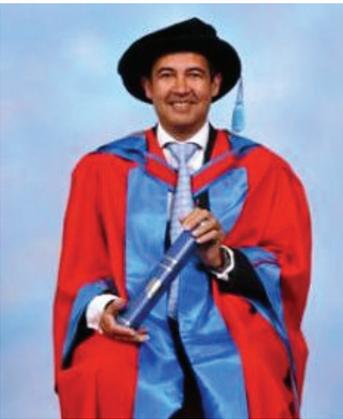


# BUCKS FIZZ

News and notes about Old Bucks

## Honorary Degree



**Les Halpin (1968)** was recently awarded an honorary degree by Exeter University in recognition of his generous support and contributions to the university's Business School. Les graduated with first class honours in Statistics and Operational Research from Exeter in 1979 and has had a highly successful career in banking, investment management and organisational transformation. He played a fundamental role on the Advisory Board at the Exeter University Business School in setting up and funding a new building. Les and his wife Claire (who also studied at Exeter) have donated over half a million pounds to create a PhD scholarship that helps students from developing countries.

I was grateful to **Mike Walker (1967)** for bringing the above to my attention.

Much less welcome news from Les is that he has been diagnosed with motor neurone disease. We wish him all the best as he continues as normally as possible.

## Bridge Building

Former 1st XI football captain **Keith Grant (1956)** has now turned to the more leisurely but nonetheless intellectually demanding sport of Contract Bridge. Keith met up with an old class mate, **Peter Goddard** at Wallingford Bridge Club (Oxon) and they are now regularly playing Duplicate Bridge together. This reminded me that Bridge, like chess, is one of those minority school activities we have not yet covered. The enthusiasm of **Bob Sears (Maths, 1966-78)** is remembered by many, and his Bridge Club attracted a keen following and generated at least one professional player.

## New Archivist



**David Sewell (1950)** became a very welcome addition to our unofficial team of helpers when he asked an innocent question: why are there no class photos from the 1950s on our website? He had no previous experience of web content management, but demonstrated patience and persistence during training, and the results are now available for all to see (look under school/gallery/pupils). If you were at BHCHS in the 1950s please check the site and see if you can identify some names.

David Sewell's great attention to detail stems from the fact that a large part of his career had involved setting people to work on equipment that had been energized at anything up to 400,000 volts. Precision and accuracy were paramount - one mistake and somebody was dead. If anyone else feels like volunteering for web updating, please contact me. Don't worry - it's quite safe really, and nobody is going to get hurt!

## Chime with Clive

Spotted recently in *Hertfordshire Life* magazine, **Clive Moore (1949)** was included in a feature about life in Sawbridgeworth where he is Tower Captain of an active team of change ringers at Great St Mary's Church.

To chime with Clive and his band of ringers on a Monday evening, email the society secretary at [Fred.Bone@dial.pipex.com](mailto:Fred.Bone@dial.pipex.com), or go to The Hertford County Association of Change-Ringers website [www.hcacr.org.uk](http://www.hcacr.org.uk) to find a group near you.

For more Hertfordshire towns, visit [hertfordshire.greatbritishlife.co.uk](http://hertfordshire.greatbritishlife.co.uk)



## Busy Family

I'm always pleased to get news from the Delfgou family, who provided BHCHS with three pupils. **John Delfgou (1946)** tells me that son **Jo Delfgou (1975)** is team vicar at St Mary's, Runwell and has two sons, one studying mechanical engineering at Hull University and the other doing A Levels. John's brother **Peter Delfgou (1951)** is still busy in the world of film, with his own preview theatre and sound studio. John himself has had a remarkably varied career which has ranged from piloting planes to film editing, lecturing in computer studies and then becoming a team vicar at two churches in Debden. His own first novel was *Jackpot!*, a crime thriller. He published this privately and still has a limited number of copies available from the 1,000 he printed. *Jackpot!* can be obtained directly from John price £5.99 plus £2 p&p. Email John at:

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## 102 Not Out!



At the end of 2011 I managed to get back in contact with **Walter May (French, 1940-47)** whose skill in teaching was universally admired. I had not heard from Walter for some time, and was getting a bit worried. So I was delighted to speak with his daughter Bronwen who I had not previously met. She told me that Walter was fine - he had moved from his last address and was now looking forward to his 102nd birthday in January 2012.

Bronwen has given Walter our belated good wishes for reaching his century.

## Defence Minister



If you were at BHCHS during the 1956-57 school year you may remember a visitor from Indonesia who spent the year in form 4R.

**Juwodo Sudarsono** seems to have gained some benefit from his year at Roding Lane - he has had a distinguished career as a politician and writer, following in his father's footsteps by becoming a minister in the Indonesian government for many years, most recently as Minister for Defence from 2004-2009. Prior to that he spent another year in the UK as Ambassador. See Wikipedia for more information.

