differences.

Theo Green (01-10) and **Aran Lamond** (99-10) have set up their own theatre company. 'Cynic & Faith' embarked on its first full scale production, the Yasmina Reza play 'Art' and is now looking for other young stars to get involved with future productions.

Anthony Scott (00-10) has been elected as one the youngest ever Presidents of Warwick Rag, the University's charity and fundraising society.

A Trip to Palestine



Imran Mahmud (00-05), who is studying medicine at St Catherine's College, Oxford, recently accompanied a team of 8 consultant physicians and surgeons on an invited teaching delegation to Al-Quds Medical School in the occupied Palestinian Territories, to teach medical

students examination skills and basic medical sciences.

But imagine his surprise when he found out that the trip had been organised by **OB Nick Dudley** (49-57), a Consultant Endocrine Surgeon from Oxford.

It was an eye-opening trip, full of many highs and lows, and really opened his eyes to the political and humanitarian situation that has been unfolding in the Middle East. Local medical students possess outstanding theoretical knowledge, but are poor at history-taking and clinical examination, due to restricted access to clinics and wards. Despite the logistical barriers, the enthusiasm of the local students was infectious; many were keen to demonstrate their competence, and engage

the tutors beyond the teaching sessions.

The whole trip was a great success, and Imran looks forward to the opportunity to visit the region once more.

And, not only is Nick Dudley an eminent surgeon, he also has a passion for underwater photography and has made good use of his travels to hone his skills.



Medical Students at Al-Quds Medical School, Palestine



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Dave Vitty with Ice Dance partner, Frankie Poultney.

On thin Ice!

Dave Vitty (85-92), known to BBC Radio 1 listeners as 'Comedy Dave', was amongst the celebrity line-up for this year's Skating in Ice on ITV. Dave, together with his pro skater partner, Frankie Poultney, lasted in the show until the middle of February when he had to take part in a controversial 'skate off' and was voted off by the judges in favour of Kerry Katona. Dave had to perform a jump in his routine as the required element the week he went out and he said 'What my feet do is always better than what my arms and legs are doing!'

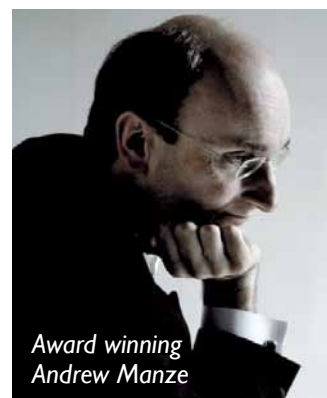
Dave is The Chris Moyles Show's head writer whose comical contributions to the show have thousands of morning listeners in stitches every day. He has also appeared on many TV shows including Ready, Steady, Cook; Celebrity Mastermind, where his specialist subject was British motorways; and Celebrity Weakest Link. Dave is also the narrator for Channel 4's series, Coach Trip.

MUSICAL ARTISTRY

Andrew Manze (75-82) has been awarded the prestigious Rolf Schock Prize in 'Musical Arts', Sweden's triennial prize in recognition of exceptional individuals in the fields of logic and philosophy, mathematics, the visual arts and musical arts.

Andrew is Principal Conductor of the Helsingborg Symphony Orchestra and has been highly praised "for his virtuoso and insightful interpretations as a violinist and ensemble leader; his unique, rousing style as a conductor; and his inspired ability to communicate with the audience".

Andrew has released a number of award-winning



Award winning
Andrew Manze

CDs both as a conductor and violinist over the years but now works exclusively as a conductor. His other titled positions include Principal Guest Conductor of the Norwegian Radio Orchestra and Associate Guest Conductor of the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra.

IN THE DANGER ZONE

Despite a Masters in Architecture, **Calvin Ruysen** (91-96) is now working in a profession that is worlds away from designing buildings, carrying out one of the most inherently dangerous jobs on earth: landmine clearance.

