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Head Boy to marry Head Girl

Old Millhillians  
Where Are They Now?

The Annual Dinner  
in photos

OMRFC Biennial Dinner  
Chris Kelly honoured

From Acorn to  
Oaker



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The entire school on the Portico during OTC practice with Capt Norman Brett-James 1912 (centre).

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# CLUB NEWS & VIEWS

## Leonard Morton *(Collinson, 40-44)*

Dad joined Mill Hill just at the start of the war, so actually only attended Mill Hill when it was at St Bees, and he spent the war up there. During his time there he witnessed a flying bomb landing smoothly on the playing field and then exploding when it hit a goalpost. His Brother was at Belmont at the same time in Cockermouth.

He was known to his family as John, but on his first day he met Ant Vint (they later discovered the same birthdate and became great friends) who asked him his name and said "I can't shorten that, have you another name", so he became Len throughout his school and OM life. Very confusing for my Mother when she was ultimately introduced to his family as they didn't know who Len was and she didn't know who John was!

He left school to go straight into the Navy as a rating, before being 'encouraged' to join the family mail-order business 'Mortons of Highbury'. He was a keen sailor, one of the founding members of the OMs yacht club with Charlie Lamplugh. He was captain of the OMs 'A' XV for a few years.

The photo bottom right shows my father and his school friend Ant Vint in their group photo at Royal Navy Training.

This would have been just after they left school. Dad is second row from the rear, 3rd from the right. Ant is 2nd row from the front, 4th from the right.

### **Morgan Morton**

*(Belmont, 70-75, McClure 75-80)*

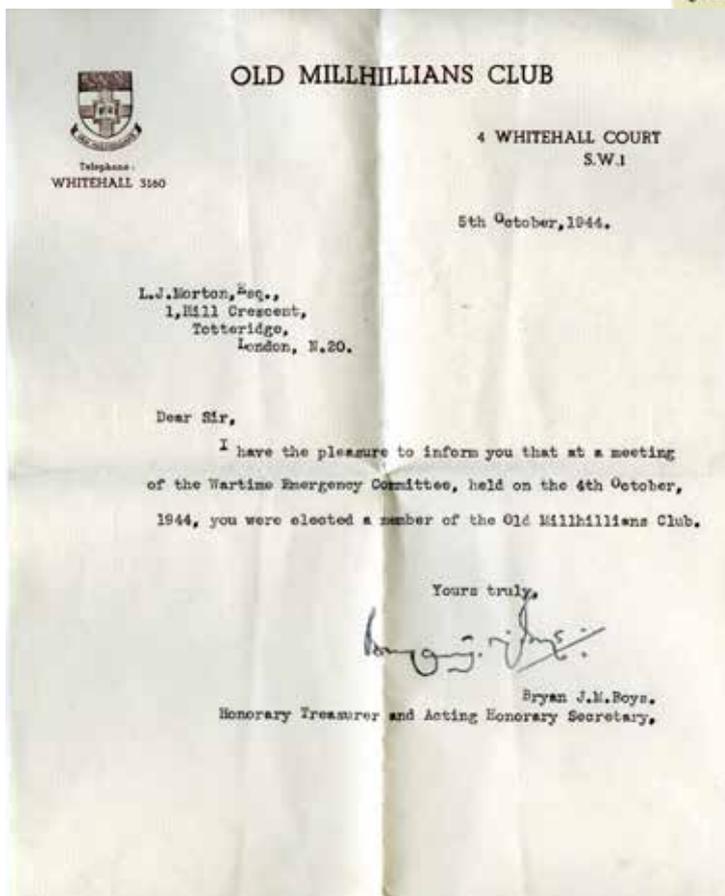
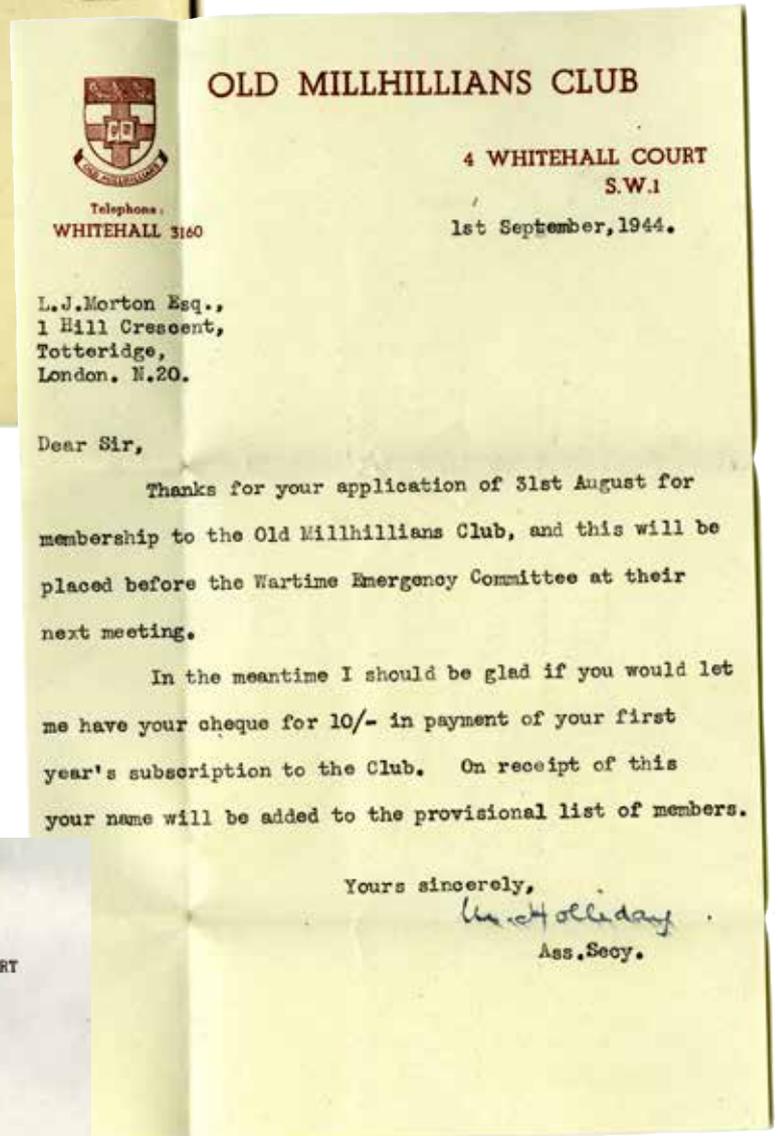


*My uncle Patrick Morton, left, My Dad, unknown friend, and Ant Vint, right.*





Leonard Morton's response from the Old Millhillians Club to his membership application letter in 1944.



# CLUB NEWS & VIEWS

## From the Chair

I am delighted to congratulate new appointees at the Foundation: Elliot Lipton (OM) as Chair of the Court of Governors, Sunena Stoneham as Vice Chair and Jane Sanchez as Head of Mill Hill School. The Club in general and I personally welcome these appointments and look forward to working closely with all concerned on behalf our mutual interests.

I particularly want to pay tribute in this edition of Martlet to the army of volunteers who selflessly give their time to make the Club such a valuable community for Old Millhillians. The Management Committee meets at least six times a year to wade through a heavy agenda; the Careers Committee under Dick Lidwell's stewardship meets regularly to plan initiatives for alumni and pupils; the Finance Committee reviews Club investment performance each quarter; and we now have the recently formed YOMs Ambassadors who are hard at work developing a programme for engaging younger OMs in Club activities.

### Careers Committee

John Barron (MHS Head of Sixth Form)  
Mitesh Bhimjiyani  
Natasha Fenwick (MHS)  
Ted Ivens  
Dick Lidwell  
Gordon Mizner  
Luke Stubbles (MHS)  
Peter Wakeham

### Finance Committee

Abhijit Gupta  
Andy Mortimer  
Peter Wakeham

In addition to these Committees, there are a large number of individual OMs who go out of their way to organise social, sport and professional networking activities and events. Profiles of all of them are to be found on pages 10-11. Members owe these OMs a massive thank you for their commitment.

Much praise was deservedly lavished on Laura Turner for our first bumper edition of Martlet last year. I am sure Laura's hard work and dedication will not go unrecognised for this edition. Roger Streeten's involvement in design and development of both editions as well as past ones is also a major asset for the Club.

We undertook some research to see whether members preferred one bumper or two smaller Martlets each year. Opinion was evenly split. Our future response to this will be to publish a bumper annual review of a past Presidential Year



each November and an electronic edition mid-Presidential Year in the Spring. No need for back stops!

By the time you read this you will have received from me a paper regarding a proposed change to the legal and governance structure of the Club. I welcome your feedback prior to a decision to recommend the change to members at the AGM. The Club is a voluntary association and has no legal identity. Strictly speaking, at its most banal, that means the Club cannot enter into an agreement to hire a room for the Annual Dinner. I do it in good faith that the Club stand behinds me. The proposed alternative structure – a Company Limited by Guarantee – is designed to protect the Management Committee and Club members from potential liabilities. It is a legal entity frequently used by charities (including the Foundation) but has broader applications.

In recent months we have made constructive progress with our relationship with the Foundation. We will shortly be entering into a data sharing agreement which will finally remove the 2017 embargo on us contacting non Club members. We will then work on a project together that is aimed at bringing clarity to our respective roles. We have wide ranging mutual interests that should be complementary and synergistic.

A huge thank you must be extended to YOM Sam Chadwick who has been invaluable in the OMs office supporting Laura and handling all the Club admin, merchandise and memberships. We wish him all the best when he starts university later this year.

I look forward to catching up with some of you at a future event.

**Peter Wakeham** (*Burton Bank 60-65*)



OLD MILLHILLIAN CLUB OFFICERS & MANAGEMENT 2018/19

COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT 2018-2019  
Richard Llewellyn (62-66)

VICE PRESIDENT 2018-2019  
Gordon Mizner (65-69)

OFFICERS

Chair – Peter Wakeham (60-64)  
Honorary Secretary – Julian Pollock (83-88)  
Honorary Treasurer – Abhijit Gupta (89-94)

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Careers – Richard Lidwell (59-64)  
Clubland – Andrew Mortimer (57-61)  
Old Belmontians – Adrian Jordan  
Anthony Ward (82-87), Tim Corbett  
Ronnie Boon (54-60), Noyan Nihat (82-88), Clare Lewis (77-79)  
John Gallagher (63-69), Andrew Welch (75-80)  
MHS Head – Mrs Jane Sanchez (HM)  
Common Room Liaison – John Barron, Assistant Head Sixth Form  
Alford House & Sponsorship Fund – Nigel Baker (55-61)

OFFICE STAFF

Alumni Relations Officer – Laura Turner  
Bookkeeper – Ann Bunyard

# The Club Office

Nestled under the imposing Marnham on the tranquil 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.

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## Membership Cards

I hope you like the new membership cards which are coming soon. I wanted them to have a sense of permanence and to feel modern while still drawing on our amazing heritage.

Thanks to Mike Berwin who is yet another who has volunteered his time, in his case to design the cards and organise the USA annual reunion at his apartment in New York.



Peter Wakeham with Sam Chadwick

## YOMs Ambassadors

Four young Old Millhillians gathered at the National Liberal Club in late January for the very first meeting of the Young Old Millhillians' Ambassadors, an initiative started by the Chair of the Club Peter Wakeham.

This quartet is chaired by Sive Ozer (*School House 04-09*) a corporate lawyer who left School House in 2009 and is also composed of Ciera Radia (*Weymouth, class of 2012*, now working as an investment fund analyst), Priestlians Ted MacDonald (left in 2016, now studying medicine at King's College London) and Sam Chadwick (left in 2017, recently helping out as club administrator).

Each of them bring a range of varying skills and experiences to the table, yet also have in common their Mill Hill education and desire to strengthen the Old Millhillian community.

The YOMs Ambassadors has been set up to work on improving the offering to young Old Millhillians. The missions therein are to make activities more accessible and attractive, to recruit and engage new members whilst building bridges between all age groups.

A key part of the discussion was careers support for younger members. Peter Wakeham's article for the recent Martlet captures thinking at the time regarding how the Club might



respond to alumni needs at different life cycle stages.

The hypothesis was that member needs differ by stage and therefore Club initiatives and responses need to be tailored accordingly. For example, networking events are an excellent way of strengthening the OM community, and we would encourage anybody with experience in an industry and who sees potential for a networking event which does not yet exist to contact the club office to discuss this further.

Furthermore, all ideas from all YOMs and OMs are welcome. We look forward to working to make the Club offering even better for Young Old Millhillians in the future.

**Samuel Chadwick** (*Priestley 12-17*)



*The Scriptorium*

# AGM 2018

National Liberal Club, London, June

L-R: Stewart Wernham, Abhijit Gupta, David A. B. Brown, Peter Wakeham, Katie Peters



Noyan Nihat, Alan Toulson, Julian Pollock



Geoff Woods and John Mobray



Ronnie Cohn, Gordon Mizner



Adrian Jordan, Alex Burt, Tim Corbett, Clive Sutton



Noyan Nihat, Alan Toulson, Julian Pollock, Peter Wakeham



Ronald Pole, Rev Michael Philips

# CLUB NEWS & VIEWS

## Volunteers

### Professional Networking



**Mike Peskin**  
(Burton Bank 80-84)

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 35 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](mailto:Michaelpeskin@hotmail.com)



**Caroline Hepker**  
(School House 93-95)

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 Millett**  
(Ridgeway 81-84)  
(Murray 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.



**Solon Satanas**  
(Murray 90-93)  
City Dinner organiser.



**John S Parrott**  
(School House-Scrutton 50-55)  
South African Rep. All OMs welcome so long as they confirm their intention of attending before that date.



**Clive Weber**  
(Ridgeway 65-69)  
Amongst the seniors in the house at that time was Nigel Wray. I organise an annual Reception for OM lawyers and potential lawyers including sixth formers and all OMs with an interest in law The date for this year's Reception is Thursday 12 September. An invitation will be sent in due course.



**Gordon Mizner**  
(Murray 65-69)  
Engineers Dinner Host. OM Club VP 2018/19. Active member of Golf Society.



**Robert Priestley**  
(School House 70-72)  
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.



**Mike Solomons**  
(Murray 79-84)  
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.

# Overseas



**Justin Wernham**  
(Collinson 78-82)  
Australia Rep.



**Mike Berwin**  
(Collinson 78-82)  
New York Rep.



**Steven Chan**  
(Collinson House 95-99)  
Asia Pacific Rep, Hong Kong.



**Borg Tsien Tham**  
(Priestley 89-94)  
I was previously the OM overseas representative for Singapore and Russia. I accepted a recent offer by the club to become the OM overseas representative for Singapore because I view that the OMs in Singapore should be connected together.



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



**Nick Howe-Smith**  
(McClure 78-83)  
NZ OM Rep. since 1996.



**Raj Achan**  
(Ridgeway 85-91)  
Middle Eastern Rep.

I plan to organise a dinner if the OM President visits Singapore, as well as a few drinks gathering/meet up sessions.



**Tom Lincoln**  
(School House 98-03)  
Creative Networking event organiser.



**Colin Nunn**  
(Burton Bank 74-81)  
Golfing Society Secretary since 1987. With 138 members the OMGS are a busy society with a great fixture list.

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# CLUB NEWS & VIEWS

## Upper 6th

# Leavers Reception

In April 2018 the Upper Sixth Leavers had their introduction to the Old Millhillian's Club down at the National Liberal Club. The pupils dressed to impress for the evening and proceedings began with a gathering for their year group Leavers' photo on top terrace, before travelling down to the National Liberal Club by coach. The pupils arrived at the club and were met by a healthy gathering of Old Millhillians for a drinks reception in the impressively ornate David Lloyd George Room. Live music was provided by Kevin Kyle on the piano, and the dulcet tones of MHS music teacher Jessica Thurtell, which set the scene for an entertaining and atmospheric evening.

Club Chair Peter Wakeham gave an engaging talk on the benefits of being a member of the Club and OM Kate Korshunova kindly followed with an impressive and informative talk to the pupils, outlining the Clubs professional networking events and the benefits of keeping in touch with the Club from a future career perspective. John Barron, Assistant Head (Sixth Form) also spoke to the pupils about the importance of early engagement with The Club from a social perspective, encouraging all to attend the big Old Millhillians Annual Dinners in the future.

After the speeches had come to an end, the pupils had the opportunity to have a tour of the NLC and moved out on to the stunning terrace for formal and informal photos in their school House groups. The iconic buildings of London's Southbank, offered a striking backdrop for each photo. Many of these photos formed the basis for the Upper Sixth Leavers' Year Book and it is clear from the photos that a joyful time was had by all. Each photo offered a lasting visual memory of the strong friendships they had nurtured during their time at the school and the relationships they had built up in their houses.

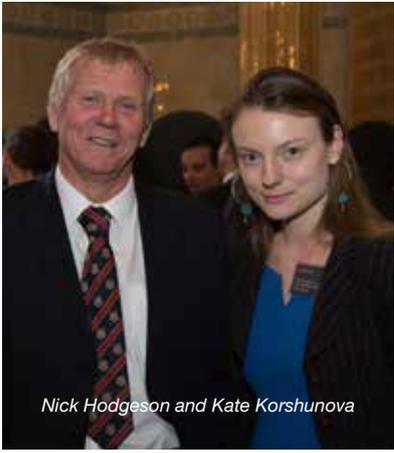


*Colin Nunn and Andy Mortimer*

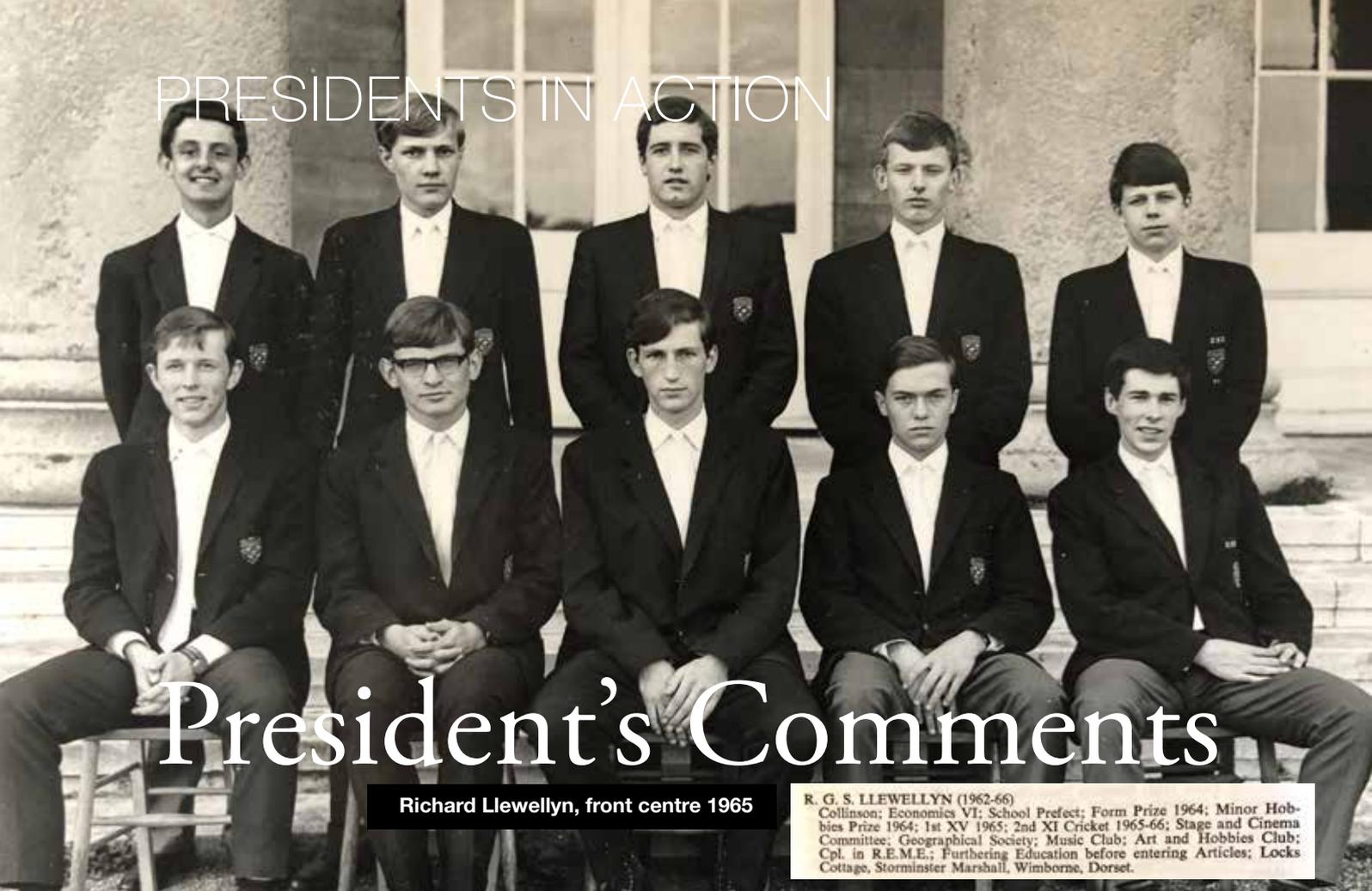


The Upper Sixth of 2018 approached the evening with maturity and enthusiasm, with an emotional reflection on their time at Mill Hill combined with an excitement about beginning the next chapter in their lives. As we know it's a daunting next step for some MillHillians as they approached their final A level examinations to prepare for their chosen university career path. Thankfully this was made all the more reassuring by the ongoing support and career links provided through the Old Millhillians Club.





# PRESIDENTS IN ACTION



## President's Comments

**Richard Llewellyn, front centre 1965**

**R. G. S. LLEWELLYN (1962-66)**  
Collinson; Economics VI; School Prefect; Form Prize 1964; Minor Hobbies 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 Sobey, 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 stayed in London for the next 10 years. A temporary job was arranged by the club with Lilywhites

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.

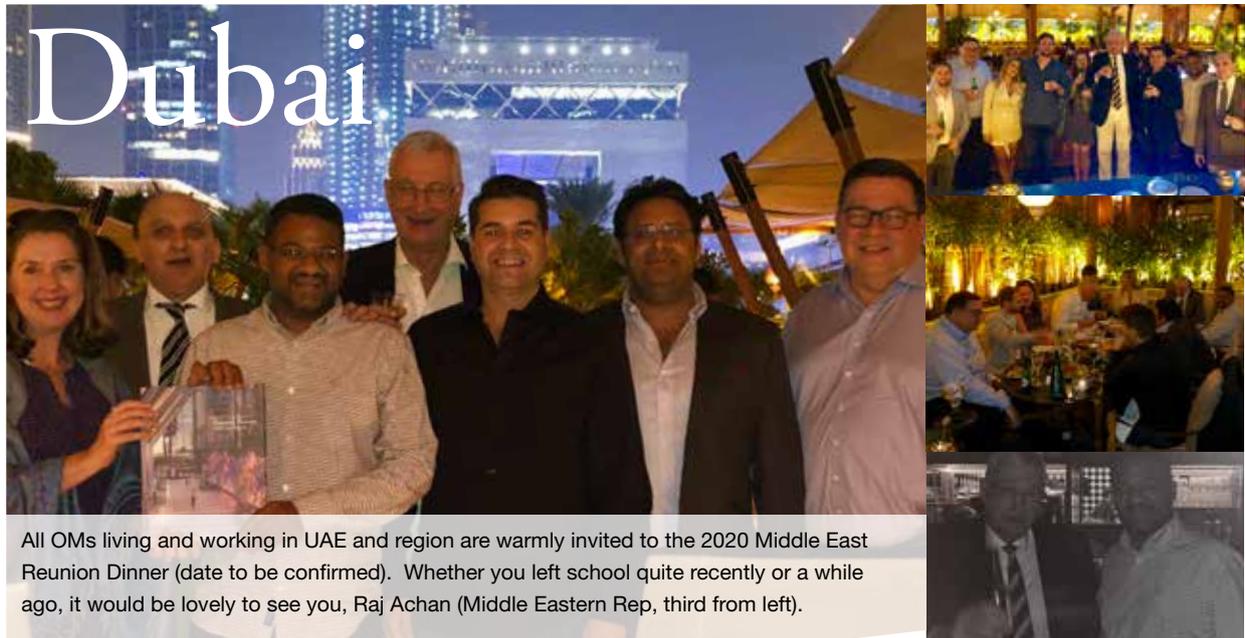
On his return to Bournemouth he joined the Bournemouth District Law Society where his father had been Hon Sec for 17 years and he supported various professional committees from time to time.

