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St. Bede's Old Boys' Association Newsletter

Welcome from The President

Welcome to Baeda, the newsletter of the St. Bede's Old Boys' Association.

The objective of this newsletter is to keep all Old Boys up to date with news about members of the School's community, past and present. Another purpose of this particular edition is to remind you of our plans for the Centenary of the School (1900 - 2000).

The School was founded in June 1900 and we intend celebrating our centenary in some style. If you'd like to attend one of the many events during our centenary year, please ensure that we know your postal address and e-mail address.

The St. Bede's alumni database is progressing nicely, but we do need your help in our search for the names and current addresses of all our OBs.

Therefore, if you think that you or someone you know, is not included in the database, please send your details via post, fax or e-mail to the Headmaster.

In addition, we're always keen to discover what Bedesmen are doing, as well as receiving anecdotes from your days at the school. Please pass the word around, we want to hear from you. Thanks for all your support.

Paul Turner
President SBOBA

St Patrick's 1999

The Melborn Inn, Whetley Hill
(home to the wodd-famous Topic Folk Club)
was the venue for this year's Wild Geese St. Pat's concert.

A great night was had by all concerned and the Bede's Centenary Fund benefited to the tune of over f600

The Wild Geese Old Boys are:

Dick Stamp, Paul Copley, John Paul Boyle and Dave Crolla.

The London Network

Do you live in the London area?
-Would you like to attend occasional
If so, please contact Hughie Warn
on 0181 386 5371.

The Book of Remembrance

Terry Larkin a former old boy and teacher of St. Bede's has written a history of the school's pupils who died in the two World Wars. Over 120 former pupils known to have died in the Wars of the 20th century are honoured in this book. The book is now on sale priced f6 (minimum). All proceeds of the sale going towards the production of a new War Memorial to be unveiled during the Mass of Remembrance in the School Chapel on Sunday 12th November 2000.

Top Irish Trad Band Play for St. Bede's Centenary Project. **DERVISH**

Wednesday 19th May, Victoria Hall, Saltaire. Telephone School for Tickets.

Old Boys' Golf Day

Friday May 7th 1999

Bradford West G.C.

In aid of Centenary Fund

Details from Stephen Meredith

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or School Office

Fr. Peter Clarke's Silver Jubilee

Fr Peter Clarke (1965-1 971) currently Chaplain at Leeds University, celebrated 25 years of his priesthood in 1998. We were delighted that he could be with us as Principal Celebrant and Guest of Honour at our **St Bede's Day** Mass and celebrations in May.

Fr. Charles Shepherd's Diamond Jubilee

Fr Charles Shepherd (St.Bede's 1925-1 927) celebrates sixty years of his priesthood in April 1999. We offer Fr Charles our sincere congratulations. Our good wishes go also to three other old boys in the Redemptorist Order: Frs Kevin Callaghan (1944-50) (ordained 1958), Francis Allinson (1944-51) (ordained 1958), and Edward Hone (1972-1 978) (ordained '88).

OBA Committee 1999

President:	Paul Turner
Vice President:	Paul Gallagher
Secretary:	Malcolm King
Treasurer:	Terry Metcalfe
Social Sec:	Paul Turner
Committee:	Terry Larkin
	Eddie Hawkins
	Greg Brogan
	Jim Hagerty
	John Booth
	Chris Copley
	Michael Adams

Old Boy Director

Mgr Philip Holroyd (1958-1962) has been appointed as Director of the new Diocesan Pastoral and Conference Centre which opens in June 1999. The centre, which is located at 62 Headingley Lane, Leeds LS6 2BX, is on the site of the RE Centre and Convent of the Blessed Virgin. The centre is available for all groups and has full en-suite and conference facilities. Mgr Holroyd, who was recently at St Austin's, Wakefield, also served as Vice-Rector of the Venerable English College, Rome.

Mgr Holroyd may be contacted on PHolroyd@compuserve.com

School's New Chaplain

It was with surprise and pleasure that we learned that one of our old boy priests, Fr Sean Molloy (1978-1982), was to be our school chaplain in succession to Fr Jim Callaghan who left last year. Fr Sean was educated at Ushaw College, ordained at St. Walburga's, Shipley, in 1990 and served at St. Anne's Cathedral, Leeds, and St. Patrick's Huddersfield, before coming as Parish Priest to St. John the Evangelist in Bradford.

