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PRESIDENTS IN ACTION

President's Comments

Richard Llewellyn, back row, third from the left, MHS 2nd XI, 1965

G. S. LLEWELLYN (1962-56) Collinson; Economics VI: School Prefect; Form Prize 1964; Minor Hob-bies Prize 1964; 1st XV 1965; 2nd XI Cricket 1965-66; Stage and Cinema Committee; Geographical Society; Music Club; Art and Hobbies Club; Cpl. in R.E.M.E.; Furthering Education before entering Articles; Locks Cottage, Storminster Marshall, Wimborne, Dorset.

With his Welsh credentials, it was not unsurprising that Richard was brought up as a rugby fan and from the early age of seven, played sport at his Poole prep-school under the tuition of Mike Wheeler, who had won a sprint bronze medal at the Melbourne Olympics.

Richard's father Ken attended Mill Hill School in 1924, leaving in 1928 having been captain of the 1st XV rugby and senior monitor. Richard was brought up with the memorable names of Sobev. Spong, Howard, Hume, Auty and Lowther, all OMs whom had gained international recognition.

Richard arrived at Collinson in the spring of 1962. His academic record was not memorable, although, he does recall a form prize at one time! Sport was a driving force and he played for the 1st XV in the 1965/66 season and the cricket 2nd X1 for 3 years. In his last year he became a School Prefect and despite the attentions of Alun Prosser-Harris and Paddy Gallagher he attained two reasonable A Levels which enabled him to take up solicitor's articles in Poole in 1967. After qualification in the mid-1970s, he received a telephone call from Nigel Wray to join a OMRFC tour to Salles in France as the team was short of second rows. He accepted this invitation and staved in London for the next 10 years. A temporary job was arranged by the club with Lilywhites martlet 2020

for a few months under the watchful eye of Nat Garrett, a past president of the OMs club. A few months later he found employment at the city offices of Kenneth Brown Baker Baker and latterly at Elliot's in Ealing.

He played rugby for OMRFC during that time and made lasting friendships with school contacts namely Andy Kenning, Mike Phillips, John Martin, John Gallagher and Richard Shaw which still survive to this day.

After 10 years he returned to Bournemouth to set up his own legal practice and eventually after 20 years of independence joined the legal practice of HLF whose Managing Partner was OM Simon Nightingale (64-69). He had played rugby for Bournemouth RFC prior to his departure to London and occasionally represented Dorset and Hampshire respectively in trial games when they were desperately short! In 1982 he became Hon Sec of BRFC for seven years and temporarily captained the 4th XV for a number of years before retiring at the age of 45.

On his return to Bournemouth he joined the Bournemouth District Law Society where his father had been Hon Sec for 17 years and he supported various professional committees from time to time.

Apart from rugby, Richard's earlier association with OMC was limited apart from joining the late John King on three sailing trips to the Mediterranean aboard the OMs yacht 'Winnie' which visited Greece, The Dalmatian Coast and Turkey. In 2011 he attended the 'notorious' OM South West dinner in Taunton where a previous President Mike Corby was in command! It was at this dinner where upon Richard renewed his regular contact with the Club which has continued to this date.

Richard has two children, namely. Antony who works at Poole Hospital and a daughter Lucy who is currently in the City and who has supported her Dad at a number of OM events.

Richard retired as a solicitor three vears ago and remains resident in Bournemouth. As President he has already attended numerous OM events and maintains his long standing link with BRFC as Ground Manager.

L-R: Tom Oxenham, Gerry Westoby, Richard Llewellyn

The President's Awards The President's Award recognises the contributions and achievements of members of the Old Millhillians Club who have not otherwise been recognised by holding the office of President. Recipients are the 'unsung heroes' who have





worked tirelessly for the Club over many years.

David Stannard (Burton Bank 71-76)

For more than 20 years David has organised reunions for our Australia based OMs. He has received up to 20 Presidents on their travels in various locations, including Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Adelaide. His unflagging commitment over such a long period of time has ensured that the Australia community remains strong and vibrant. Justin Wernham has taken over from David, finally releasing David to pursue his passion as a Bordeaux wine producer and global brand owner.

Gerry Westoby (Ridgeway 56-61)

Tom Oxenham (Collinson 54-59)

Gerry and Tom are honoured in part for their contribution to OMRFC, initially as regular players and Tom more recently for the time he devoted to organising the International tickets programme for several years.

However, it is the success of the 'Oakers' lunches that stands out. Tom initially and subsequently Gerry have turned a monthly OM event into an OM community bonded together by lasting and renewed friendships, memories and large helpings of food, drink and jokes. The value of these regular informal OM gatherings should not be underestimated but, above all, we should never underestimate the extent to which value creation requires the passion and commitment that Gerry and Tom have shown for well over a decade.



Year 2018

On Reflection

Sydney Harbour

With the opportunity to now look back over my Presidential Year, I can say with conviction that it was really only 'highs'.

From receiving my 'chain of office' at the Annual Dinner, One Moorgate Place, to attending numerous events throughout the year; it's an experience I won't forget in a hurry.

To have been able to travel thousands of miles and for so many weeks around the world without encountering any problems whatsoever, was a tremendous achievement.

I would like to take this occasion to sincerely thank

all my international hosts who made the trip so memorable. They were all truly welcoming, warm and helpful. My Christmas card list has most definitely grown! I do hope to visit some of the countries I saw again in January 2022 and I've been told I'd be most welcome back!

Singapore – Melbourne 25th January

Sydney - Aukland 22nd February

Auckland – Hong Kong 28th March

Hong Kong – Gatwick 4th April

OMs looking for career advice, or to network with other OMs in a particular field, I cannot promote these events enough. Each excellently organised event offered an eye opening insight into a different vocation. It also gave me the opportunity to meet and speak with so many YOMs and OMs embarking on new career paths, or keen to just learn more.

Alongside the career events I particularly enjoyed my frequent visits back to Headstone Lane, home of the OMRFC. It was rewarding watching the boys putting in the hard graft out on the pitch and the team were looking pretty threatening last season! Nothing quite like a cold beer enjoyed post match in the Club House with the team. Equally I found myself down in leafy Totteridge at TMCC watching the cricket from the club terrace in the sun. Another great place to catch up with OMs.

Finally, it's hard not to be moved by the wreath laying ceremony on Armistice Day so beautifully handled by the school. I felt honoured to be part of it including my reading in Chapel. It was a truly memorable occasion.

What a wonderful year.

Richard Llewellyn Club President 2018-2019



ATTENDED:

OM Legal Networking Event OMs in Property Drinks Legal Event **OMGS** dinner South West Luncheon **East Anglia Drinks Property Dinner Accounting Drinks City & Entrepreneur Dinner Engineers Dinner**



A SELECTION EVENTS

150 Years Rugby Event **OMs Day Annual Dinner** Armistice Dav **OM Creative Arts Annual** Drinks **YOMs Christmas Drinks** Past Presidents Lunch AGM & Cocktail Party **6th Form Leavers Event** Numerous Headstone Lane fixtures







To escape the cold and wet winter for sunnier shores has always appealed so planning my 13 week tour to South Africa and Australia was not difficult. I departed on the 15th January to Dubai where I spent five days entertained by the hospitable Raj Achan, before moving onto Singapore which I had visited three times already. Meeting OMs in both states was good fun and hopefully enjoyed by all who attended the receptions.

Moving onto Australia I landed at Melbourne for my first visit to the city and met local OMs Justin Wernham and Robin Tillyard, as well as UK based Chris Maunder Taylor who was visiting his daughter and family.

Then moving on to Sydney, by train, I met my daughter Lucy and we experienced a busy time. First of all, and perhaps the highlight of the tour a sailing trip around Sydney Harbour in the company of Guy Pollock (Skipper), Mike Hailey, his wife Linda and Guy Pollock's brother Julian (The Club Secretary). Shortly afterwards a lunch was held at a local harbour restaurant with John Hopkins, Alan Mills and Richard Anason present, together with the sailing crew plus Annette Pollock.

From Sydney a short flight to Auckland, New Zealand where I was invited to lunch by Nick Howe-Smith at the Sails Restaurant Westhaven with other OMs. I hired a car and drove to Wellington where I stayed with my God-daughter, Sam as well as catching up with David Stevens who was in Collinson with me in the mid 1960's! We explored the waterfront for a few hours and enjoyed a few local beers!

Finally a short flight to Queenstown on the South Island and then royally

welcomed by Morgan Jones and his wife in the picturesque retreat of Arrowtown on the Arrow River to complete a wonderful tour of New Zealand.

The final stop after 12 weeks was Hong Kong, this being my first visit I explored the local centres as well as seeking out the Hong Kong Rugby Club. A dinner was organised at the Prince Restaurant in Kowloon where I caught up with Judge Graham Harris QC, who I last recall seeing in Grays Inn in the mid 1970's. There were also several Hong Kong based young OMs, Steven Chan, Arthur Tse and Flora Lai in attendance.

I returned to Gatwick on the 4th April immediately return to attending local OM events. In all I attended forty two events in 12 months. What a time!

Richard Llewellyn (Collinson 62-66)





Incoming President Gordon Mizner

I arrived at MHS in January 1965. I remember being referred to as an 'odd termer' and it therefore taking a while to establish friendships with those in my year who had started in the previous September. I had come from a grammar school (Christ's College in Finchley); I believe that the school had been recommended to my parents by some of friends of theirs.

The mid-late 1960s was a time of great change everywhere including the school. My time at school started under Roy Moore (whom I recall teaching me English Literature for an A/O level) and Michael Hart who brought along a new broom.

I was a day boy (Murray) at a time when we were very much in the minority and the timetable was structured to keep the boarders busy. Murray House was a shack (and I use the word carefully) backing on to the farm (near Fishing Net). It had been the shooting range I believe. In winter it was dreadfully cold.

As a small house (in numbers) we all had to muck in, and anyone who was vaguely sporty was conscripted to represent the house in all manner of competitions. Yet we managed to perform above our weight, having produced several 1st team players/ captains in all major sports.

My main sport was tennis at which I represented the school for two to three vears, which took us to Wimbledon where the inter school tournament was played. I also had representation in cross-country and occasionally athletics. My greatest memory on the sporting field however was Murray winning the Senior Cricket Cup against stiff competition and all odds - quite an event.

I was a violin player and played in the school orchestra as well as participating in the house music competitions. I remember well the major summer concerts when Verdi's Requiem or Handel's Messiah were performed and for this the orchestra was supplemented by a number of more mature and advanced players - these were impressive shows and fun to be part of.

I followed the science route and ended up taking double maths and physics at A-level. This was at the height of the space race to the moon and the year of my A-levels saw the moon landing. This inspired me to go on and study Aeronautical Engineering at Queen Mary London University, and after completing my BSc I continued with a PhD.

During this time I played rugby for seven seasons with the OMs. I usually played in the 3rd or 4th teams, but I did have one season with the 2nd and that enabled me to play against the school 1st XV on Top Field - something I had never managed to achieve at school. The rugby club atmosphere at Headstone Lane in particular was vibrant, and the annual tour to Devon could never be forgotten.

After my studies I joined the Royal Dutch Shell Group and my first job took me to Chester. This coincided with me breaking my ankle in my last ever game for OMs and getting engaged/married to Angela. Hence my rugby career came to a rather premature end. We spent five very happy years in Chester where I worked at Shell's research laboratory. I attended the OMs NW dinner on several occasions keeping my membership active.

We were then moved to London in 1982 and our two sons Andrew and Philip were born. Contact with the OMs was limited to attendance at the newly formed Engineers Dinner founded by Alan Woolaston together with David Rodda and Ronnie Aye Maung. I was spending a lot of time travelling in the Far East, Europe and South America so spare time was rather limited.



Our next stop was Cape Town where we moved 'en famille'. This was an exciting time of change with Mandela being released. There was one other OM (whose name I cant recall) working at the Caltex refinery and we had an OM dinner supplemented by a couple of 'snowbirds' wintering in Cape Town the Twogood brothers.

After three years we moved back to London where I headed up the Worldwide Commercial Lubricants portfolio and I attended the Engineers dinners once more. In 1997 we moved overseas again. this time to Mauritius (ves! - but not for holiday). From there I did a lot of travelling having responsibilities in Madagascar, La Reunion and some business in East Africa. We enjoyed our time in Mauritius and it was here that I played golf more regularly for the first time.

It was then that I moved back to London, where I became one of the Global Marketing VPs for three years. After almost 30 years with Shell it was time to seek new challenges and I took an early retirement.

I changed direction and became CEO of a UK-wide charity (The Engineering Development Trust) which worked with companies, universities and institutions to encourage young people to consider engineering and technology careers. This brought me into contact with a whole new range of people and places. I retired at the end of 2017.

During this latter phase I started playing golf with the OMGS and it has been a great pleasure doing so. It really is a thriving part of the OM community.

I was also persuaded by David Rodda to take over the organisation of the annual Engineers dinner, and I am pleased to report that this is still going. As a resident of SW Hertfordshire I was delighted to have the opportunity to join the Oakers for the monthly luncheon get together at the Boot in Sarrat led by the wonderful Gerry Westoby (see page 36).

I am honoured to be the OM President for 2019/20, and I am looking forward to meeting many OMs . I can honestly say that all the contacts and activities that I have had with OMs and the Club over the years have been really enjoyable and worth every second of the effort put in to keeping in touch - good reasons for an alumni society.

Gordon Mizner (Murray 65-71)

FRIENDS REUNITED



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Armistice Day



A more solemn historical commemoration came with our annual Call to Remembrance, in which in time-honoured fashion the whole School, combined with Mill Hill International, lined up in silence on the crescent driveway for the wreath-laying ceremony.

It is always warming to see YOMs who have only recently left the School return for this memorable day. Last year we introduced a symbolic planting of paper poppies in the Chapel Garden, this year, to mark the 125 fallen Old Millhillians from WW2 and the Falklands War, the Lower School pupils planted that number of bells on copper wire stems, each bearing its own name tag. The pupil Guard of Honour performed their duties with admirable precision and reverence, and the Old Millhillians in attendance were particularly moved by the remembrance of names, who to some of them were lost classmates. We were also honoured to be joined by two representatives of the National Memorial Arboretum who laid their own wreath and wrote with feeling about how impressed they were by our staff, pupils, CCF and choir and by our Chaplain, Dr Warden, 'an inspirational orator'. A lunchtime cello recital by Ellen B-G (Murray), and an evening War Songs Concert, which attracted a full house in the Music Recital Room, made this an all-day commemoration.









OMS & Foundation Day

NEXT OMS DAY 26th September 2020 MHS

Not only did the sun shine down on Foundation Day, but it did so with such energy that the afternoon's activities felt more like a summer garden party than an autumn event.

Once again a large turnout of Old Millhillians came to celebrate OMs Day at the School. It was wonderful to see so many recognisable faces and so many new ones too.

The dining room was full of OMs enjoying a sumptuous three course meal, unlike the School dinners we remember!

The OMs got the opportunity to view many of the exciting developments of the facilities at the School, including the newly created Wellbeing Wing and the freshly redecorated Octagon and Old Millhillians Room.

It was a particular honour and delight to be able to welcome former Head of Mill Hill School, William Winfield, and formally to acknowledge the opening of the new Day House, Winfield House, immortalising his legacy in a career here spanning 37 years. Jane Sanchez concluded her speech with a quote from one of William's own, in which he recognised Mill Hill's unchanging belief that education is about 'learning to live' as well as 'learning to learn', and this could not have been better exemplified than in Old Millhillian and Guest of Honour, Leanne Armitage, whose unaffected and moving account of her remarkable journey from Sixth Form Bursary recipient, to medical student, to winner of the Queen's Young Leader Award presented us all with the challenge of how we, in our own way, could bring about transformation – in our lives and the lives of others.

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ATTENDEES:	Andrew Croysdill
	Nigel Baker
Abhijit Gupta	John Gallagher
Alex Burtt	Andrew Smart
Paul Bowes	Mike Salinger
Gordon Mizner	Howard Salinger
Ted Ivans	Lucas Salinger
Gerry Westoby	Michael Philips
Chris Kelly	Andy Mortimer
Ronald Pole	Sophie Mortimer
Peter Wakeham	Arthur Ferryman
Richard Adams	Ronny Cohn
Roger Higginson	Adam Crowne
Sandra Harvey	Hugh Walton
Mike Petersen	Paul James
Brian Seaton	Tim Jones

Lynne Jones Ronnie Samuels Ahmed Mukhtar Jon Flower Adrian Williams William Wright Brian Taylor Adrian Taylor Karen Taylor Joyce Cook lan Lowden Stewart Smith Noyan Nihat Mitesh Bhimjiyani William Winfield Margaret Winfield









Russell Cowan Richard Llewellyn Edward De Mesquita Cliff & Nancy Rose







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OLD MILLHILLIANS ANNUAL DINNER

4 OCTOBER 2019 ROYAL HORSEGUARDS HOTEL

TABLEI

Berinda Banks Agne Cepaite Ching Kwok Kiana Movahed Andrew Rennie Katie-Sai Ellis Leonardo Shaw Braden Thompson

TABLE5

John Besent Paul Bowes Peter Brandon Graham Fear Leo Kuropatwa Dick Lidwell Marcel Mann Clive Mence

TABLE9

Nigel Baker James Dean Gordon Hawes Nigel Maile William M-T Mike Petersen Nick Priestnall Tim Saunders Martin Shaw

T A B L E 13

Brad Abraham Oli Avent Ben Calder Gareth H-H Liam Oakes Nick Schild Greg Walsh Oli Warren Simon Webster

Roger Chapman Charlotte Dickin Jim Dickin Gordon Mizner Angela Mizner Leon Roberts Sarah Roberts Andrew Welch David Woodrow TABLE6 Euan Black Jill Black Edward de Mesquita Bruce M -T Marc Montague John Mowbray Shirley Mowbray . David Roe John Todd T A B L E 10 Ronny Cohn Nancy Hale Stuart Hibberdine Gill Oxenham Tom Oxenham Cliff Rose Sarah Toulson Alan Toulson Jill Westoby Gerry Westoby TABLE14 Ruby Atkins Alex Cicale Alfie Cicale John Cicale Francesca Graville Kevin Kyle Laura Turner Graeme Turner Noah Zenios

TABLE2

TABLE3 Mike Corby Sophie Law Callum Lee Clare Lewis Yasmine Powel Jane Sanchez Raul Sanchez Antony Spencer Peter Wakeham Anita Wakeham

TABLE7 Alex Burtt Nicholas Chronias

Paul Green Abhijit Gupta John Hellinikakis Ahmed Mukhtar Milena Stojkovic Ian Turnbull

T A B L E 11 Graham Chase Tim Corbett Andrew Halstead Andy Mortimer , Ronald Pole Patrick Russell

Anthony Smith

David Stannard

Clive Sutton

T A B L E 15

Anthony Albrecht

Ellen B - G

Amelia Barzilay

Tony Binns

Elanor Dearden

Nicole Ferman Liz Grainger

Bardia Gougani

Daisy Martin Jessica Thurtell

Paul Burke Abby Cohen Jonathan Gilmore Gary Lane Julian Pollock James Selman Roger Streeten Philip Tomlin

T A B L E 12

TABLE4

Sarah Bellotti

Guido Bellotti

Ronnie Boon

Denise Boon

Julie James

Antony Llewellyn

Lucy Llewellyn

Richard Llewellyn

Martin Thomas

TABLE8

Truman Ennals Edward Goode James Griffith Edward Holland Micah Lazarus Ted Macdonald Yasemin Nihat Gabriella Timanti Daniel W-P

T A B L E 16

Samuel Braham Zachary Brown Andy Derelin Karen Ferson Oliver Hart Oscar Isaacs Stef Smith Tom Vercoe









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South West Dinner



As a student you realise that one must take advantage of any opportunity that looks civilised and can offer superior cuisine to spaghetti hoops and Birdseye potato waffles, an invitation to the OMs South West Lunch was exactly that.

A number of like-minded students piled into a taxi from Exeter that soon pulled into the drive of the Deer Park Country Hotel. Our wonderful host Robert Priestley (*School 69-74*) who has been running the dinner for many years showed us Nigel Wray's stunning classic car collection and after a short automotive lecture from fellow YOM Micah Lazarus we decided to head on in.

The atmosphere inside was like all OM events, friendly and welcoming, united over our school, stories were quickly being swapped between young and slightly less young, it appears that it's hard to find an OM these days who has not been taught by the legendary David Woodrow.

Lubricated with Gin, we took our places in the Gatsby esque dining room, it was the perfect opportunity to catch up with



faces I had seen regularly for five years but suddenly they become strangers, that is the joy of events like this. As hoped, the food was superb, as was the speech given by Richard Llewellen. Post gastronomy a sobering walk around the grounds was needed which gave us time to appreciate how brilliant the event had been, an opportunity to escape the hectic university regime and meet fellow OMs, we parted ways, eagerly anticipating the next event.

Ed Holland (McClure 12-17)





Robert Priestle



East Anglia Drinks

4 MAY 2019 - TRINITY COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

We experimented this year with a change from the usual format of the black tie dinner to an evening starting with a private visit to the Wren Library at Trinity followed by a buffet supper. The reasoning behind this change was to encourage a wider age range of Old Millhillians attending the event, in particular undergraduates from Cambridge and the other universities in the region for whom formal dinners might be unappealing. Feedback both informally and from a brief questionnaire sent to those who attended was universally positive about this event and strongly in favour of repeating in future years the same format with a visit to a place of interest in Cambridge and then a relaxed, informal buffet supper at Trinity College.