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.

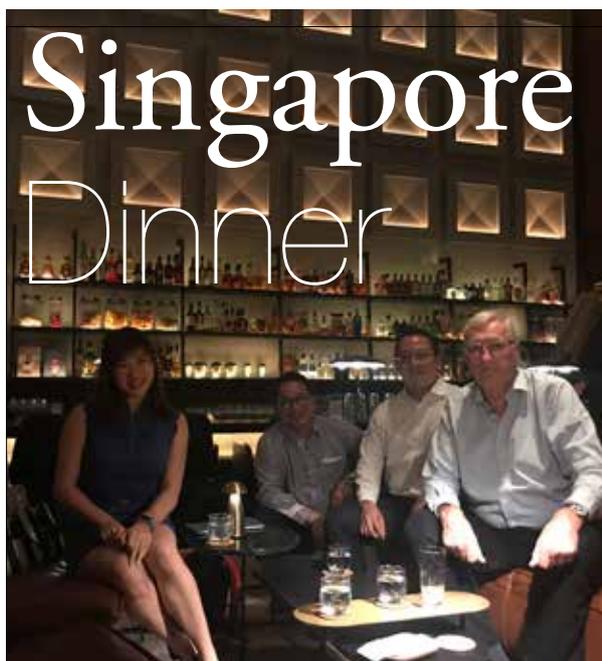
Richard retired as a solicitor three years ago and remains resident in Bournemouth. As President he has already attended numerous OM events and maintains his long standing link with BRFC as Ground Manager.

# Our President's World Tour 2018-19



## Dubai

All OMs living and working in UAE and region are warmly invited to the 2020 Middle East Reunion Dinner (date to be confirmed). Whether you left school quite recently or a while ago, it would be lovely to see you, Raj Achan (Middle Eastern Rep, third from left).



## Singapore Dinner

Pre-dinner drinks session of the OMs dinner in Singapore. Both pre-dinner drinks and dinner took place at the Warehouse Hotel in Singapore on Monday, 21st January 2019.

From left to right: Nicole Tan (10-12); Borg Tsien Tham (89-94); Felix Chan (88-93); and OM President Richard Llewellyn.

Four OMs sent their regrets and apologies: Patrick Kinghorn (88-93); Yu Jin Shih (*Left Mill Hill in 1993*); Serene Chan (*Left Mill Hill in 1991*) and Stuart MacAlpine (92-94).

Julie and I arrived in Dubai and we had a lovely meeting with all the OMs that Raj Achan had managed to get together. Raj was absolutely brilliant and a first class rep! We were entertained all evening and we enjoyed their company so much that we will try and come back in a few years and hopefully to spend time in Abu Dhabi as well. Sadly, following Dubai, Julie had to return to the cold and frosty UK and I landed on the next part of my trip in Singapore.

### OMs Middle East Dubai Dinner Report

A number of OMs living and working in United Arab Emirates and region enjoyed a reunion at The Ninive Restaurant in Jumeirah Emirates Towers Hotel Dubai on Thursday 17 January 2019. The reception, which was hosted by Richard Llewellyn OMs President, was a great opportunity for OMs to share their experiences with others living in UAE and find out about latest school developments. Many OMs were particularly delighted to renew contact with their old friends.

The evening continued with good wine, much laughter and some splendid Chicken tagine and Tashreeb.

Special thanks to Raj Achan, OMs Middle East Representative who helped organise the evening and for making all the arrangements. And to Asif Sabri and Kevin Doherty for kick-starting the event and ordering the food.

The OMs Middle East network continue to encourage any student studying at the school who wish to gain work experience to gain first-hand insight into the global world of work, to enhance their own personal and social development and to increase their educational and careers awareness. We see this as an invaluable opportunity for Mill Hill School students and hope that they will take full advantage of this via the OMs Club office.

# PRESIDENTS IN ACTION



Guy and Lucy Pollock, Mike Hailey and the President enjoying a magnificence sail around the harbour on Friday 15th Feb.

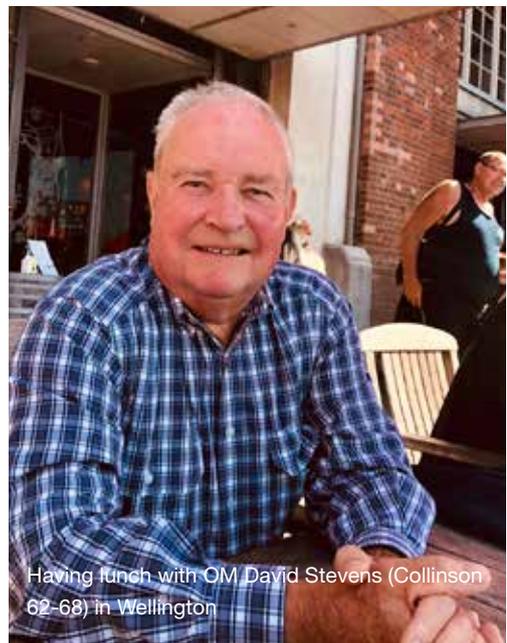


With Christopher Maunder-Taylor

At the end of January I arrived in Melbourne, where a small but lively group of four OMs gathered in the Keys restaurant in Keys street in Beaumaris, due to a few last minute cancellations. The following day I received a request to meet Mr and Mrs R Tillyard at The Melbourne

Club in the City on Wednesday night-jacket and tie but no mobile phone! Robin Tillyard was at Mill Hill from 1952-6 and is now retired from his career as a solicitor having emigrated to Australia after qualifying in the UK.

On the 14th February I took the train to Terrigal to see my old next door neighbours from Bournemouth, and on Friday we went sailing in Sydney Harbour with Guy Pollock (OM). The Sunday I enjoyed another OMs lunch near the Bridge.



Having lunch with OM David Stevens (Collinson 62-68) in Wellington



## NZ Dinner

### NZ OM Dinner on 28 February Sails Restaurant, Auckland.

In attendance was (left side) Nick Howe-Smith, Richard Llewellyn, Bob Barton, Jill Darcey, Brian and Caroline Jones, John and Mirabel Sievers. Apologies from Peter and Emma Mensah also Peter and Jo Halstead.

The restaurant is situated in the heart of the Southern Hemisphere's largest marina, Westhaven, so the guests enjoyed looking out over thousands of yachts. Beyond this sea of masts sits the Auckland Harbour Bridge, North Head and Rangitoto Island — the view that is the City of Sails.

A great night was had by all and we welcome future Presidents and wives to our small part of paradise.

**Nick Howe-Smith**, (McClure 78-83)  
NZ OM Rep.



I was lucky to meet up with OM Morgan Jones (*Weymouth 47-50*) and his wife Pat living in Queenstown, New Zealand. Morgan showed me his neighbours mid 50's American train set.

- Gatwick to Dubai – 15th January
- Dubai to Singapore – 20th January
- Singapore to Melbourne – 25th January
- Sydney to Auckland – 22nd February
- Auckland to Hong Kong – 28th March
- Hong Kong to Gatwick – 4th April

# President's Award 2018

**“Peter came to the school in 1953 as a beneficiary of the Middlesex Scheme.**

Like many Middlesex scholars, he valued highly the benefits of a Mill Hill education and was always an active member of the Old Millhillian community. He richly deserves the 2018 President's Award, sadly posthumously. We are delighted that Jan and Jennie are with us tonight to accept this award.”

**David A B Brown** (*OM President 17-18*) Annual Dinner 2018



**P. J. HUSTON (1953 - 58);** Ridgeway; Upper Mathematical VI; Monitor, June 1958; Magazine Committee; Pearse Prize for Art 1955; 2nd XV 1956, Junior Athletics Team 1955, Junior Boxing Team 1954, Hammer Hounds 1958; Pythagoreans, Science Society, Playreading Society, Phoebean Group, School Orchestra; First Class Scout 1954, Corporal in Army/C.C.F.; Civil Engineering; 34, Old Kenton Lane, Kingsbury, N.W.9.



Peter's wife and daughter, Jan and Jennie Huston

Alan Vincent

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW

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## Mark Mortimer



Sports Day 1983

In the summer of 1985, I went on the MHS rugby tour to Canada, to play in the World Festival on Vancouver Island. When everyone flew home, I remained in Vancouver with Chris Kelly: he was off on an exchange year to Australia and I flew to Washington DC as an English-Speaking Union scholar to spend a year at an American high school.

A fabulous experience, as was that one night in Vancouver with Kells! An eye-opening story in its own right.

Returning to the UK a year later, I went off to read History at the University of London and while there (until 1990) played rugby for the OMs. While at university, despite having avoided the CCF at school, I successfully applied for an army scholarship and arrived as an office cadet at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in September 1990. I passed out from RMAS in April 1991 and became an officer in the Light Infantry regiment. I spent eight years

as an infantry officer, serving two tours of South Armagh, one of Belfast and one in Bosnia. We were there from November 1995 to May 1996, a six month period that included the signing of the peace accord: overnight, we went from being relatively toothless

UN troops to much more robust NATO forces, with the responsibility of separating the warring factions and enforcing the peace. It was a demanding and fascinating tour.

In 1997, the army gave me and a fellow LI officer a year off (on full pay!) to prepare for and compete in the first-ever Transatlantic Rowing Race. It was a fabulous experience: we knew nothing about rowing, boat-building or the sea, so to build our own boat and row it across an ocean was a great adventure. It took 75 days and was an eventful crossing: our watermaker broke on day 2 and never worked again, we ran out of food and had to battle a tropical storm. In the end, we flagged down a tanker for a resupply. As you do!

I ended my army career commanding a rifle company in Belfast and then, following an enjoyable interlude as a bodyguard at the 1998 Wimbledon Championships, became a management consultant with an American firm. They sent me to Norway for a year, to work on a project with a chemical company. I didn't enjoy it all, wasn't motivated by making money and didn't think much of my colleagues.

In 1999, I started as a post-graduate at Wadham College, Oxford University, doing a PGCE (Post-Graduate Certificate in Education). It was great fun and played rugby and rowed for the college; we had a good boat and qualified for the 2000 Henley Royal Regatta, another tremendously enjoyable experience.

I got a job starting in September 2000 as a history teacher and residential boarding house tutor at Giggleswick School, near Settle in the Yorkshire Dales. A wonderful school in the middle of nowhere in the most beautiful part of England. I spent six years there, five as Head of History, was master-in-charge of rugby and immersed myself in the life of a full boarding school. In 2004, my Head gave me a term's sabbatical to row in the first-ever solo Atlantic rowing race. I capsized after five weeks at sea and the boat was damaged (although it self-righted). I made my way slowly to the Cape Verde islands and came home from there. While at Giggleswick, I began an MBA at Henley Business School, which I completed a few years later.

It was also at Giggleswick that I met my wife, Anna, who was over from France as a language assistant. We got married in 2006 and I became Head of Sixth Form at Hampton School, Middlesex.



Burton Bank 1984



Marathon des Sables,  
Morocco April 2017.



My Warrior, Bosnia 1995



Salamanca, December 1997

While there, I brought an U16 team to play at Mill Hill, on Top Field, with David Woodrow as my opposite number. A nice coincidence.

From 2008 – 2013 I was the Deputy Head of St John's School, Leatherhead and then I became Headmaster of Warminster School on 1 January 2014.

**What were you like at school?**

Obsessed with sport and didn't work hard enough. I was also scruffy!

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

Play your part – contribute as well as take, get stuck in to everything and success is more about getting on with people, having interests and being emotionally intelligent.

**What's the most interesting thing about you?**

I don't know about interesting, but people are always very surprised when they learn that I'm a huge fan of the ballet

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

Tough first term – I was pretty homesick – and then it just got better and better. I loved boarding. With hindsight, it was pretty basic. No carpets, 18 of us in a room, little privacy. It was very much survival of the fittest. It was good for me, but it should have been development of the fittest.

The story of the BB ghost – a great story, dating back to the house being a hospital during WW2.

Looking back, certainly in comparison to today, it was amazingly relaxed. For example, I remember disappearing out of the house at night more than once to go out in London! I bet that doesn't happen now.

**What is your proudest moment and why?**

a. Bringing my whole platoon safely back from South Armagh on my first operational tour.

b. (Q 2. The impact of the television documentary to which I referred earlier)

**Do you keep in touch with any OMs?**

Yes. I played rugby for the OMs on and off, work dependent, until 2008 and that was a good way of keeping in touch. Some of my very closest friends are people I met at school: Nathan Clapton, John Cicale, Oni Akpofure & Mike Peskin. I regularly see Chris Kelly as well.

**What's your driving force?**

To remain fitter than all my peers! Also, to lead by example, to challenge myself and to do the best job I can in whatever I happen to be doing.

In 2015, I featured, along with the School, in a two-part ITV documentary programme called 'School Swap – the Class Divided'. It was a great success and highlighted the power of boarding and benefits of state and independent working in tandem. One of the boys from the state school in Derby where I spent a week joined Warminster School

and is now in the Upper Sixth. I still get asked about him all the time – the power of a story.

In April 2017, I ran the 250km ultramarathon, the Marathon des Sables, across the Sahara. Now in my fifth year, I will leave here in a year's time to take over as the Head of Bryanston School.

**Most inspiring teacher at school and why?**

Bobby Morgan – taught me history for five years and developed my love for the subject

Chris Kelly – my 1st XV rugby coach – who was just an inspiring role model (and still is)

Hartley Heard – Burton Bank housemaster. Calm, kind and friendly. Always set a good example.

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

Alexander von Humboldt, Eddy Merckx, Captain Oates, David Bowie

**Favourite memory from your time at Mill Hill School?**

Lots! Some are about successes - winning the senior cross-country final on the line from Adam Laing, Burton Bank winning the CCF Newcastle Shield, but most about the friends I made and my memories of those friendships. Schools, as I'm always saying as a Head, are first and foremost about people and relationships.

**Worst memory from your time at Mill Hill School?**

My first term, when I was pretty homesick and struggling with boarding.

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

Buy a lot of bikes, build a house in France, give some to friends and family and set up a fund to support bursaries for children from disadvantaged backgrounds to go to boarding schools – a transformative experience and increasingly important for us, as a sector, to be offering them.

**Your favourite quote?**

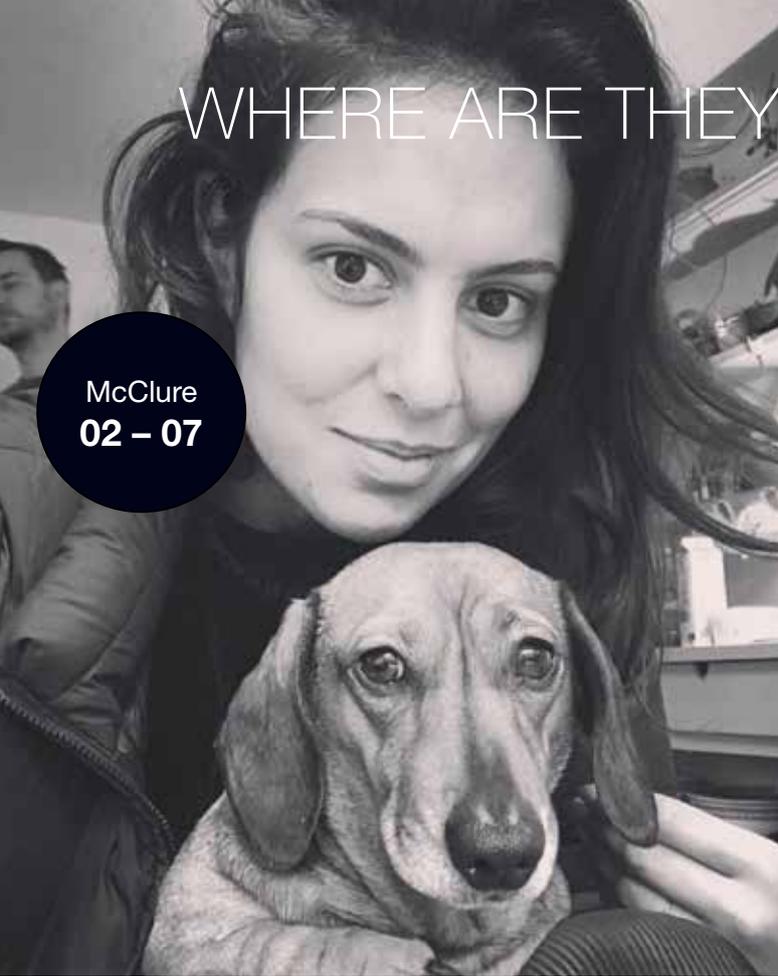
'As is a tale, so is life: not how long it is, but how good it is, is what matters.' Seneca

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

Seize your opportunities, don't be afraid to take calculated risks and look for the reasons why you can do something rather than the reasons why you can't.

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW

McClure  
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## Emily Seale-Jones

At 14 I walked over the road from Belmont, having been awarded an Art scholarship and joined McClure house, where I spent the following 5 years.

I loved Drama and won the best actor award during my final year, in the house drama competitions. I loved English, History and French and I was in the 1st's for every sports team. I was terrible at math, all the sciences and Geography, suffice to say it was pretty clear what I was going to do when I left school. After leaving Mill Hill in 2007 I auditioned for and was accepted into East 15 Drama School, during which time I performed on stage in Festen, Don Carlos, A Respectable Wedding and The Madman and The Nun. Alongside attending Drama school I signed with Reddoor Management (acting agents) and racked up a number of credits including ; All About George, TV Show Directed by Jeremy Webb , Goldfrapp 'Number 1' Music video, Directed by Dawn Shadworth and leading role as 'Clare' in the BAFTA Nominated Short Film, Ralph.

I've always loved and wanted to work in film and during my time at East 15 it really became clear to me that I wanted to work on screen rather than on the stage. So, I auditioned for a film school in New York, to take an acting program specializing in Method acting and acting on camera; I was accepted and three months later I moved to Manhattan to begin three years of training.

During my time at film school I auditioned for and performed in three off Broadway plays; Mercury Fur by Phillip Ridley, The Revival at the Lion Theatre in Theatre Row and after that BFF by Anna Ziegler. I also got starring roles in several films that went on to receive critical acclaim on the festival circuit. Since moving back to London I have performed in the play 'Dying

City', by Christopher Shinn and have had a leading role in three feature films 'To Tokyo', 'The Hand of The Creator' and 'Adrift in Soho'. I have been fortunate enough to have travelled to Japan and South Africa to shoot 'To Tokyo'. I spent a month in Nottingham in the lace district, that was transformed into a set of Soho during the 1950's for the film 'Adrift in Soho' (that is due for release at the Prince Charles cinema) and I worked alongside Jerry Hall in, director Odilon Rocha's second film, 'The Hand of The Creator'.

I wrote, directed and starred in Webseries 'Frankie & Emma' that won best new series at DTLA Film Festival and that co-starred my old friend (Olivier Award Winning Comedienne) and OM Nancy Zamit. After making that series I decided to write and direct a short film, 'Husk', that starred Felicity Montagu (I'm Alan Partridge). The short film did very well on the festival circuit getting nominations from Chicago Film Festival, Underwire Film Festival (nominated for Best Director and Best Lead Actress) and the Beverly Hills Film Festival. It was after the making of this film that I landed my current agent, who represents me as an Actor/ Writer/ Director, at one of the top two largest Agencies in the world, WME. Since signing with WME I have worked on a project with Comedy Central that is currently in development, I've written my first feature film and have been hired to shoot my debut (writing/ directing) feature film Autumn 2019. I also had the absolute pleasure of returning to my film school in NYC to give a talk to the graduating students on 'Creating your own Content', which was an incredible experience.

As a sideline project over the past two years, I invested in the design and production of a house boat that has been exquisitely built and beautifully designed as an alternative living space for young creatives who are in similar living situations to myself.

Having grown up in London, I don't want to have to move out of the city in order to be able to afford a flat. I don't want to spend the majority of my income on renting. This house boat, that is just about to come on the market, has all the modern conveniences of a sophisticated London apartment (under floor heating, oak floors, dishwasher, washer/dryer, oven etc.), that functions self-sufficiently and that can be moved to and moored in, the most sought after central locations in London; Little Venice, Camden, Kings Cross and many more.





**What were you like at school?**

I had a tight group of friends, I was really into sports, drama, art, English and history. I almost always came to school late and I couldn't do maths at all.

**The funniest thing that has happened to you recently?**

Me and my close friend (another OM) are writing a sketch comedy show for Comedy Central and every time we meet to write; those sessions are the funniest things that have happened to me.

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

My friends. My three best friends today, were my three best friends that I met at school.

**What is your proudest moment and why?**

After signing with my agency in London I went on a work trip to LA and met with my American agent and had three big meetings with production companies out there. At the end of the trip, I'd successfully pitched my first feature film to the largest Horror Film Production company and my LA agent drove me to the airport so we could de brief about the meeting before I got on the plane. In the car I had a latte, a fresh coconut and a vegan cookie waiting for me and my agent told me the creative exec who I'd pitched to loved me and was excited to work together. And that moment, after that trip, after working tirelessly for 4 years (with no apparent pay off in sight) is my proudest moment.

**Do you keep in touch with any OMs?**

Yes!

**What's your driving force?**

My need to express myself through art, in the hope that other people can relate and hopefully feel less alone.

**Most inspiring teacher at school and why?**

Miss Owen. She was my English teacher. She was kind, so



intelligent, calm, inspiring and patient. She made me love English and is a huge reason why I am a writer today.

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

Nicolas Cage ( hilarious), Greta Gerwig (I admire her), David Lynch (I wanna hear what goes on inside his head) and Ellen Page (I want her to be in my Feature film)

**Favourite memory from your time at Mill Hill School?**

All the times when I wasn't in class and was just hanging out with my friends and waiting for my high school infatuation to talk to me (in particular those times when I was actually talking to him)!

**Worst memory from your time at Mill Hill School?**

I went on Netball tour to Barbados and fractured my hip during the second match out there (doing the best defense move ever in the history of netball) and couldn't play for the rest of the tour.

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

I would make lots of films. I would start a dog sanctuary for pit bulls, staffies, rotweillers (all the breeds that have a bad reputation but are actually the most incredible dogs – they just have bad owners a lot of the time) and I would move to LA and buy a place on the beach.

**Your favourite quote?**

"When in Rome." I like to say this quote a lot and never in the right context.

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

Don't waste any time working out what you 'should' do, go and do what you love. Because at the end of the day, only you have to live your life and if you aren't happy what's the point.





## Old Millhillian Lodge

The Lodge has welcomed John Hellinikakis (76-81) as a new member this year and at our Installation meeting held at the Inn Holders Hall on November 8th installed Paul Audemars (55-57) as next year's Worshipful Master.

The Inn Holders is a delightful livery hall by Cannon Street in the City and provides us with a superb dinner in a setting full of character. Our other three meetings during the year (February, April and May) are held at Freemasons Hall off Holborn and we dine locally to the meeting. Of our younger members, Kirill Arakcheev (05-09) joined the Lodge three years ago and has been

appointed Junior Warden for next year: we already have a steady flow of recent and younger members, some wishing no more than to enjoy the meetings, some joining the pipeline of taking junior offices towards senior offices as their skills develop.