Professor is Guest of Honour

Professor Stephen Murgatroyd (1962-1969) a former student, was Guest of Honour at the school's annual Presentation Evening in December 1998. Stephen served as Dean of the Open School of Business at the Open University and until recently was Professor of Management and Applied Psychology at Athabasca University, Alberta, Canada. He is now Director of Lifeskills International. He is the author of numerous books on educational systems, leadership development programmes, and school effectiveness. Stephen may be contacted at s.murgatroyd@lifeskills.co.uk

Peter Edits Mentor

Peter Boylan (St. Bede's 1952-1960) has been appointed editor of Mentor a magazine specifically aimed at teachers in Catholic schools and colleges. Peter was Headteacher of Carmel School in Accrington before taking up his new role. He is, of course, from the famous Boylan family. His father and his brothers - two of whom are priests - all attended Bede's. Details of the school's centenary and a review of Terry Larkin's Book of Remembrance included in the January/February issue. Peter may be contacted on: 01282 775583.

Letter from Canada

Dr Harry Brook (St. Bede's 1924-1931) wrote a long letter to Terry Larkin on receipt of the Book of Remembrance. Harry, who lives in Vancouver, British Columbia, last visited the school in 1964. In his letter he recalls in some detail not only the layout of ~~the school at Heaton Hall~~ - corridors, classrooms, the Hut, etc - but also the visit of Cardinal Boume and Mgr Hinsley to open the new extensions in 1925. His former classmates, like him, served in World War 2 and not all returned. His close friend Johnny Cooper was killed in the ill-fated commando raid on Dieppe.

Chair of the Bar Council

Whilst many Bedesmen have been known to have a penchant for counselling friends at various bars from Heaton to Honolulu, only one has actually been elected to be Chairman of the Bar Council. Congratulations from all the Old Boys to **Dan Brennan QC** who was called to the Bar in 1967 and is a deputy High Court Judge and a Crown Court Recorder.

Simon Foster (60-68) Director of Corporate Affairs, Humberside Police.

STUDENT OFFICIALS 1998-99

Head Boy: Andrew Day
Deputy Head Boys: James Shaw, Alex Scott, Phillip Smith

We thank them for their services to the school and welcome them to their first OB annual dinner.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS

The following former pupils are currently serving as Governors of the school:

Jim Hagerty, Brendan Hafferty, John Booth, Tony Peacock, Patrick Geoghegan, Paul Hanson (Vice-Chairman), Fr John Elders, Fr Joe Smith, Chris Copley.

OLD BOYS ON THE STAFF

Jim Hagerty, John Simpson, John Marsh, Stan Skowronski, Richard Towers, Paul Foster, Craig King, and Dick Stamp are all teaching at the school. Ian Davey is on ~~secondment to the LEA~~. Another old boy, Andrew Zajackowski, is a Science Technician.

TRUSTEES OF THE SCHOOL

The following old boys are currently serving as Trustees of the school: Frs John Elders and Ken Taylor; John Walsh and Patrick Geoghegan.

Who is the Oldest Old Boy?

If you have any information on our older Old Boys, please contact Jim Hagerty.

Private Ryan comes to Bede's

In October the Historical Society enjoyed a very informative talk from John Walsh (OB) on the D-Day landings of June 1944. After leaving St. Bede's in the late 1930's John eventually became MD at Listers, a Governor and is now a Trustee of the School.

Centenary Year 2000

St. Bede's Grammar School Centenary Project

"To celebrate the School's Centenary, honour the memory of those connected with its past and help secure its future."

The objective of all our Centenary fund-raising is the refurbishment of the School's Chapel, (as this is not covered by any Local Authority funding) and the enhancement of ICT facilities for the students.

What's Occurring?

