

## MARTIN HOPKINS, O.B.E.

We warmly congratulate Martin Hopkins on being awarded an O.B.E. in the New Year Honours list for his services to sport broadcasting.

Martin, the son of Dudley and the late Edith Hopkins, moved to Shipton with the family in 1952 when he was ten, and remained until he started to work for the B.B.C.

His first job was with the Oxford Mail as Deputy Sports Editor. In 1968 he joined the B.B.C. TV sport as Floor Manager, and continued until 1973 when he became producer of Match of the Day and Sportsnight. From 1977 to 2000 he was the producer of Grandstand.

Martin remains an Executive Producer of sports events, e.g. Wimbledon, Commonwealth Games, the London Marathon and the Grand National which won a BAFTA award in 1996.

He was the Executive Producer of the Olympics in Seoul, Barcelona, Atlanta and Sydney, where he carried the torch (see photograph).

It is nice to be able to put a face to a name that appears so regularly on our television screens, and we take this opportunity to thank him and his team for the many hours of excitement and enjoyment they have given us. An honour richly deserved.



Martin (no. 197) together with (from the left) nephew James, sister-in law Linda and brother John who live in Australia.