Our 'open evening' was held on March 13th at the Adam and Eve, The Ridgeway NW7. We hold this event every year and warmly extend an invitation to any OM who wishes to join us for a drink, finger buffet, and share the company of the evening. If you happen to find that you enjoy the atmosphere and friendship and would

like to know more about Freemasonry and the OMs Lodge, we will be delighted.

In recent years new members have tended to come and see us at the Adam and Eve before deciding whether or not to apply for membership, but no pressure other than to enjoy what is on offer for the evening. If you would like a text or email reminder near the time, feel free to email Bruce Maunder Taylor.

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

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## Liverymen

The Old Millhillians' Liverymen's Association seeks to encourage OMs to become involved with City Livery Companies, the historic and charitable institutions of the City. Members span the complete range of Livery Companies from the most ancient to the more modern, and assist OMs to progress through becoming Freemen of the City to joining Livery Companies.

Old Millhillians who are Liverymen or Freemen of the City of London gather

once a year at Guildhall for lunch in the elegant Guildhall Members' Dining Room, an occasion masterminded by Liveryman Archie Galloway.

For the 2018 Lunch the Master, Michael Phillips, arranged for silver of the Glovers Company to grace the table, including the awesome Mosely Flagon embossed with scenes from the Battle of Bosworth 1485, and the unique Beakbane Bowl, both presented by Master Glovers.

The Master reported that, representing the Association and attired in the robes of the Glovers' Company, he had carried out his right to drive sheep over London Bridge.

**Rev Michael Phillips** (Winterstoke 59-64)



TM Architects

# Alford House

**In mid October 2018 we submitted our planning application in to Lambeth.**

We were optimistic that it would be accepted but it proved unacceptable and so we have withdrawn. We are now looking into alternative options for our site to increase our income from lettings.

The Club is running well and there is an increase in attendance both for boys and girls which is very encouraging. The photos show ski training at the Hemel Hempstead Ski Centre and fun and Games at the Ashdown Forest Outdoor Pursuits Centre. These are both very popular "away-day" outings.

Patrick, our Targeted Youth Worker has produced a paper on the work he has been doing with students at Lambeth Academy with behavioral difficulties that were at risk of exclusion from school. With the full support of the school, Patrick led four groups totaling 24 students over a number of weeks. The positive outcomes and encouraging comments from participants should make this an ongoing programme.

If you would like any further information about the club please see [www.alfordhouse.org.uk](http://www.alfordhouse.org.uk)

**Nigel Baker (Burton Bank 51-61)**  
[nigel@alfordhouse.org.uk](mailto:nigel@alfordhouse.org.uk)



Nigel Baker (Burton Bank 51-61)

“Never were the qualities for which Mill Hill stands – a spirit of toleration, the promotion of liveliness and independence of mind, more essential than they are today. Those who were heirs of such traditions should be rightly proud and should be ready to take their place in the future as in the past, in positions of responsibility and influence in many of walks of national life.”

**Roy Moore CBE**

MHS Headmaster (51-67)  
Foundation Day Speech 1954

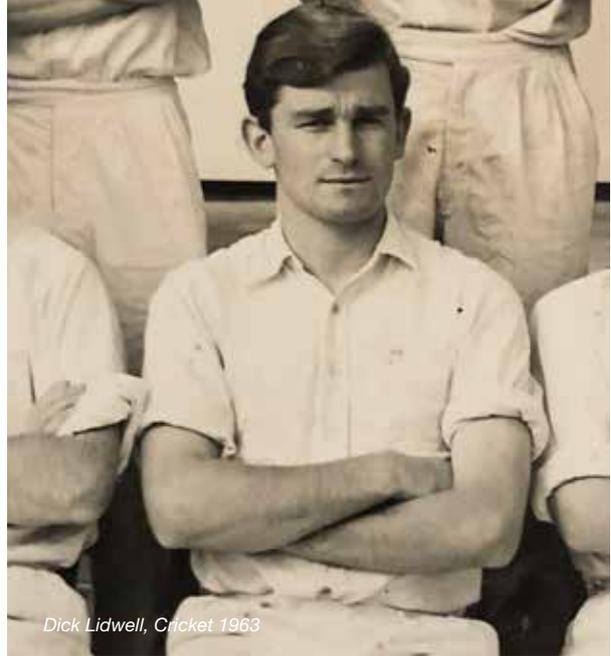




CAREERING  
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# CAREERING AHEAD

# Careers Committee News



Thoughts from The Careers Subcommittee – Update on the current Graduate employment market.

The Higher Education Statistical Agency conducts an annual survey on the Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE). The Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services organisation sources the information, and 'Prospects' publishes these results, and has recently produced the 'What Do Graduates Do' for the 2017 leavers: see: <https://luminat.prospects.ac.uk/what-do-graduates-do> This is the only nationally recognised report on the employment of all new graduates.

The overall picture described was encouraging with the percentage in employment being up on the 2016 figure, and the unemployment rate slightly down. It appears that more were employed in 'professional' level employment, though there was an increase in the percentage working with 'zero hours' contracts'. A slightly higher percentage proceeded onto further study, maybe to acquire a professional qualification (eg Teaching, Law, etc) or for a Higher Degree developing their degree subject.

### **First degree Graduates destinations (2017):**

Source: 'What do Graduates Do?' 2018 edition ([www.hecsu.ac.uk](http://www.hecsu.ac.uk))

Future reports will show results after surveying graduates 15 months after graduation which should produce a much more comprehensive view of graduate employment as evidence suggests surveying destinations only six months after graduation is too early to gain an accurate picture.

However, for the 2018 cohort and beyond, given the possibility of an uncertain market 'post Brexit', some reduction in large employers' recruitment, an increase in the number of graduates, and some low morale regarding a competitive market, students need to be as active as possible to improve their chances of securing employment. Clearly a positive attitude to researching opportunities and obtaining good academic results helps, but two other factors for success stand out, and Old Millhillians help with both.

Work Experience and Networking.

One of the most important factors for success in finding employment is having some Work Experience. This work

experience helps students acquire not only technical skills, but also to develop work awareness, and generic employability insights. Employers increasingly use evidence of real life work experience to select suitable entrants. Research conducted in 2018 by the 'High Flyers' organisation found a third of 'The Times Top 100 Graduate Employers' indicated that students with no work experience would be unlikely to be successful in their graduate recruitment processes.

The world of work has become far more fragmented with the growth of smaller entrepreneurial organisations, gig economy, global markets, increased mobility, and the decline in a 'job for life'. Furthermore, The Resolution Foundation reported recently that 75% of the working population don't know what their weekly income will be. It is often quoted that around 60% of jobs are never advertised, existing within 'The Hidden Job Market'. To improve the chances of being successful students need to develop networking skills, alongside the more conventional methods of researching careers and jobs, to uncover unadvertised opportunities, and market themselves.

### **What the OMs are doing to help.**

The Club has, of course, been active for many years in running an annual series of well attended networking events covering a wide range of different occupational areas including: The Medical Professions, Engineering, Media, Legal, Property, Accountancy and Finance. The club hopes to increase the range of such events; one on Creative Arts is taking place this autumn. These events provide excellent opportunities for both students and young professionals to meet practitioners and discover about the work.

Also, as announced in the last edition of Martlet, the Careers Committee conducted a survey of Old Millhillians willing to help pupils and YOMS with their career development. The response was impressive with over 200 OMs replying positively, including many potentially offering some form of work experience, and others to help with the school careers education programme. The committee is working now on analysing the opportunities revealed, and creating systems to make them useful to students and YOMS. The results will be published in due course.

**Dick Lidwell** (*Murray 59-64*)

Chair of the Careers Committee.

# Extract from the Old Millhillians section of the Mill Hill School Magazine 1952.

## *Editorial*

The Public School has its roots in experience and tradition. We are heirs to the past and our responsibilities lie in what we have inherited from the past. We are nurtured in a body of tradition, and the success of our careers at school depends to a certain extent on how effectively we transmit this tradition to our juniors. But we must do more than merely hand down this heritage; we must be forever re-invigorating it, we must be examining it and abandoning whatever has become debased and re-establishing what has fallen into decay. That is our true responsibility. Moreover if we meet this responsibility adequately we find that however this tradition may change in detail, the spirit remains unchanged. The vigour of the Old Millhillians Club indeed is witness to this, for we find Old Boys whose school days were as far apart as twenty, thirty or forty years and yet who find an identical enthusiasm for the School. The tradition is almost magical. The O.M.'s Club in fact is there partly to help us maintain it; the Club is the guardian of our heritage and we at school would be foolish were we to forget this.

But there is something else in which our traditions are enshrined. The Magazine contains the detail and the outline of this dynamic tradition each term slightly added to, each term slightly modified. It is the record of our past, the record of our heritage, and we would again be foolish were we to forget this. Yet ask someone to write a piece for the Magazine and an evasive shiftiness will appear in his expression. Approach him again and he will look in the other direction. Speak to him again and he will look surprised. "Oh yes", he will say, "I remember you mentioned it before. I really must try and get you something." A vague smile lights up his face and he quickly disengages himself from the conversation. Commission him to write an account of some activity and after a great deal of persuasion he will give you an exiguous piece of prose turgid with generalisations. "What about a few interesting details?" you ask tactfully. "What do you mean?" he says. "There is just nothing else I can put in". Yet this is the person who can speak wittily on almost anything at an Interim debate and who will write twenty-page essays on the most improbable subjects without turning a hair. It is a curious thing.

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW



His Royal Highness, Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Khalifa Al Nahyan in Dubai 2017

Kareena Kapoor, June 2018

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## Mubashir Malik

I left Mill Hill in 2001 to read Economics, Finance & Management at Queen Mary, University of London. I actually did not enjoy Economics or finance at all. But after disappointing my parents throughout prep school and later at Mill Hill my strength was always public speaking or theatre. Be it the finals of the school debating competition or the house play – I was at my most comfortable place on the stage. This would come out strongly in my career too.

I struggled at University as I did not enjoy the subjects. My interest was elsewhere in politics, international relations and history. However I ploughed through and completed my degree with honours.

Whilst in my final year I was spotted by a TV producer for a new South Asian TV channel on Sky and wanted me to audition for a new sports show. I wasn't camera shy, my Urdu/Hindi spoken language was near perfect and the audition went swimmingly.

The rest as they is history – in 2002 I began hosting an hour long live TV show called 'world of sports' which beamed to over 120 countries worldwide from its tiny London studios. My guests included the entire Pakistani cricket team amongst others.

By 2003 I was a household name and face in Pakistan and within homes of the South Asian community overseas. By 2005 I was courted by other TV networks and media houses so began freelancing and finally had my own talk show called the 'Moby hour'. I began brushing shoulders with Bollywood superstars and cricketing legends who all took part on my show. The TV shows were never my full time job however.

I started to study accountancy in my spare time and worked as an accountant in London during the day and did my live

TV show at night. It was quite a switch I can tell you that! But the camera captivated me as did my live callers so it became almost like an addiction. The main benefit for me during this time was the ability contribute positively to society and begin my lifelong ambition of making a difference in people's lives via charity. I became very close to my childhood hero the cricketer turned politician Imran Khan (who now happens to be Prime Minister of Pakistan). I helped raise funds for his cancer hospital and became a lead figure in organising and hosting charity dinners and events as well as mobilising the youth.

In January 2008 my father passed away with cancer and thus began the most turbulent and difficult period of my life. I left London and accepted a job in Saudi Arabia to deliver training to Oil Company employees in the desert. This also meant I quit the media and TV stint too.

Again – in Saudi it was a very difficult transition at first. It was a different world to me but as the financial crisis was unravelling back home – I was making a generous income tax free which was hard to refuse – doing again what I loved (kind of) speaking in front of an audience but this time to lazy graduates.

Soon I was head hunted and recruited by Saudi Aramco the worlds largest Oil producer and essentially the backbone of the country. For five years in Saudi I was moved around in different cities and helped recruit more trainers. In 2013 I decided I'd had enough and returned to the UK. I joined HSBC as a consultant trainer delivering training to over 2000 of its staff in over 12 countries globally – in financial crime compliance (anti money laundering and sanctions) following their £1.2 billion+ fine in 2012.

This was a very exciting time where I was living out of a suitcase for almost two years and travelling worldwide delivering talks, seminars and workshops. During this period I wrote my first book (published in 2016) called "Double

Standards – BCCI the untold story”. It is about a bank that my father was a founding member of which was shut down in 1991 and wanted to compare its treatment by the bank of England with the treatment meted to other banks (merely fines) following the financial crisis. The book was a big hit in the Middle East and Pakistan and is available on Amazon worldwide both paperback and ebook.

In 2015 I joined Societe Generale the French bank in London and lead the compliance training globally for its investment banking division. Finally in 2016 after immense persuasion and pressure I agreed to do a cameo guest appearance in a Pakistani film starring opposite Saba Qamar who is one of the world’s biggest actresses.

**What were you like at school?**

There were different phases. In the 4th form I was a shy quiet boy with teething issues in a dormitory of 12 boys in Burton Bank but focused in class. By the time I hit the sixth form, girls were introduced throughout the school – my grades dipped a little bit and I am sure my peers would agree I was quite an annoying chap.

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

The boarding experience for me was quite possibly the best thing to ever happen to me. I cannot imagine going back to school without being a boarder. The bond I now share 20 years on with those I lived with in Burton Bank is stronger than ever no matter which country in the world we live in.

The beauty of boarding was that we all came from different parts of the world, different cultures and backgrounds yet we all became one family. We learnt to respect one another and our differences. It was very difficult at the beginning I must say. In the first week I felt my parents had sent me to a prison but then, as I made friends, it began to feel like home away from home.

We could only order takeaway once a week on Thursdays and called it nosh night. The rules were pretty strict and the school food was tough to eat seven days a week but we got used to it.

**What is your proudest moment and why?**

Proudest moment at Mill Hill was when I took the highest number of wickets for the 1st XI cricket team one season. Since leaving school the proudest moment was having my book published and receiving such positive reviews with some universities/schools in the Middle East making it compulsory reading for their students and courses.

**Do you keep in touch with any OMs?**

I keep in touch with all of my Burton Bank friends mostly from my year. And also a few from other houses. We have a small WhatsApp group that we have created to keep in touch for regular meetups and weddings etc. But the most awaited is the annual Christmas lunch we hold in a pub in central London. It has become a tradition.

**What’s your driving force?**

My mother.

**Most inspiring teacher at school and why?**

Mr Lawson my French teacher. I had him for a levels too. He is an absolute legend. His memory is just unbelievable like a computer almost. He inspires me because of his pure genius intellect and ability to captivate a class like ours that was quite unruly at the time! He was a brilliant teacher.

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

Nigella Lawson, Amal Clooney, Jeremy Clarkson, Russel Brand.

**Favourite memory from your time at Mill Hill School?**

When Burton Bank won the house drama competition in 1996 for Monty Pythons Holy Grail. We rehearsed for hours daily and it was a hilarious production.

Also the 1996 cricket tour to Barbados West Indies. Classic!

**Worst memory from your time at Mill Hill School?**

CCF camping trips up north! Not able to shower or use proper toilets whilst living in tents and doing army drills for 2 to 3 days. Also the Newcastle CCF competition drills we did every night – the pressure was insane!

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

£1 million to my mum. £1million for me. £3 million invested. £5 million to cancer and kids charities.

**Your favourite quote?**

“Ever has it been that love knows not its own depth until the hour of separation”. Khalil Gibran

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

We all wanted to leave school and start uni ASAP. But my advice is cherish the time you have at Mill Hill. It is truly a special place. You will not be able to share those moments with those same friends in that same spot when you are older or play those sports and learn from your teachers.

Cherish every moment!



CAREERING AHEAD

# The Medical Professions Meeting



Patrick Russell and Dr Colin Barnes

## 13th March 2018

The meeting this year was again a success especially in terms of its academic content with around 30 OMs, teaching staff and pupils enjoying a pleasant finger buffet supper in the surroundings of the Old Library of the Bart's and the London School of Medicine and Dentistry at the The Royal London campus. We were pleased to welcome Richard Llewellyn, who assured me that as a lawyer he would still feel quite at home as he comes from a 'family of dentists'.



Shahi Ghani and Eren Baser



Dr Kate Damberg and MHS pupils

The Scientific Programme was again fully provided by Old Millhillians who, on this occasion, each trained at the host Medical School. We started with two excellent short papers from James Berwin (Weymouth 1999-2004) and Amit Gupta (Weymouth 1999-2004) followed later by a stimulating Keynote Address, entitled Leading Change - hip replacements as we look to 2020, delivered by Pramod Achan FRCS (Ridgeway 1983-88), Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon to Bart's Health NHS Trust.

Mr Achan discussed the future advances and developments in joint replacements with particular emphasis on hip surgery while reflecting on the history of this type of surgery. In addition he described the structure and size of modern orthopaedic and trauma units

and how important it is for directors of such departments, of which he is one, to be skilled in man management and leadership. His talk was charismatically presented and inspirational to all ages within the audience but none more so than to the pupils from the Foundation. A better advertisement for a career in one of the medical professions and for the School in helping to shape Pramod's career could not have been shown. It was fitting, therefore, that we welcomed Trevor Chilton and his wife to this event. Trevor was Head of Biology when Pramod was at the School and no doubt he contributed greatly to Pramod's preparation for a career in medicine.

The programme also included an energetic and stimulating presentation from Leanne Armitage, past recipient of the Donald Hall ABC Bursary and



Dr James & Harold Berwin

now a a medical student at St George's University Hospital Medical School, on her newly formed charity "Amazing Medics". This gave us the opportunity to congratulate Leanne on being a recipient of the prestigious Queen's Young Leaders Award for 2018.

I remain most grateful for the support from my co-organisers, Dr Matthew Frise and Mr James Berwin.

**Dr Russell Cowan** (Weymouth 58-63)

## Accountancy

The OMs Accountancy event was held in November and moved from an informal drinks gathering in a bar in the City to a meal at an Italian restaurant by Waterloo! It was a very enjoyable evening with plenty of fine Italian wine and good food. It is hoped to try and arrange another drinks evening this year and we would encourage more YOMS to come along! It is a great opportunity to mix with other OMs from Accountancy and other related professions. **Mike Solomons** (Murray 79-84)



# Property Drinks

**NEXT DRINKS**  
**Finos Winebar**  
**17th September 2019**

The Annual OMs in Property Dinner was held on 30th April at the National Liberal Club, and attended by 27 people, including three current MHS 6th Form pupils – Alex Alyan, Remy Hart-Badger and Brandon Johnson. Alex Frazer (MHS Deputy Head – Academic) updated everyone on the School’s current standing and focus moving forward, and the current OM’s Club President – David Brown

who had flown in from the US for the dinner, addressed everyone regarding his travels to date during his year in office. Graham Chase (Chairman) responded with a few works and a particularly bad joke, and then Mike Peskin who organised the dinner concluded the evening with a number of thanks. Other notable attendees included, John Barron (MHS Assistant Head – 6th Form) Peter Wakeham,

Andy Halsted, John Harding, Ben Nash and Nick Priestnall.

The informal OMs in Property Drinks will be held on the 4th Sept at Finos Wine Bar, 123 Mount Street, W1. Please contact Mike Peskin if you would like to attend this.

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

# City Dinner

The Lansdowne Club



This year saw the tenth OM City Dinner with a great turnout as usual with the usual suspects supporting the cause as well as new faces taking advantage of our fantastic network as well in-depth industry knowledge. A handful of lower sixth formers were in attendance gaining some valuable insight to life after Mill Hill. The door is always open via the OMC.

The evening was held at the elegant Lansdowne Club, in Mayfair, which has now replaced our old bleeding heart venue, although one does miss the BH!

I’d also like to mention the below chaps for their continued support, and attendance:

Andrew Bloom, Alex Burt, John Cicale, Abhijit Gupta, Andrew Mortimer, Noyan Nihat, Nick Priestnall and Stephen Renton

Also a personal thank you to Peter Wakeman for his encouragement and continued backing.

**Solon Satanas** (*Murray 90-93*)

We were also delighted to have as our guest speaker Mr John Singer appointed director of Pantheon International plc aka the “King of Private Equity”.

John spoke about the “Involvement with private equity now – Only for the idiots?” and gave plenty of time for Q&A.

**ATTENDEES**

Mehul Bhimjiyani  
 Andrew Bloom  
 Jonathan Bourn  
 Alex Burt  
 John Cicale  
 Abhijit Gupta  
 John Hellinikakis  
 Frances King  
 Scott Lever  
 Andrew Mortimer  
 Andrew Nayager  
 Noyan Nihat  
 Michael Phillips

Nick Priestnall  
 Ciera Radia  
 Stephen Renton  
 Solon Satanas  
 Michael Solomons  
 Remy Hart-Badger  
 Brandon Johnson  
 John Barron  
 Maya Bahoshy  
 Stephen Knight  
 Peter Wakeham  
 Klaus Wang  
 Charles Winch  
 Panos Yianni

**NEXT DINNER**  
**Lansdowne Club**  
**13th June 2019**

# Entertainment

**OM Creative Arts Annual Event**  
**Royal Court Theatre Bar**  
**November 29th 2018**

Tom Lincoln successfully hosted a second OM Creative Arts Networking Event at The Royal Court Theatre Bar. Old Millhillians of all ages (and a few current students) enjoyed the chance to socialise, learn and discover potential collaborations between their broad range

of creative professions – with various actors like Tom, but also photographers, writers, directors, educators and musicians to name but a few. If you’ve also worked in the Arts and wish to register your interest in the next event then please get in touch with Laura at the OM Club. And save the date in your diary...Friday 29th November 2019.  
**Tom Lincoln** (*School House 98-03*)



*Seraphina de Rougement and Olivia Bernstone*

**NEXT CREATIVE ARTS EVENT**  
**Venue TBC**  
**29th November 2019**

# Engineers Dinner

**NEXT DINNER**  
**Bleeding Heart**  
**10th May 2019**

The Engineers dinner was held on 11th May at the Bleeding Heart restaurant in London. 19 people attended the event including 3 aspiring engineers from the School. Over the past few years we have sought to balance the networking and reminiscing of OMs with careers awareness and information more relevant to budding engineers and those in the early stages of their careers.

This year we heard from two OMs at different stages of their careers who talked briefly about their experiences – Paul Winter from the perspective of an employer seeking engineering

skills; Richard Amunugama as someone describing his engineering development journey thus far as he nears mid-career. The talks seemed to be well appreciated – see below for the dinner speech.

The event was also an opportunity for us to remember fondly and pay our respects to the memory of David Rodda who was one of the founders of the Engineers Dinner and organised it for many years.

David was a distinguished engineer and always enthusiastically supportive of the event and up and coming engineers.

The 2019 dinner has been booked for Friday 10th May.

**Gordon Mizner** (*Murray 65-69*)

## ATTENDEES

Gordon and Angela Mizner  
Peter and Anita Wakeham  
Richard Llewellyn  
Bob Branch  
Panos Yianni  
Richard Amunugama  
Nick Priestnall  
Graeme Roberts  
Paul Winter  
Mitesh Bhimyanjani  
Christopher Katz Summercorn  
Simon Moir  
Clive Mence  
Luke Stubbles  
Jay Popat (pupil)  
Theo Jones (pupil)  
Daniel Hildebrand (pupil)

## OM Engineers Dinner Speech

Vice-President, Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Gordon has very kindly asked me to speak from the perspective of an employer.

I am currently Non-Executive Chairman of Wire Belt Company Ltd. in Sittingbourne who manufacture wire conveyor belting and conveyors mainly for food processing and nearly 70% are exported worldwide. Good examples of products processed on our belting are chocolate digestive biscuits and chicken nuggets.

Recruiting skilled staff has always been difficult for small engineering companies. As a former higher apprentice I knew the value of training and on joining Wire Belt, I set a long term target of recruiting 50% of our Level 3 skilled workers as trainees or apprentices from full time education. This applied to all disciplines within the company. While we never actually achieved that target, even today, we are pretty close!

