



The Bedford Society

I hope the new year has begun well for you.

The first Bedford Society newsletter of 2022 is here. I hope you enjoy reading it. Professor Caroline Barron, very well known to us historians, writes about a 'grown-ups view' of Bedford which I think fits nicely alongside the student memories. What strikes me is that the 'grown ups' actually had as much fun (cricket, tennis, playlets) alongside all that teaching and study, as the students. For everyone, people and place were very special; and they linger long in the memory.

As a committee we speak often about the different subject groups and the aspects of academic life that were really distinctive about Bedford - a degree in sociology and nursing for example - so do keep these reminiscences of people and place and subject coming in.

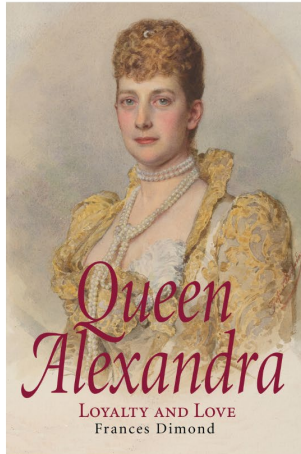
Speaking of academic excellence, we keep the Bedford ethos alive through the scholarships fund and once again we supported the Big Give campaign to provide MA students with Bedford Scholarships. **Applications for the 2022-23 Bedford Society Scholarships** close on 11 July and we look forward to letting you know the successful applicants who will be continuing the Bedford name come September.

The newsletter also has plenty of information on talks and other events in College open to Bedfordians; and as we go further into 2022 the Society hopes to start up once again our own series of talks and events. Keep an eye for emails.

I do hope to see many of you in person, where possible, over the course of the year.

Very best wishes,

Dr Claire Gobbi Daunton
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Bedford Society Chair



Bedford Alumna's new biography of Queen Alexandra out next month.

Frances Dimond's (English, History & Aesthetics, 1968) new book "Queen Alexandra: Loyalty and Love" is published on 28/02/22. We spoke to her to find out more about the book and her time at Bedford College.

[Find out more.](#)

'A Grown-Up's View of Bedford College'

Professor Caroline Barron reflects on her time at Bedford College. In this piece, she looks back on the years 1965 to 1985 when she was a member of the History Department at Bedford College in Regent's Park.



[Read more](#)

Memories of Bedford College

In the last newsletter, we asked readers to share their memories of studying at Bedford College. Thank you to those who submitted the following contributions - we hope you enjoy reading them. If you would like to submit a piece for future newsletters, please email alumni@rhbc.ac.uk with

your contribution.

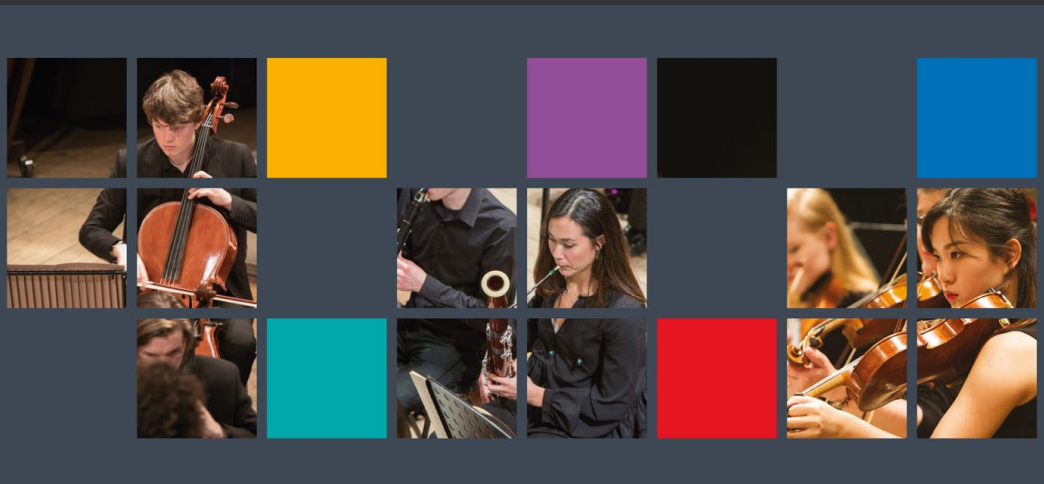


Rosalyn Shute

It was a privilege to study Psychology as an undergraduate at Bedford College. What more pleasant way to start the day than to walk to lectures through Regents Park, from Hanover Lodge? I first took that walk, with a girl who was studying Botany, to attend our initial Freshers' function; there, she met a boy studying German and they are still together and two of my oldest friends. Hanover Lodge was still a female-only hall of residence in my first year there, though some girls with rooms on the ground floor had screwdrivers and touch-up paint so that they could release the safety bars at the windows to let boyfriends in after hours. **Read more.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

The College's programme of events, lectures and concerts are both online and in person this term.



RHBNC in Concert with the London Mozart Players

2nd February 19:30

Our concert returns to central London in 2022, following a break in 2021, at the new venue of Shoreditch Town Hall. The triumphant Academic Festival Overture by Johannes Brahms, will open the concert and herald a welcome return to London

performance for The Choir of RHBNC and RHBNC orchestra alongside the London Mozart Players.

[Find out more and book.](#)



Pioneering Women 2022 (online)

7th March 12:30-13:30

For International Women's Day we're going to be celebrating the amazing achievements of some of Royal Holloway and Bedford New College alumnae. You're invited to join us for an online event where we'll be drawing on our own archival records and wider research to tell the fascinating stories of some of our notable, and perhaps less known Alumna, and their remarkable contributions to the fields of science, medicine and the arts.

[Book online.](#)

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