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Catch them all

ONCE AGAIN I can report some excellent progress in finding outstanding Old Bucks and thanks to all who responded to my requests for information. It would be impossible to mention all who have helped, but you know who you are and I'm extremely grateful.

Thanks are also due to everyone who has sent me items for this issue - and of course I'd welcome pieces from new contributors for future editions.

Our numbers continue to grow, and we have traced a further 271 of you since the last edition. Several ex-staff members have also resurfaced bringing the total to 82 and I'm delighted to include several interesting items from them in this issue. Several of you have also asked me to produce an account of my own Buck-hunting experiences and this is now written and will be included at some stage. In the meantime, I would just say that one thing which has become apparent is how even the smallest and seemingly most insignificant clues can be useful in tracking down new names - so let me have whatever you've got.

If I find a relevant name listed at two or three possible addresses, I am usually able to find another member who lives in the vicinity. Provided I am in email contact with the members I have asked them to post a note at the relevant address. If you get such a request from me please don't feel any obligation to take on the task, but I'd appreciate knowing this so I can turn to someone else, or write another speculative letter. Incidentally, we now have email addresses for more than half our members so do make sure you keep us up to date with any changes.

Mind you, not all the Old Bucks are entirely keen to participate as the following letter indicates:

"Dear Graham, just to let you know I will not be subscribing to

Old Buckwellians News. I suppose I should have expected this publication to be full of unbridled praise for the loathsome institution but I am sure I am not the only person who hated virtually every minute of my time there. Nothing could induce me to get in touch with either ex-staff or ex-pupils again."

Not a typical response, I'm glad to say, but I appreciated his directness which came as a timely reminder against the rose-tinted spectacles syndrome.

To other business: the Old Buckwellians Association has been run for many years by a stalwart committee who have given fantastic service: Trevor Lebentz, Malcolm Beard and Buzz Morris. We are very pleased to welcome some "new blood": Chris Waghorn (1949-54) has offered to stand as Treasurer at the next AGM allowing Buzz Morris to stand down. I am especially grateful to Buzz for the tremendous support and encouragement he has given me in the first two years of the project. Jon Dane (1958-63) has agreed to be Ticket Secretary for this year's Annual Dinner (see p.2).

My long-suffering family continue to tolerate my pre-occupation. I was grateful to receive a design for a video cover from my son Tom (aged 12). The title is "The legend of the Old Bucks" but it's the sub title that really caught my attention. "One man, one brain cell, one mission.... Catch them all".



GENERATION GAME

THE Old Buckwellians Football Club is alive and well and still running five teams in the London Old Boys Senior League. Both the first and second teams are currently hoping for promotion in their respective divisions. Understandably, most of the Club's more recent intake these days didn't attend BHCHS. Tony Maslen, Chairman tells



Tony Maslen (BHCHS 1971-78). Chairman of the OBFC

**me that he would welcome new players - of good standard - and suggests that maybe sons, grandsons or other relatives of Old Bucks might be interested in joining. This would maintain some link with the school and ensure the club continues to thrive. Contact him at: Tony.Maslen@uk.standardchartered.com
For more information and details of recent results visit the Club's web site: <http://www.oldbucks.co.uk/>**

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