In preparation for the Centenary celebrations a committee was set up in 1998 (details below) to organise and co-ordinate a variety of events leading up to the major event which is a Centenary Mass which will take place in St. Mary's on 10th June 2000. This Mass will be concelebrated by a very large number of Old Boy priests and will be a fitting tribute to 100 years of Catholic education at St. Bede's.

If you would like to help the committee in any way in its fund raising activities, please make contact with Jim Hafferty.

Dervish to play for **St. Bede's**

One of the best traditional Irish bands in the world are to play in aid of the St. Bede's Centenary Project. Dervish, ably supported by our own Wild Geese, will play Victoria Hall, Victoria Road, Saltaire Village on:

Wednesday 19th May

Tickets £10, Licensed Bar

Tickets available from the School, Brendan Hafferty (01274 487014 or bphafferty@aol.com) Or The Bodhran Bookshop, Saltaire. 01274 530102

Events Diary

The following events have been entered into the activity calendar.

1999

- * St. Valentine's Dance School Feb 12th
- * Obs Dinner Midland Mar 12th
- * St. Pats Do Melborn Mar 20th
- * Golf Day West Bfd. May 7th
- * Dervish Concert Vic Hall May 19th
- Garden Party School July 10th
- * St. Bede's AC Run July 13th
- * Aerobics Event Odsal July
- Remembrance Day Sch. Nov 14th

2000

- * Old Boy's Dinner Midland Mar 10th
- St. Patrick's Do School Mar
- Golf Day/West Bfd May 5th
- Centenary Mass: St. Mary's June 10th
- Papal Blessing 1 lam., OBA Reception @ Bede's after Mass
- Garden Party School July 8th
- * Road Race Bfd. Tues July 11 th
- * Remembrance Day School Nov 12th (+ Steton Male Voice Choir)

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More information from the above.

OBA Database

If you think you may not be on our developing OB database, please send your details to Jim Hafferty via post, fax or e-mail.

Tell us what you are doing now, when you attended Bede's, whether you were in the scouts and please don't forget your address!

Also, please let us know if there is any way in which you can help the Centenary Project. Either by attending one or more of the events, or by giving your time and expertise or by making a donation. Cheques to:

St. Bede's Centenary Fund.

58th & 1st Bradford West

The scouting tradition continues to flourish at St. Bede's through the members and leaders of First Martyrs' 58th & 1st. Bradford West All the current scouts attend St Bede's, the leaders (Mick Brooker, John Gavin and Dom Llewellyn) are all Old Boys and the troop meet at the School.

The School Today

There are currently 920 boys on roll between the ages of 11 and 18 and 50 teaching staff.

Old Boy Builds New Web Site for St. Bede's

Shamus Kelly (OB) now living in Rickmansworth, is a director of an Internet design company called NetInfo of Maidenhead.

When Shamus heard, via his brother Michael, of the Centenary Project and our wish to track down as many Old Boys as possible, he volunteered his time and expertise to a very important aspect of the whole Project, i.e.. the design and hosting of a more sophisticated and professionally produced Web Site for the School.

The site is due to go live in March so if you have access to the Internet why not have a look at...

www.stbedes.bradford.sch.uk

On behalf of all the Old Boys, Governors and Staff, I'd like to thank Shamus for this tremendous gesture of friendship to his old school.

If you have an e-mail address either at home or at work please send your details via e-mail to us, either via the questionnaire on our new Web Site or directly to...

In Memorium

May They Rest In Peace

It is with sadness and regret that we have to report the deaths of the following old boys since the last Old Boys' Dinner.

Fred Thorpe
Walter Jackson
Brian Wilson
Joseph Melling
Edward Bradley
Andrew Martin
Michael Mungovin
Kevin Moore
Jack Flanagan
David Brennan
Robert Higson
Fr. Peter Walmsley
Tom McAlliogg
George Walker
Dr. David Slessor
Danny McGowan
Paul McKee
Fr Frank Pepper
Malcolm Couzens
Mgr. Jim Sullivan
Desmond Casserly

Masses have been said in school for our departed brothers and where possible the school has been represented at requiem Masses and funeral services.

Please pray for Matthew Douglas, a Year 10 student, who died in August 1998. A special Mass for Matthew was said in school by Fr Molloy, the school chaplain. Matthew's family, his classmates and friends were all present.