Government changes to the links between Education and Business have resulted in lower numbers seeking apprenticeships at Level 3 and this has resulted in Wire Belt not filling all of its apprenticeship vacancies in recent years. If you ask any engineering or manufacturing company what their biggest challenge is, it is likely to be difficulty in recruiting the necessary technical skills needed in production or product development. Brexit is expected to make matters worse in the long-term.

On balance, long term training policies work well. However using Wire Belt as an example, it does go wrong from time

to time. After over 12 months of searching for a Technical Manager, we still have not found a suitable candidate. This is a good example of today's skills shortages.

With the average age of skilled engineers at 54 the shortage is likely to get worse before it gets better! One solution would be to increase the number of women engineers who currently only make up 9% of the total and indeed, who's numbers in some high-tech industries, are declining?

However, as Mr. Gallagher, my Economics Master at Mill Hill taught me, unbalanced supply & demand creates winners and losers! In this case, engineering and manufacturing graduates have the upper hand which creates great employment opportunities and in addition with the number of Degree Apprenticeships now on offer, this can be achieved without a student loan and with a competitive salary from the point of leaving school!

In drawing to a close, may I pay tribute to Gordon on his retirement from the Chief Executive role at the Engineering Development Trust. Through the EDT, the support he has given Engineering & Manufacturing has been invaluable by encouraging youngsters from junior school upwards to consider engineering as a career. In my case, I became involved with the Engineering Education Scheme and found the experience quite inspirational.

Gordon, on behalf of everyone, may I wish you a long and happy retirement.

**Paul Winter, 11th May 2018**

# CAREERING AHEAD



**NEXT EVENT**  
Wedlake Bell  
Offices  
12th September  
2019

# Legal Event

## WEDLAKE BELL OFFICES

In October both OM lawyers, and aspiring lawyers met at Wedlake Bell's glorious offices in the City. There were some 25 attendees who enjoyed drinks, buffet and (demonstrating the lighter side of the law) table tennis. We were joined by renowned OM, Bob Marshall-Andrews QC, a barrister, novelist, author and retired politician, who captivated the audience with both wisdom and humour.

Clive Weber comments: "It is particularly pleasing that so many young OMs attended, including Sixth Formers and those at University considering a legal career. This was a good opportunity to discuss pathways into the law and for existing OM lawyers to pass on their experience. We intend to repeat the event next year."

**Clive Webber** (Ridgeway 65-70)



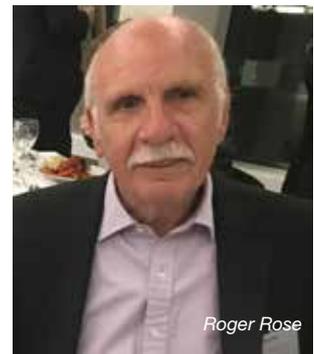
*Bob Marshall-Andrews*



*Noyan Nihat, John Barron*



*Yoms*



*Roger Rose*



*Yoms*



# WHERE ARE THEY NOW

MHS 1st XV  
Rugby Coach  
10 – 12

## Donald Barrell

*MHS Rugby Tour to Argentina 2012*

Sadly I wasn't a pupil at Mill Hill, so my story at the school begins at the end of one career and became the start of the next!

I went to school at Watford Grammar and had a brilliant experience, we had plenty of encounters on the pitch with Mill Hill during my time there. I had joined the academy at Saracens when I was 13 and had stayed at the club throughout my school years, signing my first contract at 18. At the same time, I joined UCL to study Anthropology, if I was playing sport, I wanted to do something else that kept my mind alive on a different topic. It was tough balancing education, a career in sport and doing both full time... I like to be busy so can't complain too much!

I had played age grade international rugby and during my time at Saracens, also spent a few years on the international 7s circuit, it was a great time and gave me a chance to travel and see the globe. In the 15s game, despite the myth of sport flying you across the world, the inside of a hotel, pitch and airport look the same despite the continent!

I was at Saracens during the shift from a club that jumped up and down the results table, to one that became (and is still) one of the best clubs in the world. There was a shift away from players as commodities, to people. Professional sport has a lot of glamour attached, but it is full of tough, dedicated people who continuously seek improvement and want to keep pushing forwards. As such, when others are still celebrating, they have already begun looking at how to do better next time. During this period, the club created a real 'family.' People were treated as individuals; parents, partners and kids were all taken on the journey. Performance was found in the person, not the system.

This ethos shaped much of my thinking and I still back that focus on an individual and their effort is more important than the outcome. We cannot always control the outcome, but we

can control the effort we put into something; that generates more learning as a focus than anything else.

I joined Mill Hill School when leaving Saracens. At the same time, I began playing for Bedford and coaching in the Academy at Saracens. It went from one job, to 3! Saracens were excellent at helping me transition out of playing (something that every professional sportsman must be aware of) and continue to help players explore dual careers today. You are guaranteed the career you have after rugby will be longer than the one you have in it!

I had some great years at Mill Hill working with some brilliant people. The school let me start teaching a few lessons alongside my coaching and I was on the route into education. However, I had the opportunity to go back to Saracens and start as the Academy Manager, this was an amazing chance to implement many of my thoughts on developing adolescent rugby players. For the next 5 years, I had a great time and the Academy had some great successes. For every international that came out of the Academy, there will be a player you have never heard of whose life has been improved because of his time at the club. That is success.

It is great to see the academy flourish, almost 50% of the senior squad is now made up of academy graduates. In the same way that people who come through and love an environment can add value, Old Millhillians can make a great impact on the future. I hope they continue to contribute to school life as they did when I worked there.

I left Saracens to take up a role with the RFU. It was a very difficult decision to leave the club. I did so to gain experience and learn in a new environment. I now work as the Head of Regional Academies, with responsibility for the Academy system in England. It is a great role where I get to work alongside so many people focused on improving the experience of young people in and outside of rugby.

**What was working at Mill Hill School like?**

Getting used to a 'normal' work environment took a bit of time, however I was able to get great support from the school, whilst they let me bring my own style to the rugby programme. There was a great mix of staff, both sporting and academic. They all saw the benefit in education outside of the timetable, I thought the genuine care in the life each pupil was awesome to see.

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

'You don't stop playing when you get old, you get old when you stop playing.' Not sure this question entirely fits, but it certainly reinforced my belief that extra-curricular activity and 'play' in its purest sense is vital. People want to enjoy things; the challenge is to bring that ethos into any environment. Why should play be exclusive to the young?!

**What's the most interesting thing about you?**

It depends who you ask. I started keeping bees when I was a rugby player, I wanted something to learn and thought that would be interesting! I was also a crisp taster of the 'Food and Drink Show' as a 7 year old. My TV career went downhill after that!

**What is your proudest moment to date and why?**

I am fortunate to have had a lot of good moments. I am not sure I have any big ones that stand out... I had a good career in sport, I have loved my working life since. I get a lot of enjoyment from my family! I think the best thing is watching the impact in everyday successes, if something I have done helps someone achieve something or adds value... then I am happy! You can find small successes everywhere, you just need to look.

**Do you keep in touch with any Mill Hill Staff or Pupils you taught?**

Yes I do... I made some great friends and am glad I met a lot of the staff! I bump into parents and players I worked with every now and then. It is always good to see how things are going!

**What's your driving force?**

I like watching other people get better. I loved the school environment, I love coaching as you get a chance for other people to explore their capability. The biggest challenge is to create an



environment where people are safe to explore, discover, create and build relationships that can bring the best out of people. If you can achieve that, there is no better feeling.

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

To be honest, give me a room full of good friends, wine and some nice food and the famous guys can go elsewhere!

**Favourite memory from your time at Mill Hill School?**

Argentina tour with Graeme Turner, John Barron and Adam Morton. It was one of my first few weeks with the staff at the school and the players. It was an amazing country, great people, great food and some big memories! I will never forget watching pupils ride semi-trained horses in all directions across a cattle ranch, balancing terror and exhilaration. More than that, it was the start of some good friendships! In close second, watching Alun Rise curl up to sleep on an infant mattress in a midlands hospital was a special treat!

**Worst memory from your time at Mill Hill School?**

I don't have any!

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

Pay the mortgage! Then I think there is a decent holiday for family and friends. I



would like to see if I can do some good with the rest of the money. I have a few ideas... I will keep playing the lottery!

**Your favourite quote?**

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I — I took the one less travelled by, And that has made all the difference. Last Part of 'The Road Not Taken' - Robert Frost

**The funniest thing that has happened to you recently?**

My youngest recently escaped the cot and ate and smothered everything in sudocreme... it was a high and low in one equal swoop!

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

Stay curious, ask questions and make no assumptions. I always think there is more to learn...





FRIENDS  
REUNITED

# FRIENDS REUNITED



*Dick and Anne Lidwell*



*Stuart Hibberdine*



## OMs Day & Foundation Day



*Gerry Westoby, Andy Mortimer*



*Chris Craft, Peter Youngblood Hills*



*Simon Becks (Scrutton 60-65), son Nicholas, grandsons Maxim and Jesse*



*Mansoor Khaleeli, Dr Ali Khaleeli, Rev Michael Phillips*



*Jack Corrie, Sanja Radojevic, Daniel Cohen*



*Tim Stringer*



*Chris Vincent, Christopher Dean*



*William Wright, Roger Higginson*



*Alex Burt, Abhijit Gupta*



*Andy and Sophie Mortimer*

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW

Atkinson  
11 – 16



## Ndubisi (Dubi) Offonry

Since leaving Mill Hill, I have gone on to study Economics at the University of Bristol. Currently, I am in my third year of study, on a year abroad to Paris and Shanghai (I'm actually sitting in Paris as I write this now!).

In the year that has just passed, I have had several amazing opportunities through my University such as becoming President of my University's African & Caribbean Society, giving a 15 minute talk at an SU event supported by TEDxBristol & creating my own radio show.

Now, myself & several other students have just created "Strength From Within", a new initiative to help 6th Form/ College students & University students to navigate through the decisions that lie ahead for them, in terms of university, internships and career choices.



### What were you like at school?

I went through two stages at Mill Hill. Year 9 till the start of year 11 I'd say I was loud, energetic...yep let's leave that there aha! From mid year 11 till year 13 I was calmer, more courageous and VERY sociable.

### The funniest thing that has happened to you recently?

I went to see the Comedian Chris Rock live in concert. He. Was, HILARIOUS!

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

I'd say the most positive thing that I've taken away is just to



remember that I can do anything that I put my mind to, I just have to apply myself. I went from a boy who didn't take his school work seriously till very late in the game, to someone that ended his time having written his own house drama play, became head of house & achieved some really great A-Levels!

#### **What's the most interesting thing about you?**

I must be the only guy on the planet that has zero interest in any kind of sport. Don't play, don't watch. In Mill Hill, my friends realised very quickly that there was no point in even asking me if I wanted to go to Powerleague (a place that a lot of students went to play football).

#### **What is your proudest moment and why?**

I mentioned above that in the year that just passed, I was President of my University's African & Caribbean Society. Well we had several great milestones throughout the year. I'd say my proudest moment was at our Summer Ball in Bristol City Hall where I handed over my title to my successor. Before I did this, my committee all jumped onto the stage, to my surprise, just to present me with a great gift, something that they knew I wanted to get throughout the whole year, and made a speech on how great the year went and how much work I done, a lot of which I didn't know they had noticed! Having my committee of 20 all up to say these things, then having around 200 people all clap and cheer in agreement with all that they had said... it was such an amazing and touching moment for me.

#### **Do you keep in touch with any OMs?**

Some of my closest friends are people that I went to Mill Hill with! One thing I'd say to Mill Hill students is to never lose touch with those friends that you met at school because they knew you before you stepped out into the world – they'll know and remember a side of you that no one else may ever see, and you'll always be closer to them than almost any other friend you make because of it!

#### **What's your driving force?**

My driving force is the betterment of myself as a human being but also the betterment of the lives of those around me. I am a strong believer that everyone on this planet has a purpose to benefit the world in some way, be that implicitly or explicitly, and that everyone on this planet should try and leave with no regrets. I'm working towards making sure that I fulfil my purpose and have no regrets!

#### **Most inspiring teacher at school and why?**

Without a doubt, Ms Jay Ashraf, one of my Mathematics teachers in my final year! When our class used to take breaks during class to just discuss things off-topic (I still got that A\* A-Level in the end, so she was on to something with these class pauses!) it was really cool to just hear Ms Ashraf's background and journey; an Oxford Masters, involved in some ground breaking innovations at BT & T-Mobile, yet she was



always just so humble. Her reason for teaching, despite the numerous other options she had, was a genuine desire to help students learn & progress. To be honest, that humility with such impressive accomplishments is what I found inspiring.

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

Oprah, Steve Jobs, Obama, Steve Harvey

#### **Favourite memory from your time at Mill Hill School?**

Writing & acting in my own play for the house drama. It wasn't that great but it had singing, acting and dancing – it was unique and fun to do.

#### **Worst memory from your time at Mill Hill School?**

Never taking part in the 10 mile cup. I wish I worked towards doing it, just once!

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

Okay, let's to a breakdown:

- £4 Million split between my family
- £1 Million towards my new organisation, "Strength From Within"
- £2 Million towards driving forward the work of various organisations working towards the growth & development of young people
- £1 Million just for me to do...whatever!
- £2 Million invested & set aside for the future (yes, I know very boring but important!)

#### **Your favourite quote?**

It's actually a quote from the Bible, it's one that I now find often motivates me in my day-to-day life. It's Jeremiah 29:11 " 'For I know the plans I have for you' declares the Lord 'plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future' ". I find this greatly motivating. Constantly, I remember that, when I go through difficult times or I find a task impossible to complete, that there's a positive and great end goal to whatever struggle I go through, even if I don't see it yet.

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

Don't be so quick to grow up and move on. There are experiences that you had at this school and lessons that you learnt that will help you and guide you years into the future.

Also, enjoy every last moment of what little time you still have at the school, your lives are about to change in a HUGE way!

# FRIENDS REUNITED



# Summer Cocktail Party

National Liberal Club, Whitehall 2018



*Peter Wakeham, Bob Marshall-Andrews*



*Cherill & Marcel Mann*



*Rav Davini*



*Peter & Amanda Woodroffe, Stuart Hisberdine, Nick Priestnall Peter Wakeham*



*Roger Streeten, Alex Burt*



*Rev Michael Phillips, Chris Kelly, Roger Streeten*



*Panos Yianni*



*Noyan Nihat, Robert Harley, Mike Peskin*



*Clive Sutton, Richard Llewellyn, Julie, Ronald Pole*



*Alan Toulson, John Hellinikakis*



*Adnan Williams, Ronnie Boon*



*Ciera Radia, Nick Priestnall, Natalia Gibbs*

# Head Boy to marry Head Girl



**Roseanna Welch** – 2010  
leaver, Weymouth house  
Head Girl 2010

**Gregory Walsh** – 2010  
leaver, Cedars house  
Head Boy 2010

| SENIOR MONITORS |                           |     |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-----|
| 2007            | NICHOLAS LEWIS            | MH  |
|                 | KATIE BOBROFF             | P.H |
| 2008            | JAMES FLEMING             | MH  |
|                 | KATHERINE DELGADO         | P.H |
|                 | BENJAMIN ALDERTON         | AH  |
|                 | ELENA CHRISTODOULOU       | AH  |
| 2009            | PASCAL RELF               | AH  |
|                 | JODIE MOSS                | MH  |
|                 | GREGORY WALSH             | CH  |
|                 | ROSEANNA WELCH            | WH  |
| 2010            | BEN ABRAHAMS              | MH  |
|                 | STEPHANIE TAYLOR          | S.H |
|                 | CHENING DUKER             | CH  |
|                 | JOANNA BATTY              | AH  |
| 2011            | ALEXANDER WARNAKULASURIYA | WH  |
|                 | JOANNA MAPONDERA          | R.H |
|                 | BENJAMIN GLASSBERG        | MH  |
|                 | ISOBEL MacCALLUM          | MH  |
| 2012            | ANDREW MOORE              | A.H |
|                 | SOPHIE IJFFE              | CH  |
|                 | MATTHEW FARLEIGH          | P.H |
|                 | MELISSA LEVY              | M.H |
| 2013            | FABIO BRAGOLI             | A.H |
|                 | EMILY WARNAKULASURIYA     | WH  |
|                 | RAPHAEL LEVY              | WH  |
|                 | SAMANTHA WAKAIMBA         | CH  |
| 2014            | WILLIAM ALTON             | AH  |
|                 | HOLLY SINCLAIR            | AH  |
|                 | ALEXANDER MATRAXIA        | S.H |
|                 | CHLOE NOBLE               | WH  |
| 2015            | DANIEL COHEN              | WH  |
|                 | SOPHIE LOIZOLI            | MH  |

## Roseanna Welch

Weymouth  
05 – 10

I left Mill Hill in 2010 and went on to study Philosophy and French at the University of York. I graduated in 2014 and began a panicky, potentially ill-advised foray into teaching, and subsequently found the first year of teacher training to be the toughest thing I had encountered so far.

I trained on the Teach First graduate scheme, teaching French at a Academy in North London. It was a huge personal learning curve and a journey that I am still incredibly proud to have taken.

After teaching for three years and being promoted to Deputy Head of the Modern Foreign Languages department at my school, I felt it was time to explore a new direction and so decided to change career.

I left my job and tutored French briefly, eventually landing a job at Publicis Media, an international marketing and PR firm, where I now work as a Senior User Experience Executive in digital marketing. I am still very keen to maintain my



connection to teaching, as one of the main things I miss about my old job is interacting with young people every day.

I now mentor a student on a higher education program, designed to help students from less advantaged backgrounds gain a place at university.

## Gregory Walsh

Cedars  
05 – 10

I also left Mill Hill in 2010 and went on to study at the University of York. I graduated with a degree in Economics and started a job at PwC within their Corporate Finance team, where I had completed an internship whilst at university.

I was very lucky and ended up really liking both PwC and my job in M&A. I have now been working there for five years and I am currently seconded to our New York office for a year. Spending a year apart from Rosie isn't ideal but it's been an amazing experience so far, being able to work and live here like a local.

I'll finish a month before our wedding this summer, so I'm looking forward to coming back and getting stuck in to the final stages of planning.

**How did you two first meet? Any funny stories?**

We first met when we were both in 8CC at Belmont School, and subsequently moved on to Mill Hill in 2005 – Greg was in Cedars house and I was in Weymouth. We were loosely in the same friendship group, however it wasn't until we were made Head Boy and Head Girl in our final year at Mill Hill that we became close, mainly due to hours spent deciding the school staff Rota.

**Was it easy to continue dating after you left school?**

It was relatively straight forward, as by chance we ended up going to the same university. We studied very different courses and both made efforts to cultivate our own friendship groups and get involved with different activities, which allowed us to experience university life as individuals, rather than as a couple. Rosie's degree led to her completing a year abroad in Paris, which we found very challenging to be apart for the year. Ultimately this was a great test for our relationship and one that made us appreciate the unique history between us. We moved in together in 2016 to a flat in East Finchley.

**Tell us about how you got engaged?**

It was very romantic! Greg took me on a break to Paris, a place that means so much to me and my family; my dad having lived there for six years for work and myself spending my university year abroad teaching English in the city. A classic corporate man, Greg made a slideshow complete with the most amazing collection of photos of our life together, and then got down on one knee. We had dinner at my favourite restaurant in Paris and FaceTimed our families from under the Eiffel Tower that evening. I've got some hilarious screenshots of my sisters' reactions from that night.



**Did you take your Head Monitor position seriously?**

*Rosie:* I took the job very seriously, I still have my Rota spreadsheets. Greg was good at distracting us both from actual work. However he was an excellent team player and if I say one nice thing about him here, it is that he was probably one of the most liked and respected members of our school year group. Giving that speech on Foundation day still stands out as one of the most nerve-wracking moments of my life, but I'm so glad to have done it.

*Greg:* Almost certainly less seriously than Rosie, but that's probably consistent across all aspects of my life.

**What's the most interesting thing about you?**

*Rosie:* I surprised myself and my friends, (who know that I am not in any way 'athletic'), by completing the Paris half marathon race in 2013.

*Greg:* I'm a qualified bouncer.

**Do you keep in touch with any Mill Hill Staff or Pupils you taught?**

*Rosie:* I have such fond memories of some wonderful staff members at Mill Hill, some of whom I still see at various OM functions. Standouts are my former English teacher Mr Searby, Ms Skoudy for Spanish and Mr Lawson for French. Through the medium of Facebook I am still in touch with Fritz, the most epic drill instructor to ever lead CCF, and my old history teacher, the equally terrifying and inspirational Mr Rees.

*Greg:* I see a lot of the rugby teachers at various events. I have very fond memories of the vast majority of my teachers.

**What's your driving force?**

*Rosie:* To constantly try and better myself, be that in a professional sense or just when it comes to staying positive and helping others where I can.

*Greg:* Rosie.





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

*Rosie:* Joseph Heller (author of my favourite book, *Catch 22*), Kate Adie, Taylor Hawkins (Foo Fighters drummer), Michelle Obama.

*Greg:* Barack Obama, Greg Davies, Emma Watson and Ryan Reynolds

**Favourite memory from your time at Mill Hill School?**

*Rosie:* Funniest memory: A group of us somehow managing to break a toilet in the School house bathroom, accidentally flooding the room downstairs as Ms Sanchez and all the senior staff were having a meeting around it.

*Serious:* Being elected Head Girl. It was a huge compliment to have been chosen and for me it was a massive confidence boost, one that really spurred me on to work as hard as I could and still does to this day.

*Greg:* Funniest memory: Too many Dr Baker lessons to choose a top one

*Serious:* The same as Rosie, being named Head boy was a high point for me and really changed my outlook and confidence.

**Worst memory from your time at Mill Hill School?**

*Rosie:* Getting a detention for accidentally flooding a meeting room and having to pick up litter around the school. My first and only detention, ever.

*Greg:* Losing our first Rugby match after four years unbeaten.

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

*Rosie:* Probably spend an obscene amount of it buying a flat somewhere in North London, then I would pay my mum and dad back as a token for everything they've done for me.

I would also love to start a fund that promoted language education, by enabling students to go abroad and experience life in a different country, as I've been so fortunate to have done so many times whilst at Mill Hill. If had anything left over I'd also buy a Ford Mustang and convert my conservatory into a reptile house.

*Greg:* Definitely an upgrade from our small 1 bed, given I work in finance I should probably say something like invest it. Anything left over, I would use to convert our conservatory back into something useful from Rosie's reptile house!

**Your favourite quote?**

*Rosie:* "Don't worry about it until it happens" – my Dad

*Greg:* A bit cliché but "Live your best life"

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

*Rosie:* If you can't think of what to do next, particularly if you're still feeling a bit direction less after university, go into teaching. I think there are very few other career paths that will force you to develop such a level of resilience and confidence to lead others, as teaching does. The skills you pick up on the way are also excellent preparation for almost any other profession you may move on to.

*Greg:* Keep in contact with as many people as you can from Mill Hill. Even those you weren't close to at school can become close friends after leaving. I've played rugby for the OM Rugby Club for eight years now, and met a whole bunch of great people, some having been 30+ years my senior at school, through to some of the most recent leavers.