Thirty seven attended, including three Cambridge undergraduates, one from the University of East Anglia and three pupils with aspirations to come up to Cambridge University from the School. We were pleased to welcome the President of the Club, Richard Llewellyn, as our guest and also Mrs Sarah Bellotti, Head of the Mount Mill Hill International School, who was accompanied by her husband. There were several new faces to this event and we hope to see them again. Harry Darwood, Alfie Cicale

NEXT DRINKS Trinity College, Cambridge 9th May 2020

The Wren Library visit was hosted by the Librarian, Nicholas Bell, which greatly enhanced our enjoyment and knowledge of this unique building, designed by Sir Christopher Wren in 1676 and completed in 1695 and forming one side of Nevile's Court, the first Renaissance style court in England. The Club was privileged to have this opportunity and to have the benefit of the Librarian's knowledge of the building and its remarkable collection. As ever, the Allhusen Room provided an excellent venue for the buffet supper during which the President informed us of his travels and encounters with other Old Millhillians at home and abroad and then Mrs Bellotti gave an impromptu account of the development and successful progress of the International School since it opened in 2015.



David Short and I have discussed since how we should proceed with future East Anglia meetings, taking account of the success of this year's event and also the desire of some to retain the formal dinner on some years in the future. We are retaining, therefore, the new format in 2020 and are approaching initially King's College through the Principal, Michael Proctor, a past Chairman of the Court of Governors, for a visit to the College and especially the Chapel. The date for this will be Saturday 9th May so please put this in your diaries. Further details will be posted on the Club's website (www.omclub.co.uk) and I shall e mail our 'regulars'.

Dr Russell Cowan (Weymouth 58-63)



FRIENDS REUNITED The Oakers Luncheon

2nd July 2018

The Old Millhillians' 'OAKERS' Luncheon Club is held every month at The Boot in Saratt. It is organised by Gerry Westoby and Tom Oxenham and continues to grow and go from strength to strength with 117 names on the list.

If you added those who have sadly passed away, the number would be over 130. Some have been just a couple of times, but a stoic band of chaps appear regularly at the lunches.

It should be noted that many of The Oakers attend the various OM and school functions throughout the year. The attendance at this year's Christmas lunch will break the record of attendees of 49. There will be the usual motley crew of the President, past Presidents, the Club Chairman and past Club Chairmen, last year's President of the R.F.U., former Chairman of the All England Club, an 'old' hockey and squash international, a former M.P., recent recipients of the President's Award, Past Presidents / Chairmen / players of the OMRFC, and a rambunctious cacophony of ageing alickadoos.

However, at our lunches, we would like to see a few younger retirees who have nothing better to do on the first Tuesday of the month. Just inform the 'consigliere' of The Oakers, in advance, and he will make you an offer you can't refuse. You will get a good lunch with convivial company with a few jokes and bountiful reminiscences at The Boot, Sarratt, WD3 6BL.

Gerry Westoby (Ridgeway 56-61)

G. J. M. WESTORY (1956-61); Ridgeway; Economics VI; School Prefect; Ist XV Rugby, 1959-60; Ist XI Cricket, 1959-60-61; Ist XI Hockey, 1959-60-61 (Hon. Sec.); Singlehanded IX; Junior Squash, 1957-55; Senior Squash, 1961; Junior Boxing Team, 1956; Dramatic Society; Geographical Society; Photographic Society; Lance Corporal in Arduous Training Company; Entering The Bank of England (Legally); Shornmead, 102 Quakers Lane, Potters Bar, Middlesex.

Oakers Christmas

The Boot. Sarratt 9 Dec 2019 The Christmas Lunch, went extremely well this year.

There were 46 Oakers and we welcomed three ACORNS to our lunch: Euan Black, David Lloyd and Jimmy Needham.

Christmas lunch next year will be on Monday, 14th December. Put that date in your diaries.









Robert Anthony Euan Black Ronnie Boon Peter Brandon Rodney Bennett Kip Calderara David Clancey David Coakley Tim Corbett Mike Corby Russell Cowan Graham Drake Ray Dunsbier Graham Fear Arthur Ferryman Murray Holmes Bob Hudgell Chris Kelly Jim Kent

David Lloyd





- Marcel Mann Bob Marshall-Andrews John Milnes **Richard Milnes** Gordon Mizner Andy Mortimer Jimmy Needham Nigel Nichols Tom Oxenham Mike Petersen Tim Phillips Mike Piercy **Rick Price** Nick Priestnall Paul Reik Cliff Rose Clive Sutton Martin Swanne Alan Toulson John Watkiss Gerry Westoby Tim Wilkinson
- Angas Wilson





Past Presidents Lunch

The Past Presidents' Annual Lunch was held in The North Library at The Athenaeum Pall Mall on the 18th April.

13 Past Presidents attended including the senior Past president John Bolton, who was President in 1988/9. The OM President David Brown flew over for the day from Boston, Massachusetts and was in London for just sufficient time both to make arrangements for The Annual Dinner and to address the gathered Past Presidents. He informed us on his year in office to date, including his visits to South Africa, Australasia & The Far East. He had also flown over to attend The Remembrance Day Service and several OM functions. He regrettably had to depart for his flight back before lunch had finished!

The lunch was organised by Stuart Hibberdine, who is a member of The Club. John Bewsher Ray Hu John Bolton Richard Ronald Boon Andy M David Brown Jim Ro Ronny Cohn Ronnie Tim Corbett David S Mike Corby Christo Russell Cowan Alan To David Franklin Geoffre Robert Harley Peter V

meet up with a number of his old pupils.

Attendees

Stuart Hibberdine

Ray Hubbard Richard Llewellyn Andy Mortimer Jim Roberts Ronnie Samuels David Short Christopher Taylor Alan Toulson Geoffrey Vero Peter Wakeham

What are you doing



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Alex Solomou (Ridgeway 93-95), Christine Johnson, Laurie Johnson (Murray 01-06), Jane Sanchez, Charles Roberts (Ridgeway 58-63), Tony Binns, Sebastian Daly (McClure 09-14)

Head, Jane Sanchez visits OMs in USA

I could not imagine a more rewarding, productive and enjoyable first ever trip to the States than my recent visit. The highlight of the visit was certainly the Old Millhillian dinners which took place in Soho House in West Hollywood and Seven Hills restaurant in San Francisco.

There was a symmetry about the dinners, each attracting four OMs plus one partner, and at each event there was a range of OM vintages and a real buzz of enthusiastic nostalgia and sharing of anecdotes. It was also wonderful that at both events there were former pupils of mine, whom I had known either in the classroom or in my capacity as Principal Deputy Head with responsibility for pastoral care.

I was deeply moved to hear how big a part the gathered OMs felt their years at Mill Hill had played in their future successes and in the shaping of their characters. It was also uplifting to feel the camaraderie around the table through our shared Millhillian connection, summed up in a text message from one guest after the dinner, "I was just reflecting last night over

Returning to New York & Toronto 2020

NEW YORK

Thursday 16 April - 6pm

Canapé and drinks: Spruce Room, Penn Club, 30 W 44th St, New York, NY 10036 followed by a dinner at the Kellari Taverna 19 W 44th, for those who are still hungry.

TORONTO

Friday 17 April - 6pm Informal Pub night: The Artful Dodger (upstairs), 10 Isabella St, Toronto ON M4Y 1N1



OM EVENTS IN USA & CANADA THIS APRIL SEE BELOW

coffee; it says a lot when seven pretty much strangers sit down to dinner and have such a wonderful tim... we all have such a special bond." The fact that the Seven Hills restaurant is owned and managed by Old Millhillian, Alex Solomou (pictured below), made the event feel even more special, and with true Millhillian dexterity he managed to combine running his busy and stylish restaurant that evening with joining us for occasional reminiscences and toasts, to Mill Hill School, which were generously 'on the House'.

At the same San Francisco dinner we were also delighted to be joined by Charles Roberts, whose grandfather founded our Prep School, Belmont, and whose father was its Headmaster; he can make the unique claim that his time at Belmont started at birth!

I look forward greatly to attending the OM dinners in New York and Toronto in the Easter holidays with my husband, Raul; never have I been more fully aware of the international reach of Mill Hill, or of the fond and enduring legacy of their school days which lies in the hearts of the Old Millhillian community.

Jane Sanchez (extract from The Head's Blog)

Saturday 18 April - 6pm

OM dinner: Adega Restaurant (upstairs in Terrace Room), 33 Elm St., Toronto ON M5G 1H1 (Drinks for 7.30pm Dinner.)

OMs are warmly encouraged to attend with partners. Please contact Laura alumnairelations@omclub.co.uk

All events will be attended by:

- Jane Sanchez, Head, Mill Hill School,
- Gordon Mizner, President, Old Millhillians Club
- Peter Wakeham, Chair Old Millhillians Club
- together with their respective partners Raul,
- Angela and Anita.

Presidents Recognition of Nick Priestnall



10 Past Presidents plus current President Richard Llewellyn and President Elect, Gordon Mizner, decided to express their thanks to Nick Priestnall on his retirement from the role of Development Director by entertaining him to a surprise lunch at Floor 32, One Blackfriars.

Since joining the Foundation, Nick has raised over £10m from OMs and parents to support Bursaries and new and improved facilities at the school. In addition, he has helped to build up an enlarged database of OMs whom we hope to engage in the future.

The Club is grateful to him for his hard work and commitment and look forward to staying in touch with him through Alford House. We wish him well in his retirement.

Peter Wakeham (Burton Bank 60-65)



OM President attendees were:

2007-08	Ronny Cohn	
2008-09	Alan Toulson	
2009-10	David Short	
2010-11	Mike Corby	
2012-13	Andy Mortimer	
2013-14	Peter Wakeham	
2014-15	Dr Russell Cowan	
2015-16	Tim Corbett	
2016-17	Ronnie Boon	
2017-18	David A B Brown	
2018-19	Richard Llewellyn	
2019-20	Gordon Mizner	
Regrets were sent from Chris Maunder-Taylor (2011-12)		
with a last minute illness preventing him from attending.		

Social Climbing

During a curry dinner and beers, two OMs bemoaned that they had put on too much weight and were generally unfit.

Fondly, remembering trips to the school's outward-bound centre in Dent, a plan was hatched to schedule a hike over a week-end during the Summer, giving them 2-3 months to get in shape. Two hikers became three and then six. The party was composed of Daniel Aquilar, Andrew Allerton, Nick Chronias, Paul Green, John Hellinikakis, and James Samson (all 76-81).

Alarmingly for the two original participants, the general fitness level of the new joiners was already high, which put an added pressure for them to get fitter.

There is a saying that things were simpler in the old days, under an illusion, that we would merely need to break out our old walking boots and find some appropriate clothes from our closets.

However, because any kind of weather is possible in Snowdonia in June, the list of recommended kit was exhaustive from shorts and wicking shirts to waterproof overtrousers and walking sticks as appropriate for any serious expedition.

The day of departure arrived and as appropriate for this kind of endeavour, the six of us plus equipment were piled into two Land Rovers for the trip to Wales. The next morning the weather proved that it had been it had been right to err on the side of caution as it was wet and chilly. After a hearty breakfast, we drove to the starting point and hiked up to the





peak in around 3 hours. The difference in fitness was evident, but not embarrassingly so and a few minutes to catch up evened things up.

The next day before driving back, five of us went mountain biking. All, except the undersigned, who has only been on a gym bicycle in the last 30 years, which do not tend to tip over. It was by all accounts, a hard slog, with some bike pushing uphill. A good time was had by all.

John Hellinikakis (Murray 76-81)

YOMS AMBASSADORS

From L-R: Ciera Radia, Dev Dhokia, Sive Ozer, Ted Macdonald



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YOMs Ambassadors

WHAT WE DO

The Young Old Millhillians (YOMs) Ambassadors have two main objectives:

- 1. Engage YOMs in the activities of the Old Millhillians Club.
- 2. Bridge the gap that currently exists between YOMs and older Old Millhillians who have traditionally been more involved with the Club's activities, whether though volunteering or attending dinners or events.

WHAT WE'RE PLANNING

to encourage YOMs to stay in touch both with each other and the Club.

We are currently working on organising pop-up events in University towns, annual YOMs Christmas drinks and five and ten year reunions for school leavers

YOMs Ambassadors also attend the Club's committee meetings to represent young voices in discussions around the future of the OMC.

Sive Ozer (School 04-09) Ted Macdonald (Priestley 11-16) Ciera Radia (Weymouth 07-12) Dev Dhokia (McClure 02-07)

WHO WE ARE

If you would like to get involved, please contact the Club: alumnirelations@omclub.co.uk 020 8906 7948



YOMs London Uni

In addition to the larger YOMs parties, such as the annual

Christmas takeover of the Adam & Eve pub. London also hosted the first YOMs Uni drinks at The Elgin Pub in Notting Hill.

We had a great night: free drinks were flowing and there was plenty of food going around (I must have stuffed myself with

at least five sausage rolls). It was just lovely to catch up with people I hadn't seen in years. And there was plenty of gossip to catch up on - but I'm always the last to hear about anything.

Now, if you're sitting reading this in any other university town that isn't London, you won't be left out. We're planning on rolling more of these events out to other popular universities. We should be seeing the likes of Exeter, Manchester and Oxford in the coming year. So, watch this space!

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"Quick, snatch that table!" Laura exclaims, I cast my coat in an attempt to secure another spot in preparation for the onslaught that was to come.

Only a stone's throw away from the mysterious HQ of the Jehovah's Witnesses lies the quiet country pub, which was soon to be, yet again, victim to its annual invasion of thirsty Old Millhillians.

It is of course that great lesser known House of Mill Hill School, The Adam & Eve Pub. And, my gosh, did they get good business from us that night.

The YOMs Christmas Party always attracts a healthy crowd of old pupils, but this year, it was totally rammed. YOMS from all years were there: from 2019 leavers all the way back to leavers from the noughties (so probably not so



YOM anymore - but who really cares after a few pints?).

People mixing from all corners of school life. The atmosphere was buzzing with laughter and excitement. We were even lucky to persuade a few legendary teachers to join the drinking. It was a truly fantastic night. I'm sure there'll be many more great times to come. Ted Macdonald (Priestley 11-16)

6TH FORM LEAVERS



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My year's 'leavers' do' is a day I remember well. Our first introduction to the National Liberal Club and one of the last events that we took part in as pupils at Mill Hill.

I don't remember a lot of what was said at mine, though. Most of us were far too focussed on drinking as much wine as we could (turns out one glass doesn't get you very far). We didn't care; a small drop was a little taste of the freedom that was to come, although we were also preoccupied with the angst of impending exams. But we tried to forget about that. Going back again recently, it was funny to see that some things never change. I bumped into my old tutor, who I absolutely loved and looked up to. Mrs Bull was politely policing the vast array of wine and booze displayed in front of the Upper 6th. I almost felt I had to ask her if I could have another glass. 'Tedmund!' she said endearingly, 'Is that your first?' We laughed and had a quick catch-up, and I shamelessly stole more vino. 'Thank God she's not in charge of my student bar,' I thought to myself.

This time the venue was much closer to home, enclosed by the oak wood panels of the Mill Hill Dining Hall, quite a change of scenery from those peculiar Victorian tiles that seem to be everywhere in the National Liberal Club (not just in the loos). And my goodness the food was good, vast assortments of canapes and little puddings that would give even Ottolenghi a run for his money. (I sneakily took some for the journey home).

We were fortunate enough to have OM, Caroline Hepker, give a talk on the importance of networking, and Sive Ozer, head of the YOMS Committee, welcomed the Leavers to the club, highlighting the diverse range of social and networking events on offer. Whether to give you a push start in your career or just catch up with mates, the Old Millhillians Club is there to help.





By Ted Macdonald





But it honestly felt quite strange being back. On the short bus ride up from Mill Hill East station I could feel the preregistration nerves seeping back: my hands automatically searching for my prep diary, wondering if I'd left an essay in the printer. It's tragically completely ingrained in my subconscious. Entering the school grounds, I am still slightly overwhelmed by those mighty pillars, as if seeing them for the first time again.







At last I turned the corner to some familiar faces, although some with a bit more facial hair and others with a good few inches more in height. I was back. The 2019 Leavers are a year I know and remember well. They were in Remove when I was in my final year, and I had the pleasure of trying to teach Micah Lazarus, Ed F

many of them on Friday evenings in CCF. They are certainly a memorable bunch, plenty of great characters and old jokers who I will sadly miss.

The school has seen its fair share of change in the three years since I left. But it did feel notably different this time. It occurred As this year's Leavers depart, the school has lost another to me that evening that our perception of a school goes way promising set of pupils. It won't be guite the same without beyond that of just physical buildings. It is the people who them. And yet, in some sense, they will never leave. If you we lived and studied with every day who shape our memories want to stay in some way involved with Mill Hill, you can. If of the place. So of course, the school will feel different. Its there's one thing to learn from that evening, it's that there identity is totally formed by the pupils, teachers and members is a place beyond school where you can dip back into old of staff who study and work there. As you leave you want it to memories or focus on the future. The Old Millhillians Club will stay the same, though of course it never will. always be there, ready to welcome you with open arms.













Many, understandably, can't wait to leave and focus on the next part of their lives. They're quite right – I also felt precisely that at the end of U6. It's just part of growing up. But I also loved my time at Mill Hill and I still miss the people I saw every day.



























From The Archive

I managed to get through my grammar school career without being sent to the Headmaster, so when Jane Sanchez' PA said she wanted to see me, my initial reaction was to wonder what I'd done... My fears were dispelled when Jane explained that there was a need to relocate the archive in order to make extra teaching space. It's one of those puzzles where you move piece A so you can move piece B, and so on until piece X is where you need it. The solution we came up with was to move the archive store into a converted office on the first floor of the main building, while I would be "hot desking" in the old Bursary - a much better situation than the isolated office I've occupied for the last three years.

on my part, the Estates team constructed shelving in the new store and carried everything up to the new location, apart from the frequently used material (the MHS Magazine, photographs and reference Cane, who was Music Master for

works) which I will need to access from my new desk. Unfortunately I wasn't able to supervise (I'm only employed during term time, and I had other commitments) so when I returned the following week I found that - understandably - material had evidently been put on the first available shelves. Order is finally emerging from chaos, but there is still We have some of us plodded and much to do.

To fit everything in and leave room for growth, I need to re-pack much of the taking our stand collection into boxes that make better In the service of honour and right, use of the shelf space. Changing over And the treasure of fame that is 6000 catalogue records that show the location of each item has taken quite some time but in the process a few interesting items have come to light. Among these is the sheet music for Hurrah for the worth of Mill After much measuring and calculating Hill – the school song composed in the late 1800s. It appears in Norman Brett-James' history of the school but without the tune. The words are by Henry Child Carter (at School 1889-94) and the tune by Laurence



nearly 40 years. Most of the lyrics reflect the Victorian view of education, but the second verse is perhaps just as relevant (and not just to Mill Hill!) today:

We have studied and slacked, have rebelled and obeyed, We have laboured with book and ball, some of us played, And a few have done nothing at all. May we all going hence be found placed in our hand Keeping ever unsullied and bright.

I've given a copy to Kevin Kyle, Director of Musical Performance - so we may hear it at a future Foundation Day - and as an Archivist I share the hope expressed in the chorus that the school's records "might be glorious still".

Peter Elliott

Mill Hill School Foundation Archivist

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I studied Drama, Spanish and English A levels and after leaving Mill Hill in 2009 I went on to Bristol University to do Drama and Italian. I absolutely loved Bristol, the energy was perfect for someone coming from London.

For my year abroad I lived in Italy and spent some of that time working at luxury jacket company Herno in Milan. It now stocks in places like Selfridges, but at the time was a small company. This worked hugely in my favour as I was given a wide variety of roles and learned a great deal about bringing a brand to market and selling it to buyers.

After university I lived in Mumbai working at Vogue in their fashion film team and digital features. This was one of the best things I ever did (and happened almost totally by accident, so it pays to meet those distant contacts!) three Skype interviews later and I was Vogue India's first ever British employee. I had the most incredible experiences seeing their cover shoots, helping come up with video concepts and writing articles.

When I came back to the UK I studied performance and commercial songwriting at the ICMP in London. I had been very involved in music at Mill Hill and this was something I had always wanted to pursue further. I studied for two years, writing three songs a week to briefs, with different partners, instruments and song styles.



During this time I started a company called Konscious Media, aiding luxury companies with their digital campaigns. I was able to use everything I had a passion for and had experienced – theatre, fashion, film, digital media, article writing and music, together to create a company that took on Christie's auction house as one of our central clients. And many of the creatives that I met along the way became members of my team.

Since 2016 we have been managing campaigns for high value items of jewellery, most recently running the Maharajas and Mughal Magnificence sale for Christie's in New York (selling for \$109m), The Pink Legacy for Christie's Geneva (selling for \$57m) and the De Grisogono Diamond for Christie's Geneva of 163 carats (selling for \$33m).



What has been the most positive thing you have taken from your school days into your adult life?

I learned how to be in group environments for days or weeks, working towards a common goal. Whether it was house drama, music competitions or house sports, they resulted in a lot of hours of hard work with the same people and it could at times be intense. So it was a perfect way to learn how to bring the right level of commitment, laughs and competitive spirit that has really influenced how I am and what I do now.

What is your proudest moment and why?

Last June, working alongside my father to sell the most expensive Indian jewellery sale in the world. My company ran the three month social media campaign for the Maharajas & Mughal Magnificence sale at Christie's New York, which had 400 lots of historic pieces.

But the best part was working so closely with my dad and not only seeing his passion come

full circle (he started Christie's Indian theme sales 20 years ago) but how he had subconsciously given me my love for Indian jewels.

And getting into Bristol, I can still hear my mum's scream (it was unique decibels, she scared the neighbours and dogs)

Do you keep in touch with any OMs?

I'm living with one! It's funny how your gut instinct about people even when you're that young can be right. And that kind people at 13 continue to be kind humans at 30.