Obituaries

Dr David Slessor, like his brothers, was a recent old boy. Having just graduated in medicine, David was set to embark on what would have been a most promising career, but his future was cut short by a brain tumour. David bore his illness with great courage and was visited regularly by his ex-schoolfriends. The school was represented at his funeral at St.Clare's, Bradford.

Fr. **Peter Walmsley** (1935-1 939) was born in 1925. He had been parish priest in Sowerby Bridge before illness forced him to retire in 1998. Educated at Ushaw and the English College, Rome, Fr Peter was

ordained in 1950. He served in parishes throughout the diocese and for a short period he acted as Secretary to Bishop Heenan. He was a gentle, conscientious and scholarly priest and had been a lecturer in Theology at the English College, Lisbon.

Monsignor Jim Sullivan (1919) was born in Halifax in 1903 and despite his short time at St. Bede's was a student at both Drewton Street and Heaton Hall. He left Bede's for studies at the English College, Lisbon, and was ordained in 1929. He studied in Rome and then returned to Lisbon as Vice-President. Fr Jim returned to the Leeds Diocese in 1936 but at the end of the Second World War went back to Lisbon as President and remained there until its closure. From then on he was a lecturer at the Venerable English College, Rome, and a regular visitor to StMary's, Bradford. He was created Monsignor and Protonotary Apostolic and was awarded the OBE in 1975. The school was represented at his funeral at St.Anne's Cathedral, Leeds.

Kevin Moore (1933-1 941) who died at the age of 75 was to many generations of post-war Bedesmen the epitome of the gentle schoolmaster whose only wish was to see boys grow and develop according to their abilities and within the Faith. He was a most scholarly and inspiring teacher and one who had the love and respect of all who were fortunate enough to come under his tutelage. Kevin taught in local schools and returned to Bede's after war service. He remained at Bede's, where he became Head of Sixth Form, until retirement. He was a frequent visitor to the school and until recently was active in all OBA functions. Fr Burtoft was the Principal Celebrant at Kevin's requiem at StCuthbert's, Bradford, and Mgr Doyle delivered the panegyric. The school was represented.

Fr. Frank Pepper (1930-1 934) was a nephew of Fr Tindall. In 1997, when he celebrated his Golden Jubilee of Ordination, he was Principal Celebrant and Guest of Honour at our annual St.Bede's Day Mass. He was educated at Ushaw and served in many parishes across the Diocese. Fr Frank was a gentle and holy priest with a great sense of humour. For his requiem the little church at Bishop Thornton was packed with his family, brother priests and many friends. Mgr Doyle spoke movingly about Fr Frank, his life, his interests, and his marvellous gift of making and maintaining friendships. The school was represented.

Paul McKee (1949-1 956) was one of the most able students to pass through St.Bede's The son of a Labour Councillor, he gained a State Scholarship to Imperial College, London, when only 17, and after graduating in Mathematics went to work for English Electric. He was seconded to ITN and there developed a system of analysing general election results with the aid of computers. He later became Deputy Managing Director of Yorkshire Television. The school was represented at his funeral at

St.Patrick's, Bradford and many of Paul's colleagues from the media were there to pay their respects to a talented and well-loved man.

Matthew Douglas (1995-1 998) would have returned to Year 10 (the fourth year) in September 1998 had it not been for his sudden and untimely death from asthma. Matthew was a cheerful student with many friends and passions for skateboarding and music. His death was a great shock. The school was represented at his funeral at St.Clare's, Bradford

St. Bede's Centre for Relief Mission

Bradford's Catholic community came out in force to support the plight of the disaster-stricken people of Honduras.

An appeal launched by St. Bede's was immediately supported by St. Joseph's College, Yorkshire Mtyrs and Holy Family Keighley. In just four days we managed to amass approximately 7 tons of food.

Well done to all involved in this tremendous project.

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PS. If you would like to get involved with the O El A, please feel free to attend the monthly meetings in The Fountain Inn. Telephone Jim Hagerty to discover the date of the next meeting. Remember as an Old Boy you are automatically a member of the Association, you'll be made very welcome.