Calvin is a senior expatriate Operations Officer with The Halo Trust, the world's oldest and largest humanitarian landmine clearance organisation. He has worked for the Halo Trust since 2007 and is currently in Afghanistan. Having completed his training in Nagorno Karabakh and Cambodia, Calvin moved to Sri Lanka to run operations and subsequently to run the entire programme. He has also worked in the war torn areas of Angola and Somaliland.

Before joining HALO, Calvin worked for Trekforce leading expeditions in the Belizean jungle.



Campaign for Sport Delivering Results!

Fitness Centre – Open for Business and Pumping!

The doors to the Lindsay-White Fitness Centre were officially opened on Saturday 22nd January by former England Rugby International, **Andrew Gomarsall MBE** (88-93).

The impressive new facility in the Recreation Centre is already receiving a lot of use from boys as they train for a particular sport, recover after an injury or are just keen to maximise the use of their free time and stay fit.



Andy Gomarsall showing how it's done!

Anyone for Tennis?

A significant donation has been very generously pledged for the upgrade of the Phillpotts' Tennis Courts. Work will commence in this summer and boys are very excited about having easy access to new top quality facilities from September onwards. This enhancement will not only help to develop the School's talented pool of boys already playing youth tennis at competition level, but it will also allow more boys to simply 'have a go'.

The Murray Fletcher Sports Scholarship

This September will be the thirtieth anniversary of the formal re-opening of the main school building following the notorious fire of 1979. OBs who experienced the fire are always very proud of the way in which the disruption was kept to a minimum and lessons continued unaffected in no time at all. Without doubt there was a great sense of unity and camaraderie as the School pulled together at a difficult time.

To mark the anniversary, Pauline Fletcher has kindly agreed to donate to the Foundation a framed set of four tiles that Murray and Pauline salvaged from his classroom (B16) two days after the fire. We now intend to auction these tiles off to help raise funds for the Murray Fletcher Sports Scholarship. All bids must be in to the Foundation (Foundation@bedfordschool.org.uk or tel 01234 362255) by 1200hrs on 12th November 2011, the day of the OB Club Annual Dinner in the Great Hall.



Pauline Fletcher with Tiles

THE CLOCK IS TICKING

...and time is running out! It's now time for the last push!

To date, the Campaign for Sport has raised £919,586 and 456 people have made donations. Thank you to everyone who has made a donation.

The initial campaign goals were to:

- Refurbish the Pavilion
- Create a state of the art Fitness Centre
- Update the Boat Club equipment on an annual basis
- Develop the Golf Masterclass Programme
- Enhance our Sports Scholarship programme

All of these projects are either now well underway or completed but it is still not too late to join the team now and to make your mark by making a donation.



I am always proud to be associated with Bedford School, and in particular our sport and the team spirit that it generates. If we are to continue to perform at the highest competitive standards then we must continue to invest in our sportsmen, their facilities, equipment and coaching. I look forward to hearing from you and welcoming you to one of our Sporting Celebration Events in 2012, our Olympic Year.

