

OLD BUCKWELLIANS NEWS



75 Years Later

Significant anniversaries have not always been happy occasions for Buckhurst Hill CHS. Almost exactly a year after opening the school had to cope with the outbreak of war, with its new buildings invaded by troops, and many pupils scattered by evacuation. Then, in 1988, just as plans were being made to celebrate the school's fiftieth birthday, the closure of the school was announced.

Undeterred by all of that, we are now planning to celebrate BHCHS75 later this year. And we have even chosen a date for our celebration that will make the superstitious shudder. Friday 13th September was the nearest Friday to the actual day on which the school opened. We have to

face up to the fact that this will be our final opportunity to mark a notable anniversary, so we are going to make it a good one. You can read more about our plans on page 2.

This edition should perhaps have been re-named *Football Focus* and I hope the non-footballers among you will be tolerant of that sport's domination of pages that follow. Perhaps we should ban any mention of football in some future edition to compensate?

Visitors to our website may have noticed some changes – the most obvious is the reconfiguring of the home page allowing me to post more news items by means of a scrolling device. There is also an improved search facility

on the home page.

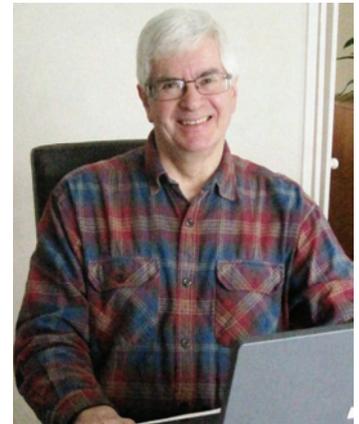
A recent development in the archives is that I finally got round to scanning all the *Roding* magazines into a single file – this allows me to do a complete and very rapid search of 1,062 pages. Eventually, we'll make the whole file downloadable from the website.

Thanks to all who have contributed to this edition, and my regular appeal to those of you who have not yet updated the rest of us on what you have been doing since BHCHS.

I look forward to hearing from all readers, and to seeing many of you at the celebrations in September.

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