

## John Pemberton (Hon OF) 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Michael Pemberton (G57-68) was in touch to let us know that his father had a great time on 14 August 2019, celebrating his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. He says *"The family were able to be around him, he received his card from the Queen, and he enjoyed the fuss that was made of him. I attach a couple of pictures. There is one of him with his card from the Queen, and the other picture shows him looking at his birthday cake. I am holding it, and my brother David is sitting on the left of Dad. I guess that Dad now joins a very select group of OFs and honorary OFs!*

*He taught at Brandeston from the beginning in 1948 until 1971, when he moved to St Edmund's School, Kesgrave. During his time at Brandeston he was second master – see photo below with Bob Williams.*

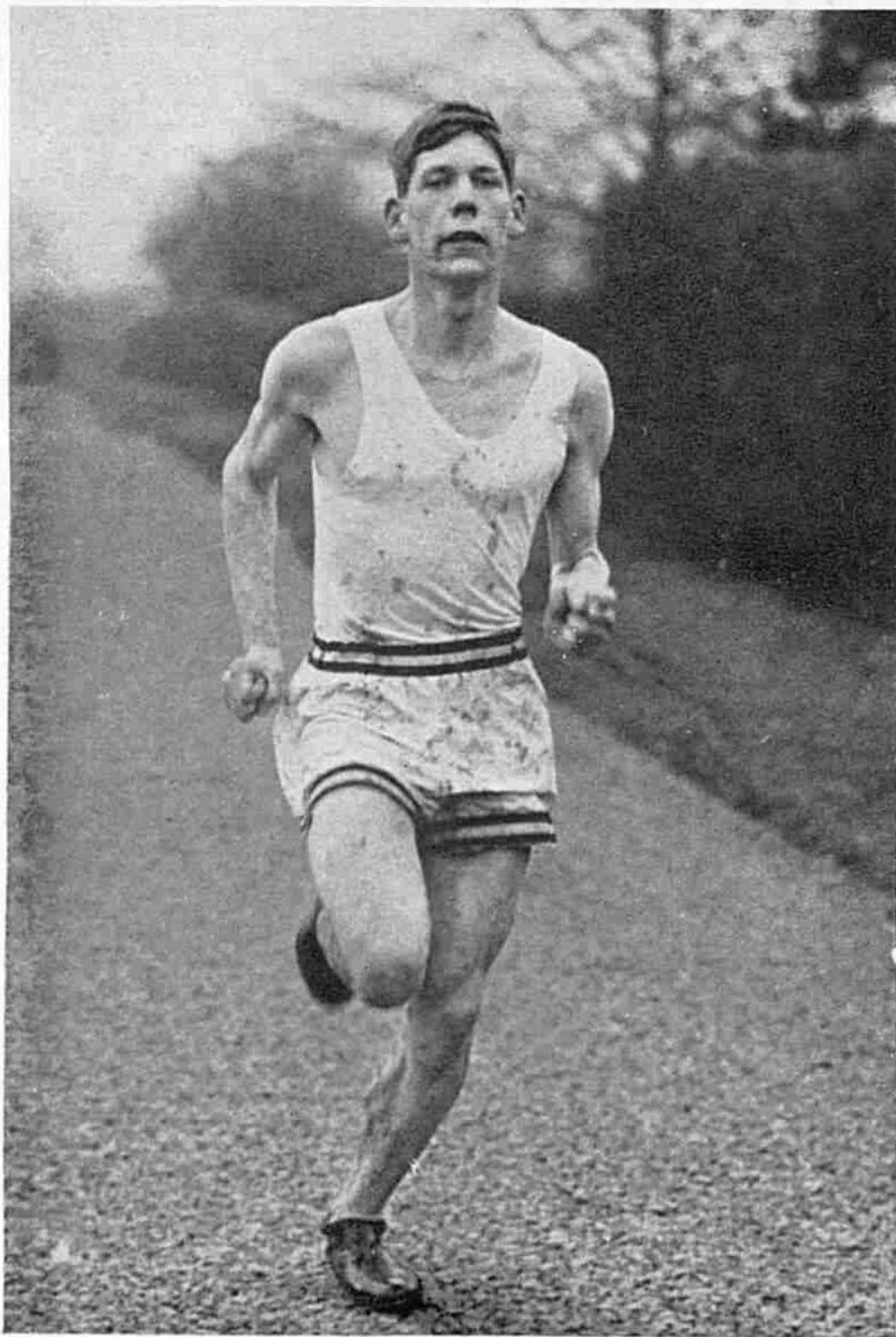
*He now lives in Yorkshire."*





Michael also send the lovely photograph below showing John leading the Varsity Cross Country race in February 1941





*THE STRONG FINISH of J. E. L. Pembarton who took an early lead and was first man home in 45 min. 10 sec.*

Norman Porter added the following *“Here are two pictures that appeared in the BH History. Wendy, of course, is now deceased. John was really the reason why I came to write the history - I met him early one morning at a Suffolk Wildlife gathering in an ancient wood - and he was playing a major part at the time in SWT. I casually asked him whether there had ever been a history of BH - and he said no - so that started it all!”*







Bob Williams and John Pemberton, 54 years between them, in the Second Master's role at Brandeston Hall, the College's Prep School.

With both enjoying successful Cross-country running careers in their time, the positive impact on the reputation of the Junior School over the years, in the sphere of Athletics, was readily apparent.