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

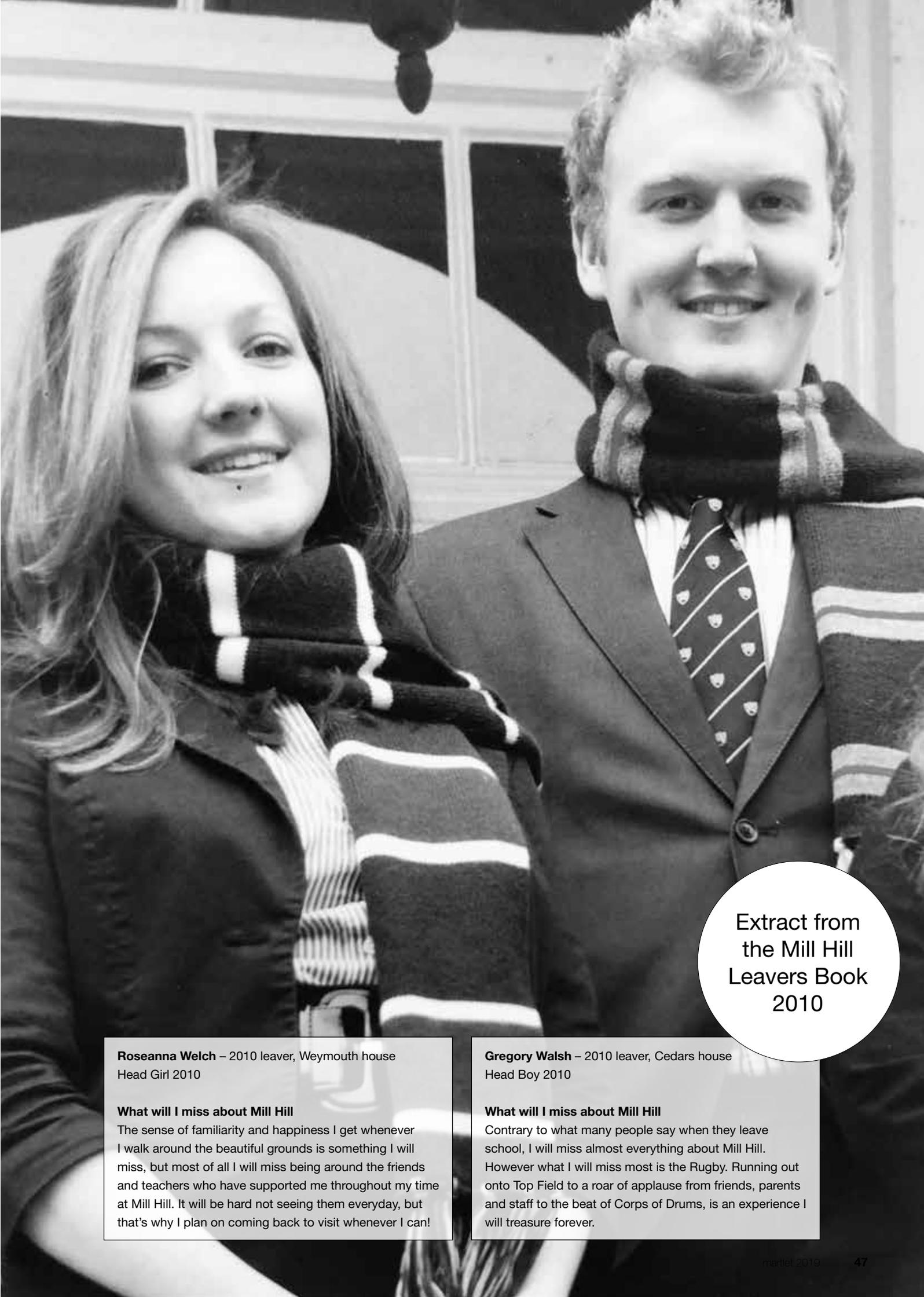
*Rosie:* My friendships. The most long-standing, trustful and rewarding friendships in my life were forged at Mill Hill, and these are people I still surround myself with today. I also credit my school days for helping me learn how to go confidently into the unknown, with self-belief and a sense of humour.

*Greg:* The same. I have a great group of friends from school. Mill Hill also instilled self-belief and drive that have helped me enormously in my professional life.

**What are your plans and hopes for the future together?**

At the moment we are knee-deep in wedding planning and adapting to living apart for the year, so in the near future we're planning to go on an American road-trip to celebrate Greg's time there. When we're back I guess we'll start looking for a new place to live!





Extract from  
the Mill Hill  
Leavers Book  
2010

**Roseanna Welch** – 2010 leaver, Weymouth house  
Head Girl 2010

**What will I miss about Mill Hill**

The sense of familiarity and happiness I get whenever I walk around the beautiful grounds is something I will miss, but most of all I will miss being around the friends and teachers who have supported me throughout my time at Mill Hill. It will be hard not seeing them everyday, but that's why I plan on coming back to visit whenever I can!

**Gregory Walsh** – 2010 leaver, Cedars house  
Head Boy 2010

**What will I miss about Mill Hill**

Contrary to what many people say when they leave school, I will miss almost everything about Mill Hill. However what I will miss most is the Rugby. Running out onto Top Field to a roar of applause from friends, parents and staff to the beat of Corps of Drums, is an experience I will treasure forever.

# FRIENDS REUNITED

# The Oakers

# Luncheon



## 2nd July 2018

The Oakers 'Luncheon Society' goes from strength to strength. We regularly get at least a dozen up to a score for our 'first Tuesday in the month' lunches.

The Oakers now have a 'membership' of 112, which is the highest it has ever been. Sadly, this year, we have lost two stalwarts namely Peter Huston (53-58) and Roy Furness (56-61). Our condolences go out to the members of their families. However, just when you think the number is coming down and there haven't been any newcomers (acorns) for a while, just like buses, three turned up at the November lunch. Many thanks to the regulars who attend through fair weather or foul. We reminisce, we joke, avoid controversy and basically have a damn good time.

The Rugby Dinner on the 22nd November had about 30 Oakers in attendance. The Christmas lunch, at The Boot on 10th December, was just shy of 50. The attendees at the lunch include the President of the Rugby Union, the Chairman of the OMs Club, the Vice President of the Club, the Chairman of the Rugby Club and a mélange of former Presidents and the ever increasing band of ageing juveniles.



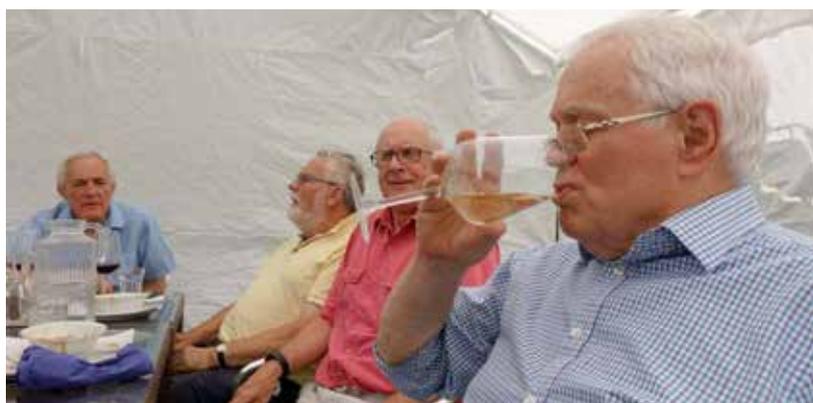
## THE RIME OF THE ANCIENT OAKER

It is an ancient Oaker,  
Who stoppeth at The Boot.  
Thy long grey beard and glittering eye,  
And a pocketful of loot.

The Boot's doors are opened wide,  
And I'm the first one in;  
The guests are met, the feast is set:  
May'st hear the merry din.

Yea, every month the Oakers meet,  
'School lunches' is our grub,  
We hobble in and take a seat,  
What fun we have int' pub.

So, The Boot was cheered, the tables  
cleared,  
Merrily we wend our way,  
Homewards to our better halves,  
We've had a lovely day.



**Gerry Westoby** (Ridgeway 56-61)  
With apologies to S.T. Coleridge  
(1772-1834)

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW



MHS trip to Nicaragua

School  
04 – 09

## Sive Ozer



MHS Netball

After leaving Mill Hill in 2009, I went on to study Law at the University of Southampton. I then did a Master's degree in Corporate Law at UCL. I currently work as a lawyer in London. I advise clients in venture capital, private equity and M&A transactions as well as general corporate matters.

### What were you like at school?

I was engaged and put myself forward for many of the opportunities that Mill Hill offered. I was involved in sports, the arts and also cared about doing well academically.

### The funniest thing that has happened to you recently?

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

I developed invaluable leadership and teamwork skills at Mill Hill. I rely on these skills everyday at work. Mill Hill has thought me how important it is 'to get involved' and how much there is to be gained from putting yourself forward.

### What is the most interesting thing about you?

When I was younger I used to spend a lot of time skiing and was selected for the national team.

### What is your proudest moment and why?

I graduated from University at the top of my year, with the highest overall First. My dissertation was published and I won various academic awards. Although I got good grades at Mill Hill, I was never in the top set for any subject. I worked very hard throughout University and it was great to see my hard work pay off.

### Do you keep in touch with any OMs?

Absolutely! I am actually thinking about organising a 10 year reunion for the 2009 leavers next year. I have also recently started attending OM events which are a great way of meeting OMs of all different ages. It is nice to feel part of a wider community.

### What's your driving force?

I am naturally competitive and always want to be the best that I can in everything that I do. I also don't feel comfortable being pigeonholed so I have a drive to keep myself as multifaceted

as possible, both in terms of my career and hobbies.

### Most inspiring teacher at school and why?

Academically, Mr Dickinson and Mr Turner. I just remember both being technically brilliant in the classroom. Mr Chilton for running an incredibly successful and inspiring partnership programme in Nicaragua which I was fortunate enough to be part of.

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

Alain de Botton, Marissa Mayer, Miriam Gonzalez Durantez and Lucian Freud

### Favourite memory from your time at Mill Hill School?

It is hard to choose one memory. I really enjoyed playing sports at Mill Hill, from the training sessions to travelling to away games on Saturdays. It was also great to be busy all the time whether with work or extra curricular activities. Somehow I never felt tired and was always inspired to do more! I will also never forget winning the five mile cup with School House.

### Worst memory from your time at Mill Hill School?

When our Valedictory Service was cancelled as a punishment for behaving pretty atrociously on our last full day at school.

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

I would like to think I would still continue to work. Buy a house in the Dolomites for skiing in the winter and long walks/hikes in the summer. Start collecting art and invest in emerging artists.

### Your favourite quote?

'N'allez pas trop vite' or don't go too fast. The Proustian idea that by not going too fast the world has a chance of becoming more interesting in the process.

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

Stay in touch with the School through the OM Club. It is a great network to be part of.

FRIENDS REUNITED

# The Oakers Christmas





'Twas the fortnight before Christmas,  
 When all through The Boot  
 Not a creature was stirring  
 Not even a sound of a foot.  
 The decorations were hung by the chimney with care,  
 The tables were set for the oncoming fare  
 For the 49 Oakers whom I hoped would be there.  
 When out in the car park there was such a clatter,  
 I sprang from the bar to see what was the matter.  
 Into the bar came a 'crescendo' of jokers,  
 Recognised as a 'cacophony' of Oakers.

Who were: The Chairman of the OMs, former Presidents of the Club, the President of the RFU, former Chairman of the All England Club, former President of the Hockey Association and Squash Rackets Association, former President of Northampton RFC, President of The Old Albanians RFC, former Captains and Players of the OMRFC, old cricket and hockey players, Chairman of the OMRFC, a sprinkling of legal eagles, doctors, accountants and chartered surveyors, an opera singer and a thespian AND a first timer (acorn) ... a former Member of Parliament.

Photos were taken, aperitifs were swallowed,  
 Which was a prelude to what followed,  
 The raconteur stood to make a speech  
 And toasted the School, OMs and the Queen,  
 Remembering Peter and Roy, no longer to be seen.  
 That's enough 'poetry'! (Apologies to C. C. Moore)

So, despite being grizzled veterans of a certain vintage, the Oakers' brainboxes are still working well, but their legs are a bit wobbly. No doubt, all the attendees were treated to up-close encounters of an incredibly rich variety of hogwash and twaddle (reminiscences). Although I was unable to monitor the conversations, nobody was to mention Brexit. This was a record attendance and I believe a good time was had by everyone.

**Gerry Westoby (56 - 61)**

**Attendees: 49**

Robert Anthony  
 Rodney Bennett  
 Ronnie Boon  
 Kip Calderara  
 David Clancey  
 Sara Clark  
 David Coakley  
 Tim Corbett  
 Mike Corby  
 Russell Cowan  
 Graham Drake  
 Arthur Ferryman

Peter Farren  
 Graham Fear  
 Paul Furness  
 John Gallagher  
 Stuart Hibberdine  
 Tom Hignett  
 Murray Holmes  
 Tony Horne  
 Bob Hudgell  
 Chris Kelly  
 Jim Kent  
 Mike Leon  
 Ian Mackenzie

Marcel Mann  
 Bob Marshall-Andrews  
 Richard Milnes  
 Gordon Mizner  
 Andy Mortimer  
 Ron Neale  
 Nigel Nichols  
 Tom Oxenham  
 Tim Phillips  
 Mike Phillipps  
 Mike Piercy  
 Rick Price  
 Cliff Rose

Ronnie Samuels  
 David Short  
 Clive Sutton  
 Martin Swanne  
 Alan Toulson  
 Peter Wakeham  
 John Watkiss  
 Gerry Westoby  
 Tim Wilkinson  
 Angas Wilson  
 Neil Winter

# FRIENDS REUNITED



## Malta Trip 2018

Coincidentally, the dates for the OM European trip to Malta took place during the lead up to and day of the wedding of Harry and Meghan but to my surprise none of our intrepid travellers withdrew from the party. We were joined in Malta by OM, Jim Lee and his delightful wife, Diana, both of whom spent most days and evenings with us.

For such a small country, Malta, which has been inhabited since about 5900 BC, is a historians paradise. The group based itself in Valletta, a UNESCO World Heritage Site which shares the European Capital of Culture accolade in 2018 with Leeuwarden [Netherlands]. Built by the Knights of St. John on a peninsula just 1km by 600m Valletta has been described as 'one of the most concentrated historic areas in the world'. The city has recently been transformed with the new Renzo Piano-designed City Gate, Parliament Building and opera House, and the fabulously restored fountain in the main square.

Although we were two short on the first morning [no names mentioned but a certain 'farming couple' overslept!] most of us set off on time to visit Mdina, the old capital of Malta, a fortified medieval town located on a hill with incredible views across the island. Close by, in Rabat, we explored the Catacombs of St. Paul and St. Agatha, used in Roman times to bury the dead. Happily the sleepy ones caught us up in Rabat declaring they had enjoyed their best sleep in many years.

During our walking tour of Valletta we visited the Upper Barrakka Gardens situated high above the 16th century Grand Harbour; St. John's Co-Cathedral, designed by Gerolamo Cassar and built between 1573-1578. One of its greatest attractions is a large painting of John the Baptist by



Caravaggio. The day tour concluded in the National Museum of Archaeology which houses exhibits from 5200 BC.

In the evening, Graham Fear gave a short and interesting talk on 'The siege of Malta 1565', following which the group embarked on what can only be described as 'The Long March of Valletta' during which the tour 'leader' [the author] marched the group up and down the coastal road for over half an hour in a vain attempt to locate the locally booked restaurant. Thankfully, our local resident, Jim Lee, came to the rescue and ferried two car loads to the restaurant [several miles away] whilst the remainder walked back to the hotel to book cabs. Although unable to join us for the trip, OM, Nigel Wray and his wife, Linda, kindly arranged a wonderful evening on the Friday at their stunning villa overlooking the bay. It was a very relaxed time with great views, food and wine....and no getting lost! It was an early start on Saturday as we set off for the ferry to visit the beautiful island of Gozo. Sadly, time did not permit us to visit the Ggantija Temples but we did manage to see Dwejra Bay and the beautiful Rabat Citadel, which has amazing views across the island. We had lunch at a lovely restaurant on the bay where we were able to keep tabs on the Saracens score, or watch the royal wedding, depending on your preference.

All in all it was a super trip enjoyed [I hope] by all. Thanks to everyone for making it such a fun and memorable trip.

Tour party: Ronnie & Denise Boon, Ann Bunyard, Tim & Robin Corbett, Graham & June Fear, Andrew & Sue Halstead, Robert Harley, Frederick & Lorraine Higgs, Jim & Jill Kent, Jim & Diana Lee, Marcel & Cherill Mann, Sylvia Smith, Graham Taylor, Peter & Anita Wakeham, Stewart & Gina Wernham.

**Stewart Wernham** (*Collinson 74-79*)



# East Anglia Drinks

**2 JUNE 2018 – TRINITY COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE**

This event was a deliberately smaller affair than usual with the intention of bridging the gap between last September's dinner and the intended return of the dinner to a date in May. Twenty one OMs and partners enjoyed canapés and wine in the Allhusen Room with the evening sun pouring through the large casement windows. We were pleased to welcome Hamish Nash who is studying at the University and represented the YOMs admirably during our subsequent discussions. As ever, it was a pleasure to welcome Nick Priestnall and Peter and Anita Wakeham.

After our appetites and thirsts were mostly satisfied David Short and I conducted a discussion with all those present on the future form, frequency and location of the East Anglia event. It was rapidly agreed that it should continue on an annual basis, in Cambridge and based on Trinity

College. It was felt best to try and continue with a Friday in May each year thus making it possible for those OMs studying at the University to attend.

After the useful and creative discussion held at last year's East Anglia Drinks Reception we have decided to introduce a new format. On alternate years we shall hold an informal gathering comprising a cultural, educational or historical component, followed by a buffet supper at Trinity College. Where possible these activities will have strong links with Old Millhillians and their connection with Cambridge and the University.

Alternating with these events we shall hold the customary formal reception and dinner at Trinity College, the next being in 2020. The purpose of this variation is to tempt Old Millhillians who are not keen on black tie dinners and especially to encourage the attendance of Cambridge undergraduates. An additional attraction is that the cost of the new style meetings will be less than the formal dinner.

We are starting the change this year with a Private Visit to the Wren Library at Trinity College, courtesy of the Librarian, Nicholas Bell. This will be for an hour, from 6pm, followed by a buffet supper in the Allhusen Room of the College.

**Dr Russell Cowan** (*Weymouth 58-63*)

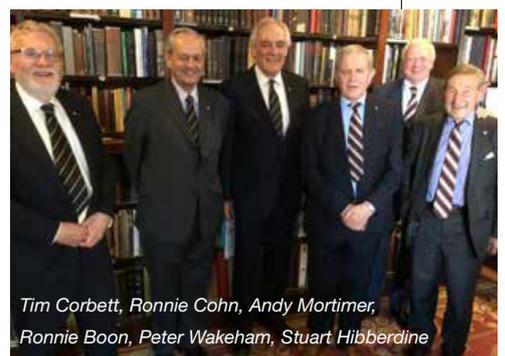
# Past Presidents Lunch

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.*



*Tim Corbett, Ronnie Cohn, Andy Mortimer, Ronnie Boon, Peter Wakeham, Stuart Hibberdine*

# FRIENDS REUNITED



## New York Dinner

On a chilly evening in mid December, just east of Union Square, for the first time as newly appointed OMC representative for New York, I opened the doors to my home, Gramercy House, to members of the Old Millhillians Club.

We had an encouraging turnout and a good mix of old faces and new who came together for some wine, a smorgasbord of meats and cheese and a chat; most in attendance had in fact travelled some distance to be there. OMC President Richard Llewellyn along with our Chair, Peter Wakeham and his wife Anita, visited from London whilst David and Karen Brown came down from Boston.

The evening flowed well, as did the wine and after everyone had arrived and settled in to a glass or two, the conversation moved to the living room. Peter and Richard kicked things off with some welcome updates about both the Foundation and the club, with discussions turning to ways in which we can improve both OMC offerings for members and also

communications. A number of positive suggestions and ideas were generated which I look forward to seeing implemented.

My housemates, who were all too keen to meet more Brits and get an insight into another part of my life, joined us, integrated well into conversation and the evening. Needless to say, they were all a hit too and thoroughly enjoyed the evening and US / UK relations were at an all time high by the end.

As has been traditional for meetups in New York, we would usually have left for dinner nearby for those who wished to grab a bite; however as it was so cosy in the house and we had more than enough food to feed the OM's first XV, we ended up ditching our dinner plans in favor of staying put. It was lovely to be able to host the first of what I hope to be many more OM events in New York and I very much look forward to meeting other OMs who find themselves in the city.

**Mike Berwin** (*Priestley 01-06*)





# Tim Stringer Lunch

## A discreet gathering of former beaks

These old lags were the guests of Tim Stringer, former teacher and Head of English and first Housemaster of the newly created day house Priestley, at a luncheon at his home in Arkley, Barnet, on a delightfully warm day in September.

Posing for the camera from left to right are:

**Robin Veit**, who taught modern languages and coached hockey at Mill Hill before spending the rest of his career at Oundle, where he became a housemaster and Registrar, and where he still lives in retirement;

**Tony Armstrong**, former teacher and Head of modern languages and Housemaster of the day house Weymouth, who in retirement shares his life between Hertfordshire and his native Cumbria;

**Tim Corbett**, known to many Old Millhillians as a sportsman and through his work as Honorary Secretary of the Club and his time as President, who taught English and ran Winterstoke House until its closure;

**Christopher Dean** who, despite his eighty years, is still very active as a teacher of A level Mathematics and on the cricket field as a much sought after umpire; Old Millhillians will remember him as an enthusiastic coach of squash and cricket, as an accomplished Mathematician and, latterly, as Housemaster of Murray;

**Tim**, himself, who despite being half way through his ninetieth year and suffering from macular degeneration, enjoys life to the full; many former pupils will remember the School Plays he produced; his friends will tell you he is something of a wine buff and raconteur...

**Tim Stringer** sadly passed away on April 4th 2019. A full obit will appear in the next Martlet. Our thoughts are with his family.

**Nigel Patterson** taught French and Spanish at Mill Hill and produced two School Plays, Amadeus and Cabaret. After Mill Hill he became Head of Modern Languages at Caterham School before taking the family to Chicago where he acted, dubbed films and read for talking books. The family is now back in England and living in Surrey;

**Uschi Pulham** will be remembered by Old Millhillians as a teacher of German, French and latterly English as a Foreign Language. Many overseas students remember her caring role in this latter subject area. In retirement Uschi enjoys much time in her flat in the Hérault, France;

**Simon Appleton** who taught English at Mill Hill seems never to age. He left NW7 to take on the pupils of Highgate where he continued to rejuvenate. His friends are pleased he is remaining in north London in retirement;

**Ian Brownlie** took the sensible decision to retire very early and has never looked back. He was known as an outstanding teacher of Chemistry, a tough disciplinarian and a rigorous Head of Science. He is also the most caring of men and his friends are delighted he has maintained a base in north London;

A school is always delighted to have on its payroll the breath of fresh air that is **Andy Rattue**. He was quickly off to Habs' Boys to gain further experience before becoming Head of English at Highgate. A deputy headship at The Royal Grammar School, Guildford preceded headships at The Royal Grammar School, Worcester and The King's College, Madrid. Andy is currently Head of St Clare's International Sixth Form College in Oxford.

**Tony Armstrong** (MHS Master, Weymouth)

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW

Burton Bank  
96 – 01

## Ben Knight

Before the prospect of attending Mill Hill School I was predicted Cs and Ds for my GCSEs, then through playing rugby for Saracens I was offered the opportunity to go to Mill Hill; but only if I achieved Cs and above in my upcoming GCSE exams. With this carrot dangling in front of me, the exams had a new purpose and this gave me the drive to make the grade and be accepted on a rugby scholarship to board in Burton Bank.

Three years down the line, a gap year Down Under later, I made the grade to go to Loughborough University, where I combined my aptitude for Design and Technology and love of Biology, and studied Ergonomics. Although I didn't go into Ergonomics, I applied the project management skills I had acquired during my degree to good use and worked as a software project manager in Luxembourg for three years, then progressed onto account management and sales in London.

