

## Canadian Friends of Bedford School



We are delighted to announce that the Canadian Friends of Bedford School (CFBS) is now up and running and officially registered with the Canada Revenue Agency. We hope that the following pages will provide you with an outline of the CFBS, its aims and, of course, how you can be involved in supporting both Bedford School and its boys.

The CFBS has been set up to support programmes of an educational nature. The funds raised by the CFBS may not be used for capital projects outside of the Trustees' control, but can be allocated for scholarships, school teacher grant programmes, student and teacher exchanges, as well as to provide educational related goods such as teaching aids and supplies (books, computers, musical instruments, sports equipment etc.).

Programmes taking place in Canada will be implemented directly by the Canadian Trustees or via their appointed agents elsewhere. The CFBS has appointed the Bedford School Trust as their agent in the UK. Programmes and projects may therefore be implemented by their agent whilst remaining under the direction of the Canadian Trustees.

## Message from the Head Master

Welcome to the very first Canadian Friends of Bedford School brochure. May I take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to all Old Bedfordians and friends of Bedford School in Canada. I firmly believe that the School is not only about the boys who are here now, but also all who are part of the wider Bedford School community, past and present. You are always welcome at the School, and if you cannot be here in person, please keep in touch in any way you can. We value your memories, thoughts and ideas as much as any financial contribution you may choose to make to the School.

I look forward to working closely with the CFBS in the coming years, and I do hope that you will support both them and the School in whichever way you are able.



**John Moule**, Head Master

## The Projects

The charitable activities to be performed by the Canadian Friends of Bedford School shall be as follows:

- (i) To fund and administer a scholarship program to enable eligible students to attend Bedford School. The general manner in which the scholarship program administered by the CFBS will operate will be the same as the "Access Award and Scholarship Scheme" currently administered by Bedford School. Funds for this purpose will be held by the Bedford School Trust.
- (ii) To fund and administer school teacher grant programs for teachers at Bedford School.
- (iii) The CFBS will further knowledge and educational practices by establishing student and teacher exchange programs between Bedford School and Canadian educational institutions, relating to academic, musical, sporting and cultural opportunities.
- (iv) To provide non-capital education-related items, such as teaching aids and supplies, to Bedford School. Examples of such supplies would be computers, musical instruments and sports equipment.
- (v) To engage in such other activities as the CFBS determines will further its charitable objective of promoting education.

## Meet the Trustees

### Derek Coke-Kerr (50-61) Trustee & Chairman

On leaving the School in 1961 Derek spent a year in Somerset before leaving for Jamaica where his father's side of the family owned a cattle property. In October of 1963 Derek left Jamaica (+85F) for Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada (-24 F) and studied agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan. On graduation Derek moved to Alberta and entered the world of advertising and public relations, eventually owning his own agency for a number of years, before retiring from the position of Managing Director of Travel Alberta, the province's tourism marketing agency in 2008.

Derek now provides strategic marketing consultancy to both the tourism and the agriculture sectors. He played his final games of full contact rugby in 2005 when his team won a silver medal in the World Masters Games. Derek and his wife, Elaine, now spend their time between Edmonton and Calgary.



### Robin Harper (60-65) Trustee & Treasurer

Robin attended Bedford School, together with his twin brother Michael, between 1960 and 1965, boarding at Sandersons.

Robin then went on to make a career in the food and beverage industry, before emigrating to British Columbia, Canada in 1993 with his wife and two daughters, where relatives of his family have been living for over 90 years. He is now semi-retired and involved with a number of community organisations.

Explaining his decision to volunteer as a CFBS Trustee, Robin said that it was due to a sense of lasting gratitude, "My father suddenly died in my first year, and the School immediately awarded both my brother and I financial hardship scholarships that enabled us to stay on."



### Michael St. J. Beverley (46-57) Trustee

Mike was at Bedford between 1946 and 1957 and a boarder at Talbot's for his final 5 years. In 1957 he moved to Thunder Bay, Ontario, for his first year of university and then on to the University of Western Ontario in London, where he completed his degree in Biology.

For the next 8 years Mike taught Biology and Chemistry in Thunder Bay, before joining the Ministry of Education as an Inspector and moving to Kitchener-Waterloo. Acquiring two further degrees, he moved to the Ministry of Education Head Offices in Toronto, to the Supervision and Legislation branch. Assignments included three years as the Chief Education Officer for the Ministry of Correctional Services. Mike told us, "It has since come to my attention that some of my illustrious classmates at Bedford were not at all surprised at this latter position, other than they expected me to be on the other side of the bars!"

In 1980, Mike moved to the City of Brockville on the shores of the St. Lawrence River as a Superintendent of Education, where he stayed until retiring in 1995. Mike is married with children and grandchildren, and for the past 17 years, has had a succession of Labrador retrievers called Bedford. Mike and his wife Perry spend half of the year in Brockville and the other half in Sarasota, Florida.





How do I make a gift?

The Canadian Friends of Bedford School hold a bank account with CIBC in White Rock, BC. To keep administration costs to a minimum gifts should be made by cheque and posted to the Treasurer.

**Cheques** should be made payable to the **Canadian Friends of Bedford School** and sent to:

The Treasurer, Mr Robin Harper  
Canadian Friends of Bedford School  
14250 26th Avenue, White Rock, BC V4P 2G7

Please use the CFBS Gift Form that is enclosed with this leaflet. The form is also available on request by email from the Treasurer or can be downloaded from the Bedford School Foundation website. (Visit [www.bedfordschool.org.uk](http://www.bedfordschool.org.uk) and click ‘Foundation’ in the top bar, then click on ‘Giving’ of the left hand navigation bar and select ‘How to Donate’. The CFBS Gift form can be found on this page.)

A gift receipt that complies with CRA requirements for tax exemption will be sent for each donation.

How does my gift reach its project?

Periodically, the Canadian Trustees will expend funds on current charitable projects at Bedford School by forwarding funds to their agent, the Bedford School Trust. For further information on the Bedford School Trust, visit [www.bedfordschool.org.uk](http://www.bedfordschool.org.uk) and click on ‘Trust’ in the top bar.

Gifts will be acknowledged by both the CFBS Treasurer and by Bedford School.



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