

OLD BUCKWELLIANS NEWS



Historical Perspectives

Olympic Fever, as well as causing this editor to become dangerously diverted from completing the latest edition on time, generated the inevitable question: have we ever had any Old Bucks competing in the Olympics? There is only one that I am aware of: Ian Cathcart (1946) who represented GB in various Paralympic Games in bowls and fencing. But perhaps there have been others?

I have to disappoint you if you were hoping for Olympic reports in this edition but I hope you will find some interest and amusement inside. Thanks to all those who have taken the trouble to write.

A suggestion I get from time to time is whether it would be possible to write a complete history of

the school. In a sense, the job has been done – the BHCHS story is contained in the 660 pages of OB News. Perhaps it would be worth assembling them into a separate publication. But there are also a lot of excellent non-historical features, and maybe we should consider gathering an anthology of these.

I am interested to hear your views about this, but I would not want us to get too absorbed with history, and I would like to remind you that readers are just as interested in the snippets of news and updates from normal, average Old Bucks. Cue for my regular appeal to those who have not yet got a round TUIT.

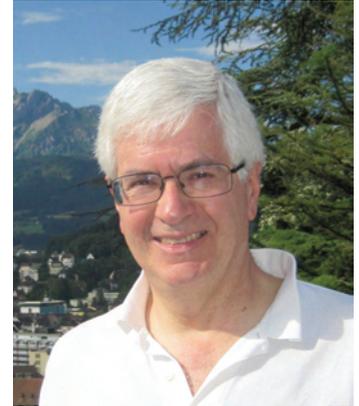
Thanks to all those – especially from my own year group – who

enquired whether I had been transformed into a racehorse. My PE teachers would have been amazed at the improvement in speed and endurance shown by the new incarnation.

Enough of that frivolity. The early bookings for this year's Annual Dinner, at its new venue and new night, are very encouraging. Watch out for next year's Dinner because we are hitting an important anniversary in 2013 - seventy five years since the opening of BHCHS. Ideas for the celebration will be welcome, but remember our committee is small in number, so if we respond positively, it will almost certainly include a request for help.

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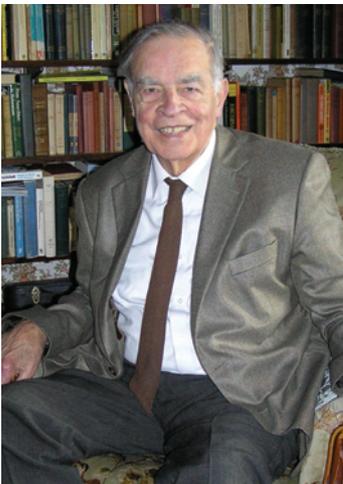
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