However, none of it really stimulated me, and although it paid for awesome holidays I felt there was definitely something missing. So one day while travelling in Columbia I decided that I wanted to do something different, something that excited me and did more than just bring the money in. At the time we were staying in a cool little place that was between a hostel and a hotel. The owner knew the area very well and could recommend a multitude of activities for all tastes. This

got us thinking ('us' by the way is my business partner and fiancée; Francesca) that we would love to open something like this; combining all the best bits of the favourite places we'd stayed into one. So I set to work making this dream into a reality. 18 months on we said goodbye to our two bed flat in Walthamstow and moved into a five bedroom 17th century farmhouse with adjoining self-catered cottage and a large traditional lakeland stone barn in the Lake District National Park. We immediately set about converting the house into the bed and breakfast that we had dreamed of.

Then we moved on to converting the beautiful old barn into a wedding and events space, which we are now proud to call Low Hall The Lakes.

Last October we celebrated our first birthday, and engaged-anniversary (yes I proposed the day we moved in!) and despite the ups and downs that starting your own business entails, I could not be happier doing what I am now doing. We have had a successful first year, welcoming everyone from hikers, cyclist and triathletes, to couples just wanting to get away from it all. And, we are getting booked up for 2019 and beyond for weddings and events in the barn.

So, if you find yourselves up in the Lakes, make sure you call in and say 'hello' [lowhallthelakes.com](http://lowhallthelakes.com)



**What were you like at school?**

Typical rugby player; eating and training too much and not studying enough.

**The funniest thing that has happened to you recently?**

I was at a festival recently, the night seemed to be coming to an end before I wanted it to, so I whipped my shirt off, got the glow sticks out and pulled out my best moves to try and get everyone back up for it. This didn't work and my moves can now be seen in all kinds of GIF's.

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

Without belittling the great education I received, the friends I made at Mill Hill are what I value most.

**What's the most interesting thing about you?**

I have an uncanny ability to talk to anyone.



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

I enjoyed boarding immensely and feel that doing so in my formative years made me a much more independent and outgoing person in the subsequent years at University and then into adult life.

**What is your proudest moment and why?**

Getting the keys to our new home; Low Hall the Lakes.



**Do you keep in touch with any OMs?**

Yes a whole load of them, you know who you are!

**What's your driving force?**

FOMO (fear of missing out!)

**Most inspiring teacher at school and why?**

Mr Dweck. Although he never 'taught' me, he looked like a teacher at school (he had a beard at 15), and teaches there now.

**Favourite memory from your time at Mill Hill School?**

Rugby tour to South Africa - I can't go into too much detail as what goes on tour, stays on tour.

**Worst memory from your time at Mill Hill School?**

Saturday school and winter timetable.

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

Pay off the mortgage and travel the world by yacht.

**Your favourite quote?**

Be your own person, because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind.

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

Don't do what you think people want you to do, but what you actually want to do.



# FRIENDS REUNITED

## Peter Mensah Visit

Ridgeway  
80 – 85

A gathering of 32 OMs took place in Fino's Wine Bar in Mount St, W1 on 12th Sept 2018, to predominantly celebrate Peter Mensah's brief visit back to the UK from his new home – New Zealand.

It was an eclectic mix of former MHS pupils and masters too, with the majority being Gentlemen who had either played Rugby with Peter back in the day in the 1st XV at MHS or Headstone Lane for the OMs or an old Girlfriend!

Four of Peter's former MHS masters, namely Messrs Chris Kelly (current President of the RFU), Rob Clark, Trevor Chilton and Tim Corbett, all put in an appearance, as did the next President of the OMs Club Richard Llewellyn.

The current OMs Club Chairman Peter Wakeham and Bob Marshall Andrews came along at the end of the evening having previously attended the OMs Legal Dinner beforehand, which unfortunately clashed. Other notable attendees were the former OMs Club Chairman Andy Mortimer, plus Windsor Roberts and his two Sisters Karen and Fiona, who

reckoned they hadn't all been in the same room together since Christmas 1980.... something!

Other OMs who attended aside from Peter Mensah were Mike Peskin who organised the event, Jeremy Church, Nick Mann, Bill & James Stephens, Onome Akpofure, John Cicale, Ben Nash, David Kelly, Jon Rosswick, Richard Phillips, Jeremy Culverhouse, Nathan Clapton, Mike Solomons, Paul Robin, Eddie Pratt, Niki Turner, Scott Rowland, James Green and James Jephcott.

There were also guest appearances from four non OMs, namely Chris Wright who played with Peter at Harlequins and shared his testimonial with Peter too, Chris Liddington who played Rugby for the OMs with Peter and many others present too.

Plus Lindsay Sims partner of Mike Peskin, and his daughter Emily Peskin, who like Nick Mann's son – Sonny, both currently work for another OM Charlie Green at The Office Group.

Retired Rugby Union player.  
Harlequins and England 'A'.







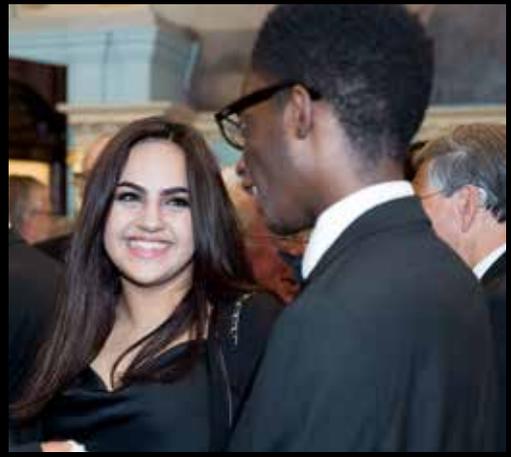


# Annual Dinner 2018









# WHERE ARE THEY NOW

Ridgeway  
12 – 17

## Jeremy Akhavi

I left Mill Hill rather recently in 2017 and embarked on my gap year. I am now in my first year at Loughborough studying Mechanical Engineering.

I've mainly spent my gap year recovering, as I was just finishing chemo as I left Mill Hill but that opened up a whole world of opportunities that I've taken advantage of. Some might describe them as 'cancer perks' but I've been lucky enough to go clay pigeon shooting at Highclere castle, go to New York, go sailing and so many other things that had I gone straight to university as I'd previously been planning I wouldn't have had the opportunity to do.

I've also spent the year doing a fair bit of volunteering to try and give back to a lot of the charities that helped me throughout treatment; I've been giving speeches at fundraising dinners, working as part of an All Party Parliamentary Group to try and influence cancer care policy in the UK and I've had the opportunity to travel to Brussels to work with the European Parliament and Commission on drafting a white paper that will improve cancer care across Europe.

Some of you from Mill Hill that knew me might remember that I was a tad geeky and quite obsessed with Apple products, so I decided to try and get a job that I would really enjoy for my gap year. I landed a job working as a Specialist for Apple in the Regent Street store which has been quite a fun experience to say the least.



### **What were you like at school?**

I started Mill Hill as a rather shy introverted 13 year old, too scared to put my hand up in class. But over the years I think I found my stride and some passions at school through Rugby, CCF, public speaking and loads of the extra curricular activities. I hope I had somewhat of a positive energy through my time at Mill Hill and contributed to other people's experience at the school as much as everyone else contributed to mine.

### **The funniest thing that has happened to you recently?**

After giving a speech at a fundraising dinner for a charity in Highclere Castle I was casually chatting with someone and after about 15 minutes of conversation I asked him who he was and what he did - turned out he was the Lord that owned the castle! Awkward.

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

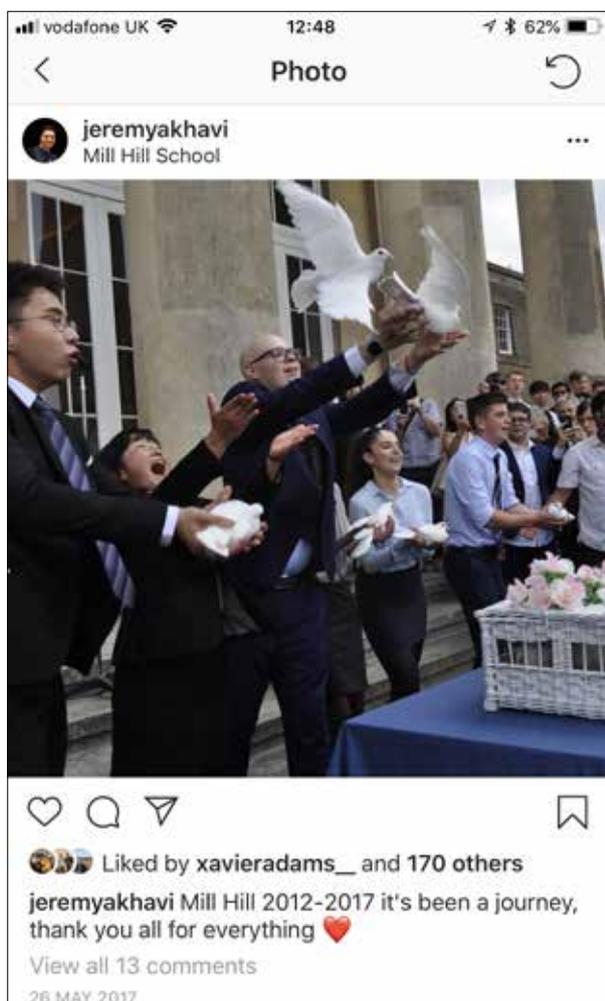
Realising the importance of having a balanced life was one of the most positive things I took from Mill Hill. The school wasn't an exams factory that forced us to study for 12 hours a day, we were encouraged to take part in many of the extra-curricular activities so that we could find things we were passionate about. Mill Hill created a real atmosphere of work hard and play hard.

### **What's the most interesting thing about you?**

I was very lucky in being able to deliver a speech at the United Nations headquarters in New York earlier this year. I was the closing speaker at the opening ceremony of the Economic and Social Forum in front of about 400 UN delegates and guests.

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

I was in Ridgeway House for my final two years at Mill Hill as a weekly boarder. I absolutely loved it, as an only child it was especially incredible to live with people a similar age to me, and the fact I got to live with some of my best friends made it so much better. I loved how close we all got as a house, through horror movie night on Fridays to playing 'spoons' in the kitchen - it was all just so fun, definitely the best couple of years of my life so far. The worst bit about boarding was



probably just the long(ish) walk between Ridgeway and the main part of school, though this was made a lot easier while I had my brief stint on a mobility scooter after coming back to school from hospital, it was such a relaxing drive to and from the dining hall.

#### What is your proudest moment and why?

Mill Hill gave me so many things to be proud of, it's hard to pick a particular 'proudest moment', but I was really happy to be able to sit my A Level exams whilst I was on chemo and also continue my role as Senior Monitor. To be able to put that into a specific moment was probably the day I finished my final exam, I'd finished my last IV chemo two days before - the feeling was unrivalled.

#### Do you keep in touch with any OMs?

I'm still in contact with lots of mates from school, we still get to see each other all the time during uni holidays. I've also met loads more OMs through the network during organised events such as formal dinners. We also make great use of the National Liberal Club for our CCF reunions.

#### What's your driving force?

The fact that we're only going to be around for about 80-90 years if we're lucky, might as well enjoy every moment and try to help others enjoy it too, work hard and be able to look back on everything we've done with fond memories.

#### Most inspiring teacher at school and why?

I was incredibly fortunate to have so many inspiring teachers at school. My tutor throughout my time in Ridgeway and ever inspiring physics teacher was Mr Watterson, his passion for everything he does was infectious and is something I always

aspire to have. It's impossible to pick one 'most inspiring' though as so many different teachers had such a huge impact on my time at Mill Hill, everyone especially pulled together to really help me through chemo from Dr Peat who came to the hospital to invigilate my Politics exam to Mr Carruthers who helped me with all the maths lessons I had to miss throughout his lunchtimes and free periods and Dr Warden who was always a beam of positivity and encouragement. Even though he wasn't necessarily my 'teacher' I got to know Mr Kyle really well through CCF and Chapel, he is everything a teacher should be, he's empathetic, fun, chatty, dedicated, passionate and he always talks about how much he loves his job.

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

Johnny Ive, Donald Trump (purely for entertainment), Barack Obama, Queen Elizabeth II.

#### Favourite memory from your time at Mill Hill School?

My favourite memory is annoyingly not one singular memory, but instead all of the CCF camps that we had the opportunity to go on, especially the summer camps, we all just got on so well as a CCF group they were all endless fun, we'd always belt out Jerusalem and I Vow to Thee My Country on the minibus journeys to and from camp as well as several other CCF bangers. A close second has to be our 5th Form GCSE History class, I was absolutely dreadful at history as a subject and wasn't really interested in the topics, but it's not about what you're doing, it's about the people you're with, and we had such a good laugh.

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

I would definitely donate some money to the ABC bursary fund at school so that more people will have the privilege of spending their school years at Mill Hill. A large chunk would go to some charities that help young people battling cancer as I know first hand what a huge impact their work has. The rest I would probably rather selfishly use to treat myself, my family and close friends to some luxury holidays around the world with a chunk being invested to ensure I could continue living that luxury lifestyle.

#### Your favourite quote?

"Life can be a burden or a blessing, the choice is yours" - just highlights that it doesn't matter what life throws at you, it's all about how to take it.

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

Reflect on everything you learnt at Mill Hill, not necessarily the academic teaching, but things like the importance of having a well rounded approach to life and the importance of close friendships.



# SPORTS





*Quad Hockey, 1940s*

# OMRFC





# OMRFC Season 2018/19

This is an exciting time to be part of OMRFC! One of our members, the legendary Chris Kelly has just become President of the RFU. Our 1st XV are playing fantastic attacking rugby. We have set ourselves the twin targets of growth and promotion- together with our 2nd XV we aim to provide our members with an environment to play both social and competitive rugby.

The leadership of the 1st XV is driven by a core group of OMs in their early 20s: skipper Oli Avent has proved an inspirational leader on the pitch, Joe Wray provides excellent consistency in the back row, and finally back from injury Nick Shield help anchor the scrum.

The half back combination of James Roycroft and skipper Oli add the pace and vision required to unleash a lethal backline



that has on occasion eviscerated opposing teams. At the time of going to press we sit 3rd in the table, having played 12, won 9 drawn 1 and lost 2. The climax of the season was the home fixture on 30th March against local rivals Mill Hill. This fixture has only increased in intensity over the years, which OMRFC won convincingly 57-7.

Sadly due to an admin error mid season we have accrued a points deduction that has prevented us from achieving the promotion that our on field performances have merited. The response from the entire club has been outstanding – all our members remain committed to the development of top level rugby at Headstone Lane.

We are growing our committee – Nick Cockburn, formerly a top level referee, has joined as our Honorary Secretary and has already made a huge impact on our administration. After many years of excellent service our treasurer James Mason is to step down as he is relocating to York - many thanks James for your hard work. He will be replaced by OMRFC stalwart Ralph Murduck.



L-R: Oli Avent, James Roycroft-Davis, Dai Rees (MHS Master), Joe Wray



*Ben Nash and Richard Llewellyn*

*Oli Avent, Captain*

After acquiring higher levels of responsibility in the main OMs club, we are sorry to lose Noyan Nihat from the rugby club committee- thanks Noyan for all your years of service it will be hard to replace you!

We are lucky to have the support of a couple of sponsors- many thanks to Regal Homes and Alan Day VW. Many thanks also to The Office Group, Support Tree, Saracens Foundation and Chase and Partners for their support. If your organisation would like to support us, please get in touch- we are one of London's historic rugby clubs and we are aiming to match the quality of our heritage with our achievements on the pitch today. If you would like to be part of an exciting and ambitious project, please get in touch, and come and join us! All new players are very welcome.

**Ben Nash** (*Priestley 86-90*)



*Nigel Wray and Dai Rees at Headstone Lane*



*Joe Wray*

# welcome

## OLD MILLHILLIANS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

BIENNIAL DINNER, 22 NOVEMBER 2018

MERCHANT TAYLORS' HALL

TABLE 1

Richard Brooman  
Trevor Chilton  
John Gallagher  
Alistair Graham  
Brenda Hobday  
Chris Kelly  
Andy Mortimer  
Rob Udwin  
Peter Wheeler

TABLE 2

Malcolm Fairclough  
Richard Llewellyn  
Lucy Llewellyn  
John Martin  
Mary Martin  
A Mellery-Pratt  
Peter Moore  
Simon Nightingale  
Mike Phillipps  
Elizabeth Phillipps  
Martyn Thomas

TABLE 3

Paul Beadle  
Chris Davies  
Nicolas Edwards  
Sean Edwards  
Vik Gudenian  
Robin Leach  
Ashley Manton  
David Munday  
Bob Rudd  
Linda Rudd

TABLE 4

John Allen  
Keith Bridges  
Graham Chase  
Ian Clarke  
Andrew Halstead  
Tim Jones  
Altaf Noorani  
Chris Parker  
Simon Rosenkranz  
John Sleath

TABLE 5

Paul Brodie  
David Coakley  
Simon Englander  
Richard Horton  
David Lloyd  
Chris Mann  
James Metzger  
Jay Rosenkranz  
Clive Sutton  
Dave Williams

TABLE 6

Alan Bonner  
Ronnie Boon  
Graham Drake  
Arthur Ferryman  
Murray Holmes  
Marcel Mann  
Tom Oxenham  
Cliff Rose  
Alan Toulson  
Gerry Westoby

TABLE 7

Robert Anthony  
David Clancey  
Sara Clark  
Ronny Cohn  
Russell Cowan  
Stuart Hibberdine  
Martin Jourdan  
Mike Leon  
Gordon Mizner  
Peter Watkins

TABLE 8

John Barr  
Clive Greenhough  
Elliott Hamilton  
Derren Hamilton  
Eddie Latter  
Olly Madge  
David Mercer  
Steven Roberts  
Marc Tafler  
Peter Tafler

TABLE 9

Robert Clark  
Christopher Dean  
Ted Ivens  
Jim Kent  
Clive Mence  
Anne Smith  
Tony Smith  
Mike Tant  
Val Tant  
Peter Wakeham

TABLE 10

Pramod Achan  
Nathan Clapton  
Marco Ferrari  
Charlie Green  
Phillip Keller  
Nick Keller  
Charlie Leslie  
Gavin Mortimer  
Mark Mortimer  
Julian Pollock

TABLE 11

Emanuel Ajayi  
Chris Allington  
Ann Bunyard  
Tim Corbett  
Robin Corbett  
Kevin Douglas  
Nick Priestnall  
Dai Rees  
Graeme Roberts  
Sean Robinson  
David Woodrow

TABLE 12

James Carson  
Jeremy Church  
Charles Kent  
Nick Mann  
Charlie Miller  
Noyan Nihat  
Eddie Pratt  
Roger Streeten  
Paul Tant  
Austin Vince  
Romesh Virasinghe

TABLE 13

Jamie Adler  
Nick Cockburn  
Steve Davies  
Faiz Gulmohamed  
Chris Jewel Clarke  
James Mason  
Max Mortimer  
Ralph Murdock  
Ben Nash  
John Tucker  
Keiran Walsh

TABLE 14

Oni Akpofure  
Tim Dingle  
Mark Dixon  
Mark Freer  
Richard Hartson  
Jon Hyde  
David Kelly  
Chris Liddington  
Mike Peskin  
Windsor Roberts  
James Stephens

TABLE 15

Sam Askham  
Oli Avent  
Adam Boxer  
Gideon Felton  
P-R Hadjisymeou  
James Roycroft-Davis  
Matthew Mahoney  
Nick Schild  
Archie Turner  
Olly Warren  
James Wright  
Joe Burrows

TABLE 16

John Barron  
Jim Dickin  
Aaron Liffchak  
Alan Rise  
Reno Sava  
Graeme Turner  
Laura Turner  
Tom Vercoe  
John Ciccale

# OMRFC

## Biennial Dinner 2018

A momentous celebration as 170 OMs gathered at Merchant Taylors Hall to honour Chris Kelly in his year as President of the RFC. The guests were entertained by speaker Peter Wheeler, former British Lion, England international and Rugby Union player.

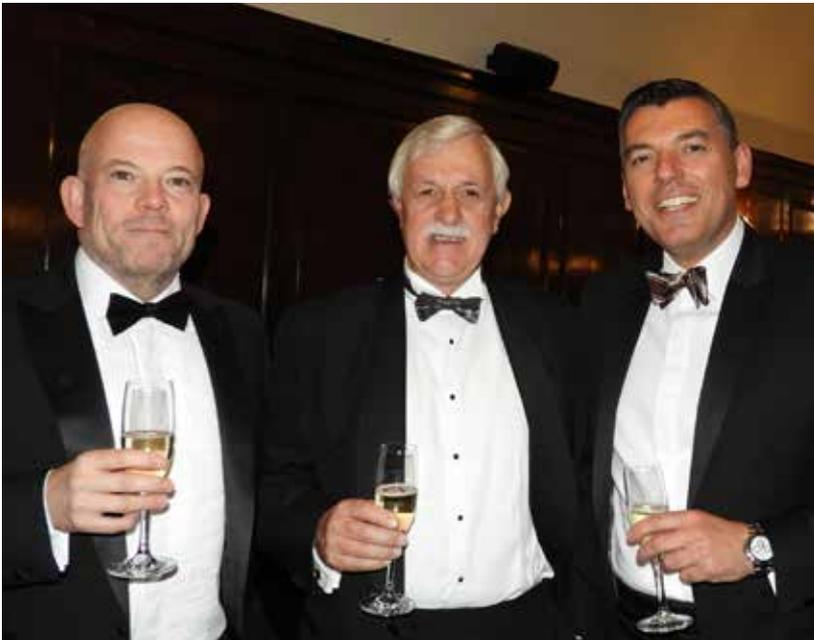




OMRFC 'boys'









School  
06 – 11

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW

## Dr Oliver Galgut



I am just starting my first job as a doctor on the acute medical unit at Sandwell General Hospital, having graduated from Southampton Medical School this year. I am also trying to maintain my involvement with StreetDoctors and continue expanding my sailing skills (where shifts allow).

While at university I also practised martial arts, went sailing, and taught with the charity StreetDoctors. I took a year out to study for a master's degree in trial design and have presented the results of this work nationally. In the future I hope to be an anaesthetist with some intensive care or pre-hospital care work, while maintaining an interest in research and teaching.

### What were you like at school?

I joined Mill Hill at thirteen from a small prep school in Hampstead. At the time I was quite shy and introverted, and young for the school year. Because of this, it took me a while to properly settle into Mill Hill and I only started to really come out of my shell in Sixth Form. Throughout my time at school I was very academically inclined, particularly enjoying science, and I was not very sporty. My main extra-curricular activities were sailing and cadets, and I could usually be found either reading in School house, or with my little group of friends in Priestley or Atkinson.

### The funniest thing that has happened to you recently?

I have just moved into a new flat in West Bromwich, and while furnishing it I was searching for a sofa. Then lo and behold, a sofa appeared on the outside fire escape. So, I cleaned it up a bit, dragged it into my flat, and it now has pride of place in my living room.



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

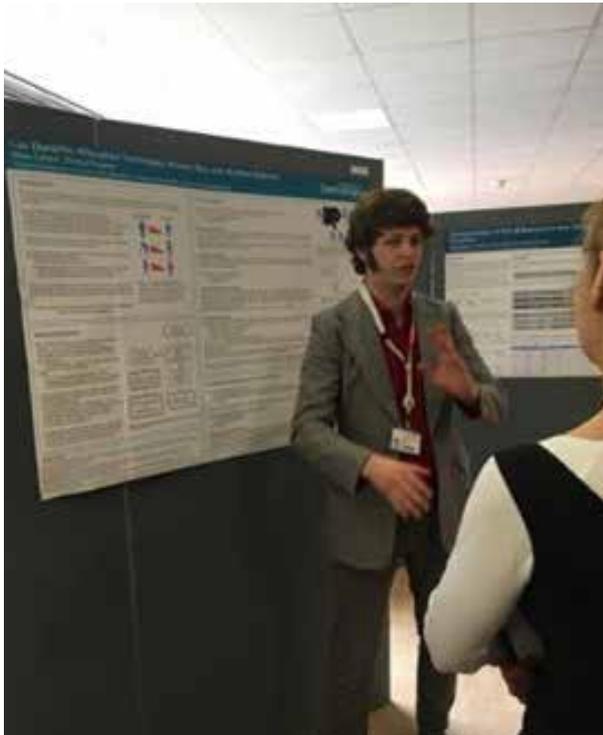
Lots of people complain in one way or another that secondary schooling kills children's creativity, but I think Mill Hill managed to improve and develop my enquiring spirit. I have taken this into everything I've done since and it has never failed to be beneficial.