What's your driving force?

My family (genuinely, I like them a lot as humans), the idea that one day I could make game-changing work within my industry, and of course the perfect open plan kitchen with built in drinks cooler.

Most inspiring teacher at school and why?

Kevin Kyle all day! He made it cool to love music more than being cool.

Which four famous people would you invite to a dinner party?

JK Rowling, Jason Mamoa, Esther Perele and Chris Pratt (featuring a guest performance from Bruno Mars while we eat).

Favourite memory from your time at Mill Hill School?

Times spent rehearsing for some sort of theatre or music performance, it was all snacks and laughs.

And Tamil Nadu. It planted the seed of intrigue and I went back to live in Mumbai in 2013.

If you won 10 million in the lottery, what would you do with the money?

Build the open plan kitchen and probably throw in a library for my inner insomniac. Then take my camera and go full Conde Nast Traveler. I feel like I was a wild life photographer in a past life, so I'd go off grid, but I'd do it with some flashes of the millionaire lifestyle.

Your favourite quote?

'People buy into the leader before they buy into the vision.' Unsure where I read this, but it reminds me to keep arming myself with knowledge, the good ideas will follow.



A piece of advice you would pass on to those leaving Mill Hill School?

Do the things that you love ferociously and just don't stop doing them. Take that gap year to pursue the thing you love (and you genuinely have the potential to be great at.) Create things that seem pointless at the time but you're enjoying the process, they might just turn into your career. And who you're doing it with, your new colleague/boss/friend.

Read books that change the way you think, read all the time, watch good movies, learn a language. The more interesting you are the more interesting your career will be. And don't forget to do people favours along the way, they come back to you.



It would be safe to say Mill Hill School made quite a big impact on my life.

I started in nursery and stayed at the school till 6th form. Many of the closest friends I have to this day are people I have known from then.

Throughout school the thing I was most interested in was music. At break time, a couple of my friends and I would go to room 6 in the music department to jam because it had the loudest drum kit in it. We played together all through school and called ourselves Room 6 in respect to the practise room; we thought we were incredibly cool.

Since school I went on to study Biomedical Sciences at university and continued to play with Room 6. It gave my friends an excuse to come down visit my students union and



we had a lot of fun! After I graduated we continued to play and we performed at XOYO and the O2 Academy in Islington. Quite a few of our old teachers from Mill Hill would attend which really meant a lot to us!

In 2017 I decided I would go back to science and started graduate medicine. I am now in my penultimate year of medical school and am enjoying my clinical years. I do miss playing music but I find studying medicine extremely rewarding. Before I started medicine I was told by many people that it would be a very tough job and even doctors tried to talk me out of it.

If I was to give advice to someone considering medicine, I would say that although it may be a lot of work at times, it is a huge privilege, and definitely worth the work.

After medical school I hope to train to become a surgeon as it is one of the areas of medicine I am most interested in. I think the teamwork aspect of being in theatre is quite similar to playing music together with people.

What were you like at school?

I was generally quite well behaved in school. I was never much of a naughty student but I always got told off for chatting too much! I spent most of my time in the music school and most certainly would not have been found anywhere near a sports pitch/court!

The funniest thing that has happened to you recently?

A lot of things happen in medical school which are quite funny.... although it's hard to think of one which would be appropriate to print! The other day I came to hospital in jeans and a t shirt as I thought we only had tutorials all day. It turned out in the afternoon we had to be in smart clothes for a seminar with patients. I had to think on the spot and went and borrowed some scrubs from the theatres so that I looked vaguely medical. It felt a bit like when you forget to bring clothes for non uniform day.

What has been the most positive thing you have taken from your school days into your adult life?

Enthusiasm for science and music. To this day there are slides that Mr Hughs used to teach biology, that are imprinted into my brain. I really loved biology classes and I really loved chemistry. It was always going to be a good day when the chemistry teachers took out a big bowl of water and a small container of lithium. Or you came in to class and there was a big burette on everyone desk to try and do the titration experiments. I try and look at science with the same enthusiasm that I did those days.



What's the most interesting thing about you? I was once in a local newspaper for a photograph I took of my university campus. I think I peaked then.

What is your proudest moment and why?

The day I became Head of House for Atkinson. It really meant a lot to me. When everyone was finding out who became school staff in Lower 6th I knew there were a lot of really incredible people in our house, so I thought my chances were pretty slim. It really meant a lot.

Do you keep in touch with any OMs?

Yeah, Ive been lucky enough to stay in university in London since Mill Hill so I have a lot of the same friends I had since I was in school.

What's your driving force?

Just being as enthusiastic as I can be about everything. If you can be as excited about what you do as much as the first day you started doing it, you'll never be bored.



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Most inspiring teacher at school and why?

There were lots of inspiring teachers in those days, but if I had to pick one it would be Mr Allain. He was the head of music when I was there. He encouraged me to play music and really gave us every opportunity to perform and be confident playing music. He made us all sing in choir if we played an

instrument (which at the time I hated) but looking back on it I learnt a lot from it. I think every head of music gives their heart and soul to the school and its something very special about Mill Hill.

Which four famous people would you invite to a dinner party?

Stevie Wonder, Quincy Jones, Michael Jackson, Van Morrison... Basically the entire cast who sang 'We are the World'

Favourite memory from your time at Mill Hill School?

My favourite time at school was during the rehearsals and leads up to the Unplugged concerts which were done to raise money for the Nicaragua partnership. All of the music department would come together and write songs and rehearse for the show and being part of the house band meant you had to get pretty good at reading music. They used to have one every term and we would spend all term working towards a song for it. It definitely was my favourite event at school.

Worst memory from your time at Mill Hill School? Being out in the freezing cold playing sports in 4th form. I hated it!

If you won £10 million in the lottery, what would you do with the money? Give every penny to the NHS!

A piece of advice you would pass on to those leaving Mill Hill School?

Don't let your studies get in the way of your education!

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Lara Higginson

After leaving Mill Hill in 2012 I went on to study History at the University of Bristol. The focus of the course was mainly on Western history and because of my dual heritage I wanted to find out more about Asian culture and Asian history.

I was also conscious of choosing a degree that could be applicable to a career in Finance, so I decided to do a Master's in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) at Leiden University, The Netherlands.



The philosophy aspect of the course was very thought provoking and the module on Buddhism sparked my interest in spirituality and Yoga. Like London, I found Holland to be very welcoming of other cultures and ideas; Leiden often held exhibitions and talks from people of different backgrounds, such as Buddhist Monks or Japanese artists. The lectures often exposed me to new

perspectives surrounding philosophical questions we have today about life and death. In 2017, after completing my MA in PPE. I shelved my interest in Asian Philosophy and came back to London, enthusiastic to begin a career in Finance and delve into a fast-paced corporate life that was very different to the calm and comfortable student life I had in Leiden.

I spent the next couple of years with an Insurance Group called IOMA and went to the Isle of Man to help the Operations team adapt to the structural changes happening at the time. Ultimately, there was a Management Buy Out and the London office became known as Stubben Edge Group Limited, who provide streamlined systems to the insurance market. My focus shifted towards the regulatory requirements needed for the company to become a Managing General Agent (MGA). The London team was relatively small, so I was fortunate enough to receive a lot a responsibility early on in my role and I learned a lot about business management, investments and Start-ups.

interest in Asian culture resurfaced and I went travelling with my boyfriend to the Himalayas to do a Yoga Trek of the Annapurna circuit which was

Nonetheless, my



both physically and mentally demanding. We then went on to visit South Korea, Japan, Sri Lanka, Australia and Philippines (which is where my mother is from). It was refreshing to experience different foods and cultures and eye opening to revisit my family, who are from a rural village in Philippines.

I came back to work with my interest in Spirituality restored and I began shaping my role at the company to be more centred around Corporate Wellness. Mental Health in the Workplace was beginning to feature a lot in the Insurance market and Lloyds would often hold lectures on the importance of Corporate Wellbeing. I saw first-hand how stress and anxiety affected my colleague's productivity and engagement levels. A number of employees were signed off for stress, so I put together a Mental Health Workshop to raise awareness of the issue and help people manage their own stress levels and fluctuating emotions. I also enjoyed teaching weekly yoga classes which improved team morale, reduced burnout and created greater resilience in general.



Since seeing how powerful weekly yoga sessions and mental health workshops are in improving people's mental and physical well-being, I decided to leave my job and spend two months in India to fully immerse myself in a yogic lifestyle and learn more

about the theory behind yoga and its' benefits. I am now back in London and keen to put together everything I have learned from the Doctors, Yoga Teachers and Physiotherapists I met in India. I currently teach private Rehabilitation and Restorative Yoga sessions for people suffering from psychosomatic illnesses and I am returning to the Corporate world offering Stress Management Workshops and weekly Yoga sessions.

What were you like at school?

I think to begin with I was quite nervous because I joined Mill Hill from another school, so I did not know anyone there but once I started, I really enjoyed it and I loved being in Murray House and always having that little sanctuary to go to between classes.

Going to school six days a week also made it seem like a second home and you really got to know the teachers and students quite well.

The funniest thing that has happened to you recently?

When we went travelling to Japan, we got coaxed into a Japanese heritage show. We thought it would be a nice cultural evening, but little did we know it included the audience's participation. After an introduction to Japanese Fan Dance the spotlight (literally) landed on me and I was asked to perform the newly learned Fan Dance routine. Safe to say, this is not where my talent lies.

What has been the most positive thing you have taken from your school days into your adult life?

Mill Hill taught me a lot about consistency and commitment. There was a high expectation for students to attend all classes and consistently stay engaged during lessons. I think if we have a goal, whether it is related to our personal life or professional life, we need to be willing to dedicate time every day to reach that goal. It is easy for us not to see the benefits of doing something once, such as attending one gym class or writing one essay, but if we are consistent in our efforts then I am confident we will notice results.

What's the most interesting thing about you?

Probably my background; I get asked a lot about where I am from and when I go abroad to India or the Mediterranean people tend to think I am from there, but I am half Filipino and Half English. What is more interesting is that my boyfriend, who is quite fair with blonde hair, actually has a more diverse heritage than I do, including Greek, Armenian, Spanish and Bajan. Dual heritage is becoming more and more common and I always like to learn about people's different cultures. languages and food.

What is your proudest moment and why?

My proudest and scariest moment was probably taking the plunge and leaving the security of my job in finance to go to India and learn about Yoga. I think I could have easily stayed in insurance and climbed the corporate ladder because that would have been what society expected of me. but I am fortunate enough to have been able to refocus my career on something that I truly enjoy. It has been a complete change and there is still a lot for me to learn but so far it has been very rewarding and I'm excited to see what the future holds.

Do you keep in touch with any OMs?

I am definitely guilty of not reaching out to OMs as much as I should, but I often go to the Old Millhillians Day/ Open Day in September with my Dad who also went to Mill Hill and was in Murray House, I made some good friends at Mill Hill and met up with Priya (from Priestley) in Holland, who was also living in the Netherlands when I was there between 2015-2017.

I feel that the OMs network is very strong so I would enjoy reconnecting again, especially knowing that a lot of us have returned to London after spending time studying abroad.

What's your driving force?

Helping people feel healthier and more confident in themselves is a strong motivator for me; it was the reason I decided to change my career path and share the holistic benefits of mindfulness and yoga. I think I am driven by the idea that I am sharing knowledge that can hopefully relax people and make them happier and more engaged at work and at home.

Most inspiring teacher at school and why?

My history teacher, Miss Duncan, was an incredible teacher. She was always able to break down difficult ideas and teach them in an easy way. I loved how enthusiastic she was about the topics in History and Politics. She would often put on Prime Ministers Question time at the beginning and hold quizzes at the end of class. Not only was I inspired to study History because of her but she also influenced my choice in University as she also went to the University of Bristol.

Which four famous people would you invite to a dinner party?

Since I have just come back from India I would love to pick the brains of: Patanjali, who put together the Yoga Sutras, Pattabhi Jois, who came up with the Vinyasa Ashtanga Sequence, Swatmarama who wrote the Hatha Yoga Pradipika and Guru Hansaji who is alive today and was the teacher of one of my inspiring yoga theory teachers in India. I would want to hear their thoughts about Karma Yoga and the Mayas, which means illusions, as those topics interested me a lot when I was in India

Favourite memory from your time at Mill Hill School?

I really enjoyed our Boat party in Upper Sixth where we went to the Thames and celebrated the end of our year together. We were quite a close year group, so I think most people were sad to be leaving!

Worst memory from your time at Mill Hill School?

Nothing really comes to mind, I can't think of anything that negative. Possibly, the cross-country race that I thought would be a lot easier than it was! Although at the end I remember being spurred on by all the cheering and the home-made cookies that waited for us at the finish line.

If you won £10 million in the lottery, what would you do with the money?

Nobody needs £10million! I think you would end up wasting a lot of it knowing that you had that as a security blanket, so it would be better to keep around £2million, invest £1m and I would use the other £1m towards my Start-up Corporate Yoga business. I would give away the rest to family, friends, charity etc.

Your favourite quote?

"Feelings of heat and cold, pleasure and pain, are caused by the contact of the senses with their objects. They come and they go, never lasting long. You must accept them." Bhagavad Gita. I like this quote because it reminds us that the only constant in life is change and our ability to adapt to changing feelings, circumstances and environments determines how well we can handle life's inevitable fluctuations.

A piece of advice you would pass on to those leaving Mill Hill School?

Try not to over analyse your choices, feel confident in your decisions and be your own biggest cheerleader. You spend a lot of time in your head so you might as well make it a nice place to be

School House **90 – 95**

Paul Burke

I left Mill Hill in 1995 as Head of School House after my A-Levels in Politics, Ancient History and Economics. I went to Kingston University, gaining a degree in Politics with History and Philosophy, with my dissertation on the involvement in Latin America of the US Government and CIA.

After graduation I worked for what was my first foray into advertising publishing sales on the catchy-named International Financial Law Review at Euromoney and after a brief, yet successful, stint in Mexico City, I became Business Development Manager of Europe and the Middle East. Lots of travel to the likes of Paris, Frankfurt and Zurich but the most memorable however, was Moscow in 2002...Putin had only just come to power two years previously and he was busy changing the face of the country, getting it back on track economically and attracting, albeit cautiously, Western interest. Somewhat too cautiously of me it seemed as I had my business visa rejected. My boss undeterred, he sent me off under a student visa ("Don't worry about it – just don't wear a suit on the plane"). I was met by my personal driver who sported a magnificent moustache and leather Planet Hollywood jacket: Sergei, an ex-tank commander in the Red Army, stationed in East Berlin. Ferried from meeting to meeting 'for my own protection', he also showed me the sights and who not to stare at.

Tired of living like Lost in Translation and having caught the travel bug, I jacked it all in and the rest of 2002 and 2003 saw me off to Cambodia, Vietnam and Laos for six months and then onto Oz for the remaining time. Cambodia in particular



was a real eye opener, as tourism was only starting to pick up again there and lots still only



spoke French as a second language back then, with certain parts of the country still controlled by the Khmer Rouge. A fond yet poignant memory is being one of first westerners to set foot in a certain beautiful part of the country for over 35 years. Wary of the clear signs warning of landmines, I was assured by a "It's fine – army cleared it a week ago." The things you do when young...

I came back to England and worked as an associate producer for London International Television on the Kings Road before joining the Daily Star's ad sales team (no less) – at the time it was the fastest growing newspaper in the UK and so the financial reward along with the mad corporate entertainment was too great a lure to turn down. Went for a role in the RAF Regiment (ground infantry) but injury and son coming along meant I had to grow up. So I got a job at Associated Newspapers on the Mail on Sunday and now 12 years later, having merged with Metro, Daily Mail and Mail Online in one joint sales department, I work across a wide portfolio of clients from Warner Bros, Mercedes, Samsung and Disney to Lidl and P&G for all of Associated's newspaper and digital portfolio. Most recently my Japan 2019 rugby world cup project in my new role.

Dealing with newspaper barons and editors has been an extremely interesting time: the likes of Richard Desmond and Paul Dacre certainly taught me (fairly sharpish) to get my ducks in a row.

Currently very much enjoying my first year of marriage to my wife Lucy and introducing my 12 year old son Joseph to clay shooting and boxing (and dealing with the ever challenging homework...)





What were you like at school?

I remember starting Mill Hill about a month later than the other 4th Formers as we were waiting to see if my father had landed his new role up in north London (we were living in Surrey). My first impression when I stood outside the Memorial Gate waiting to meet my Housemaster (the legendary David Woodrow) was one of awe mixed with terror – I thought these imposing buildings with pillars everywhere, were, outside of museums and palaces, only in books and film! However, with the help and guidance of Mr Woodrow, my tutor Mr Dixon and (most of) the boys in School House and my classes, I found my feet in a few weeks.

I recall I was well behaved, a bit quiet, and a bit highly strung although the more I sat next to Jonathan Gillmore and Julian Hartley (who would invariably get me involved with whatever antics they were up to at the time, dragging me along with them) I soon became that lad who'd get caught laughing in whichever class the most fearsome teachers in Mill Hill taught.

The funniest thing that has happened to you recently?

Two to choose from (your choice!): I asked my now wife's father for her hand in marriage. He said he was happy for this as she certainly seemed very happy with me. He also added, "Then again, she seemed happy with the last fella so what do I know?"!

OR, I recently went on my cousin's stag do to Las Vegas and one night when we reached the front of the queue to get into a club, the bouncer stopped us with the order "At Ease Gentlemen!". Remembering my time in the CCF, this was no problem for the savvy likes of me and so I proudly stood 'at ease' demonstrating to the others and clearly trying not to let on that I've had one or two drinks already and wishing to impress this huge hulk of a man who I also noticed happened to have the US Marine Corp pin badge on his lapel. Said bouncer and his burly pals took one look at us and burst out laughing "I said I.D.'s gentlemen!" We got in for free.

What has been the most positive thing you have taken from your school days into your adult life?

Camaraderie, team effort, stand up for yourself – 100% Plus my love for History.

What's the most interesting thing about you?

I have a fairly decent collection of original James Bond artwork and memorabilia ranging from Sean Connery to Daniel Craig.

If you were a boarder at Mill Hill, how did you find that experience, the good and the bad?

I boarded in first year as School House was still boarding back then. It was an adventure really as it was the first time away from home. Good things I recall were the Chinese takeaways every Friday and banter with the boys. The bad things (which were more some of life's lessons and so not really a bad thing) was finding out that cheek meant being dangled out of first floor window and being the youngest, I was made get the snacks from the petrifying, empty basement of the building at night (it did mean however, that I got to have my own chair in the TV room and let off other chores).

What is your proudest moment and why?

Watching my son Joseph overcome his autism and win the Drama prize at his school. Also being made Captain of North London Boxing Club.



Do you keep in touch with any OMs?

Still with rogues Jonathan Gillmore, Julian Hartley, Philip Tomlin and Solon Satanas.

What's your driving force?

Making sure I having the means to go on luxury holidays with my family (and have enough left over to save!)

Most inspiring teacher at school and why?

Without question, David Woodrow. DRW introduced me to the world of sport when I hadn't really done much beforehand which improved my confidence and belief no end. 2nd XV as inside centre and the 800m for the Athletics Team. Installed camaraderie in us all and built my self confidence up, so that I was ready for when I left school and out to university and then to the workplace. I can put Mr Woodrow as a strong driving force behind this which I still benefit from today and impart on my own son.

Which four famous people would you invite to a dinner party?

Sebastian Faulks, Richard Harris, Oliver Stone, Terence MacSwiney.

Favourite memory from your time at Mill Hill School?

Favourite time at school: so many hilarious things that I remember but invariably shouldn't write about but the Mountain Carumba trip with Mr Austin Vince in 1994 was a belter.

Worst memory from your time at Mill Hill School?

Double Micro Economics followed by Double Macro Economics every Saturday of my Upper 6th year...

If you won £10 million in the lottery, what would you do with the money?

Besides the obvious of giving a certain amount to charity, buying fast cars, opulent homes and height of luxury holidays, I would amass a huge collection of 20th Century vintage original movie posters.

Your favourite quote?

Favourite quote: "I learned long ago, never to wrestle with a pig. You get dirty, and besides, the pig likes it." George Bernard Shaw.

A piece of advice you would pass on to those leaving Mill Hill School?

Don't feel pressured to head to Uni or start a career straight away – taking a few years out to pursue a dream means absolutely nothing in the grand scheme. You'll spend the rest of your life reading all about everyone else's adventures and regretting you never at the very least tried to have yours. That plus finding out what the hell Removes means – that will drive you mad. I was at the OM dinner the other month and nobody could tell me...

Weymouth **08 – 13**

Oli Avent

Since leaving Mill Hill I went on to study Politics at the University of Leeds, safely to say I didn't continue down that route given the current climate. But had an incredible three years there forming strong new relationships and learning that path into adulthood with more than fair few mistakes.

L-R: Nick Schild, James Ro

Fresh out of Uni I tried to hold on to not entering the working world for a while but as you do succumbed to needing finances and I fell in to advertising in Soho... working for a company called The Brooklyn Brothers I've been lucky enough to work with some amazing brands on some real culture led campaigns as well as travelling to some bucket list places such as Iceland on numerous occasions.



Outside of work I've continued my love of sport and walked the rightful passage from school rugby to Old Millhillians Rugby up at the famous Headstone Lane. Probably my greatest connection still to school with a number of ex pupils playing there rolling back the years.

Morduch (honorary member)



What were you like at school?

Always found on the sports pitches yet managed to keep my grades in check at the same time. Was no doubt a bit wet behind the ears and took a light hearted approach to most things with a hopefully a good sense of humour.

Do you keep in touch with any OMs?

