

# OLD BUCKWELLIANS NEWS



## Further Education

THIS SUMMER my wife and I were sitting among many other proud parents at our son's graduation ceremony. An unexpected bonus was an inspirational closing speech by Sir John Parker, the Chancellor of Southampton University. After shaking hands with 150 students and managing a brief conversation with each of them, the eminent industrialist who rose from apprentice to Chief Executive at Harland & Wolff appealed to the students to continue their education in their working lives and beyond. They could be proud of their success, but he added that success (quoting Ben Sweetman) was a journey not a destination. At a time when the world of work is full of uncertainty for new graduates and indeed many

others, he made a convincing case for continued learning to be a top priority.

In my own working life I have seen the truth of Sir John's message. I have witnessed many people whose ongoing thirst for knowledge and new experiences has led to great satisfaction. Sadly, I have also seen the opposite. People who fail to recognise when they need to take a new path or who feel their employer has sole responsibility for giving them a stimulating and successful career can become distressingly disillusioned.

Building the Old Buck network has given me some great learning opportunities, and it has definitely furthered my own education. Part of this is learning from

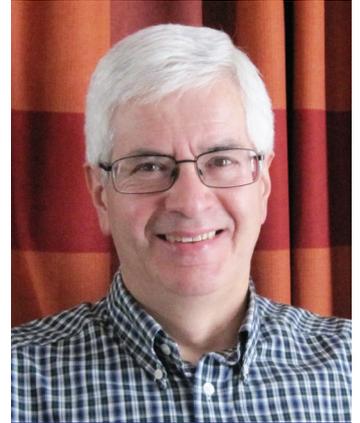
what other Old Bucks have achieved. In this edition we have, I think, another collection of features and news that give us some fascinating insights into the lives and careers of former students and teachers. Even if you were not part of the Ray Watkinson decade, I recommend reading his story. Steve Cladingboel's thoughtful and honest feature on bullying takes us into an area that has not received much attention in previous editions, but should not be ignored.

If you haven't yet sent us an update about yourself I hope perhaps you will be tempted to write in and tell us about your own experiences and contribute to our further education.

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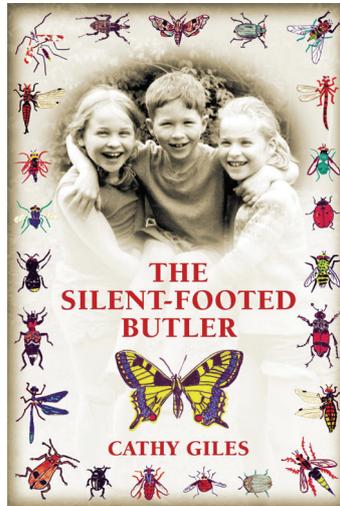
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