**What is your proudest moment and why?**

Most people in my position might say getting their degree or graduating, but for me it's when I received the letter from the General Medical Council confirming that, yes, I was in fact going to be allowed to practice medicine come 1st August.

**What's your driving force?**

I have always been fascinated by the world and always wanted to know "why?". I have kept this with me and I always try to dig into everything I do to find out why things are the way they are. If you don't find out why things are, why things were, or why things change then you will simply grasp impotently at the world, failing to gain any purchase for your hopes and dreams.



**Most inspiring teacher at school and why?**

Unsurprisingly, the teachers I found most inspiring were science teachers: Mr Turner and Mr Luke. I think they were both important counterpoints to my personality while at school and really helped round out the more extreme parts of my personality.

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

Dara Ó Briain, Brian Cox, Isaac Asimov, and Terry Pratchett

**Favourite memory from your time at Mill Hill School?**

I enjoyed being at school so there are lots of good memories and it's pretty hard to choose a favourite memory, but if forced to pick one, it would be one of the adventures or shenanigans from my extra-curricular activities.

**Worst memory from your time at Mill Hill School?**

It was definitely the time in Fourth form I ran half the length of the rugby pitch and triumphantly planted the ball to score a try, only for someone from the other side to pick up the ball and start running back to my own try line. Then it dawned on me that I had stopped a solid 15 yards short of the try line – completely balls-ing up my first (and only) opportunity to show I was good at rugby! I still replay this moment in my mind when things aren't going quite as well as I had hoped.



Ten Mile Cup

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

£10 million is quite a sum but I'll try to avoid accidentally bankrupting myself. I reckon I'd give some to the charity StreetDoctors, probably buy a small boat, sort out a house, and then put the rest under the bed – just in case.

**Your favourite quote?**

James Robertson Justice as Sir Lancelot Spratt in the film 'Doctor in the House': "The first rule of diagnosis ... is eyes first and most, hands next and least, and tongue, not at all"



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

I picked this up from a sailing instructor a few years ago and I think it applies to every part of your life: "If you're going to crash, crash slowly".



MHS CCF



# OM Golfing Society

As the golfing season draws to an end, 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 and we were very happy to have Fred Daeche-Marshall making a winning debut at the Halford Hewitt (the public schools scratch tournament). We lost an extremely close game in the second round to a strong Sherbourne team, with two games going down the 19th. James Ellis, who is a stalwart of the Middlesex scratch team is doing a great job of turning us into serious contenders.



That's James Kahan, James Ellis, Joey Carr and Sam Sherwood at the 2018 Halford Hewitt

Our Spring Tour this year was to Dublin, 24 OMs playing Druids Glen, Wicklow and the European Club. After Skibo and Dornoch and Castle Stewart two years ago we've continued our very high standard of venues, playing at world class venues. The golf might not have matched the quality of the courses, but fun was had by all.

Several OMs now seem to be investors in Dave Mercer's latest venture, several of the older members (me) were lost in the complexity of cryptocurrencies.

We think that Elliot Hamilton won most of the prizes, but nobody seemed to notice, or indeed care. If Elliot didn't win, then Beej Chandaria probably did.

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.

We have 130 members of all golfing abilities, from plus one 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 Royal St Georges, Moor 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 most of the finest courses in the South East (and Hendon).

Our annual autumn meeting weekend at Royal Cinque Ports is held in mid-September. OMGS members have Public School Membership rights (very reduced green fees) at one of the UK's greatest courses.

It's a shame that Peter Tafler is retiring after two years' captaincy; it's been as 'different' as we'd hoped for. Derren Hamilton is our incoming Captain, assuming that the AGM (at the East India Club) is daft enough to elect him.

**Colin Nunn** (Burton Bank 75-81)



Derren Hamilton (Captain) presenting Nick Priestnall and Dean Halford with Beart trophies for making significant contributions to the life of the OMGS.



Frank Ward with debutante Hewitt golfer "Flusher" Fred Daeche-Marshall



# Fives

This was an outstanding season for the OMs, with the club winning Division 1 and finishing second in Division 2. The Division 1 side, led by Sunil Tailor had a strong top six of Sunil himself, Vish Bhimjiyani, Charlie Plummer (Upper VI), Andrew Rennie, Jitesh Patel and Oli Sander, all of whom played the majority of matches which meant that we were always competitive across the pairs. In Division 2 the side was slightly more varied, but was always stronger in the absence of the two senior pros, Chris Vincent and James Hutcheson.

Probably the most pleasing aspect of the season was that not a single pair was conceded across both divisions - this is perhaps the most reliable indicator of a club's strength. That said, there still needs to be a focus on recruitment of younger players, with not enough recent leavers playing more than intermittently at best. There is a strong link between the club and the school, and schoolboys are given plenty of opportunity to play for the league side, but it is vital that we maintain contact with them when they are at university, and give them every opportunity to play on their return.

In terms of individual achievements, we had Kinnaird quarter finalists in Vish and Jitesh, and Sunil (playing with Ed Taylor of the Old Salopians). We are still waiting for an OMs player to break into the last four of one of the majors. Andrew Rennie

(the school coach) and recent leaver Hal Gibson won the Midlands competition, beating Howard Wiseman (a former Kinnaird winner) and his partner in the final, so this was a fantastic achievement, and the first time a Millhillian pair have won the main competition of an adult tournament. Schoolboys Charlie Plummer and Iain reached the quarter final of the schools open competition, and although they were disappointed to fall at this hurdle they have had a cracking season, both for the school and for the OMs and we look forward to them both becoming mainstays of the club on their return from university (although I note Iain is to play for North Oxford during his gap year as a fives coach - what exactly are the league rules on poaching, Gareth?). Charlie also won the EFA Young Player of the Season award at the EFA end of season dinner which is a fantastic achievement.

Thanks as always go to Steve Plummer and Andrew Rennie for their efforts with the school players. There would be no players, and therefore no club without what they do.

### James Hutcheson

final which saw Stanley play the best he had all day, supported well by the experienced James Hutcheson, saw them take the win 12-5.

The final was a very close event with Stanley continuing his form from the semi-finals and Jake ably returning some of James' high paced shots from the back step and producing some outstanding cuts for a boy his age. The score line was consistently very close with James and Stanley taking the lead 9-7 when unfortunately James suffered a knee injury which forced him to retire injured. Jake and Charlie were therefore crowned victorious, making Jake Turner the first Belmont pupil to have won the tournament, and Charlie Plummer to become the first person to win the trophy twice and the first to win as both a pupil and an Old Millhillian.

A fantastic morning of fives and great fun for all involved. Thanks go to all the Old Millhillians and pupils for coming out on a Sunday to play, as well as Mr Andrew Summers for coming along to present the trophy once again this year.

On Sunday 9th September we had the second annual Summers Cup competition where a current Mill Hill/Belmont pupil plays with an Old Millhillian. This year consisted of 10 pairs made up of two groups of five. It was fantastic to see such good participation from the Old Millhillians with more keen to play than available pupils!

The group stages consisted of round robin matches of 15 minutes each and then the semi-finals and final would be a full set match. Winning group 1 was current Year six pupil Jake Turner and now Old Millhillian Charlie Plummer who played the runners up of group 2, Ollie Sander and Sienna Turner, in the first semi-final. A battle of the Turner siblings and two of last year's Old Millhillians winning Div 1 team was a great match to watch and played in great spirit. It eventually went 12-9 to Charlie and Jake.

In the second semi-final, it was the group 2 winners of current year 11 pupil Stanley Shepherd and OM James Hutcheson playing against current year eight pupil Charlie Graville and OM Jack Weller. Another very good semi-



Andrew Summers presents Charlie Plummer and Jake Turner with their trophy.

# Cricket

## Season Report 2018

TMCC has now forced its way to the pinnacle of club cricket in London. The 1st xi finished top of the Saracens Hertfordshire Premier League, and the juniors had a record-breaking season reaching county semi-finals and winning 4 group leagues. Perhaps more importantly for a grass-roots club, the junior section continued to grow, and we launched a stand-alone Girls' Section to hopefully provide a regular flow of female players into the Women's team that has been around now for nearly 15 years.

Whilst the first team fell at the final hurdle, losing in the Grand Final to Welwyn Garden City, the strength in depth is there at the club. The 2s held their position comfortably in Division 2 after back to back promotions, and 4s once again got promoted.

TMCC, in a cracker of a summer weather-wise, benefitted from an enjoyable social vibe - Gin Sundays on the terrace, regular private parties and events as well as the regular Saracens fixtures vs Lord's Taverners and Bunbury's Charity cricket team. For the 5th year running the club hosted the annual Totteridge Summer Ball, and continued to build relationships with local organisations and schools, cementing its place at the heart of the local scene.

For 2019 TMCC are delighted to announce the appointment of former England Lion, Graeme White as Director of Cricket. There will also be an appointment made for Head of Cricket (female), as the club aims to surge from strength to strength.

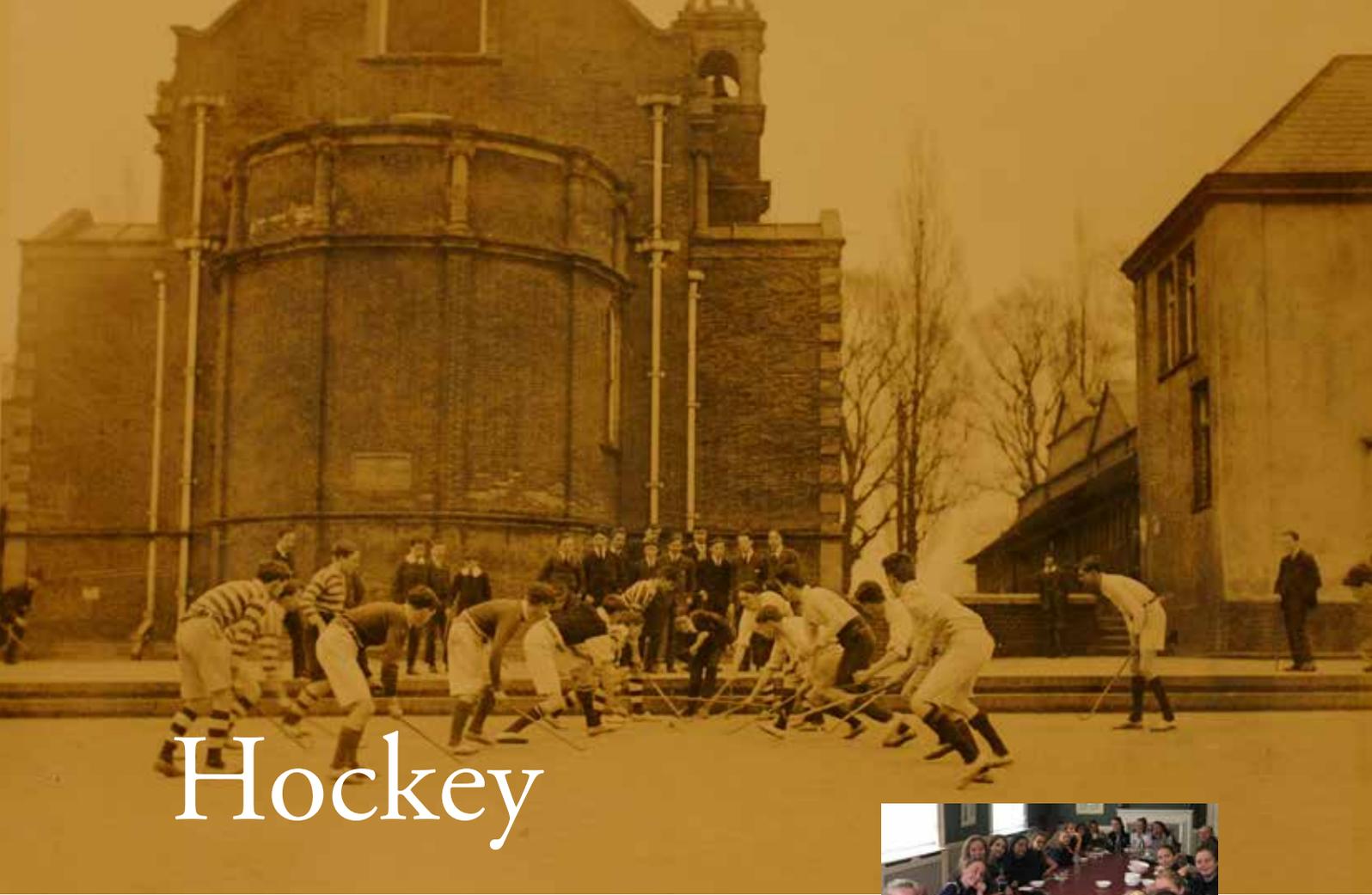
For details on junior (male and female), senior (male and female) and coaching, contact Steve Selwood [steve@tmcc.london](mailto:steve@tmcc.london) For off-field events and the bar contact Hugh Fallon [hugh@tmcc.london](mailto:hugh@tmcc.london)

**Steve Selwood** (Weymouth 93-96)



*That side contained 4 OMs – Steve Selwood, Joe Wray, Adam Rossington and Josh Lewis. It's quite unusual for Old boys' clubs to retain their identity and have genuine old boys playing for them if they want to be any good!!*

*Adam Rossington currently plays professionally for Northamptonshire. Steve Selwood played for Derbyshire 2000-2004*



# Hockey

Mill Hill Hockey welcomed back some old, and not so old faces to play for an “old girls” tams against the 1st X1. As ever, the fixture was very competitive and it was great to see some battles between our current stars and the stars from the past. Sophie Tingle, Ella Duthie, Milli Lloyd, Kimberley Balcombe were the outstanding OM’s Players, with India Whitty proving to be as solid as ever in goal.

The 1st X1 started very brightly, dominating the game before taking the lead. The Old Girls hit back, before a middle part of the game where the sides exchanged blows, but without troubling the scorers. As the Old Girls tired, Mill Hill pressed home their advantage, scoring twice to take a 3-1 lead.

Late in the game a great passage of play and a composed finish from Ella Duthie saw the OMs snatch a late consolation.



In 2019, we are hopeful that OMs will return in greater numbers and are keen to make the game a highly successful annual event. Please get in touch if you would like to join us.

**Stuart Hendy**, Weymouth Housemaster, Master In Charge of Hockey, Mill Hill School



L-R: Jacqueline Senior (School), Sophie Tingle (School), Millie Lloyd (Priestley), Matilda Stone-Wilson (McClure), India Whitty (Murray), Phoebe Dart (McClure), Sophia Dunkley (Ceders)

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Sharon Felder

Since leaving Mill Hill, I have been lucky enough to study Psychology and Criminology, a subject which I find simultaneously interesting and rewarding, at Nottingham Trent University.

Additionally, I have taken up a multitude of work placements amongst varying industries (from broking firms to shadowing a top barrister) in order to explore my career prospects for when I graduate, as I am still undecided on what path I want to take following University.

With my questionable stamina and lack of commitment to sport, I cannot claim to have excelled in a sports team, unlike many other alumni, but I partake in a dance team and frequent the gym at my University as more of a hobby than anything else.



## 1. What were you like at school?

I am sure this answer would depend on who you asked, but if I had to give my opinion on myself, I would say that I was a fairly ordinary pupil, not overly intelligent, sporty or popular, but by the same token, I would hardly say I blended into the background. I often seemed to be a part of something funny or tragic happening. I also must've been quite absent for photo opportunities during school as finding pictures of me at school was pretty difficult, with the exception of ridiculous snapchats and excessive Photo Booth pictures.

## 2. The funniest thing that has happened to you recently?

Recently I caught up with a few OMs which ended up in quite the adventure – there was an interesting character and a pet involved. This is a tricky one to explain, but I think that the moral of the story is that there is a certain point in the evening you should call it a night and just go home.



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

I think the most positive thing I have taken from school are the memories that I made at Mill Hill. Even at university, I will remember the funny times I shared with a range of different people. I have met some really lovely people through the school, not just those who attended the school whilst I was there and I wouldn't have had the opportunity if it wasn't for my time there.

## What is your proudest moment and why?

My proudest moment would be achieving a first and a 2:1 in my years at university despite many challenges facing me and the fact that I wasn't exactly a hermit to say the least.

## Do you keep in touch with any OMs?

I do keep in touch with a handful of OMs and I don't think I can go on a night out without bumping into at least 1 ex MH pupil in Nottingham which is always pretty funny as you're used to seeing them in a completely different environment

**Most inspiring teacher at school and why?**

I cannot choose a single teacher, but if I had to narrow it down to two, it would be Mr Warden and Miss Sharples. They both saw potential in me that I didn't see in myself and pushed me to try harder than I would've otherwise done. Enjoying their lessons meant I was more engaged and grafted more. They both were also a massive help with my university applications and in helping to guide me.

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

Gordon Ramsey (someone has to cook seeing as uni cooking experience doesn't equip you to host a dinner party) Donald Trump, Piers Morgan and David Attenborough because I think it would be quite a controversial evening but at least David would be a calming presence to diffuse the situation.



**Favourite memory from your time at Mill Hill School?**

Our Muck Up Day had to be my favourite memory of school because it was one of the few times I felt that, despite any personal differences, the year were all really close and got on extremely well.

**Worst memory from your time at Mill Hill School?**

I mean... exams and results day could have gone a tiny bit better, but I know everything worked out for the best as I am really happy where I am right now and I am loving my subject

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

Buy a property firstly, then invest it and go travelling for a bit.



**Your favourite quote?**

"There is only one thing in life worse than being talked about, and that's not being talked about"

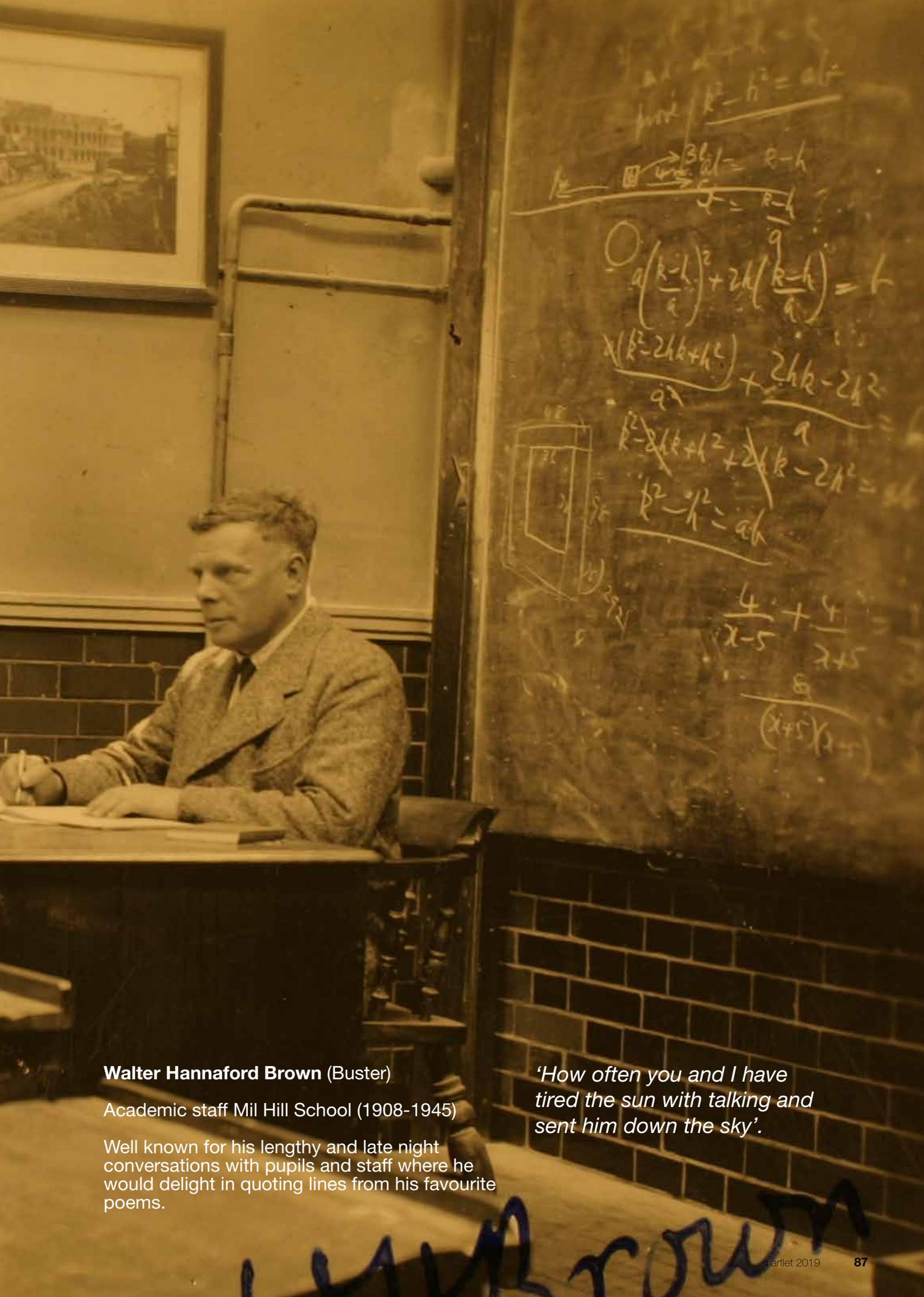
**A piece of advice you would pass on to those leaving Mill Hill School?**

Trust the process and don't compare yourself to others. Whether you fell short of a grade to secure a University offer, take a year out or decide to go straight into a job, everything happens for a reason.



A photograph of a room with a leaking pipe. A stream of water is dripping from a pipe in the center of the frame. The room has a white wall with a brick-patterned wainscot. To the left is a dark door with a small window. In the foreground, there are wooden desks and chairs. A black circle is overlaid on the center of the image, containing the text 'FOUNDATION NEWS & VIEWS'.

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**Walter Hannaford Brown (Buster)**

Academic staff Mil Hill School (1908-1945)

Well known for his lengthy and late night conversations with pupils and staff where he would delight in quoting lines from his favourite poems.

*'How often you and I have  
tired the sun with talking and  
sent him down the sky'.*

Walter Brown

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# Non Nobis sed Scholae



# OM Dinner Speech

## 2018

I am both honoured and privileged to stand before you as the Interim Head at Mill Hill for the coming year, a school I joined 15 years ago. I can assure you of my determination, courage, integrity and professionalism to do the very best for the School, a school for whom you have a strong connection and deep affection... Because I too love Mill Hill, it is part of my DNA, my second family and a place where I feel completely at home.

There is no doubt in my mind of the strength of the Mill Hill community:

- Firstly, the pupils, staff, governors and parents in the Immediate Mill Hill family working together to achieve our aims and objectives, shared and understood by all Foundation schools, and that reflect our own School motto “et virtutem, et musas” – Instilling Values, Inspiring Minds.
- Secondly, we draw strength from the security and support offered by our extended Mill Hill family; Old Millhillians, Life Guardians and friends of Mill Hill, who provide an invaluable link with the past, but who are believers in the need to support our current pupils and YOMS as they start out on their career paths, as well as offering a global network of links that inextricably binds Millhillians together...
- And finally, there are our distant cousins – those organisations with whom Mill Hill has built strong and lasting partnerships over the years. Friendships based on shared values, a desire to make a difference to the lives of others and an appreciation of the importance of a global outlook. The Overseas Partnerships to India and Zambia are perfect examples, with the impact of each expedition extending far beyond the trip itself.

