

Frederick Fotheringay **Widgeon**, a Drone who stars in 31FA, 31KQ, 34NO, 34GB, 35TD, 36MT, 39BI, 48FO, 58FL, and IB61, and appears in 65BB, might have stepped straight out of the advertisement columns of one of the glossier and more expensive magazines, though criticisms have been made from time to time of his intelligence. Went to school at St. Asaph's under the Rev. Aubrey Upjohn, as recalled in 39BI. Dependent on his uncle, Lord Blicester. Another uncle in 31FA is a bishop. Girls always like Freddie at first—but he is a constantly unsuccessful suitor. Gets the bird from Mavis Peasemarch in 31FA and again in 39BI for his attentions to damsels in distress. In 31KQ, he is sent on a quest for strawberries in December (*cf.* Mervyn Mulliner in 33KQ), and his uncle Joseph is named as the Earl of Blicester. Fails to click at Cannes with Drusilla, a baby-judging contest, and his uncle in 34NO. Dahlia Prenderby and her family accuse him of cruelty to animals in 34GB. Courts April Carroway in 35TD, in which he loses his trousers. Courts Dora Pinfold in 36MT, in which he performs anonymously at Amateur Night in the Bottleton East Palace of Varieties and saves greasy bird Jos Waterbury from a nasty pub brawl. Frequently touched by Waterbury for small loans since then, he becomes involved with Waterbury and Oofy Prosser in a wrestling promotion scheme in 48FO. Other girls with whom he has been in love include Vanessa Vokes, Helen Christopher, and Hildegard Watt-Watson. If all the girls he has loved and lost were placed end to end, they would reach halfway down Piccadilly—or further, as some of them were pretty tall. (Noted by a Bean and an Egg in 34GB; quoted by Freddie's cousin George<sup>8</sup> in IB61.) Originator of the Fat Uncles sweepstakes at the Drones in 58FL, in which Catsmeat gives his middle name as Fortescue, and in which his uncle's name is Rodney. Finally woos and wins Sally Foster in IB61, in which he has been working in Mr. Shoemith's solicitor's office for six months; Percy Cornelius loans him £3000 to start a coffee plantation in Kenya. In 65BB he has one of the finest minds in the Drones Club, and advises Bingo Little to invent a double. Also often recalled, though never onstage, in the Bertie Wooster stories: one of the most chivalrous birds in the Drones in RH34; recalled in CW38 as Bertie's schoolmate and club friend, also chased by a dog to the top of a wardrobe (34GB). Once pinched at Hurst Park by his cousin Cyril<sup>3</sup>, a policeman, as recalled in JM46, in which the story of his Joke Goods pranks at a Drones luncheon is also told. Once surprised Bertie in a crosswalk with a motor horn in MS49. Bertie's rival in the Drones Club Darts Sweep in JF54. The baby-judging at Cannes is related in 59LA. Of an innocent and unsuspecting nature, he believes everything he reads in *Time*. In SU63 Gussie Fink-Nottle likens him to a butterfly flitting from flower to flower. Jas Waterbury remembers him in 66JG.

Herbert **Widgeon**: golf opponent of Montague Brown (q.v.) recalled in 21LH.

Joe **Widgeon**: Phil Brown's jazz-and-hokum partner in vaudeville, mentioned in LW20.

Joseph or Rodney **Widgeon**: see Lord Blicester.

**Widgery** and Boon, Investigators, of Albemarle Street, are Adrian Mulliner's employers in 31SW.