Most definitely, formed some of my closest relationships at school – still very much in touch with a fair few. Also playing rugby now for Old Millhillians RFC means I still take to the field and spend my Saturdays with the lads I played with at school.

Most inspiring teacher at school and why?

There were definitely a few, Mr Turner, Mr Rees, Mr Barrell, Mr Slade but think cream of the crop was Mr Gregory a teacher who managed to have a great relationship with all the students yet still was given and deserved a certain amount of respect. You always knew where you stood with him.



Favourite memory from your time at Mill Hill School? A lot to choose from but think the opportunity I got to go on tour to Argentina and Chile sticks out. Those three weeks were monumental, with enough stories to last a lifetime – it is no wonder we still reminisce about that tour with some great people on it.

Worst memory from your time at Mill Hill School?

Lets give it to James Roycroft-Davis shall we, the national schools rugby tournament, the Daily Mail in the last 32, uncharted waters for the school in a long time and inches from getting that win – James knows what he did....





A piece of advice you would pass on to those leaving Mill Hill School?

Cherish the small things, the big things will stick in your memory for ever but it's those day to day experiences and jokes that are the real heart of your school years.

For the future, work hard, look towards achieving that goal and being the best you can be. But also, don't lose sight of what's in front of you at the same time – always enjoy the now.



Collinson **78 – 83**

Austin Vince





What were you like at school? In 1978 I was indisciplined, apathetic and irrelevant. By 1983 I was zealous, focussed and committed. The transformation was entirely due to my Mill Hill experience in general and my Collinson House experience in particular.

The funniest thing that has happened to you recently? I helped a man out of the Grand Union Canal in Uxbridge. He had been in an altercation. I loaned him a set of my red overalls so he could dry off and get home. He was later captured by the police, running amok with a sabre whilst searching for the men that had pushed him into the canal. However, that day, I too was wearing red overalls and got caught up in the police dragnet...

What has been the most positive thing you have taken from your school days into your adult life?

You have to make things happen. Don't sit there waiting for life to deliver you great happiness. Life owes you NOTHING. Make your own luck with effort and energy. Mill Hill taught me this





and then presented me with an infrastructure whereby I could take these ideas and make them come true for me. I left Prep school thinking I was useless and that the world was divided into the talented and the UN-talented. Naturally, I was in the latter category. Mill Hill taught me that everything is there if you want it but you do HAVE to go for it.

What's the most interesting thing about you?

I was the tour manager for the White Stripes before they were famous.

If you were a boarder at Mill Hill, how did you find that experience, the good and the bad?

I had never boarded before Mill Hill. I had no concept of what to expect. First day, Sept 1978, sitting on my bed in the dorm at Collinson, lost, lonely, scared, crying. By July 1983, I didn't want to leave. The boarding was so intense I owe almost everything formative in my life to those five years. In retrospect, the incredible positive effect of living cheek by jowl with so many amazing people couldn't help but affect me. To name but a few, my heroes and role-models as a teen were: Guy Roberts, Stewart Wernham, Richard Tray, Dave Wild, Dai Ceriog-Hughes, Mike Bernard, Eddie Pratt and weirdly, Jay Rosencranz (he had already left but I met him in my fifth form at an OMRFC training session). These guys were school boys, but they were winners, and I wanted to be like THEM.

What is your proudest moment and why?

Proudest moment at Mill Hill, crikey.... There were loads but being made Head Boy was a rush, I have to say.

Do you keep in touch with any OMs?

Zillions. My non OM friends are genuinely baffled at the density of my OM friend network. Most normal people seemed to hate their school days and want to put it behind them, not me.

What's your driving force?

Nowadays, I just want my wife to be proud of me. That's what keeps me going.



Most inspiring teacher at school and why?

Seriously, too many to mention. I would say that in my era, about 80% of the staff were EXCELLENT with only a handful of actual duds. I speak for about 500 OMs of my age when I say that when David Woodrow, Chris Kelly and Tim Dingle turned up, the scales fell from our eyes and we were totally inspired.

With those guys in my life as a 16 year old, I felt indestructible and I just wanted to be like them, it was that simple. In the small print, I would mention Mike Peskett. He was in no way 'cool' but he made Pure Maths actually 'cool'. As an adult, I spent my career as a maths teacher trying to be HIM. Finally, my housemaster David Franklin was the steady hand at the tiller that kept it all moving...

Which four famous people would you invite to a dinner party?

Sergio Leone, Christopher Hitchens, Ray Davies and Carl Sagan.

Favourite memory from your time at Mill Hill School?

Winning Newcastle and the interhouse Drama (in the same year I think). It was like the Grand Slam for us!

Worst memory from your time at Mill Hill School?

Always something to do with an older boy being nasty to me. The nightmare of being falsely accused (in the summer of '79) of being the Collinson 'Slasher' when it transpired (20 years later) that it was actually someone else. Being punched in the face by Adam Piggott and the thing that Pete Omojola did to me. In other words, the bad memories are nothing to do with Mill Hill, just the inevitable fact that out of a school of 600 pupils, if 1% of them are horrible, that's enough to make a difference.

If you won $\pounds 10$ million in the lottery, what would you do with the money?

Create a full scholarship scheme for a pupil or pupils to board at MHS. It changed my life. I have tried to put something back by being a school teacher but I wish everyone could have had the fantastic secondary education that I did.

Your favourite quote?

"There are two kinds of people in this world my friend: Those with spades, and those with loaded pistols. You, dig."

A piece of advice you would pass on to those leaving Mill Hill School?

You are not yet defined and hopefully, you never will be. Life will change you year by year. Keep the best bits and discard the chaff and keep on pushin'.



I left Mill Hill in 2013 and took a gap year and spent time perfecting my Spanish in Bogota, Colombia. My mother comes from there so I stayed with family as I went to a local university there. I love Colombia, it is one of the most diverse and beautiful country in the world. My time spent there taught me a lot and really prepared me for starting University. Unfortunately, it did not prepare me for the cold and rain of the North East of England.

I studied Geography at Newcastle University, my education about the world continued. I chose modules that were largely human based as standing in rivers isn't all that fun. There was a broad module list and I was drawn to Geopolitics, International Relations and War and Conflict. Studying governments worldwide and leaders actions and dramatic affects they can have was fascinating.

My life has always been centred around sport. Having played tennis from the age of three, there was rarely a moment that didn't contain sport. I represented the foundation in Rugby, Hockey and Cricket, as well as on the fives court, in the pool and on the tennis court. I played in the men's first tennis team at Newcastle University for three years where we won our league in my final year, only losing one match in the process. It was great to round off my university career with an unforgettable moment winging the final match to seal the tie and bring home promotion for the team.



Upon graduating, and unsure what to do with my degree, it was only natural that I would work in sport considering I already obsessed about it.

I embarked on a career of freelance sports social media. I started the OMRFC social media accounts which I still run with the rest of the clubs new social committee. I am very proud of the work we have done online for the Rugby club and there are many more projects to come this season so watch this space.

In May 2018, I started working for tech start up PlaySight. The company is a world leader in tennis video analysis and has now opened its advanced Artificial Intelligence systems to other sports. I handle the clients based in the UK and Belgium, and help the clubs with implementation and support. PlaySight's systems are used from elite professional sportsmen and women to grassroots and junior programs.

I run the accounts for the Belgium Basketball league and Chelsea Football Club. These two accounts are on very different levels so having the opportunity to witness how they both run is highly informative and interesting.

In the future I would like to develop my skills more around sport strategy, on field and off field. I am also keen to live abroad again, I love to immerse myself in new cultures and places.



Do you keep in touch with any OMs?

Yes, I do. I stay in touch with friends from my year and naturally via OMRFC the rugby club it is easy to connect with OMs. It's a lovely mix of different generations where we share and compare experiences from our time at school.

What's your driving force?

My family and being passionate about what I do. I'm really close with my family and when something goes right they are the first people I tell, they are my biggest champions. When things don't fall my way they are the first to give me constructive advice to help me move forward and grow in the process. This really helps me to push on when I don't feel that motived. And my passion for sport helps. I obsess about sport and watch and read about all different sports, and in my job, I interact with up to 30 different sports and levels so it is fascinating to see what is happening in the industry. Rugby, Tennis and Football are my favourite sports to follow and analysing the progress of each sport and the methods taken to improve I find fascinating.



Most inspiring teacher at school and why?

Hands down Kevin Kyle. Kevin has an amazing ability in being able to assess what kind of mood someone is in and nurture them in the way that they need. In upper sixth, Kevin managed to influence me to put as much focus into my studies as I did with sport or music. Without his mentorship, I arguably may not have started to revise prior to my exams and then enrol at University.



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Favourite memory at Mill Hill?

Can't really say one specific moments, there were a lot of good ones. Representing different sports teams, performing in the music school and being selected to go to Tamil Nadu on a partnership. Singing at our Valedictory service is also up there. It was a really special day and contributing to the service was a huge honour. I sang a mash up of Don't Stop Believing, There She Goes, and Never Forget (Take That). Somehow it all fits together.

Which four famous people would you invite to a dinner party?

Taika Waititi, Sarah Silverman, Phoebe Waller-Bridge and Roger Federer.

Your favourite quote?

"Proper Planning and Practice Prevents Piss Poor Performance." Don't know who originally came up with it but my tennis coach said this to me after losing a match 6-2 6-1 and it stuck with me forever.

A piece of advice you would pass on to those leaving Mill Hill School?

The world is a big place so don't be afraid to explore it. Get out of your comfort zone and try new things. Lastly, don't fear failure or starting again, from failure comes growth.... and that is important.

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CAREERING AHEAD **OM** Careers Committee

In today's competitive employment environment, students and young OMs need all the help that they can get to make successful decisions when entering, or moving within, the world of work.

A couple of years ago the club took the initiative to extend its role of providing careers support, and established a Careers sub-committee. The OM members, old and young, of the Committee have a wide range of work experience, and the school careers team are also members. Its mission could be summarised as being: "Helping alumni and pupils make better informed career development choices".

The Club, through the efforts of a few OMs, has organised Professional Networking events for many years. But the Committee is seeking to widen the range of assistance it can provide. To further this end it sought to raise awareness amongst the OM community of how they might help by surveying

careers network willing to assist; through offering occupational insights or work experience, helping at school careers fairs and talks, or advising on applications and interviews. Many OMs responded, and some young OMs and pupils have been put in touch with respondents. The Committee is seeking to build on this initiative by developing a more efficient system of interlinking, setting up an entrepreneur group, and possibly advertising vacancies.

members to establish a larger alumni

With Head. Rov Moore 1964

Musings of the Careers Committee Chairman

Mill Hill, Autumn 1964: Walking along 'Top Field' path bumped into Alec Robertson. "You're leaving soon, have you thought about teaching". Wow, the first time my future career has been mentioned! "Well no sir, not really" said I. But studying the classics I had exhausted my curiosity for the languages, but not the culture. What to study at University? Parental connections made legal training a possibility, with an solicitor's articled clerk opportunity available; so why not study Law? UCCA, the second year of the precursor to UCAS, application completed; place obtained. Warm glow at home, but no real thought as to what it would entail. At the end of term, was approached by C. Bowring who says; "Lidwell, need a job?". "Yes sir; suppose so", needing money to travel and explore Greece in gap year. Four months at Wiggins Teape, fine paper makers ensued: no interview needed! Worked alongside statisticians in the Organisation & Methods department: odd environment for a classicist, but really enjoyed the visits to their paper mills analysing working methods, despite the suspicious looks from the production line workers. Still think of 'Dandy Rolls'.

Cambridge; Summer 1967: Law is not for me, probably too much rugby, but love college. Random thoughts, but no meaningful advice sought nor given. Becoming more aware of Society's inequalities decide to study Sociology. "Not a proper academic discipline" says tutor. "but you could study Economics which has some new Sociology papers." Sorted!

Autumn 1967: Mill Hill contemporary; "Have you been to the Appointments Board? Could be useful.". Office way out of town, long cycle ride. Appointments Officer: "See you are JCR President and interested in sociology, apply for Hospital Administration.". Remembering Robertson; I say "What about teaching?". "Oh, you need to speak to my female colleague".

In those days there was a Women's Appointments Board. In discussion, say "What about teaching in the state sector?". "Don't know about that" says she. Naturally I failed the interview board for Hospital Administration. Maybe having to change the interview time to take account of Cup rugby game and mind elsewhere on team tactics didn't help. Lost game too; bad day.

Graduation 1968: What next? Travel around Europe with girlfriend on £1 a day (only allowed to convert £50 a year then). Just miss the Soviet Occupation of Czechoslovakia, and return to no job. Autumn: girl-friend, now fiancée, sees an advert for a Youth Employment Officer in Norfolk. Sounds interesting; apply and get the job!

The rest is history: A Careers Adviser's role is endlessly interesting, especially given the major changes in the worlds of work and education we've seen during our life-times. We try to provide a bridge between education and employment; helping young people at all stages of their education, adults too. some teaching/lecturing. lots of research and writing. some administration, plus liaising with employers on selection systems and visiting their establishments. My list includes: hand-made candle makers, slaughter houses, car production lines, oil refineries, prisons, City solicitors and bankers, GCHQ and MI6, The European Commission, plus Police, Civil Service, Army and Naval selection boards.

So my career evolved by chance. Happily now our students have the benefit of an embedded careers and life enrichment programme with a team of Head of Careers, University adviser, Sixth Form Head and support staff. The Club, with its rich source of Old Millhillians, is developing its contribution to this important area of our students' life.

Dick Lidwell (Murrav 59-64) Chair of the Careers Committee

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Introducing The Professional John Hellinikakis (Murrav 76-81) Networking Coordinator

I joined the school in the 4th form in the Autumn term of 1976, a year that was, if memory serves, significant for the school as the first four female students joined in the lower sixth. Despite being the obvious centre of attention for over 500 immature schoolboys, it did not stop them pluckily joining in the snowball fights on Top Field that winter.

On my first day at school as a boarder in School House, I arrived with my parents and was shown to dormitory 9, which overlooked the war memorial. My mother was alarmed, while my father compared it to a prison with its bare wooden floors, metal bed frames, and thin curtains that allowed the streetlights on the Ridgeway to bathe the room in yellow light at night.

Since, I lived locally, in my second year, I moved to Murray House, a day house. The move was bitter-sweet. While, I enjoyed a more comfortable bed and better food, I missed the camaraderie of the boarding house. In my last year, good friends invited me back to the School House Hog, awarding me a house scarf, which may have given me the distinction of being the only pupil to have been awarded a house scarf from two different houses.

Sports were an important part of my time at school. Coming from a soccer prep-school, it was speed, determination and size rather than any ball skills that resulted in a place as a Flanker in the Yearlings. Later, plaving for the first team against the OM 2nds on Top Field is one of my treasured memories. My other sport was athletics, where I was relatively fast and particularly brave, which made me suited for running at hurdles at speed. A highlight was being part of the school's 100m relay team, running the second bend, which beat all-

comers at the Oxford Relays Meet in a games record time. On returning to the UK, in 2017, I have taken a greater interest After 5 happy years and 3 headmasters, I left the school with in the Club. Peter Wakeham, Club Chairman, asked me if I a set of indifferent 'A' levels to study Mechanical Engineering would take up a supporting role for the coordinators of the at Sunderland Polytechnic. Being a North London boy, it was numerous OM professional networking events, when and a culture shock initially, especially during the 1984-5 miners' if required, and to look at establishing new ones covering strike, but the school had taught me to accept things as they professions that are not represented. The ultimate aim is not come and the Wearsiders are wonderful. only to support and create events that more OMs will look forward to attending each year, but to encourage students Realising that engineering was probably not the vocation from the school to attend where they will able to gain that I wanted to pursue, I studied for an MBA at CUBS (now insights into careers that they may be considering from their CASS) in London. I then joined Scrimgeor Vickers, a traditional predecessors.





City stockbroker, recently taken over by the brash US bank, Citicorp in preparation for 'Big Bang', the introduction of electronic trading. A clash of cultures made it an unhappy place and after a year, I was gone and relieved.

I then joined an international steel trading company, Stemcor, in an industry that I was to work in for 30 years. After a few years based in the head office, I was transferred to a small office in Singapore. What I expected would be a three year posting ran for the next 27 years, alternating between Singapore and Hong Kong twice over.

While I was in Hong Kong, I reacquainted myself with the Club and in later years, became the local coordinator organising the dinner in honour of the Club President's annual visit. Nick Priestnall, working to raise funds for the foundation, visited numerous times and introduced me to Better Chance Bursary for which I became an early supporter.
The Medical Professions Meetir

-R: Dr Neil Lodhia, Ted Macdonalo

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Dr Russell Cowan, Dr Max (

13th March 2019 Bart's and London School of Medicine and Dentistry.

For this, our 5th annual meeting, we returned to The Bart's and London Medical School and enjoyed the comfortable surroundings of the Milton Lecture Theatre and the Old Library. Forty two registrants gathered, including several new faces to this event, among them Gordon Mizner, Vice-President of the Old Millhillians Club, as well as 13 pupils from the School accompanied by Dr Kate Damberg and Mr John Barron. It was a pleasure also to welcome three pupils each from the Foundation's partner schools, namely Copthall Girls' School and the London Academy of Excellence in Tottenham. All these pupils are considering or are already determined to pursue careers in one of the medical professions. This endorses one of the functions of this meeting which is to encourage careers choices. The presence of pupils and medical students ensures a wide age range to this event. which attracts both retired and currently practising consultants and hospital trainees. We would love to see other medical professions better represented and more of those in primary care.

the first time, a symposium, entitled "Medical Education and Training in the 21st Century", for which five OMs ranging from medical students to consultant described their stages of education and training. This was devised to provide both the aspiring school students and current medical students with detailed information on the pathway they might take and it appeared to be well received if seen by some as a somewhat daunting in prospect.



presentations delivered by OMs from the same year group (1999-2004). Amar Rawal joined us from the Kulkami Institute in Pune. India where he is a Fellow in Genitourinary Trauma and Reconstruction before he returns to his Genitourinary Residency in Illinois USA. He spoke on "Uninvited pelvic trauma: an experience of urethral

19th March 2020 surgery from the largest reconstructive centre in the world". By contrast Umar Ahmad spoke on "The role of Artificial Intelligence in Clinical Decision Making" from his role as Co-founder of Abtrace Ltd, a new company developing and using artificial intelligence to help doctors. Both papers were intellectually demanding and on subjects at the cutting edge of modern healthcare. As such the Club and the Foundation can continue to be proud of the range and quality of the contributions being made to this annual meeting and to the wider world of

NEXT EVENT Royal College of Anaesthetists

The evening concluded with a finger buffet during which there was much mingling and interchange between the pupils and the OMs. Arrangements for the meeting in 2020 are already underway. It is to be held at The Royal College of Anaesthetists in Red Lion Square, London WC1R 4SG on Thursday 19th March from 5.30pm. Further details will be posted on the Club's website.

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A small gathering of OMs in Property met in Fino's Wine Bar, 123 Mount Street, W1 on 17th Sept, for an informal drinks. It was particularly pleasing to see two new faces attend their first OMs event, namely Angel Huang and Reishin Watabe, who will hopefully attend again this year and both bring along some more OMs in Property from their respective generation at MHS. Other attendees included:

Rob McDonnell, Andrew Nayager, Joanna Potter, Danny Sawyer, Marc Davis, Raj Achan, Garry Simpson, Richard Smith and Mike Peskin who organised the evening. The date for the Annual OMs in Property Dinner at the Cavalry & Guards Club will be on 22nd April 2020.

Mike Peskin (Burton Bank 80-84) mike.peskin@osborne.co.uk



This year's OM City and Entrepreneurs dinner marked its 10 year anniversary a great milestone for an idea that originated over some Hooky ale at The Holy Bush pub back in the summer of 2008!

Our first dinner started in the City in the Counting House pub on Cornhill Street, and we migrated over the years to the Bleeding Heart in Farringdon. Finally settled for The Lansdown Club in Mayfair having hosted the event here for the past four years, its location but more importantly room size have allowed us to apply both networking and buffet dinner format. This has allowed OMs of all years to network far more efficiently.









Attendees: Yang Liu Niael Andrew John-Marc Bunce John Cicale Emily Seale Jones Melanie Goldsmith Abhijit Gupta Andreas Hadiipateras Myles Jacobson

We have had some amazing guests of honour including Sir Michael Bishop, Nick Leslau to name a few, and this year I invited Melanie Goldsmith, CEO and co-founder of Smith and Sinclair. I first met Melanie three vears ago at the OM event eagerly seeking funding for her young business. She made her mark and after assisting her raise her funding she has turned her business into a multi-million pound entity which grows in strength every year.

It was a fitting invite to mark the 10 year anniversary as I also decided to step down as host after a very enjoyable period. The decision was very much work related as I have reallocated to Madrid to head up our new office.

NEXT DINNER Lansdowne Club 19th May 2020

NEXT DRINKS **Cavalry & Guards** Club 22nd April 2020

The ethos of the dinners has always been to enjoy ourselves, whilst helping others, either by introductions or simply giving ones advice from years in the industry!

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Peter Wakeham Oliver Warren Clive Weber Michael Wong Rvan Yasin John Barron Xavier Thompson Yutaro Yamamoto Leevin Ngimbi Cengiz Akar Daniel Kan

NEXT DINNER Engineers Dinner **Bleeding Heart** 15th May 2020

The 2019 dinner was held at the Bleeding Heart in London and was well attended by OMs, teachers and school students with an interest in engineering, product design and technology.

It was particularly pleasing to see a few new faces indicating that this community is slowly growing.

We were joined by OMC President Richard Lewellyn who proposed a toast to the school and informed us about the OM contacts that he had made during his recent trips.

