

OLD BUCKWELLIANS NEWS



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Building the Network

THE relentless search for former inmates of BHCHS continues. Since the last edition we have found a further 760, and are now in contact with approximately 38% of all ex-pupils.

I am very grateful to so many for encouragement and help and I am continually amazed at the steady stream of material for publication. Please continue sending me news and items for "where are they now". I also welcome your ideas for features.

I have really enjoyed meeting so many of you (albeit only by email in some cases) and the project has led to many and unexpected delights. I never imagined I would be invited to be the "phone a friend" of anyone - let alone someone I'd not seen for over 30 years (see p.3). But I am also very grateful to my family for their continued tolerance and good humour in the face of my eccentric preoccupation.

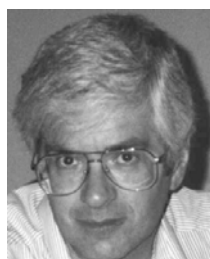
The establishment of our network has led to the renewal of many old friendships and the creation of several new ones, thanks to the possibilities offered by cyberspace.

We are tremendously fortunate

that, just as Nick McEwen was becoming preoccupied with work pressures Pete Berrecloth stepped forward to continue developing and improving the web site. We are also lucky to have engaged the services of Cliff Potter to organise the Annual Dinner. Read more about Cliff on p.12.

Our network exists for pupils and staff and I am delighted at the positive response from former staff. I have even received enough material to establish a "Staff Room" page in this edition.

A number of you have commented that the *OB News* subscription is too low. Several have made a tangible expression of this sentiment by voluntarily paying more. We are grateful, but there's no plan to turn this into a commercial venture—our main purpose is to build and strengthen our association.



AGM—Back to School!

THE Old Buckwellians Association will be holding its AGM on Wednesday 9th May at Guru Gobind Singh Khalsa College in Roding Lane, Buckhurst Hill at 7.30pm. We are very grateful to Mr Amarjit Singh Toor, the principal of GGSK, for his kind hospitality in allowing us to hold the meeting at our old school. The meeting will be in the Dining Hall. We don't plan to provide refreshments but expect to finish the meeting in good time to allow groups to reconvene at local hostels. Mr Toor is happy for people to have a nostalgic

look round the school, but please note that the Assembly Hall, while not out of bounds, is designated as a holy place, so it is necessary for a head covering to be worn and shoes removed. This applies only to the Assembly Hall - no restrictions in the rest of the school. The playground will be open if additional parking is needed.

If you would like to attend the AGM could you please let us know either by contacting the editor (see back page). We assume directions will not be required!

Head Master's Voice

THANKS to Des Slade (1945), his son Martin (1975), and the technical skills of our webmaster Pete Berrecloth (1981) we are now privileged to have an authentic recording of Mr JH Taylor's voice on the web site!

The recording was presented to Des on his 60th birthday. Martin had spent two years planning a "This is Your Life" programme. Many of Des's former school friends, as well as family and other friends, attended the event. Mr Taylor, who was then in his eighties, could not be present, but recorded an amusing tribute to Des. You can download the complete recording from our web site (www.bhchs.co.uk). If you do not have access to the Internet it may well be possible to arrange for you to hear this—contact the Editor and I'll see if we can find another Old Buck in your area who would oblige.



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Coming up....

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- * Election report—how our three parliamentary candidates fared
 - * News from Brisbane Road—will the O's be facing another season in Division 3?
 - * Profile—Martyn Heather
-and lots more