Ian Peck (65-76), Chairman, Campaign For Sport

In Memoriam

A C W (TONY) ABRAHAMS	(35-42)
JOE J ADAMCZYK	(41-44)
STAFFORD ANDREWS	(32-43)
EAN E ARNOLD	(43-50)
JOHN B ATKIN	(45-54)
ROGER BACON	(42-52)
TIMOTHY R BARNES	(45-52)
DR MICHAEL BUDD	(44-49)
MRS BERYL BLYTHE	
RICHARD H F BROOK	(46-53)
M JONATHAN CASWELL	(66-70)
IAN CHRYSAL	(41-49)
REV JOHN C COLLARD	(37-48)
GORDON S N CONDRUP	(43-48)
PETER M COOK	(73-82)
ANDREW H DAVIS	(39-49)
BRIAN U FAWSETT	(48-52)
CDR D J L (TIM) FOSTER RN (RETD), DSC*	(28-32)
WILLIAM M GILHESPY	(26-28)
F NEVILLE HALLIFAX	(36-43)
PROF C E MARK HANSEL	(25-35)
MAX HARPER	(54-63)
CHRISTOPHER (KIT) B HARRISON	(42-52)
PETER HUNTLEY-ROBERTSON	(44-50)
E A W (TONY) JONES	(48-56)
PETER J KINGSTON	(67-71)
SEAN F P LANDER	(44-48)
DAVID C LENNOX-LAMB	(46-51)
PROFESSOR MAURICE B LINE	(39-47)
THOMAS P MOLL	(20-27)
PHILIP H MOORE	(29-38)
HAMISH R NEALON	(44-55)
RAYMOND A NEWMAN	(29-35)
ANTHONY C C PACKE	(34-37)
DAVID PARKER	(46-49)
DESMOND K PAYNE	(34-38)
CECIL V PEAKE MBE	(32-36)
MAJ W K (BILL) POOL	(44-49)
REV JOHN N E ROGERS	(47-57)
GILES E J ROSE	(76-85)
MRS MOIRA ROSEVEARE	
SANDY J ROSS-MACDONALD	(45-53)
E MAHMUD SAMY	(41-45)
PETER SMITH	(49-54)
MAURICE O STEVENSON	(25-34)
IAN M STUART	(39-49)
FRANCIS (FRANK) B THODAY	(96-01)
BRIG MAURICE A J TUGWELL CBE	(33-43)
SIMON W WILSON	(65-75)
JEREMY J W WOODCOCK	(51-58)
DONALD W WYLIE	(29-33)
ROBIN N WYNN-WILLIAMS	(47-54)

DVP Reunions

Germany: Cologne / OB Club Deutschland has been successful in their application to become a legally registered club in Germany and held a meeting in Cologne at Easter to discuss their first big reunion for January 2012 in Frankfurt.

Switzerland: Basel / Lunch this year took place on 16 April in Basel following a round of golf the day before. The select group of OBs included **DVP Mike De Morgan** (55-60), **Martin Austin** (60-69) and **Richard Tewkesbury** (57-61) and their partners.

USA: New York / **DVP Miles Young** (63-72) held his first New York gathering in February at his home in Manhattan.



Indonesia: / **DVP Gareth Rae** (91-99) was visited by **Alex Bird** (89-99) and **James Innes** (94-99), who were on a tour of Jakarta, Bali and the Gili Islands.

Laos: / **DVP Dr David Dance** (67-73) was amazed to bump into **Malcolm Morton** (66-73) when travelling from Laos to Thailand. Malcolm now lives on the Dutch/Belgian border, plays trumpet in a symphony orchestra in The Hague and runs an acoustic consultancy.



UK: Bristol / A fond farewell was said to **Patrick Chavasse** (49-54) as DVP, by the 30 OBs and guests at the Reunion lunch held on the 15 May. He hands over the reins to **Richard Shorrock** (45-53)



UK: Moffat / Once again an excellent lunch was held at the Annandale Arms organised by DVP **Alastair Harding** (69-73). Unfortunately, former **DVP Martin Young** (41-48), whose wife Helen very sadly passed away quite recently, was unable to attend.



UK: London / **DVP Chris Jones** (72-77) held his third successful London Lunch at the Carlton Club in March.

OB SPORT

Experience wins through

The week prior to the fixtures had shown beautiful spring weather, but on the day of the matches conditions typically changed to windy, dull and cold! However, this did not put off the 30 Old Bedfordians demonstrating their skills and experience against the youthful 1st and 2nd XI respectively. Both teams fielded OBs playing against younger siblings, namely "Wharton" and "Naylor", the two Murphy Boys' representing the OBs.



The Captain's XI organised by "jet lagged" **Richard Wharton** (05-10) produced a remarkable comeback on the day. The School XI dominated play early on as the OBs took a while to settle. Two goals gave the School a comfortable lead, however, the OBs experience eventually told with **Will Aitkenhead** (04-09) netting a hat-trick to give the OB's a deserved 3-2 victory.