Following the format of the previous year, two OM engineers, Tim Poole and Graeme Roberts, spoke about their experiences and career evolution following their engineering studies and how this had informed their subsequent options and choices.

Both were really well received and appreciated by those present.

Berinda Banks (D&T) and Lucy Fox (Physics) accompanied six lower sixth students who are intending to follow engineering, product design or other technology studies and careers.

It is clear that theses subjects are healthy at Mill Hill and in fact growing

ATTENDEES Richard Llewellyn **Richard Amunugama** David Pike Graeme Roberts Nick Priestnall Peter & Anita Wakeham Gordon & Lucy Fox Angela Mizner Hugo Mutkin Bob Branch Xavier Thompson

the market demand. The 2020 event will take place on

in demand which is good to hear given

Gordon Mizner (Murray 65-69) gordonmizner@hotmail.co.uk

Fridav 15th May.

Jon Hellinikakis Paul Winter **Clive Mence** Paul Bowes Tim Poole Simon Moir Jason Lee Berinda Banks

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Creative Arts Drinks

The Creative Arts drinks and networking professional event was held at the Royal Court Theatre Bar, on Friday 29th November.

This bar seems to have an existence of its own - ie not just to serve the theatre - and was once again buzzing. Fortunately Tom had booked a separate area for our drinks.

Tom Lincoln was our host and I was delighted to finally meet him. Tom has done a great job in getting this event going and I think it can be a significant part of the OM professional network.

Once again we were joined by several pupils from MHS lower sixth form.

I was particularly impressed that there were so many younger OMs which is very encouraging from my perspective - it is precisely what we are trying to achieve. Further, it was a pleasure to hear the enthusiasm, talent and determination of those present.

This was a great advert for the school but also for the creative future of the UK as well as several examples of the 'gig' economy in action.



OMs present included:

Tom Lincoln, Chantelle Duru, Alice Lloyd Davies, Jamie Warwick, Charlie Williams, Rupert Greaves, Abhijit Gupta, Amit Majithia, Sameer Aymukhtar, Gordon Mizner, John Helinikakis.

Gordon Mizner (Murray 65-69)



Legal Event

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The OM Legal Networking Event on 12 September 2019 held at Wedlake Bell.

The above event attended by some 25 OM lawyers and others was highly enjoyable and informative. It was good to see so many MHS sixth formers present as well as law and other students. Thank you to the School for this, the logistics of escorting numerous sixth formers to our office cannot be easy.

We were fortunate to welcome as our guest speaker David Greene, Senior Partner and Head of Litigation & Dispute Resolution at Edwin Coe and Vice President of the Law Society of England & Wales. David's talk "Where's the justice" highlighted successes and failings in the justice process and its centrality to the maintenance of liberal democracy. Inevitably the Supreme Court hearing, due the following week, about the legality or otherwise of the prorogation of Parliament loomed large. One could not have wished for a more high profile legal point ! David was an excellent speaker and we are





grateful to OM Chair Peter Wakeham for inviting David.

David's talk reminded me of my time at Bristol University, just a few years back, studying cases from the 16th and 17th century on constitutional law and thinking such cases surely had no relevance in the modern world - how wrong can one be ! The moral must be, it is always worth listening to teachers. In conclusion, we would encourage more of our middle ranking (in age) and senior OM lawyers to attend next year · we have many of them and would very much welcome them.

Clive Weber (Ridgeway 65-70) cweber@wedlakebell.com

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SPORTS

OMRFC

Old Millhillians Rugby Club is an institution currently driven by ambitious and talented players. Both the 1st XV and the 2nd XV have made stunning starts to the season, and are playing crisp and exciting rugby. The 1st XV in particular has benefited from a drive to raise standards; pressure for places from new members and 2nd XV players hungry for game time has facilitated this.

Skipper Oli Avent continues to set the benchmark, backed up by former Captain Sam Askham and Vice Captain Joe Wray. We were sorry to lose James Roycroft to a dislocated knee in our victory over Chess Valley, and wish him a swift return. Nick Shield returns this season to anchor the scrum and Chris Jewel Clark and Ralph Murduck provide ballast from the engine room.

Our club is a valuable and iconic London Rugby Club- founded in 1878, we have produced four British and Irish Lions, four Presidents of the RFU, and 13 international rugby players Our back line is laced with exciting and dangerous players for England, Scotland and Wales. Our home ground is the characterised by a high skill level and a willingness to attack amazing Headstone Lane and we are working hard to provide from any field position. Oli Avent and Brad Abrahams provide a unique match day experience for our spectators to enjoy. the vision and the skills, guys like Dan Conway, Will Samler With innovative ideas such as our fireworks and family day we and George Fenton the firepower and pace to finish. With seek to expand and broaden our support base. Please take recruitment continuing as a major priority, we are looking to the opportunity to visit us on match day - we promise good build a squad of players who can either play the piano or move food and a warm welcome, exciting and competitive rugby the piano, as circumstance demands. and an incredible post match atmosphere in our stunning bar.

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We are extremely lucky to enjoy the support of senior OMs, which has ensured we continue to enjoy the use of Allianz Park as a first class training facility, and this has also assisted us in securing the services of former OMRFC player and first class coach Will Wheeler. Will's vision of what is possible for our club chimes perfectly with that of the senior playing group, and the club administration. We are united in pursuing our goal of playing our rugby in higher leagues, and we hope to provide good value for our supporters and our sponsors - many thanks to Regal Homes, Chase and Partners, Support Tree, The Office Group, Rugby World Titians and Alan Day VW – your support is essential!

Follow our social media feeds and sign up for our newsletter – OMRFC is a club on the rise!

Ben Nash, Chairman OMRFC



150 Years of Rugby



A cold and rainy Saturday in October saw over thirty Old Millhillians run out on to the hallowed grass of Top Field to face a fearsome staff side all raring to go. This memorable match, Mill Hill Foundation Staff XV vs. Old Millhillian XV was being held to celebrate 150 years of rugby at MHS. The game, turned out to be a fiercely competitive, action-packed exhibiton of rugby.

It seemed only fair that in the end the spoils were shared, with a 12-12 draw and some (very) tired legs. Many of the OMs were visibly moved to be playing on Top Field again with one unashamedly confessing to shedding tears and another to being "in heaven". There were commitments all round to repeat the fixture, although the aches and pains the next morning may have tempered this enthusiasm!









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At the dinner following the match, the current 1st XV were present on the eve of their tour to Japan. We were also delighted to be joined by speakers Aaron Liffchak (Director of Sport), Graeme Roberts, Ben Nash (OM and President of the OMRFC) and our Guest of Honour, Nigel Wray (OM and Chairman of Saracens RFC). It was great to hear all speakers look back on the amazing 150 year heritage of Rugby at Mill Hill.

We were thrilled to see so many OMs attend, particularly from such a range of generations with ages ranging from those in their early twenties all the way through to octogenarians! Even more wonderful to see a few fathers playing together with their sons for the very first time.



MHS Athletics Team, 1980's

OM Golfing Society

I'm happy to report that the Golfing Society is thriving, and we've had a very busy and enjoyable year.

Our scratch team is getting both better, and younger, a trend that bucks most school and club sides. We had an unfortunate draw at the Halford Hewitt (the public schools scratch tournament): 7.45am at Royal Cinque Ports against Charterhouse, one of the best teams. Despite their ten-man side combined handicap in the low teens we gave them a good run, losing 3-2. We did well in the plate competition with two excellent wins, but ran out of steam in the quarter finals. James Ellis, who is a stalwart of the Middlesex scratch team is doing a great job of turning us into serious contenders.



Further good news from our scratch team:venue. All are welcome, we even get non-golfers and guests!Jeremy Bohn (general Manager at Hartsbourne) was runner up
at the Mid Amateur scratch Open at Porters with two brilliant
rounds of 74 and 71.We are very sad that Geoffrey Vero and Jeffrey Selwyn, two of
our stalwarts passed away this year. They will be sorely missed

James Ellis went one better by winning the CW Roe scratch open at West Middlesex. His second round was a superb subpar 68.

Our Spring Meeting was held at North Hants, a top-notch venue (Justin Rose's club). The course was in excellent condition and we did it justice by playing imperious golf. We were thrilled to have a record turn-out, with over thirty attendees, and also a good representation from the OM rugby club. It was great to see Peter Woodroffe at the Spring Tour, playing every day, despite being, extremely impressively, over 90 (age not hcp). Gordon Hawes, our ever-present President, and R&A member, represented the junior ranks admirably.

The Spring Tour in 2020 is in Suffolk in May, playing Felixstowe Ferry, Woodbridge, Purdis Heath and Aldeburgh. All are welcome to attend

We have 130 members of all golfing abilities, from scratch to novices. We are always looking for new members, especially younger ones (to whom we provide very generous subsidies at all of our events). We have no lady members and would really like to have a ladies' section.

We have many matches throughout the year against other school teams, at excellent venues such as Moor Park, Porters Park, West Hill and New Zealand.

We also have two annual matchplay competitions; a great way to meet other OMs and play different courses. Our members play at many of the finest courses in the South East.

Our annual Autumn Meeting weekend at Royal Cinque Ports is held in mid-September. OMGS members have Public School Membership rights (20% green fees) at one of the UK's greatest courses. This year we had twenty-four attendees and enjoyed a couple of marvellous nights out in Sandwich. We also played a bit of golf. Peter Woodroffe played both days; that's impressive when you learn that he's in his 90's. The OMGS are a tough bunch.

Our annual dinner is at the East India Club; clearly a top-notch venue. All are welcome, we even get non-golfers and guests!

I've not mentioned who won any of the trophies; I can't really remember. It mattered enormously at the time, but clearly not so much now. I seem to remember that Nick Marlborough won the Spring meeting and was red-hot favourite at the Autumn meeting, but perhaps the Sandwich night out got the better of him.

Colin Nunn, Hon Sec (Burton Bank 75-81)

SPORT

This was a difficult year. Whilst it was always going to be hard to replicate the success of the 2017-18 season we would have hoped for a less dramatic fall from grace than occurred.

The departure of last year's school first pair, Charlie Plummer (to Birmingham University) and Iain Kidd (a gap year at Summer Fields) hit us in both Division 1, where Charlie had been successfully playing first pair, and Division 2 where both Charlie and Iain had been mainstays of the side. Furthermore Chris Vincent's season hardly ever started, with Chris suffering ongoing issues with his knee; and Oli Sander, another whose talents normally span both divisions, struggled with availability post Christmas. All of the above left a considerable gap. We hope to see a lot more of both Oli and Chris in the 2019-20 season, and look forward to welcoming Charlie and Iain, as well as their contemporary Alex Grubb back from university in due course.



The league season was forgettable. In Division 1 we fell just short of making it into the top half of the table for when the league was split, meaning that the best we could achieve was fifth in the final table (which we did). But interest from the players in the remaining games was limited. It was worth giving the new structure a go, but I think in conjunction with a number of other clubs it didn't really work for us, and we look forward to reverting back to two fixtures against all sides in the coming season. Division 2 was hit even harder by absences than Division 1 leading to us finishing eighth in the table out of

10, and – particularly disappointingly – dropping six pairs over the course of the season.

The season did end of a positive note, with the school first pair who are both U16s playing their first game for us. The work done by Steve Plummer and Andrew Rennie at the school is fantastic, but following the success of Charlie and Iain, there has been something of a Iull, and we hope to see Stan and Nick playing a Iot more for us next season.

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It is worth mentioning the club's two stars of the season – Andrew Rennie and Jitesh Patel. Both played a huge amount for us across both divisions, often doing so through injury, and having to go out of their way to make work and home arrangements to allow them to be available. The club, and particularly Sunil and I, are hugely grateful to them.

There were some individual highlights worth mentioning. Sunil Tailor reached the semi final of the Kinnaird for the first time, along with his Salopian partner Ed Taylor. Andrew Rennie won the U25s tournament along with his Westminsters partner, Riki Houlden; it's rumoured that Riki is still sporting a bad back from having to carry Andrew throughout the tournament. Hal Gibson has had ongoing success as part of the strong Oxford University team.

Despite the somewhat negative tone of the above, we look forward to the coming season with optimism. We hope to see more of Chris and Oli, as well as Will Seath and Ollie Avery – imports from Royal Holloway University who will have finished their studies and hopefully moved to London.

The key focus for this year is to run regular club nights to ensure we are providing fives for anyone who wants it. At the moment there is

too much focus on the league season to the detriment of the club as a whole. We hope that regular club nights will afford the opportunity to play, practice, and come together as a club which is something that has been lost in recent seasons.

by the former 11-9. The second semi-final was between

L.Vanhaesebroeck & J.Lewis vs J.Hutcheson and Jake

Turner. Jake Turner our youngest player was unable to

continue with his aim of being the first pupil to win the

cup twice, losing 10-3 in a very high standard match.

Andrew Rennie, Master in charge of Fives

L.Vanhaesebroeck and J.Lewis went one stage further and

put two new names on the trophy winning the final 12-6.

James Hutcheson

Summers Cup Report

This year we had ten pairs competing for the trophy. With some very high quality group stage matches, progression to the semi-finals was not guaranteed until the final match had finished and went down to points scored. The group stages and semi-finals were made up of timed matches with the final being one full game. The first semi-final was between S.Tailor and R.Ebner-Statt vs V.Bhimjiyani and J.Clifford which was a very close game but eventually won



Summary of 2019 Season

Cricket

Much has happened since the last cricket report for TMCC. The major (and expensive change!) has been the levelling of the pitch which has ensured the ground is even more picturesque and a better surface to play on.

The work was done in the off season but because of weather issues the pitch was not ready for play by the start of the season. This meant the teams used a variety of out grounds until mid-July when TMCC was deemed fit for purpose again. Safe to say it was a great relief to have everyone back at the club again on a Saturday!

The club runs 4 men's teams on Saturdays, a Sunday side, a ladies team and is working very hard to get girls' cricket up and running. The juniors have 2 U11, 2 U13, 1 U15 team and occasionally an U17 team who train and play matches during the week.

Stephen Selwood, OM, and formerly of Derbyshire CCC, is in charge of operations at Totteridge and he is very ably supported by a great bunch of coaches who work very hard to give all the youngsters a great grounding in the game. The dream is very much of a sustainable club with all senior cricketers coming through the club's ranks.

Such is the standard of the TMCC 1XI we have attracted the likes of former Northants CCC star Ben Howgego and ex MCC Young Cricketers Shaun O'Brien and Simon Webster who are ably supported by Old Millhillian opening bowler, Joe Wray.

Totteridge is a very sociable club, holding several events during the year. The Annual Ball was held in the marquee in

to London.

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September and was very well supported by players, friends, junior parents and social members. A wonderful dinner was produced by Jimmy Cooke, OM, and his fantastic team; the band played great music in the marquee, the auction and raffle raised much-needed funds and our resident dj, Paul Weatherley, kept the late-night revellers (including myself!) dancing late into the night.

The Annual Fireworks Night is also a well-known event in Totteridge attracting several thousand people as stupendous fireworks light up the night sky. Children and adults alike enjoy the atmosphere, stalls, bonfire, entertainment and, of course, mulled wine!

This year the club elected the first lady president of the club, Ann Bunyard, whose husband, Tim and son, Simon are Old Millhillians and have represented the club. So TMCC is definitely moving with the times!

The club would love to welcome more OMs as members, both playing and social. It is based by Totteridge Common and a short walk from The Orange Tree pub so it is very convenient for anyone living in and around NW London.

Please contact Steve Selwood by email steve@tmcc.london for further information.

Ann Bunyard, TMCC President

Instilling values, inspiring minds





In 2019 thirty five ladies competed in the inaugural Foundation Ladies Netball Competition. The day started with Mr Bowes-Taylor leading a group warm up to 90s hits, before the competition got under way.



After six very competitive league games, Belmont and Grimsdell won their way through to the final. In the hotly contested trophy match, Grimdells' clinical shooting in the circle proved the difference as they ran out winners by six goals to three to take the trophy and thus remain undefeated for the entire morning.



We very much hope that this will become an annual event and that the Friday Ladies netball sessions (Mill Hill outside courts at 3:45pm), will continue to grow and be popular. Special mentions go to Carly Novick (Grimsdell),



14th March 2020: The intra School Mums & OMs Netball Morning. 9am – 12:45pm Sports Hall. Contact: alumnirelations@omclub.co.uk



Laura Turner (Belmont) and Roni Collins (MHS) who were instrumental in rallying the players for their respective schools. Belmont's efforts were particularly impressive as they fielded not one but two teams on the day.



Congratulations also goes to Kate Freed (Grimsdell), Emma Steadman (Belmont) and Nadine Graville (MHS) who were voted players of the day by the ladies. Finally a huge thanks to Mr Liffchak and Mr Bowes-Taylor who were instrumental in the smooth running of the day.



2019 was an exciting year for hockey, which kicked off at pre season in September when around 120 girls from across all five year groups attended sessions across three days.

Rio Olympic Gold medalist; Dr Hannah Mcleod MBE, joined the coaching staff for one of the days and presented the first team players with their new shirts.

Permanent additions to the Mill Hill coaching staff this year include, Jennie Stephens, Lucy Sheffield, Zoe Griffith, Jade Boyle; all of who bring a wealth of hockey experience to the table having played at national league level.

In October Half term, 37 girls toured Amsterdam. The trip gave them the opportunity to train at, and compete against some of



the best clubs, in what is arguably the hockey capital of the world.

Having returned from half term, the 1stX1 won three games and drew one to top their pool at the regional competition, which means that they have qualified for the South Finals.

If the girls can match their performance from the regional rounds, then they have every chance of qualifying for the national finals of the Tier 4 competition which will be held early next year.

Stuart Hendy

Weymouth Housemaster, Master In Charge of Hockey, Mill Hill School



Totteridge Millhillians C.C.

PRESIDENTS

2008 R. Book, Esq.
2011 S. J. Dodds, Esq.
2012 L. Goldsmith, Esq.
2015 R. Harley, Esq.
2019 Ann Bunyard.

Ann Burgard 2019 TMCC President

TMCC President's Day Saturday 17th August 2019

On Saturday, 17th August I woke to bright sunshine for which I was very grateful as it was my first President's Day at Totteridge Millhillians Cricket Club and the weather during the previous week had been decidedly poor.

I had been appointed as the first lady president at TMCC in April which I considered a huge honour. I took over the role from Robert Harley, OM, who had been in situ for four years, a hard act to follow I must say although Robert has been very supportive and helpful.



TMCC 1st team were playing Stevenage in a 50 over game which they desperately needed to win to increase their chances of qualifying for the play-offs at the end of the season. When I arrived there was a slight tension in the air as the players warmed up but in spite of the rain during the week the ground was deemed fit to play on. A solid win for the guys against the odds which was good to see.

I had invited lots of former players and friends, young and old, from both the former Old Millhillians CC and Totteridge CC following the merger several years earlier. It was a great pleasure for me to meet up with all these friends, many of whom were Old Millhillians who had played with my late husband, Tim, and many younger friends who played with my son, Simon.



Jimmy Cooke, OM, and his fantastic staff provided a splendid buffet and it was lovely to see so many people watching the cricket, having a glass of rose or two and enjoying Jimmy's fabulous spread in the wonderful surrounds of Totteridge CC adjacent to Totteridge Common and The Orange Tree pub. I can highly recommend a visit to Totteridge next summer where you will be given a very warm welcome by the players and members whilst watching cricket of a high standard, chatting and enjoying a drink. I can thoroughly recommend this as I am often to be found there enjoying a glass of rose whilst cheering the guys on!

Laura Turner and her family came along and Laura, as usual, worked tirelessly taking photos, a few of which you will see here. Although not an OM I have been involved with the Foundation and OMC for many years and love to see and be part of the friendship and camaraderie that exists.

Ann Bunyard, TMCC President





FOUNDATION NEWS & VIEWS Non Nobis sed Scholae



"And so, as we embark upon the new academic year, I would like to extend my thanks to all members of the teaching and support staff for their unwavering loyalty."

Foundation Day Speech 2019

Welcome

Elliot, Governors, fellow Executives, distinguished guests, Old Millhillians, current and former parents, friends and supporters, staff, pupils and the leavers of 2019.

I should like to begin by echoing the Chairman's words of welcome, particularly to our guest of honour, Leanne Armitage, a distinguished Old Millhillian who is the first to attribute achievements in widening access to medical training to the opportunity provided for her as a Sixth Form pupil at Mill Hill School.

I am delighted that "The Worshipful The Mayor of the London Borough of Barnet" and her consort, Dr Stock are able to join us today – Madam Mayor and Dr Stock, you are most welcome and I hope that you spend an excellent day with us.

Mr William Winfield and his wife, Margaret, join us as my very special guests. William joined the School as a French tutor and resident tutor in Burton Bank in 1970, and in due course went on to become Head of Modern Languages, Director of Studies, Deputy Head, Headmaster and Chief Executive of the Mill Hill School Foundation, before retiring after the School's Bicentenary celebrations and opening of the Favell building, in 2007.

Our new Day House, Winfield House, in named after William, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the Mill Hill School Foundation over a lifetime of service. The new house opened just three weeks ago, in a planned response to our growth in pupil numbers.

There will be a formal opening ceremony of the House at 2.15pm, for Winfield pupils, staff, parents and guests many of whom are William's contemporaries invited back to join us today; it is wonderful to see so many former colleagues, and I hope that aside from the formalities, you will welcome the opportunity to catch up on the old days, in the place you all probably view as your second home, as I do.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to preparing for today's events, particularly my Senior Deputy Head, Alex Frazer, who has worked tirelessly with members of the Senior Leadership Team, administrative, teaching and other support staff, and with the pupils, to ensure that we can all enjoy this truly wonderful occasion.

And I must not forget to thank our pupil led Film Production Group who, under the guidance of Mr Minett, are live streaming the event to The Large- such was the demand for tickets.

