

OLD BUCKWELLIANS NEWS



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Keeping the Spirit Alive

RECENT conversation in the Frankel household:

Tom (aged 10): "Dad, why are you doing this Buckhurst Hill thing?"

Graham (aged 50): "Good question, Tom. I suppose it's just a challenge. It's the same reason why people climb mountains!"

Thanks for all the letters/e-mails/phone calls following the last edition. Especially welcome to hear how much the former staff appreciate news of their ex-pupils.

Thanks also to all those who responded to my requests for information that has helped me trace so many new Old Bucks, and to others who have sent me photographs and other memorabilia. Hugh Colgate has been a tremen-

dous support in this project and has regularly supplied me with information from many ex-pupils (and their parents).

After posting the November edition I knew I would soon start getting back undelivered copies. In the end, just over 30 were returned. But the 'new' contacts soon outweighed this number, and we have now added more than 400 to the original list of 318. We are well on course to get close to 1,000 by the end of this year. I'm still unsure of the ultimate target, but have discovered that the total of pupils attending our school was just over 5,000.

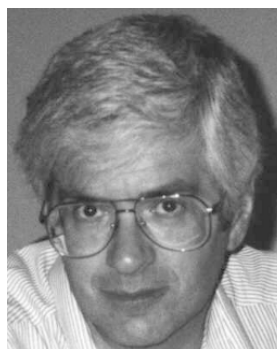
I have really enjoyed talking to so many of you since taking on this job, not to men-

tion exchanging more than 1,200 e mails. My original idea was to find out what had happened to the guys in my own year. Very few have emerged from hiding, but I'm still hopeful they'll turn up in due course.

Some of you will have noticed my occasional letters to local newspapers. These have produced a steady response. I have concentrated my efforts in Essex and the adjoining home counties. Any volunteers out there to write to newspapers in other areas?

E mail and the Internet have helped enormously in the task of communicating and Nick McEwen has done a fantastic job in maintaining and developing the BHCHS web site. Please let me have your suggestions for improving this newsletter. I welcome ideas for articles and any news items you spot elsewhere featuring Old Buckwellians. Most important of all I need your continued help in finding the other 4000 or so. This will ensure we keep the spirit of BHCHS alive for many years.

Graham Frankel



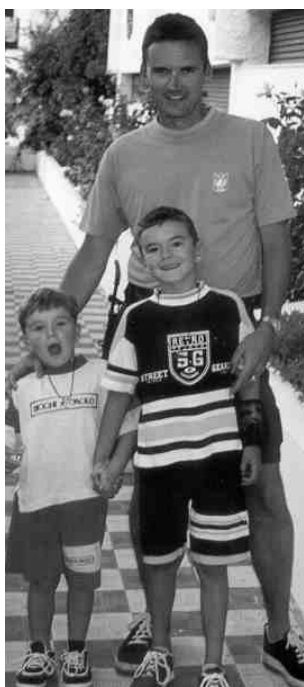
OB Data

THE Old Bucks database now has:

Total	743
This includes:	
Staff	43
Living overseas	51
E mail addresses	239

Those overseas are in sixteen different countries. We know of 13 in Australia 12 in the USA and 5 in Canada. Many of us have stayed much closer to alma mater: 327 live in Essex, including 42 in Buckhurst Hill.

Meet the Webmaster



THE web site has made a major contribution to reviving interest in the school. Our 'webmaster' Nick McEwen (left BHCHS 1982) is seen here on holiday with sons Christopher 4 and Nicholas 8. Nick is always on the lookout for ways of enhancing the web pages and developments over the past few months have included a bulletin board and a live chat room, where you can meet other Old Bucks. You can even hear the school song. Nick has also posted several photographs taken during all eras of the school's history. Topics of discussion on the bulletin board have ranged from the sublime to the school dinners with the origins of the 6 day week thrown in for good measure. Who knows what might come

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