The "mature" OBs fixture against the 2nd XI was a tight game early on, but again, the OBs experience shone through with a comfortable 4-1 victory. The first goal came after 20 minutes when



Ricky Wong's (99-06) corner was headed in powerfully by **Jon Lamb** (90-00) at the near post. The OBs confidence grew, and they pressed forward for further goals. The School drew level when what appeared to be a debatable penalty was awarded. This spurred the OBs back into life, and 3 goals followed in quick succession from **Ricky Wong**, **Henry Philips** (96-06) and **Marko Govorusa** (88-98).

Fives – a close shave

This fixture is always an enjoyable conclusion to the season but one that is approached with some trepidation. Fielding a former runner up to the National Schools Championship, **Stuart Enderby** (62-69), and regular and enthusiastic players **Graham Saunders** (58-64), **Hywel Thomas** (01-09), plus **Simon Nicholson** (97-06), what the OBs lack as older players they make up for with enthusiasm and passion! It was therefore a pleasant surprise to finish the singles only three points adrift.

In the doubles, the team battled for every point and the result of the competition all rested on the final game. The OBs achieved victory by the agonising margin of just 5 points. The regular OB players remarked that this was the toughest game against the School they have had for some time, so, well done to Archie Egar, Stanley Chiang, Chris Davey and Dan Sorensen for the stiff competition they put up.



Other OB sports that took place this year included OB Squash and OB Hockey in March 2011

SPORTS SUCCESSES IN BRIEF

Following on from his Ashes Success, **Alastair Cook** (98-03) has been appointed the England Captain of the one-day side. Alistair also recently received the Freedom of the City of London and was awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List to cap a truly unforgettable year.



Alex Wakely (96-07) has started the season very strongly with his county, Northants. He has put in some commanding performances with the bat, including a 78 n.o. against Durham, to help Northants sit joint top of the CB40 group B and top of the LV County Championship Division 2.



Harry Peck (97-08) has been rewarded for his consistent excellent performances for Tyndale RFC with a call up for the England Counties tour of Spain. The two week tour will consist of three fixtures, culminating with a match against the full Spanish side.



After qualifying in 6th position for the Indianapolis 500 race, **Dan Wheldon** (86-94) won for the second time on the 100th Anniversary of the Race after rookie JR Hildebrand crashed into a wall within sight of the finish. Dan won Indy in 2005 and has finished 2nd the last 2 years.



Phelan Hill (87-97) coxed the British VIII at the first rowing World Cup of 2011 in Munich winning a silver medal. His selection came off the back of a successful few years: in the 2010 World Cup series he won gold in Bled, Slovenia and bronze medals in Munich and Lucerne.



Nigel Penn (65-69) has been named Captain of the GB Rifle Club Team that will tour the West Indies in 2013. The tour will be approximately four weeks in duration in April/May 2013 and expects to visit Barbados, Trinidad, Jamaica and Guyana, participating in the West Indies Regional Championships.

Fab Foundation GOLF DAY!

Old Bedfordians, parents, Friends of the School, boys and staff joined together in the sunshine on Saturday 21st May for the second Bedford School Annual Foundation Golf Day at Bedfordshire Golf Club. It was, again, lovely to see this event being so well supported. Across the field there was a total mix in abilities and ages happily taking part, having fun and raising funds for the School's Golf Masterclass programme. The initiative,

now in its third year, in partnership with Woburn Golf Club continues to go from strength to strength, and we are thrilled to see the way in which boys are developing, and the positive impact that they are making at all levels of golfing competition.

On the day, the "Chantry Triers" made up of **Anthony Ormerod** (47-57), **Julian Ormerod** (75-85), **Tom Langley-Poole** (96-06) and Simon Frame were triumphant.

It would also be amiss not to mention one of the staff teams, "Goodbye Mr Chips", made up of Simon James, **Sam Roberts** (85-96), Henry Taylor and Mike Mallalieu, who set a new standard in the Best Dressed category, (Gentlemen, great to see a real sense of tradition being upheld and

that dress standards have not dropped amongst staff).

This event remains open to all and we hope that old and new friends will join us on the 16th June 2012 for this informal and fun day of golf. Please register your team as early as possible with the Foundation.