It has truly been a magnificent team effort and I am genuinely appreciative of the support I have received on all fronts – Thank you!

Today is a day for celebration!

On this stage, precisely one year ago, I stood before you as a fledgling Head, in an Acting Role, facing the daunting prospect not only of taking up the reins of Headship, but also of charting a course for the School's development in the coming years.

Today, with one year under my belt and as I look to the future, it is absolutely appropriate that we should recognise just what we have achieved, how far we have come and what exciting possibilities lie before us.

One Foundation

I am very grateful to my Fellow Executives and the Court of Governors for their unwavering support as I have settled into my new role – principally as Head of Mill Hill School, but also in my shared capacity, with the other Foundation Executives, as CEO of the Mill Hill School Foundation in anticipation of the arrival of our new CEO, Antony Spencer, who takes up his post in January.

In this period of change and recalibration, we have worked collaboratively, in the spirit of One Foundation, to ensure that we deliver the best outcomes for all pupils and that the journey from childhood to adulthood prepares them for the challenges of life beyond Mill Hill.

These are exciting times, with the Foundation Schools ever more popular and the need to plan for growth increasingly important. Last year, I referenced the outstanding headship of Sir John David McClure, Headmaster from 1891 until 1922, during which he guided the School through the most challenging of times, in addition to demonstrating the vision and foresight to develop the Estate for generations of Millhillians to come.

At this time of growth for the Foundation, I too, have worked hard to develop the Mill Hill School environment... to optimise the educational experience for our pupils, show off its heritage and architectural gems, make the most of its beautiful grounds and ensure that we retain our unique ethos and family feel.

I am satisfied that Phase one of my vision has been accomplished, and that we have made significant strides in improving our learning environment. However, there is still much to be done, whether in the refurbishment of key areas, such as the Marnham building, or the continued improvement of our co-curricular facilities.

Our first project, however, is the long awaited redevelopment of the Music School, taking place this year, and made possible by an extremely generous donation from a long standing supporter of the Foundation.



The project includes: The complete renovation of all existing teaching and practice rooms; the installation of a fully equipped recording studio; and the transformation of the Recital Hall and external building to their full glory.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to an official opening later in the year!

For now, though, I am enjoying the new look of the School, including:

- The freshly painted and curated Octagon and Old Millhillians Room, where calm greys and greens, original floors and carefully placed paintings and photographs are the order of the day!
- Two new computer and DT classrooms
- A newly located and refreshed Learning Support Department, within the main school building
- A Wellbeing Wing, with its bespoke counselling rooms, offices for key staff and a wellbeing space – the brainchild of the pupil led Mill Hill MINDS group
- The Video Production Unit- a bespoke space out of which the pupil led team operate, borne of a desire to support this outstanding example of pupil innovation and enterprise
- And last but not least, Winfield House with its fresh and modern turquoise and grey colour scheme

Academic

Striving for academic excellence is central to our core purpose.

A Levels

Our A Level class of 2019 acquitted themselves exceptionally well, enabling a large proportion of this year's leavers to secure places at their Higher Education institution of choice, in their chosen field of study.

In true Millhillian style, we have seen pupils opting to study an exceptionally broad range of disciplines, from the most traditional academic subjects through to courses such as Fashion Marketing and Forensic Investigation, with three Millihillians commencing their Medicine courses and one pupil taking up her place to read Veterinary Sciences.

This year, Nottingham, Bristol and Edinburgh are the most popular destinations, although you will note from the "School Year Review" booklet, on your seat, that the most striking feature is diversity, with our pupils opting to go to one of over 50 different universities; amongst these are five pupils taking up places at Oxford or Cambridge and five who will be studying overseas.

As always, a number of pupils have deferred taking up their university place to take a Gap year, including Theo Sergio, who is already making the most of his year out, before going to Keble College, Oxford, to read Philosophy, Politics and Economics.

Theo is currently advising the Government on knife crime, building upon his ground breaking work with the Youth Parliament, as the Youth MP for Enfield. The youngest person ever to have sat at the Cabinet table in No.10, his determination to make a difference to the lives of young people is hugely impressive, and I have no doubt that we will be seeing him in the public forum in years to come.

I would like to extend my hearty congratulations to all our leavers here today; you have achieved excellent results in a climate of increasingly rigorous testing and you take with you our very best wishes for success in the future.

GCSEs

We were equally delighted to celebrate the excellent performance of our pupils in their GCSE examinations. With 57% of passes at grades 9 to 7, and 78% at grades 9 to 6, this year's cohort has risen to the challenge with great success; 12 pupils are to be particularly commended for achieving nine or more grades 8 or 9 and over a third of all passes were at these two top grades.

Mill Hill continues to be a popular option for pupils wishing to continue their A Level studies and the new Lower Sixth cohort has made an extremely encouraging start to their academic courses. I am looking forward to seeing them flourish as they take advantage of the many opportunities available, both through the curriculum and the extensive programme of enrichment and co-curricular activities.

We continue to be proud of our broad academic range and of our ability to bring out the best in pupils across the ability spectrum. We are pleased to see so many individual success stories in this year's examination results, not least because in addition to the excellent achievements at the top end of the grade range, there are many others which reflect personal endeavour and determination.

Teaching and Learning

As we embark upon the new term, Mill Hill has benefitted from a renewed energy, positivity and aspiration in the classroom. The revised timetable and slightly amended shape to the School day, have provided an added degree of focus, with slightly more frequent, shorter lessons.

As a result, the pupils have made a fantastic start to their academic studies and are rising to the challenges before them, with three touchstones to guide them...Pride... Participation and Perseverance.

The new staff, too, have already started to make their mark on the School, fitting seamlessly into an already talented and professional staff body, demonstrating the drive, quality and enthusiasm which will bring out the best in our pupils.

Also in place are the many staff who have assumed new positions of responsibility in 2019. Created to enhance the quality of provision in key aspects of School life and to offer professional development opportunities for staff, these roles focus on Careers, Higher Education, Charitable Activities, Community Action, Environmental Awareness, The Duke of Edinburgh Award and Innovation and Enterprise.

And so, as we embark upon the new academic year, I would like to extend my thanks to all members of the teaching and support staff for their unwavering loyalty. I particularly wish to pay tribute to my Senior Leadership Team, who have worked tirelessly over the past year to support me in leading the School and in planning for change.

Collectively, the staff at Mill Hill are very much a team, working collaboratively towards shared goals, and, whilst I may be at the helm, they are all absolutely integral to the success of this great school.

Co-Curricular

Our Co-curricular programme, with a focus on providing the breadth and depth of opportunities to allow every pupil to find his or her niche is at the heart of what we do.

It would be impossible to acknowledge here each individual event or activity; you will find some of them in the "School Year Review", giving a flavour of life at Mill Hill. And, of course, a glance at the School website and social media channels on any day of the week conveys a sense of just how much is going on.

That said, my own highlights include:

- The School production, Bugsy Malone, which was hugely entertaining and a tribute to the joint efforts of the Drama and Music departments
- The arrival of our third sporting exchange pupil from the Sunshine Coast Grammar School, followed by three of our Rugby-playing Fifth Form pupils travelling to Australia for a seven week exchange over the summer
- A revamped House Music competition which saw the whole school off timetable to watch or perform to a packed Sports Hall
- The magnificent contribution of the CCF to life at Mill Hill, which reached new heights in 2019. A special mention must go to the Corps of Drums, whose reputation across London is unrivalled
- And finally, Activities Week, including Work Experience, which was bigger and better than ever and a fitting end to the School year

We must, of course, recognise, that none of this would be possible without the support of the staff. Many hundreds of hours each week are spent in supporting Mill Hill pupils in their learning beyond the classroom, and Mill Hill would be all the poorer without them.

Suffice to say that the Co-curricular programme, coupled with the increasing quality and volume of Educational Visits, continues to develop apace, which makes it a very exciting time indeed to be in the Foundation.

Wellbeing

In all seriousness, though, it is invariably these sorts of fun activities that bring people together within any community, strengthening ties, breaking down barriers, offering shared experiences and putting a smile on our faces... and we all know how important it is to be happy- at school, at work and in our personal lives.

With Pastoral Care and Wellbeing high on the Foundation's list of priorities, and central to our Foundation Development Plan, I am committed to continuing to develop our already excellent work in this area.

Listening

Listening to feedback from pupils, staff, parents and others is probably one of the most valuable activities I have undertaken throughout my career, but particularly so since taking up my position as Head.

Of course, receiving positive feedback is always wonderful and my office is adorned with cards and thank you notes... and I have to admit to having a file of all the nice e mails I have received over the year...just in case the inspectors come calling, or on those rare occasions when I've had a bad day!

However, in terms of moving the School forwards, probably the most helpful feedback is the constructive criticism I have received from Pupils, on the Full school Council, through small group feedback sessions, pupil questionnaires or at events such as The Big Idea.

Or from Staff in my Head's Common Room meetings or from Staff Questionnaires

And from Parents, through individual meetings and e mails, or from events such as the "Meet the Head" Afternoon Teas.

Feedback can sometimes be uncomfortable, nor it is not possible to respond to or take on board every idea. But if we truly want to excel, and to consistently achieve "Gold Standard", as I do, then we need to listen and to be prepared to take action.

History, tradition, heritage and commemoration...

Commemoration is in Mill Hill's DNA and last year was no exception!

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11 November

The 11 November 2018 marked one hundred years since the end of the First World War and our traditional Call to Remembrance ceremony, involving the whole School, was developed still further to mark this important point in history.

During an additional, and exceptionally moving service in memory of the fallen, members of the Lower Sixth laid paper poppies in the Chapel garden, lovingly created by pupils from across the age spectrum, before moving off, in silence, to pay their respects at the Gate of Honour.

The subsequent Chapel service and presentations to all pupils focused on Mill Hill's fallen heroes.

Always moving, the poignancy of the Service was felt even more acutely as the images of these young men, complete with name, House and age and looked down upon us from the Chapel walls.



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St Bees

As I speak, we are commemorating yet another key period in the School's history. For on 22 September 1939, 80 years ago tomorrow, pupils from Belmont and Mill Hill Schools arrived at St Helen's train station in Cockermouth, in Cumbria.

Whilst Belmont pupils remained in Cockermouth, Mill Hill pupils travelled onwards to St Bees School and village, on the coast, and for several hundred Millhillians this small village in the north west of England was home for at least part of the war.

Since that time, St Bees has held a special place in the hearts of Millhillians, with one of our boarding houses bearing its name. I am delighted that the proprietor of St Bees School, Mr Danny Wang, is one of my guests here with us today, having flown in specially from Hong Kong.

Working closely with an Old St Beoghian colleague, Mr Wang's investment enabled St Bees to re-open after its closure in 2016, and we are very much looking forward to continuing to develop our already strong ties through exchanges and cocurricular initiatives.

I am very pleased that the link between our schools will also be celebrated in a St Bees stained glass window, to be installed in the Chapel, mirroring the Mill Hill window in the Chapel in St Bees.

Rugby

One further landmark in 2019 is the 150th Anniversary of Rugby at Mill Hill. Celebrations will include a match between a Mill Hill Foundation Staff XV and an Old Millhillians XV, on the afternoon of Saturday 12th October, on Top Field. A reception and buffet supper will follow the game, giving ample opportunity to formally celebrate one of Mill Hill's most traditional sports.

Community, social responsibility and bursaries A recent report entitled "School Without Walls", featured schools where community engagement and external partnerships are core to their mission, believing that a good education must develop children's curiosity, creativity and kindness, making good citizens who are equipped to lead meaningful lives.

Separately, at last year's Education Conference at Brighton College, senior leaders at independent schools were urged to develop their state sector partnerships

One look at Mill Hill's entry on the Schools Together website demonstrates our commitment to building mutually beneficial links with external partners. Although, looking beyond our walls is already part of our mission and Foundation Schools can be justifiably proud of the broad range of exciting and meaningful initiatives being undertaken.

We continue to develop a strong and flourishing partnership with Copthall School, with the Senior Leadership Teams of both schools working together to develop joint initiatives, and I am pleased to welcome Julia Blackman, the Chair of Governors at Copthall School and a Mill Hill parent, together with her husband, Tony, here today. Our links with the London Academy of Excellence, Tottenham are also growing with our first joint teaching appointment made this summer, and my own appointment to the LAET board of governors, with specific responsibility for Safeguarding and Special Educational Needs. And our longest partnership, the joint CCF initiative with Mill Hill County, now in its 11th year, is an excellent example of how such relationships can evolve and deepen, with the right ingredients.

Mill Hill also has a tradition of Overseas Partnerships, which give Millhillians the opportunity to gain a global perspective and encourages them to be productive citizens in a world of inequality. Opportunities to work with children in India and Africa are life changing, not just for those children who benefit from the teaching or coaching, but for the Millhillians who come back from their experiences, forever changed.

The striking feature of all of these partnerships is the commitment from each school or organisation to offer high quality opportunities for growth and development, producing positive and transformational outcomes for the young people involved.

And through these opportunities, and the myriad of other, smaller community and charitable initiatives, we instill within each of our pupils the importance of giving back to society.

Bursaries

Of course, the Foundation is equally committed to supporting widened access by welcoming pupils from diverse ethnic, cultural, religious, socio-economic and non-traditional backgrounds, through the provision of bursaries.

The A Better Chance bursary campaign has continued to raise funds to support pupils who would benefit from a Mill Hill education, from one off donations or regular gifts from both Old Millhillians and Parents and through fundraising events, such as the ABC Fun Run.

Our guest speaker, Leanne Armitage, has given generously of her time since leaving the School, supporting us in fundraising events, which in turn, provide opportunities for future generations to benefit from a Mill Hill education, in the way that she did.

Having left Mill Hill, Leanne relentlessly pursued her dream of a successful career in medicine, however whilst studying she has devoted such extraordinary energy to encouraging others from backgrounds such as her own to pursue medical careers that she has earned the Queen's Young Leaders' award and been widely featured in TV, radio and press coverage.

I am looking forward to hearing Leanne's experiences and thoughts on her work when she speaks to us later on.

At this point, I would like to pay tribute to Nick Priestnall who, since 2006, has skillfully led the Development Office in raising in excess of £10 million towards bursaries and capital projects, from fundraising activities. Nick is retiring after nearly 14 years of service and is looking forward to developing his various projects and interests. However, he is currently working on the successful Belmont fundraising campaign for the Sports Hall, and will leave us once that is complete, at the end of October!

Nick – you take with you our very best wishes for the future and our sincere appreciation of all that you have done for the Foundation over these many years.

Last week I attended the prize-giving for the Upper Sixth leavers of the London Academy of Excellence, Tottenham. The keynote speaker offered 4 pieces of advice to their leavers, which I have unashamedly adapted for you today.

Education

The opportunity to study here and to move into Higher Education is a privilege. Make the most of this wonderful opportunity and be sure to use it well, remembering that education does not stop once you graduate.

Employment

These are challenging times. Jobs for life are a thing of the past and innovation and change are what defines the road ahead.

To quote one of Mill Hill's most distinguished former Headmaster's, Maurice Jacks, "We have to educate..... not for a changed world, but for a world that is changing all the time." Ninety years on, his words ring truer than ever.

Aspiration

Aim high- set your sights on an ambitious goal and keep your focus on the bigger picture, whatever the challenges along the way. Believe in yourself and in your ability to achieve great things and you will succeed.

Community

Give back – as Millhillians you have the opportunity to inspire others, to play your part in the wider Mill Hill family, and to follow Leanne's example by finding your own way of contributing to society.

In William Winfield's first speech as Headmaster, in September 1996, he concluded...

"I suspect that few schools would take issue with the idea that they are places where pupils learn to learn. Mill Hill, with its all-round education and its ethos of shared intellectual and social experience, is, I believe, a place where, to quote William Wilberforce, its pupils learn to live. There is no doubt in my mind which, of the two, is the better preparation for life"

At Mill Hill School, Learning to Live is about:

- Being happy in yourselves and sharing that happiness with others
- Finding your passion, honing your skills and achieving your goals
- Gaining the confidence to take your place in society and believing that you can make a difference.

Thank you

Jane Sanchez, Head MHS September 2019 "We have to educate... not for a changed world, but for a world that is changing all the time."







The Development Office

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The American roots of "A Better Chance" Bursaries

In 1957 I arrived at Mill Hill School – coming straight from South Africa to school in England was a big deal! One of the first new boys I met in Ridgeway House was Graham Drake.

Ridgeway and Mill Hill School was a big change for him as well as he was a so-called "Middlesex Pupil" (at that time a round a third of pupils were bursary recipients as part of the Middlesex Scheme).

Graham was from Wembley where his family lived in an apartment above a newsagent's. I remember meeting his Mum and Dad one weekend and his father was a big, warm and lovely man. He was so proud that Graham had been accepted at the School.

I have lived for most of my career in Darien, Connecticut, a suburban commuter town for New York City which ran a famous program, giving five to eight girls from the City a free High School education for four years. Darien had some fantastic schools; the girls were selected from poor areas of New York Boroughs and lived in a provided house during the week (returning home on weekends). Many of the girls were from ethnic minorities, and went on to Ivy League Colleges such as Yale, Harvard or Cornell. A neighbouring town, New Canaan, offered a similar program for boys called 'ABC' (A Better Chance).

The ending of the Middlesex Scheme in 2002 and its successor the Assisted Places Scheme, was a sad day as Mill Hill had provided an outstanding education for many boys. It was a great loss of opportunity for the recipients and also Mill Hill School itself, which was enriched by the welcome diversity and life these students brought. So many Old Millhillians from the era made lifelong friends out of Middlesex pupils.

The 2007 arrival of Dominic Luckett as Headmaster gave a new lease of life to bursaries at Mill Hill. This was a man who, along with Director of Development Nick Priestnall, had a bold vision of the School having a new, co-educational bursary scheme to replace the old Middlesex one. I shared their belief that Old Millhillians should work harder to enrich the School by helping to create bursary places. After discussions with Graham, Nick and Dominic about how to go about this new venture, Graham and I decided to fund a student for five years as a test – and so the ABC (A Better Chance Bursary) was born!

The School selected the very first student from North London and he arrived in 2008. Graham and I kept in touch with him during those years and visited him many times – we were thrilled to see him complete school, play 1st XV rugby and go on to study at university.

More than a decade on, the enormous sum of £5 million has been has been donated towards the A Better Chance bursaries fund and more than 45 pupils have won places as a result (with countless individual success stories among them).

All applicants are rigorously means-tested, with recipients meeting high academic standards (and often being talented in another field such as sport, music, art or drama).

We are thrilled that the idea has caught on and is now so well supported by alumni, parents and friends of the School. The entire Mill Hill community is benefitting greatly from what began with one student and is now a central part of life here. Mine and Graham's dream remains for more and more pupils to benefit over the coming years.

The success of the ABC Bursary scheme relies on the incredibly generous support of Old Millhillians around the world. If you are in a position to help with a gift however big or small, or have any ideas at all, we would be incredibly grateful. For more information on the scheme or how you may be able to get involved please contact the Development Office.

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Forget not Mee & My Garden

Peter Collinson wrote these words to his Maryland friend George Robins in 1721 urging him to send to England anything which might be of interest. The Peter Collinson Heritage Garden at Mill Hill School is flourishing after a year's growth and the regular encouragement of Russell Cowan and others to ensure that it is well tended. It is highly appropriate that the man whose brainchild the Heritage Garden was, Roddy Braithwaite, chose these words to go on a bench he generously provided for the Garden.

It was lovely that Sheila Hume, widow of distinguished local artist Peter Hume, generously dedicated a bench in his honour. This is also in the Heritage Garden. Mrs Sanchez hosted a lovely reception to welcome Sheila and unveil the bench. Mrs Hume's extended family were invited and are pictured around her that evening. Her daughters both married OMs, three

Sports Hall Update

While the ABC Bursary campaign continued throughout the year the main capital project in the Foundation was the new Sports Hall at Belmont. The fundraising was brilliantly supported by parents and OBs and the target of £1m was reached at the beginning of November 2019.

The building was finished at Christmas 2019 and in use by the pupils from January 2020. A key element in the success of the campaign was the Ball for a Wall. This was held at Allianz Park with MC for the evening David Flatman. Highlights of the entertainment were current pupils Amma Ris and Zoe Simon who performed brilliant solos. The auction contributed an amazing $\pounds 60,000$ to the campaign.

Another significant donation was made by Old Belmontians. When the Old Belmontian Association was dissolved the funds which remained in its bank account were ring-fenced for use on a project for the School.

It was brilliant that the OB representatives on the OMC Management Committee decided to make a generous donation to the Belmont Sports Hall; this gift has funded both the electronic scoreboard and the indoor cricket nets. It is planned to bring back Old



grandchildren are OMs (one of whom has an OM girlfriend). Sheila is also an artist in her right and author of 'The Dissenters of Mill Hill' which includes this lovely print, seen at the top of previous page.

In 2019 the Garden had the first two of the regular 'open days' Mrs Sanchez plans; they were hosted by Nick Priestnall. The first was specifically for members of the Mill Hill Preservation Society who were at School for their Annual tea party. The second happened in early October and saw visitors from the MHPS and Mill Hill Historical Association amongst others. (By coincidence the first person to arrive was the mother of two OMs who are well known to many!)

> Belmontian and Old Millhillian cricket professionals Sophia Dunkley and Adam Rossington (Captain of Northamptonshire CCC and in the Lord's-based Hundred XI) to try them out!





An evening with Alex Goode

Following an entertaining and competitive bidding process at the Foundation's "Ball for a Wall", Peter and Anita Wakeham had the opportunity to entertain family and friends at a special dinner with Alex Goode, Saracens and England Rugby star.





Who said you can have too much of a Goode thing?

