

# OLD BUCKWELLIANS NEWS



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## Significant Milestones

WE HAVE recently reached a couple of key milestones in the development of the network of Old Bucks. Firstly, and thanks to a suggestion from our new Chairman, we finally managed to arrive at the elusive target of 100% of pupils traced from one year group – those starting at BHCHS in 1973. Others are close behind - there are twenty year groups from which more than 90% have been traced. Secondly, we achieved our 2000th subscriber. I am delighted that so many have participated. I was pleased to hear from one of our members who had

come across the web site of another school (not in our area) claiming that “with a membership of around 700 we believe we are the largest society of ex-pupils outside the public school system.” Their subscription, by the way, is greater than ours by 230%. As usual, it has been tricky to include all the news and other items I received. The single page devoted to Arnold Smethurst seems inadequate. The interest taken by former staff of BHCHS has been fundamental to our success and growth, and Arnold Smethurst’s enthusiasm was typical. I had many more communications with him

during recent years than was ever the case while I was in the Art Room. After each edition he would write to me, and I would then phone to thank him for his letter. During these lively and stimulating exchanges it was apparent that his wicked sense of humour was undimmed by age. He would tell me many stories about his time at BHCHS – some would not be publishable. But he always remembered those pupils who showed artistic talent. Personally, I never possessed an ounce of artistic ability, so my recent interactions with him and others he inspired were, for me, a revelation.



Graham Frankel



Who is the future meteorologist in this line up?

Answer p21



Major celebrations for Morris See p6



Millionaire Nigel? See p4



Can you recognise three Old Bucks here? (clue is YOS 1949)

Answer p18



Tributes to an Old Master See p3



Still competing at 55 See p12

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