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Modesty forbids?

ANOTHER busy six months in the editorial office has seen another steady increase in subscribers. As our numbers continue to grow, a major challenge is to keep up with address changes. Email addresses are even more of a problem. The spam they served at school was nothing compared with the variety that keeps arriving by email. Sadly, the spam scourge has caused some to abandon email completely. This is bad news for me, because the project has been made possible through the revolution of being able to communicate by email. Thanks to all of you who have persisted and kept me informed of all data changes.

So the search continues. We have now traced 3,355 ex-pupils (representing 75% of the total) and 101 ex-staff. The inclusion of year lists with the last edition resulted in several more being traced - sometimes from the most unlikely and obscure clues. This time I have included lists of pupils not traced, and who started at BHCHS around the same time as you. I would be grateful if you could spend a few minutes looking through the list to see if you have any possible clues to finding these people: it could be

that you know of a relative who could help us.

Our overseas contingent has now risen to more than 300, and we are aware of several others believed to be lurking in Australia and Canada but who have so far eluded us.

Thanks again to all who have sent in articles for publication. I am still receiving plenty of material but there are many of you out there who still owe me a few lines, and I don't mean the punishment variety. If you are one of those who is inhibited by modesty, please be assured that the other readers want to hear about your successes. Don't hesitate to ask me if you are uncertain about submitting an article and would like to discuss it first.

Roger Mew (1953) sent me a recent edition of *The Forester*. It is not, as the title may suggest, the Forest School equivalent of *OB News* but a magazine produced by Epping Forest District Council. This particular edition contained a "Town Focus" feature on Buckhurst Hill in which we got a very welcome mention.

I am also grateful to many others who have helped me in so many ways, but there are two that merit

special thanks on this occasion. Paul Rattenbury (1939) has been helping with proof reading and editing the last two editions and has also been the source of a plentiful supply of sound advice. Steve Newberry (1958) has come to the rescue on several occasions by restoring photographs to a publishable state.

That brings me to my final thank you: to all who continue to send me words of encouragement and support. I appreciate this of course but also your ideas and suggestions. I am always on the lookout for ways of improving *OB News* and welcome your constructive criticism.

Graham Frankel

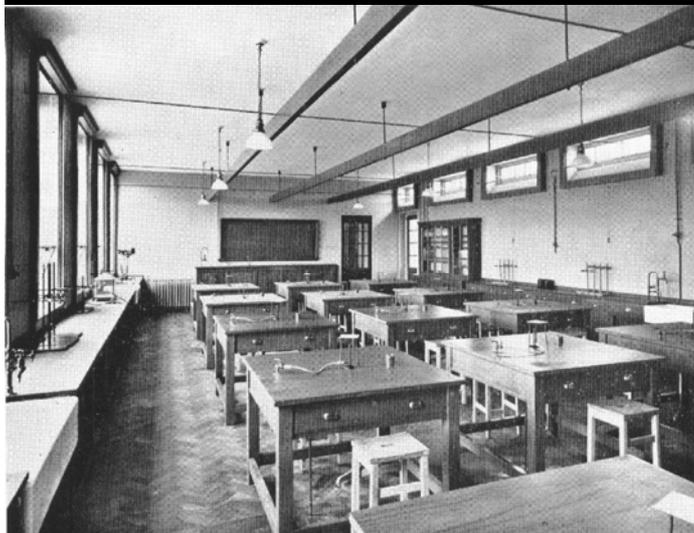


Heroes from '78



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Looking Back to '38



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