The campaign to raise $\pounds 1m$ for the Belmont Sports Hall has been a success. One important element was the Ball for a Wall held at Allianz Park which raised over $\pounds 60,000$. It was great to see Old Millhillians of different generations there for a fantastic event.











Alex was an excellent dinner guest. He talked openly and frankly about his rugby career at Saracens and with England and everyone enjoyed the lively discussions.

David Flatman was the MC bringing great humour to the occasion and being an excellent and amusing auctioneer. Up for auction that night was a Private Dinner for 12 in the Crick Room at Mill Hill School with Saracens and England full back Alex Goode. The winning bid came from non other than OMC Chairman Peter Wakeham.

Nick Priestnall, Director of the Belmont Sports Hall Campaign, organised the event working with Mike Gibson and his excellent chef Dave Pomeroy to ensure that there would be outstanding food and wine. Laura Turner made sure the room looked amazing. Nick was delighted to be on hand to welcome Peter and his guests and Alex Goode. It was Alex's first visit to the School since coming here to play against Mill Hill as a 15 year old. Alex is a personal hero of Nick as they attended the same school (not at the same time!) which made the chance to welcome him all the more special.

Nick Priestnal

CLUB NEWS & VIEWS From the Chair

The Club's army of volunteers has been busy this year. Richard Llewellyn was a seriously active President, attending over 30 events – possibly a record. The Management Committee met on six occasions. YOMS Ambassadors have been working hard on new initiatives. Reunions have been held in the South West and Cambridge. Professional Networking events have thrived. I want to thank all of our organisers for their selfless commitment – not always recognised. The Club would not succeed without them.

The high-level message I would like members to take away from my Martlet commentary is that the focus of your Committee's efforts is on, what I call, future-proofing the Club. Initiatives are varied – some offensive and some defensive.

Membership development: The Life Membership scheme operated with the Foundation remains successful. It is by far our most significant source of new members. In Autumn Term 2019, a total of 392 pupils spread across a range of class years were being funded for future Club life membership by their parents.

YOMS Ambassadors: The large volume of new YOMS members anticipated in the coming years will need to be engaged. Sive Ozer's team of YOMS Ambassadors have developed a plan which they will start to roll out in 2020. It currently comprises two programmes:

- Pop up events aimed at OMs at Universities. Each year the YOMS Ambassadors will hold pub based reunions in 3-4 towns where there is a large number of OM students
- ii. Year reunions: 5, 10 and 15 year reunions will be organised. The precise formula for each is still work in process. Hopefully each year group can help with organising their event.

Career support: member growth and hence income growth from the Life Membership scheme depend on the Club's proposition being attractive both to parents and to the Foundation. The scheme is funded by parents and their fees are collected for the Club by the Foundation.

Richard Lidwell's Careers Committee has been very active this year. Increasingly, it works closely with the school's Careers Department, providing support to school career events and activities. In addition, the Club funds sixth form pupil attendance at Professional Networking events. Career support is a major priority and in 2020 we plan to launch a unique programme aimed at current and aspiring YOMS entrepreneurs.



Data sharing: GDPR has proven universally to be a major barrier to common sense. So many people think "consent" is needed for any contact to take place. In reality, there are six alternative lawful bases for communication. As a voluntary members Club, we use "contract" as our lawful basis for contacting members. We intend to use "Legitimate Interest" as our lawful basis for communicating with non-members. This requires a data sharing agreement with the Foundation which we hope to have in place before end 2019. We have been unable to communicate with non-members for nearly three years because former Foundation executives embargoed this. This embargo has held us back on many fronts and I can promise you it will be a major relief when we can finally turn back the clock to a time when we could contact all OMs.

Communication clarity: the existence of two websites each aimed at OMs and with overlapping content is not an obvious marketing strategy! In 2020 we will work with the Foundation at merging content onto one single OM focussed website and eliminating duplicate communications from the Club and the Foundation. We both have distinctive messages for OMs and the current confusion is unhelpful.

Better governance: In 2020 we will complete the upgrade of our accounting systems. Faster reporting and less time spent on monthly routines will ultimately lead to better control. We owe this to existing members, parents who fund future life members and to the Foundation who support the life membership scheme.

As many of the annual members will confirm, I am committed to eliminating time (and hence £) consuming manual accounting routines that can be automated at virtually zero cost. Standing Orders are a case in point. Out of date reference numbers, joint accounts, company bank accounts etc all conspire to make reconciliation with members records a lengthy task. By contrast, our arrangement with our Direct Debit provider uses the membership number as a reference and reconciliation is automatic via a direct feed to our accounting system.

My thanks go to the 290 annual members who are on this system. However, as I write, there are 112 members still on Standing Orders paying the incorrect membership fee, despite requests to switch. This is inequitable to members paying the correct fee. Regrettably, during 2020, we may be forced to apply Club Rule 7 and lapse the memberships of those who persist in paying the incorrect subscription.

CLUB NEWS & VIEW

Next AGM & Cocktail Party 17th June 2020

Venue TBC

AGM & Cocktail Party

31 Old Millhillian Club members attended the AGM at the National Liberal Club on Wednesday 19th June 2019. Richard Llewellyn chaired the meeting with distinction.

Attendees stood for a minute's silence to pay tribute to Club Members who had passed away since the AGM in 2018:

Roy Anthony Furness; Patrick Henry Kennedy; Michael Ranger Lackie; Geoffrey Osborne Vero; Maxwell Malcolm Strachan; Tim Stringer; Anthony John Robinson; Ivor Oliver Roberts; John Charles Kennedy Elliott; Ivor Cooke (Cucka); Peter Alfred Block.

The main point of discussion at the meeting was the Committee's proposal that the Club switch from being a voluntary organisation to being a Company Limited by Guarantee. This is covered in detail in the Chair's remarks earlier in this edition. Members were also advised of the change of policy at the National Liberal Club, whereby the Associate Member status enjoyed by Club Members for many decades would cease at the end of 2019.

Members received the 2018 Financial Statement and approved the election of Gordon Mizner as President, John Gallagher as Vice President and the election of the following Club Officers and Management Committee shown to the right of the page.

NATIONAL **LIBERAL CLUB MEMBERS** ONLY

Members elected seven Honorary OMs: Ann Bunyard who has been a dedicated member of the Club Office team for so many vears: Sam Ashkam. Ralph Murdock and Gideon Feltham who have been significant contributors to the OMRFC both on and off the field; and Foundation stalwarts - Nick Priestnall, Development Director, Mike Gibson, Domestic Bursar and Head of Catering and Stephen Plummer. House Master Mill Hill and a major supporter of the OMs Eton Fives Club.

MEMBER

Officers by election

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Ex Officio members 2019/20

Nigel Baker

John Barron

Gordon Mizner Jane Sanchez

Richard Llewellyn

Clare Lewis Dick Lidwell

Liaison Officers

Andrew Welch

The Cocktail Party

AGM attendees joined other OMs and their partners on the Terrace at the National Liberal Club for a delightful social evenina.

Peter Wakeham (Burton Bank 60-65)

RESPONSIBILITY

Honorary Treasurer

Honorary Secretary

Chair

Alford House

Sponsorship

Vice President

AGM election Immediate Past

Committee

Committee

Chair, YOMS

Ambassadors

Committee

Committee

Court

Chair. Investment

Chair, Nominations

Belmont and OBs

Chair Careers

President

Representative.

Foundation Liaison

Head of Mill Hill School

Vice President for 2020

President (Ex Officio)

Chair, Alumni Relations

Peter Wakeham

John Gallagher

Members by election President role development

Chris Kelly

Committee Chairpersons

Sive Ozer Solon Satanas Peter Wakeham

Adrian Jordan





Member Protection: At the June 2019 AGM, members approved the proposal that the Club become a Company Limited by Guarantee instead of a voluntary organisation with no legal identity. The company has already been set up in anticipation and the plan is for it to acquire Club Land And Investment Trust Limited (the company that owns Headstone Lane) and the Club assets at the end of 2019. These actions ringfence member assets and liabilities. The Club will continue to be run in accordance with Club Rules so the transition should be seamless. At the 2020 AGM we will seek member approval to the Club Rules and the Company Articles.

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The Club

Nestled under the imposing Marnham on the tranguil Ridgeway, the Old Bursary is very much a hub of busy activity. The Club Office is thriving.

Laura Turner continues to engage members with striking communications, social media updates and close links with members to arrange our events.

As bookkeeper, Ann continues to use her experienced eye to balance our books, thus ensuring we remain in a state of financial health.

GET IN TOUCH

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Finally, I would like to thank Laura Turner and Ann Bunyard for helping to keep me close to sane during the past year! They somehow manage to put up with my constant requests for information and action and still smile. They do a great job running the office and this year has been particularly intense due to a busy calendar and necessary updates to the member database.

I suspect 2020 will be no different!

CLUB NEWS & VIEWS Volunteers

Professional Networking





(Burton Bank 80-84) Property Dinner & Drinks. Played for the OMs 1st XV Rugby team for more years than I care to remember, plus a bit of cricket for the OMs during the summer! This has created a fantastic network of life long friends, many of whom I am still in regular touch with.

I've worked in a Business Development role within the Construction Industry pretty much since leaving Mill Hill School nearly 36 years ago, and I'm keen to encourage the next generation entering the Property Industry to continue dialogue with fellow OMs also working within the same profession.

I organise both the OMs in Property Annual Dinner and Informal Drinks, the latter held at Finos on Mount Street, W1. We have between 35-40 people in attendance at both these events and it's always great to see some new younger faces present as well as many familiar faces.

If you're interested in attending either or both of these gatherings, please do get in touch with me Michaelpeskin@hotmail.com



John Hellinikakis

Event Co-Ordinator.

Professional Networking

(Murray 76-81)

Tom Lincoln

organiser.

Clive Weber

(Ridgeway 65-69)

Legal Event Host.

an interest in law.

Amongst the seniors in the

Wray. I organise an annual

potential lawyers including

house at that time was Nigel

Reception for OM lawyers and

sixth formers and all OMs with

(School House 98-03)

Creative Networking event

Caroline Hepker (School House 93-95) Media Event. I've been a journalist for 18 years and have hosted events about news and media for OMs. I enjoy speaking to younger Millhillians who are thinking of going into journalism as well as reconnecting with friends from school and networking.



Andrew Millet

(Ridgeway 81-84) (Murrav 84-86) Co-host (with Mike Solomons) the Accountancy Event. Reason why - I continue to have a great affinity and love for the school. Any opportunity to get OMs together chatting about old-times over a few beers is a good enough reason. It's also a great opportunity for any 6th formers or recent alumni who are interested in joining the profession to network and meet others in the profession.



Gordon Mizner (Murray 65-69) Engineers Dinner Host. OM Club President 2019/20. Active member of Golf Society.



(School House 70-72) South West Event. I took over the organisation of the South West event in 2010 after moving from London to live in Devon, where I spent my childhood. I felt it was important to give my support to the Old Millhillians Club and living some distance from London, this was a good way to do so.



(Murray 79-84) Accountancy Drinks. I organise the OMS Accountancy drinks to help YOMs meet Accountants and other professionals from related professions so that they may network and gain assistance in their future careers







Robert Priestley



Mike Solomons

Overseas



Michael Wong (McClure 76-83) City and Entrepreneurs Event.







Russell Cowan (Weymouth 58-63) Medical Professions event, East Anglia Dinner organiser. Nick Howe-Smith

Sport



Ben Nash (Ridgeway 84-90) OMRFC Chairman.



Colin Nunn (Burton Bank 74-81) OMGS Secretary. 138 members with a great fixture list.

(McClure 78-83) NZ OM Rep, since 1996. UK PROFESSIONAL Accountancy - Mike Solomons & Andrew Millet

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NEXT MEETING 11th March 2020 New Members





Old Millhillian Lodge

Masons have been building pyramids, temples, churches and castles for thousands of years.

They could not be hired from the local job centre, they had no certificates and anyway, neither they nor the foreman could read or write. They had secret signs and words to prove their competence and trustworthiness for quality control and integrity. When Henry VIII sacked the monasteries, the masons employed to maintain them had to disperse but the local suppliers and merchants who had enjoyed their social connections with the masons' lodges wanted the meetings, and what we

would call the networking, to continue and so Free Masonry emerged, further developing in the scientific age, with the founding principles of brotherly love, relief (charity) and truth.

The OM's Lodge was formed in 1938 and our last Installation Meeting (a new Master and his Officers are installed each year) was held at the delightful Innholders (one of the smaller livery companies) Hall in November. Over 40 Masons gathered including five OMs who had not previously attended an OMs Lodge meeting. Noyan Nihat (82-88) and Robin Church (88-92) were both initiated into Free Masonry

and the Lodge. Ed Eccles (01-06) and Chris Lanitis (92-97), already Masons elsewhere, joined the Lodge.

The OMs Lodge is expanding. We have four Regular Meetings (ritual ceremony followed by dinner) a year, and an open evening for any OMs who would like to stop by for a drink and meet up with some of us - no obligation other than to enjoy the evening: 11 March 2020.

Bruce Maunder Taylor (Weymouth 59-64) brmt@maundertaylor.co.uk



























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Liverymen

The Old Millhillians' Liverymen's Association exists to promote fellowship among City Liverymen and to encourage and assist OMs to join City Livery Companies.

Originally trade guilds, Livery Companies maintain and expand links with their associated trades, generate considerable charitable funds, and elect the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of the City of London.

As an example, I set out what my own Company, the Worshipful Company of Glovers, do. The Glove Trade Committee, on which I sit, supports the gloving trade, most recently in successfully intervening to secure better quality combat gloves for the Army. Its charitable arm provides gloves and glove associated items for the needy – for example gloves for wheelchairs users and safety gloves for emergency workers. The Glove Collection Trust, of which I am Trust Secretary, owns and displays the national glove collection at the Fashion Museum in Bath, our most recent exhibition attracting over 70,000 visitors.

Livery Companies own major Halls in the City of London, many of which – like the Cutlers – house significant trade exhibitions. Social events in my own Company range from an annual Banquet in the Mansion House, to an annual carol service in our City Church, to firing the most modern SAS weapons with our adopted Regiment, to visiting our adopted nuclear submarine, and a fearsome croquet day in Sussex. OM Liverymen range from the most ancient companies to the most modern. If you are living or working in London, OM Liverymen will welcome you.

Formally, we hold an annual luncheon at London's Guildhall, masterminded by the Association Clerk, Archie Galloway OBE. If you would like to find out more, or like assistance to becoming a Freeman or the City of London or progressing to Livery Membership, the Club Office can put you in touch with us.

Rev Michael Phillips (Winterstoke 59-64)



Alford House

his work.

The time has come when I stand down as Chair of Governors of Alford House.

In 1977 I attended an open evening at AH and after expressing an interest and meeting Dick Walker, the then Chair, for lunch in his club, I found myself attending my first management Committee Meeting on the 22nd September. In those days we had Group of Governors and a Management Committee. The Warden at that time was "Mick" Saunders.

The Management Committee evolved into the Executive Committee, reporting to the Governors, in 1990 and I was asked to Chair that. As time moved on the decision was taken for the protection of the Governors and Executive to become a Company Limited by Guarantee and bring the Executive and Governors together as one body. I was asked to become Chair of Governors. This is the position we are in today. We try to look after and entertain about 440 young people, both boys and girls.





Most notably Mick was succeeded by his son, Tim Saunders. A succession that the Governors are eternally grateful for in the light of his extensive knowledge of how local youth work should be done. Appropriately last year, Tim was made an Honorary OM for

When founded in 1884 the club was for men and it provided help in all aspects of living in Lambeth so you could say, education in its broadest sense. The club evolved and became known for its strong sporting activities and we have now evolved into a more educational and supportive role in the challenging and difficult present time that our young people are growing up in.

Not completing the full redevelopment of the site has been a disappointment, but the successes have easily outweighed this. We have seen refurbishment of many areas of the Club, including setting up a then state of the art ICT centre, a music studio and the building of a new fitness suite. Most importantly we have





Nigel Baker (Burton Bank 51-56)

seen the delivery hours of services to young people increase greatly over the past two decades. When I started I would not have thought that we would be working in schools to try and prevent school exclusion, nor be delivering mental health resilience training. I have thoroughly enjoyed my involvement with AH, and I hand over to Nick Priestnall as Chair and William Maunder-Taylor as Vice Chair in October and I will continue on The Board of Governors.

The work continues and it is in good hands to continue the amazing work that is done by all the Governors, the full time, part time youth workers and volunteer helpers.

Nigel Baker (Burton Bank 51-61) nigel@alfordhouse.org.uk

BELMONT



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Belmont academic 2018-19

It has been another busy year and demand for places at Belmont continues to grow - particularly at 11+ where we had 370 pupils sitting for September 2019 places.

Moving forwards the Governors have agreed that we will increase our 11+ intake by one class (to seven classes) and reduce our 7+ intake to three classes rather than four. 11+ seems to be the most popular point for families to try and get their children into the Mill Hill School Foundation.

Academically, our KS2 and KS3 data shows that, overall, the children made good progress in 2018-19. We put forward a huge number of pupils for the Mill Hill 13+ scholarship awards with a total of 47 awards being achieved by our Year 8 cohort, including five full academic scholarships. We also had twelve 11+ academic scholarship awards accepted by pupils

IN ADDITION

- We had 10 pupils qualifying for the Junior Mathematical Kangaroo in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge
- 24 pupils entered Townsend Warner History Competition with 4 making it through to Round Two of this incredibly difficult prep school contest
- A Year 8 pupil was highly commended by the Royal Geographical society for her Arctic Awareness Project
- A Year 6 STEM team qualified for the National Jaguar Primary School Challenge
- Twenty five students were in the top 10% in a national Computational Thinking Challenge
- · Finally, two Year 8 pupils won 'Most profitable' category for the National Tenner Challenge out of thousands of entries

The new Sports Hall project is now completed and filled daily with happy pupils. The climbing wall has been a great success. The fundraising campaign has been a success with a ball held at Allianz Park, a London to Paris Bike Ride and significant donations made by individuals. Thank you to Old Millhillian, Nigel Wray, for allowing us to have the ball at Saracens' magnificent stadium as well for outbidding me in the auction for a chance to play golf with England Cricket's World Cup Winning Captain, Eoin Morgan. There was a nervous moment when I was rehearsing in my head how to break the news to Mrs Roberts! A few Old Millhillians took part in the bike ride to Paris that was brilliantly organised by James Fleet. The generosity of donors in this campaign has been humbling. Thank you to every single contribution from everyone but in particular the Old Belmontian and Old Millhillian community and one former Mill Hill family who made the whole thing possible with a huge donation of half a million pounds. Finally, I'd like to thank Nick Priestnall for all of his efforts in leading the Sports Hall Campaign. At the time of writing. the total raised stands at £980,000 so we are hopeful that we will reach the £1 million target. Nick should feel very proud of his achievements as he hangs up his boots (not his cricket boots yet) as Director of Development.

We have continued to treat wellbeing as a high priority at Belmont and across the Foundation. We have introduced a mentoring system as an additional layer of pastoral support for pupils who need it. Our second Wellbeing Week was even bigger and better than last year. Whether it was 120 Year 8 pupils enjoying a session of Tai Chi, families going for an early



morning run, yoga, smoothie bikes, mindfulness, nature walks or osteopath and nutritionist sessions - there was something for everyone to highlight the importance of physical and mental wellbeing.

The Foundation's

partnership with Middlesex Cricket continues to grow and we are working on developing a more formal partnership with Saracens. We have also strengthened our links with Saracens' High School, St Paul's Junior School (Mill Hill) and Copthall School. Belmont's **English Department** delivered a performance poetry workshop and Mr McNulty ran some Art workshops at Saracens High. The Friends of Belmont, our Parents' Association, have identified Copthall School as one

IN SPORT

- A Year 7 pupil participated in the Fencing National Championships
- Two Year 8 pupils represented Barnet in the Middlesex Cross Country Championships
- Three pupils represented Arsenal and Tottenham
- Our Under 13 netball team qualified for the IAPS nationals
- Two Year 7 girls were selected for the Under

of the organisations that they would like to support and I am incredibly grateful that they are getting behind our local partner school. We will continue to offer more collaborative opportunities for pupils and staff with all of our partner schools in the future.



In July we said goodbye Mrs Jinny Fisher who retired after 22 years of loyal service to the school and Mrs Mandy Slade who has been at Belmont as a Lower School teacher for just over

12 Middlesex County Netball squads • Our Under 11 rugby team went unbeaten in the IAPS rugby tournament • In Fives: six different pairs reached the national quarter finals stages in various age categories • Two Year 6 girls received their Middlesex County Cricket Caps • Our Under 13 Girls cricket team won the prestigious Berkhamsted Girls Cricket festival

30 years. Both made a huge contributions to the school and they will be dearly missed. We wish them both a long and happy retirement, more family time and lots of cheap holidays during term time!

Overall it has been a successful year and the Heads of all the Foundation schools have worked well together. It has been a pleasure working with Jane Sanchez, a fellow Midlander, albeit from the West rather than the East Midlands! Jane has had a tremendous first year as Head of the Senior School and Mill Hill couldn't ask for a more dedicated leader

It has also been a pleasure working with our Chair of Governors, also an Old Millhillian, Mr Elliot Lipton this year. Elliot has led from the front and worked tirelessly to drive the Foundation and its governance forward. Finally, January saw the arrival of Anthony Spencer as the new CEO to further strengthen the Executive team, supporting the Heads in making the Mill Hill School Foundation one of the most highly sought-after educational establishments in the area.



MEMOR

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Geoffrey Vero, 1947 - 2019

actions.

The last thing my father said to me was, "Remember in your eulogy to make reference to Marcus Aurelius."

This is typical of my father, that guite literally on his death bed he was thinking of practical matters, legacy and philosophy. Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius, born Marcus Annius Verus, was, perhaps after Geoffrey, the most famous of our namesake. These days best known from the film Gladiator..... Aurelius was a reluctant yet successful military leader and is remembered as the Philosopher Emperor. I would define him as a practical stoic and his book of Meditations was often to be found on father's bedside table throughout his adult life. A short and worthwhile read, written as a source for his own guidance and self-improvement. A guide that Geoffrey believed in and tried to emulate on a daily basis.

Aurelius states his core values as: Striving to do one's best, loyalty, morality, integrity, reliability, family, God and the church (a loose translation from Jupiter and the Parthenon).

We have been inundated with touching letters from our friends sharing wonderful memories of Geoffrey, but

G. O. VERO (1960-65)

Weymouth; Upper Maths VI; Senior Monitor; Head of House; Games Committee (Hon. Sec.); Hamilton Bailey Memorial Prize 1963; 2nd XV 1963-64; 2nd XI Hockey 1964-65 (Capt. 1965); 2nd XI Cricket 1963-65 (Capt. 1965); Golf Team 1964-65; Athletics Team 1962; Tennis Team 1964; Geographical Society; Pythagoreans; Music Club; Science Society; Under Officer i/c Army C.C.F.; Entering articles in Chartered Account-ancy or R.M.A. Sandhurst; The Croft, Atherstone, Warwickshire.

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what is so particularly special is how the messages all share the same theme: Kind, honourable, gentlemanly, moral, hardworking, selfless, inclusive, energetic, humorous, interested in everything and everyone he met, a deep sense of team spirit and public duty, and in his dying days, his only concern being for Frankie and his family - stoic and brave in the face of such adversity. Safe to say, Marcus Aurelius left his mark!

He had absolute conviction in what he believed was right and wrong and he installed that in Leanora, Alexander and me. He advised that it was important to respect other people's opinions, but that didn't mean you had to agree with them! He was also particularly fond of the rule of unintended consequences and that things should be debated in full so as to understand fully, the ramifications of the

Geoffrey was born on 9th January 1947 in Warwickshire, brother to his elder sister Diana. His Father Dennis. with his brother Charles, ran the successful hat manufacturing business of Vero and Everett - the mad hatters of Atherstone! Whilst regrettably it is no longer fashionable for all to wear hats, it was in his blood and although he never actually



entered the business, he has always supported the hatting and milliner industry and the wider community - up to this year annually going to the St Clements Day lunch to meet the old hatting employees and following in his father's footsteps, to be Master of the Worshipful Company of Feltmakers. It fills me with great pride that his last act as master was to swear me in as a liveryman.

Apart from my mother, his other great love was golf - another place where he wasn't afraid to get involved in lively debate and stand up when he felt it wasn't in the best interest of the club or colf as a whole.

His golfing career started at Mill Hill School (where he was later a governor), which he attended from 1960 to 1965. He excelled at Mill Hill where he was a school prefect. Head of House for Weymouth and captain of cricket, rugby and golf. He was then an enthusiastic Member of the Midlands juniors, the South East juniors, the Cavaliers, the Elders and the Feltmakers.

We joked that Sunningdale Golf club was his second church as he spent most Sunday's there. He was Captain and then Senior Trustee. effectively managing the club and the refurbishment of the

clubhouse and he took great pride an d pleasure in being an active member of the club.





Then the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews where he went through the ranks of the Rules committee (unafraid to put Tiger on the clock - he just couldn't abide slow play - and was typical of his egalitarian style), the championship committee and the general committee as Chairman of the Finance Committee. Oh how he loved committees! The Open was -a highlight of the year and my mother loved the golfing friends and the social scene and forever being the tactile person that she is, latching her "claw", on to any unsuspecting professional or royal. It was a crowning glory of his golfing career to win one of the "Crown Jewels of Golf' - The Calcutta cup, with Henry Rowe in 2003.

Last but not least, he was also a member of Rye Golf Club, where he adored playing the beautiful and challenging course.

Geoffrey was an active and successful businessman and strongly believed in the City of London as a financial hub. The boardroom was another place where his qualities shone through, often treading the path less worn, when although the harder option, he inherently would not baulk from the right course of action.

Having qualified as a chartered accountant, he then spent most of his career in Corporate Finance, but highlights included being Finance Director at Diners Club, Partner at Causeway Capital, a Lloyd's name, Chairman and Director of Epic, Numis and Albion, and also Chairman to Alexander's company Movid_iam and his daughter in law's company Aurelia Probiotics skincare, both of which he was particularly proud of. But it was his time at Causeway where working for Lionel Anthony and David Secker-'Walker, that 'Shaped and defined his business career, his modus operandi and his famous "smell test". He had the deepest respect for them both, their business acumen and their behaviours; they were his mentors and from them he learnt and took very seriously the responsibility of mentorship.

I know from letters received, that many of the next generation have benefitted' from his selfless advice and sense of moral duty. I think James Henderson, a colleague of Geoffrey's at Epic and friend of mine, sums up his business ethos and indeed his character, rather well: "He was a legend - a true gentleman, rare character and someone who made a huge impression wherever he went and whoever he met. I got to know him through his work as chairman of our fund and I'm so glad I had the privilege to work with, and learn from, someone so brilliant who had a rare ability to combine business with an unshakeable sense of the right way of going about things. He was also great fun and always brought laughter to our work. He will I know be terribly missed by all who knew him."

Geoffrey was also a trustee of the Lt Dougie Dalzell MC Memorial Trust, set up in memory of my dear friend who was killed in Afghanistan on is 27th birthday. It was an honour for him to bring his corporate experience to the charity and in doing so, support Anthony and Colette.

He had such a fondness and keen interest in all our friends from prep school, Dawne House and Wellington,

Bristol and Newcastle, the city and beyond. Again I am touched by the messages that have come through saying how good it was to spend time with th' e Vera's, as my parents were so welcoming, interested and fun. But I have been amazed to hear from friends who only fleetingly knew Geoffrey, who remembered his ever presence. his support, a word of counsel and a particular defining event. One included a cricket match at Harrow where a Harrovian lied to the umpire about saving a four and to everyone's surprise (bar my own and Frankie's), Geoffrey jumped out of his director's chair and charged up to the umpire waving his MCC panama, bellowing, "I am an MCC member and that WAS a four!" It was often the principal and not the action. and much to our frustration, he just could not stand by on even the littlest things: as for him the little lies turned into big ones.

His bellowing baritone was never far from our halcyon holidays, from building dams on Mill Bay in Salcombe, to the Geoffrey Vero waterski school in Mallorca, open to all and sundry at 7am. One friend joked that the whole beach learnt how to waterski from being woken up by Geoffrey's shouts over the engine of "knees bent, arms straight!" Or just as one was enjoying a snooze in the sun, Geoffrey was using his foot to mark out a rugby pitch or pat down a wicket and before one knew it, the whole beach was dragged into the game and despite initial misgivings - it was suddenly a cacophony of laughter. We made lifelong friendships

this way, many of whom are here today. You will remember fondly Geoffrey's



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"sidestep" – aka the warship turning - and his rule in cricket that he couldn't be out. On holiday when he was not wearing a panama he was rather fond of a Nike baseball cap that said "Just do it." I think that could be his epitaph.

He told of being at the "Epicentre of Hot pants in the 1970's" I'm not sure if he was referring to my mother, but apparently he was rather a charmer in his youth. Adorned with his cape and cane and with his thin yet enigmatic and charming smile he won over Frankie, who in his own words was the "love of his life". They were a remarkable team and complimented each other so well.

They got married on July 12th, 1975, in this church, with the reception at Little Manor Farm, Frankie's parents' home, where my parents moved last year. Having first lived together at Abbotsbury Road, they moved to The Old Vicarage which they turned into an institution of parties and happiness for all, but especially for Leanora, Alexander and me.

Our parents created a wonderful secure foundation for us and Geoffrey was the most supportive father through our youth and then on through our various careers. We will sorely miss his wise counsel.

But my father could not have achieved anything without my mother and I do not make that comment lightly, nor without deep reflection. She supported him in everything he did, even if it meant he spent far too much time on the golf course! She was, and still is, the glue of our family and she gave Geoffrey the unquestioning love and support as his rock from which to excel.

But her actions as his unwavering, loyal and tolerant nurse maid since his diagnosis of cancer have been something to behold; saintly compassion ate and a remarkable strength to my father. She selflessly went about her duty of looking after him and made his time as comfortable and as happy as possible.

It is typical of her and our father that they made close friends during this time with various doctors and hospital staff, from the Indian receptionist that my father debated cricket with, to the delightful Irish pharmacist, who my mother latched onto!

But particular rocks during his initial illness, through diagnosis of cancer and beyond, were my father in law, Dr Edward Rowland, who immediately put us in touch with all the best specialists and metaphorically (and physically in my mother's case), held their hand though it all. To Or Amen ms" Srbtain, the most wonderful and kind oncologist, Mr Bhattacharya and Professor Hutchison. We are indebted to them all.

Geoffrey is also leaving behind his adored grandchildren and children. I for one, will miss the opportunity to sit in the pavilion at Lord's with him by my side; my brother will miss a reflective round of golf at Sunningdale; and Leanora will miss that deep and special bond that a daughter has with one's father, especially as he saved her life as a teenager by handing off a jet ski!!



Everything he did was for the future generations and that was his primary concern over the last 8 months. Not worrying about himself, but about Frankie and our family. His strength of character, bravery and dignity in the face of such adversity is truly awe inspiring.

May I ask you all that you leave with a more positive energetic attitude on life; on family; on your responsibilities; on the right way to do things; to believe in your convictions but understand when to compromise; on inclusiveness and selflessness; on friendship and laughter and by doing this try and emulate my dear father, Geoffrey.

I know it would have given him pleasure that he had been given one last opportunity to impart his "words of wisdom"!

Thank you.

Julian Vero

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Tim Stringer, 1<mark>923 –</mark> 2019

When I arrived at Mill Hill School some fifty year ago as a nervous, callow interviewee almost the first person I met was Tim – warm, charming, welcoming and instantly putting me at ease. For 20 years we were to be colleagues in the same department and friends for life.

I soon discovered that Tim was generally perceived as a suave, sophisticated bachelor about town, an image he was more than happy to cultivate. Jauntily kitted out in flat cap, gloves and scarf, he would driving his MG sports car up 'to town' to the retreat of his brother's flat in Chelsea. He had at this time taken another young tyro teacher under his wing, one Robin Veit, whom he proceeded to lead down a path of dalliance and adventure (or should that be misadventure) and even invited him on one occasion to join him for a visit to a Club in that den of vice, Soho. Over a whisky of an evening the two of them would discuss the best restaurants - and best holiday spots. And one holiday to Spain was unique - an event which Tim always delighted in later years to recall in every detail. Tim, in



his inimitable way, decided that he, Robin and another teacher, at Mill Hill should go on holiday together but seek three ladies to accompany them. Yet how to find them? A small ad in the Times was the answer! Imagine doing that today. Robin recalls how they made several sorties into town to interview candidates, rejecting a 43 year old widow who wanted to bring her children. Three others were invited and accepted and astonishingly it worked so well that the other teacher, RIchard

Auger, has been happily married for over 50 years to one of them. This of course was all Tim BC. - before Celia.

Tim some time later took another holiday to France but this time photographs of his purported travel companion, Ron Swash, were only a smokescreen. Tim had in fact been clandestinely away with Celia and the rest is history. Tim was one of the last of a generation of gentleman Mill Hill schoolmasters who devoted themselves tirelessly to their chosen profession and institution. Tim came to to Mill Hill in in 1958 essentially to teach English and particularly English literature. He was an accomplished classroom teacher and many of his former pupils speak of how his classroom was a refuge, a literary haven, in what was otherwise for them a games orientated environment. His daughters, Jo and Henrietta, have received many warm tributes from former pupils.

Tim enjoyed his subject and his pupils in equal measure. In later years he would display an extraordinary memory of past pupils and fine details of their time at Mill Hill. He was always interested in their later achievements; for instance, he kept in close touch with all those who had gone on to become poets or published novelist; and only last year he received a collection of sonnets (written by a former pupil, Richard Burns, now a Cambridge academic) and enjoyed having them read out to him. He loved literature, especially the classics, and revelled in quoting and quotations. He was fond of indulging in a kind of literary jousting to see who could identify the source of a particular reference - and Tim usually won the day. He put together a small booklet of his favourite humorous sayings taking its title from Oscar Wilde's famous quotation when he had said "I wish I had said that " to which a friend replied "you will Oscar, you will". Tim had then added his own superscription "I wish I had said something



'talking books' afforded Tim a great source of literary comfort .

Of course he loved drama, whether studying plays in the classroom, going to the theatre or directing. He put on seven successful major school drama productions, including the bold choice of Zigger Zagger which was set against the world of football fans. The play reflected so much of Tim; it had both humour and vitality but also an underlying thoughtfulness



with some provocative and outspoken scenes exploring the hopelessness of less privileged contemporary youth. The production rattled the cages of staid Mill Hill, but was immensely enjoyed by the school pupils who returned in droves to see repeat performances. Going to the cinema and theatre were activities he shared with Celia and they had a special love of ballet and their favourite dancer. Darcy Bussell, Visits were curtailed in his later years but he delighted in recalling anecdotes from productions that he had once seen such as when Nichol Williamson, playing Hamlet, walked off the stage saying "I cannot go on; I am only giving 80% " before been persuaded to return ten minutes later - or the time that in the company of 50 pupils, Head of English, Ted Winter, at an Open air production of A Midsummer Nights Dream stunned the cast and audience by shouting out "Speak up, I have paid to hear this play"

And of course Tim loved performing - at heart he was a frustrated thespian. Laughter abounded when he imitated a famous actress such as Dame Edith Evans or a politician such as Harold Macmillan - while his 'piece de resistance' was his impersonation of former Headmaster, Roy Moore, amusing even to those of us who had never known the man. For the School Arts Society, as



well as delivering some erudite talks on literature, he performed humorous sketches from Victoria Wood to Alan Bennet and wittily compered the annual Summer celebration. He acted in a number of mixed staff and pupil plays and I had the privilege of directing him in three Young Old Millhillian productions. His comic timing was always impeccable while his enthusiasm and his encouragement of the more youthful cast members was unwavering. Audiences will never forget his much put-upon Colonel Pickering in Pygmalion or his increasing bewilderment in "See How they Run" when playing a locum vicar, he removed a female hand from his upper leg for the third time saying to the inebriated lady " I am of a reserved disposition"

Tim's participation and interest in sport is another chapter in his story. He was a good hockey player, and enjoyed turning out for the Hawks Hockey club and Hampstead in his early years when his waistline would allow him to be guick and nimble. His contemporary, Paul Hodgson, described his play as a 'dainty tippy-tappy style' - very much the opposite of Paul's more pragmatic, even brutal, approach to the game. When playing it was amusing to see Tim, a man of principal seething, with suppressed anger at any tactics he consider low or underhand such as hooking your hockey sticks as you were about to strike. As for coaching, even in inclement weather, cap on head, waterproofed from head to foot, whistle in hand, he took charge at all ages. Robin Veit also recalls how together they taught rugby to young 13 and 14 year olds who didn't want to be there but Tim made it fun and the joy was unconfined when a try was scored by a happy young child who went skipping back to his position with a great smile on his face.

Tim was a thoughtful and liberal disciplinarian. On the pastoral side at Mill Hill he was a house tutor and later became the first Housemaster of the day house Priestly, creating a caring environment where pupils of every age, including girls, could flourish. He was always prepared to let pupils have their head and to make mistakes. He would back to the hilt the cause of a pupil who he thought was in his rights... One notable example was when he defended a pupil editor of the School Magazine against Old Millhillians and colleagues who considered the content somewhat scurrilous.

Teaching girls was a great pleasure for him and it was not surprising that he eased into full retirement by teaching the girls at North London Collegiate where he proved to be equally popular. And though his love of following sport and the arts was eventually curtailed by Celia's confinement to a wheel chair he never gave up going into town or for a meal out with friends and his interest in what was going on remained undiminished. For instance after every rugby international weekend or cricket test match he insisted on having an in-depth debrief about the players and the results, even though watching on television became increasingly difficult.

Former colleague Tony Armstrong became a regular companion and chaperone after Celia's death and he writes "Tim loved London; he rejoiced in its tree-laden squares, above all when the sun shone, he loved to have names of streets pointed out to him as he was driven round the capital in a black cab, names that would nostalgically recall people and places of his bachelor days" Tim continued to meet his friends and to be as sociable as ever, though he now found found large gatherings challenging. He continued his love of good food and wine, returning to his favourite bars and restaurants even until a few

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months before his death, discriminating in his choice of dish and always concerned to have the right accompany wine. He liked to mildly flirt with the waitresses, though committing the odd faux-pas because of his poor sight. He was a regular at his beloved Champers in town and once he used his charm to talk his way into the exclusive Auberge du Lac on the Brocket Estate when he had failed to make a reservation.

"He was the finest teacher I ever had and instilled in me a life-long love of literature" "He was an excellent teacher, always very kind, with a twinkle in his eye and had that all important quality - a charming sense of humour" "He was a fantastic role model and a significant influence on my adult life" "Tim was my absolute favorite teacher at school. He was just so easy going and was by far the "coolest" of the teachers at school" And simply "he was a truly inspirational teacher"

So finally how do we remember Tim? On one level, as Tony Armstrong points out, he was a man full of contradiction: he literally counted the pennies when shopping yet amusingly was happy to spend freely when dining out; he was liberal in his outlook on so many issues yet frustrated by marches and protests in London which held up his carefully planned schedule; he was a determined individual born of northern grit and of his upbringing in Southport, yet polished by his Public school days at Dean Close and his time at Oxford.



To Celia Tim was a loving and devoted husband - and unstintingly attentive during her illness, never complaining of his lot. He was also very fond and proud of his family, of his two daughters Henrietta and Josephine and his son-in-laws, and his three grandchildren, Eddie, Eliza and Harvey, whom he captivated with his stories. To his friends he was loyal and generous; to his pupils benevolent and instructive; to his carers courteous and ever grateful.

We shall remember a man who inspired great affection from all those whose paths he crossed. We shall remember his charm, his wit, his courteousness, his principles, and his sense of humour but above all we shall remember a man who was unwaveringly positive and simply loved life. Coincidently a few weeks before his death we revisited together those well known lines from John Donne's sermon, lines of which Tim was very fond and he believed touched the very pulse of human existence and lay at the heart of his personal credo.

The bell has tolled for Tim and we are indeed diminished by his death but he set us an example to follow and we shall always treasure his memory.

Tim Corbett (MHS Master 71-13)



John Bolton 1923 - 2019

Born 6th March, 1923 in Chesterfield, Derbyshire.

His father's business took him to many different countries including Romania and Italy where he learnt the languages of both.

He was first educated in Florence but then was sent to Belmont where, at the time, he was the youngest student there and was taught by the wife of Mr. F.A.B..S Anderson.? He puts FABS in brackets after but I can't read exactly what it says. I think Anderson.

At Mill Hill he got his 3rd XV colours for rugby and his 3rd XI colours for cricket.





When war broke out, he joined the navy and took part in the 'Pedestal' convoy which delivered Malta. He spent all of his war time in the Mediterranean. His ship at the time, the HMS Niagara was torpedoed.

After the war he did a two-year government management course and later joined the 600 Group of companies and eventually took up senior management roles for the company in Canada, Australia and finally the UK. His time in business took him all over the world.







John Peter Bolton.

19, Church Crescent, Church End, Finchley, N. 3. 1936-41, Weymouth. Lieutenant, R.N.V.R. 4 years' Service. Mediterranean 1942; Ameri-can Waters 1942; (Atlantic) Mediterranean 1943-45; Home Service 1945-46. Africa Star, Italy, 1939-45 Star, Victory Medal. Mediter-ranean Convoys, Sicily Landings, Italian and N.W. African Campaigns. Served in Cruisers and Submarines, also Shore Establishments in Sardinia and Triates and Trieste.

In Canada he met and married Mary, his wife of 65 years. They had two children, Peter in 1968 and Daphne in 1972. He was a very keen OM and in his early years played rugby in many touring competitions. He founded the American, Canadian and Australian associations and encouraged the formation of many other overseas branches. He was a member on the committee as the first overseas liaison officer.

He was a Life Governor of the school and a member of the Old Belmontians Association. He was elected President in 1998. He played a major role in getting the OMs club on the world map.







MERCHANDISE

Silk Ties

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Cuff links - Enamel	£19.50
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2020

19th March	Medical Professions Event Royal College of Anaesthetists	19th May	City & Entrepreneurs Dinner Lansdowne Club
21st March	OMRFC VP & Past Players Lunch	ТВС	OM Liverymen's Annual Lunch Guildhall
28th March	1960, 70, 80, 90 Reunion		
	Mill Hill School	17th June	OMC AGM & Cocktail Party Venue TBC
16th April	OMs Drinks/Dinner		
	New York, 6pm	18th June	1807 Lunch TBC
17th April	OMs Drinks		
	Toronto, 6pm	TBC	OM Legal Networking Event Wedlake Bell
18th April	OMs Dinner		
	Toronto, 6pm	26th September	OMs Day 2020
			Mill Hill School
22nd April	OMs in Property Dinner		
		2th October	Annual Dinner
23rd April	Sixth Form Leavers Event		Plaisterer's Hall
	Mill Hill School		
9th May	Cambridge Dinner	November (TBC)	Armistice Day Mill Hill School
Striviay	Trinity College, Cambridge		
		December (TBC)	YOMs Christmas Drinks
15th May	Engineers' Dinner Bleeding Heart Restaurant		The Adam & Eve