A few weeks ago, I was looking through the books on the shelves of my new office, a moving journey into the past, and one that brought into sharp focus in whose footsteps I am following.

One book stood out – The Mill Hill School yearbook of 1918 and Sir John McClure was Headmaster. Under his leadership, the Estate grew significantly, with the construction of iconic buildings that we still use today; the Winterstoke Library, the McClure Music School, the Chapel, Marnham block, Murray Scriptorium, the Gate of Honour and the indoor swimming pool - now the Favell building!

But Sir John McClure's era was not merely marked by a prolific building programme, for he was Headmaster during the First World War, a time in our history of terrible human loss.

The 11 November marks one hundred years since the end of the First World War – Armistice Day – and I have already

determined to mark this important point in our history in a manner befitting the legacy of Sir John McClure. Our wonderful Chapel, constructed in McClure's time, will be the focus of the commemoration and I have no doubt that our Chaplain – Rev Dr Warden – will ensure that the occasion is a moving tribute to the fallen.

Having read the yearbook, reassuringly, Sir John McClure's Mill Hill had the feeling of today's school, despite all the inevitable changes and huge technological advances seen over the years. And I realized just how important it is for each successive school leader to carry the torch of our founders, to stay true to our core values and to ensure that despite the inevitable drive and need for change, we never lose what it is to be a Millhillian.

Striving for excellence in Education is central to our core purpose, and this year was no different. Our A Level class of 2018 acquitted themselves well in the context of the new examinations, and we are delighted that they are moving onto such a wide variety of courses and higher education destinations, including:

- Reuben Brown, who will read History at Selwyn College, Cambridge
- 10 students going up to UCL
- Theo Jones, who is off to the Dyson Institute of Engineering and Technology
- and Trinity Perkins, who is moving overseas to study at the IED Design School in Barcelona

On the national stage, one particular highlight of the year was Tyler Cohen winning the prestigious Teen Tech Award for his OT A Level project, a motion stabilizer to help those suffering from Parkinson's disease to lead a more independent life; this was a huge achievement and one that absolutely reflects our spirit of innovation and enterprise but, more importantly, Millhillians' thought and care for others and a desire to improve lives. Tyler is off to Nottingham University to study Management.

Our GCSE pupils also did themselves proud. We were very satisfied and encouraged by the overall standards achieved by the Fifth Form; trailblazers for those new exams and recipients of grades now expressed as numbers from 9 to 1 instead of letters from A\* to G.

As at A-level, the GCSE results contain the achievements of the first Mount, Mill Hill International pupils to come across to the Remove in 2016. The relationship between our schools is flourishing and we look forward to seeing how the next two transition groups get on in 2019.



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Looking ahead to this academic year, the pupils have made a fantastic start to their academic studies; they are enjoying lessons, feeling inspired by their teachers, old and new, and have risen to the challenges before them.

The School motto is at the heart of 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.

Sport, music, drama, CCF – all traditional pursuits at Mill Hill – and all developing apace as a result of the dedication, commitment and enthusiasm of those in charge. Last year highlights included:

- House Drama, won by Cedars
- The Jazz Soiree and Mill Hill proms, hosted by the Parents' Association
- AGI and Newcastle Competition, won by Atkinson, with Ching Kwok winning Best Caller for the second year in a row
- Charlie Plummer winning the Eton Fives Association National Young Player of the year for 2018

All this, and with over 300 activities on offer throughout the academic year, from Art club to Volleyball, as always there is always something that appeals to each and every one of our pupils.

And this was certainly evident in our inaugural Activities Week in June. Pupils chose from a list of 64 trips, activity days and challenges and a quick peek at the website would have convinced you of the value of such initiatives.

In the summer, the School held a celebration to mark the 250th anniversary of the death of Peter Collinson, in whose house this school started. Over the past 18 months, a group of Old Millhillians have worked with the School and the local community to create the Peter Collinson Heritage Garden, which was formally opened on 21st June 2018.

The garden features plants exclusively brought to Mill Hill from the USA, through Peter Collinson's collaboration with John Bartram, a Quaker farmer from Philadelphia and keen naturalist. In the coming months, I shall be working with Russell Cowan and Trevor Chilton to maximize the potential of this exciting project.

In other areas of School life, the School Councils underwent a make-over, giving pupils more opportunity to shape their school, and we continued to support a number of charitable causes through non-uniform days, the Foundation coat drop, a 10K run in aid of the Overseas Partnerships, Unplugged concerts and bake sales, in total raising close to £30,000.

Most recently, the Foundation Fun Run raised money for the A Better Chance bursary fund; it was wonderful to see pupils in the Fourth Form and Removes running 5K for their houses, together with pupils from Grimsdell, Belmont and MMHI, whose efforts, together, raised close to £20,000 for the cause.

The icing on the cake, though, in terms of fundraising, was a £1 million donation to be allocated in equal parts to the reconstruction of the Belmont gym and a makeover for the McClure music school. We cannot find any evidence of a gift of that size for more than 100 years – dating back to Sir John McClure's time – and we are so appreciative that it will very shortly benefit pupils across the Foundation.

In my speech on Foundation Day, I looked back at past achievements but also focused our minds on what future success will depend upon, highlighting 5 key factors:

1. Firstly, being passionate about what you are doing
2. Secondly, working hard to achieve your goals
3. Third is keeping your eye on the bigger picture, even when times are challenging
4. Fourth, retaining a sense of fun and wonder in our endeavours and
5. Last but not least, never being afraid to be original

In my experience, Millhillians usually have copious quantities of all 5, and so, as we embark upon this coming year, my message to the pupils, staff and parents has been clear:

It is down to each and every one of us to set our personal goals, but also to consider how we can contribute to the success of this great Foundation; honouring the principles of those who have gone before, whilst playing a part in building the Mill Hill of the future.

**Jane Sanchez**, MHS Head



*Raul Sanchez, Jane Sanchez (MHS), Leon Roberts (Belmont), Kate Simon (Grimsdell)*

# The Development Office



## Thanks a Million

We believe that it is probably not since the time of Lord Winterstoke and Sir John McClure a century ago that the School received a gift of £1,000,000. This wonderful donation from a family of recent parents and grandparents was secured in 2018 and is to be split equally between Belmont and Mill Hill.

The Belmont portion provides 50% of the £1m fundraising for the new Belmont Sports Hall which the Development Office and Head of Belmont Leon Roberts have been tasked with raising by the start of the academic year 2019-20. The old building was destroyed by fire in November 2017 and work began in January 2019 on the replacement which will provide almost double the floor of the old one. I am delighted to say that at the time of going to print we have just passed £813,000 on the way to the £1m target.



The opportunity to support the campaign is now being extended to Old Belmontians in the spring of 2019; there are chances to become Gold, Silver or Bronze medallist donors or to buy a brick on the Pathway to Fitness. On 8th June 2019 there will be a spectacular Ball for a Wall at Allianz Park; Old Belmontians and Old Millhillians will be most welcome at that.

At Mill Hill, Governors and Executives have decided to give a boost to music. The Foundation's music is phenomenal.



I have had the good fortune to go to concerts and shows of all kinds at Belmont and Mill Hill over the last few years and to watch some truly breath-taking performances across a wide spectrum of music. The music department under the inspirational leadership of Kevin Kyle and Arijit Chakravarty is truly a flagship in the Mill Hill community. During 2019-20 the McClure Music School will undergo a complete refurbishment thanks to this wonderful gift.

Again, the McClure Music School refurbishment offers the opportunity for other donors to contribute at all kinds of levels. Individuals can support specific aspects (e.g. musical instruments or practice rooms). If you are interested in being involved in any way with either of these campaigns please get in touch.

## A Better Chance bursaries

Many alumni over the years have friends and contemporaries who benefitted from the Middlesex Scheme or its successor the Assisted Places Scheme. Since the Development Office started fundraising for its 21st century version, the A Better Chance bursaries, more than 40 pupils have benefitted from over £4m raised. We hear regularly from beneficiaries of the past and recent schemes with their stories of how their time at Mill Hill changed their lives. The superb "Where are they now" pages introduced in the last Martlet featured a number of such beneficiaries. The last year has seen recent beneficiaries achieve superbly in medicine, music and sport; long may it continue. After the fundraising success of the ABC Balls in 2016 and 2017 it was decided to do something different in 2018 so Friday 14th September saw the first ABC Fun Run. Half the pupils in the Foundation's four schools took part running/walking laps of Mill Hill School's wonderful grounds. At the end an intrepid group of parents, Old Millhillians and staff set off on a cycle ride. They completed the 50 miles to Newton just outside Cambridge where they were well fed and watered at The Queen's Head, the wonderful pub managed by OB and OM David Short and his family. The whole event raised another £20K for the A Better Chance bursary campaign. There will be another ABC Fun Run on 4th October 2019.

## Sam Bellringer Leaves

The first appointment to the nascent Development Office in 2005 was Sam Bellringer; he left the Office in October 2018 to join our software supplier Toucan Tech as their first Data Director. I was involved on a consultancy basis, jointly funded by the Foundation and the Old Millhillians Club, to advise on the future of the Club and to guide the Foundation on the structuring of the new office. I insisted that the key to the

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future for both was a good database and database manager. Sam was appointed and has done a wonderful job over his 13 years. He began with numerous different components comprising index cards, paper files, archives, School Registers and handwritten Admissions records. He also had a spreadsheet from the Old Millhillians Club with around 750 valid names and addresses. He brought all these together onto a huge database, set it up and maintained it in a way which enabled both the Foundation and its Development Office and the Old Millhillians Club to communicate with alumni. Today on the Foundation's database, Mill Hill Alumni, there are more than 11,000 alumni names with contact details for around two thirds thanks to Sam's constant insistence on data cleaning and relentless attention to detail. The Development Office and the Old Millhillians Club use the new database literally all the time; neither could do their day to day jobs without it and both owe an enormous debt of gratitude to Sam for his work. We were very sorry to see him leave but wish him every success in his new job. Andrew Derlien has joined the Development Office as Development Officer.



## Old Millhillians Golfing Society v Parents Golf Day

Seve Ballesteros designed the formidable Shire Golf Course in Barnet. When he did so he probably didn't have in mind the likelihood of it being the home of Mill Hill School golf. In addition The Shire, (managed by two Old Belmontian brothers) the Mill Hill School staff summer golf event and recently played host to the inaugural Old Millhillians Golfing Society v Mill Hill School Foundation Parents golf day. The OMGS asked the Development Office to organise the event, working with the School's golf professional Dean Halford. The day was the brainchild of then OMGS Captain Peter Tafler (also a Belmont parent) and generously hosted by the OMGS. Some competitive fourballs ended with the Parents as winners by a narrow margin. The winning putt being sunk by John Cicale (whose son Luca was Senior Monitor last year and who has children at Mill Hill and Belmont) who, although an OB and OM himself, was representing the parents! The OMGS hosted the event and asked players to make a donation in lieu of a fee to the A Better Chance bursary campaign which they have generously done. Some unexpected encounters took place (e.g. one member of the OMGS had been an employee of one of the parents in the past) and the event was greatly enjoyed and there was a general view that it was something which should be repeated. There are numerous other golfers amongst both parents and alumni who couldn't play last year to ensure future interest. The Foundation Golf Day 2019 will be on Wednesday 25th September; if you are interested let the Development Office know.

## The Chapel Hymnbooks

The Development Office created a campaign to support the Chaplain's plan for new hymnbooks for Chapel. We provided the opportunity for alumni and parents to sponsor a hymnbook and to dedicate it to a loved one. The response was excellent and the funding target reached. Old Millhillians across eight decades sponsored hymnbooks and the dedications stretched back into the late 19th century and included members of staff, music teachers and relatives. The new hymnbooks were unveiled on Thursday 7th March at The Big Sing. This great event was led by the Chaplain, Rev Dr Richard Warden, and Director of Performance Music, Kevin Kyle. The Chaplain told us a bit about the history of the Chapel, the story of the hymnbooks and what is in them. They are beautifully bound and contain prayers, readings and meditations as well as 100 hymns. Donors had the chance to see their dedications and admire the hymnbooks as a whole. Above all everyone had the chance for a "big sing". With the wonderful Chapel choir leading the way the congregation sang joyfully hymns of all styles and eras with the great nonconformist anthems figuring prominently, as did *I vow to thee my country and Jerusalem*. Afterwards everyone repaired to the Octagon for a superb finger buffet and something to refresh the voice! (If you would still like to sponsor a hymnbook you can do so by contacting the Development Office.)

## 1807 Legacy Society

The 1807 Society is for those who have committed to remember the Mill Hill School Foundation in their wills and for the widows of those who have done so. The Foundation hosts a lunch at a different London venue each year. It is an opportunity to meet, keep in touch with the School and to remember departed friends. It is also a way for the Foundation to show its appreciation for everyone's continued support.

Over 20 Old Millhillians and their partners were joined by Head Frances King, in the D'Oyly Carte Room at The Savoy Hotel in London in early June 2018. This was a beautiful setting, overlooking the entrance to the grand hotel.

Lord Glendonbrook (School House 1955-57) amused the guests with a short history of the Savoy and the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company.

Legacies are a very significant source of income to all educational institutions in this country. Some 1807 Society members have specified that their bequests will support bursaries or another specific cause while others leave them to be used as and where the Governors and Schools see fit. 1807 Society members are also invited to the Carol Service at Mill Hill where spaces in Chapel are restricted and to a reception before it. This year's 1807 lunch will be on 12th June. If you are interested in how to leave a legacy please contact the Development Office.

## Reunions

Mill Hill and Belmont Schools are always delighted to welcome back alumni. The biggest reunion is of course Old Millhillians Day on which the School is delighted to host alumni of all eras. This is covered extensively elsewhere in Martlet.



In 2012 the School began a programme of year group reunions with the 1962 Leavers celebrating 50 years since they left. This programme has grown so that in 2017 there were events for 1967, 1977 and 1957 Leavers, although the 1957 one was expanded to include all those who were at the Schools in the summer term 1957 when the Queen visited. I informed the Palace of the event and HM the Queen sent a message to say she wished everyone well.

The 1987 reunion was postponed from 2017 to be joined with the 1988 group in January 2018 and was featured in the last Martlet. In May 2018 the School was pleased to invite the 1968 and 1978 Leavers. The small number of attendees reflected the disaffection felt by many of the late 60s and 70s leavers and the relatively small number of valid contact details which are held for them. Nonetheless a thoroughly enjoyable day was had by those who came. One of the highlights was the time spent in the Chapel where some recounted stories of their choral achievements and some mentioned other stories of activities in Chapel!

Attendees from 1968: David Atchley, Roger Burns, David Clark, Jonathan Craymer, Nick Franks, Mervyn Sherlock, John Starr, Nigel Warren-Thomas  
Attendees from 1978: Gordon Brodie, Peter Crussell, Robert Frances, Richard Hedley, Curtis Jacoby, Andrew Mackinder, Martin Young.

The 1979 and 1989 Reunion was on Saturday 30th March 2019 and the 1959 and 1969 reunion will be on Saturday 12th October 2019, both will be featured in the next Martlet. The latter will incorporate one of the celebration events of the 2019 rugby season which will mark 150 years of rugby at Mill Hill School. By happy coincidence in the centenary year, 1969, the 1st XV played W C Ramsay's XV; the School 1st XV was captained by Graeme Roberts (Winterstoke 1965-70) and Ramsay's XV by his father V G Roberts. More on this as the plans for the 150th develop.

#### **The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**

On the evening of 11th December, the day before term ended the Chapel resonated with the most wonderful atmosphere and sounds during the Carol Service. As always Chaplain Rev Dr Richard Warden and Director of Musical Performance Kevin Kyle got it spot on. The congregation gave it their all when required to do so; their efforts often embellished by breath taking descants from the choir and splendid organ

accompaniment. The choir also did a number of anthems – some traditional, some more modern of which one was composed by a current pupil and another by the Housemaster of Ridgeway, Dr Rick Peat.

The retiring collection was for Alford House, the amazing Youth Club in Kennington South London with which Old Millhillians have been associated for over 80 years.

Benefactors and members of the 1807 Society were invited to a reception beforehand and all attendees in chapel gathered afterwards in the Octagon for mince pies and mulled wine.

#### **And finally..**

As always this is a great chance to thank all those Old Millhillian Club members who have supported the fundraising efforts over the last year in whatever way and to encourage the widest possible support in the future. If you would like to know more about what we do generally or would like to support a particular campaign please do get in touch with me directly. This will be the last Martlet to which I will contribute as Director of Development; I retired from this full-time role at Easter 2019. I will continue to work on a part-time basis for most of the rest of 2019 to complete the campaign for the Belmont sports hall. It has been a wonderful thirteen years during which over £10m has been pledged and much has been achieved besides including, I hope, the preparation of the ground for success as the alumni community supports the Foundation and its schools in future.

I have had the pleasure of working closely with the Old Millhillians Club (now in its 141st year), with thirteen Presidents (and numerous Past Presidents), three Chairmen, countless event organisers and with those employed in the Club Office over that time. I owe a debt of gratitude to my colleagues in the Development Office, especially Miri Duskwick, without whom I couldn't do my job properly and who is always willing to provide support to the Club when asked.

Above all I have had the privilege to get to know so many Mill Hill School Foundation alumni around the world and have enjoyed their friendship, encouragement and support for our initiatives and for me personally; thank you.

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*Nick Priesthall*

# Armistice Day Service



On Friday 9th November 2018, the school's annual commemorations of its contributions to war efforts focused on the First World War, one hundred years since the Armistice.

The proceedings started with pupils planting one hundred 'beautiful, individual, uniquely crafted' poppies made by fourth form, remove and lower sixth (led by Lucinda Randell and supported by Jade Stoller) in front of the chapel, accompanied by a reading of Siegfried Sassoon's 'Aftermath'.

This was followed by the traditional ceremony in front of the 1919 Gate of Honour. Pupils, staff, Old Millhillians and observers on the Ridgeway stood to hear the Last Post, the



Head Mrs Sanchez reading of an extract from John Bunyan's 'Pilgrim's Progress', and observe the two minutes' silence, before pupils, staff and Old Millhillians filed through the Gate.

Afterwards, while the lower school attended assemblies, the Chaplain Dr Warden led a moving chapel service for sixth formers, Old Millhillians and other guests. In addition to the Kohima Epitaph, hymns, choral pieces, and readings including John McCrae's 'In Flanders Fields', a memorable highlight was the projection of photographs of the one hundred and ninety three Millhillians who sacrificed their lives in the war, as their names were read out by the Head.

It was written in the School magazine from December 1918 that "The whole [thanksgiving] service made a very deep impression." This one was no different.





To conclude the commemorations, there was a special Friday lunchtime recital of Elgar's 1918 sonata for piano and violin, and 'Nimrod' as an encore, performed by Old Millhillians Zany Denyer (McClure 2018) and Samuel Chadwick (Priestley 2017). Witnessing this memorable centenary, we were pleased to welcome around forty Old Millhillians, ranging from ages eighteen to eighty.



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Zu Rafalat

L-R: Chris Lanitis, Gerald Arrassa, Joel Russell, Adam Harvey, Alex Nichol, Simon Bunyard, Zu Rafalat, Raffy Goldberg, Seann Hardy, Nigel Wray, Oliver Bruh.

I left school in 1998 and ended up reading Russian & Politics at the University of Bristol. I can't admit to being a particularly hard worker at Bristol but I certainly made the most of the social scene and was always finding opportunities to make a bit of money to fund my various adventures during the holidays etc. It was during my time at Bristol that I shipped myself off to St Petersburg and then Kazakhstan for a year. Kazakhstan, and my travels across China afterwards, was the start of my addiction for adventures off the beaten track.

I managed to line myself up a spot on the L'Oreal Graduate Trainee Scheme after University so was thrown straight into the corporate world. L'Oreal is renowned as a tough working environment but I enjoyed it and was encouraged to travel. I lived in Paris for a few years before moving to New York. But I was only a few months into my job at L'Oreal when I understood that in order to survive a 'normal' career I would need to find extreme ways of entertaining myself outside of work to keep myself focused.

In 2005 I was granted an incredibly rare sabbatical to take part in the Polar Challenge – a race to the Magnetic North Pole. This two month expedition was truly life changing and fuelled my sense of adventure even further. It was also incredibly humbling, particularly when I had a polar bear try and take a look inside my tent. This experience also led to my first modelling stint – as the face of She Wee (I'll let you google that).



In 2008 I started to get itchy feet and instead of moving to China as my employers wanted, I returned to the UK and set up my own ecommerce business specialising in beauty pureplays. I learned a huge amount about retail – from acquiring customers through to running an efficient warehouse (ours was based in Winsford, near Chester). This was a period where there still weren't a huge number of successful ecommerce businesses in the UK and I was lucky to attract a bit of attention – being a female in tech! During that time I was awarded the IBM Iris Award for Innovation in Technology at the Natwest Everywoman Awards 2011 by Theresa May. I was also voted one of Management Today's '35 Women under 35' and represented the awards on the cover of the Sunday Times Business Section, with the aim of inspiring more women to get into tech.

After selling the ecommerce business in 2014 I met Robin Phillips, the then Omnichannel Director at Boots, and started a consultancy project for him helping the Walgreens Boots Alliance look at moving into services as well as being a product re-seller. Through this project I was introduced to a small agency start-up called Seven Seconds which I joined as a partner in 2015. Today we are essentially a Growth Consultancy specialising in helping clients (Next, Boots, Samsung, Virgin Media, Experian etc) find ways of modernising quickly through very practical and commercial solutions. We've been acquired by Publicis Groupe so I'm entering the last year of my earn-out and integrating my business with BBH (one of the UKs biggest advertising agencies).



In my spare time you'll find me doing something sport related – whether it's playing polo, boxing or going off on water-based adventures. I'm particularly keen on seeing big pelagics under water – whether it's snorkelling with killer whales in Norway or diving with hammerhead sharks in Costa Rica.

**What were you like at school?**

Rebellious. A living nightmare for teachers I'm sure! And sporty. There were only a few of us girls in the Sixth Form when I was at Mill Hill and I'll never forget arriving at a big sports event with multiple girl's schools competing. They all fielded fresh teams for each different sport whilst I competed in all of them! Netball matches in the morning, Athletics at lunch and Swimming races in the afternoon. I nearly had to be carried onto the coach by the end!

**The funniest thing that has happened to you recently?**

I attract drama so I'm renowned for having weird things happen to me. A complete stranger stopped me in the street a few days ago and gave me a cactus. Does that count?

**Do you keep in touch with any OMs?**

I certainly do! A group of us recently went to Simon Bunyard's wedding in France and it was like we were all back at school again....

**What's your driving force?**

I want to be able to sit on a rocking chair on a porch with a gorgeous view one day when I'm old and know that I tried as much as possible throughout my life. I'm very curious but also ambitious. These two things keep me going.

**Most inspiring teacher at school and why?**

Mr Mike Miller – drama teacher for being fabulously eccentric and different.



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

Encouraging me to embrace my individuality and be a real self starter. Most of my friends from Mill Hill have followed less traditional career paths, which I think is fantastic.

**What's the most interesting thing about you?**

That I'm not married! Or at all conventional.

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

**What is your proudest moment and why?**

Work-wise it was probably getting into the front page of the Sunday Times Business supplement. It was a small challenge I had set myself so I was delighted when it came off.

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

Sir Richard Branson, Wilbur Smith, Kim Kardashian, Ben Aldridge

**Favourite memory from your time at Mill Hill School?**

So many! Most of them are absolutely not appropriate for printing. I used to be very entertained watching my brother, who is not actually Jewish, being refused pork sausages at school because of his big nose.

**Worst memory from your time at Mill Hill School?**

Being made to wear a uniform for the first time in my life at the age of 16. I think I managed to get round the rules but still – the shock of the request had lasting impact!

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

I would invest the majority of it and spend the rest on travelling the world and completing as much of my bucket list as possible.

**Your favourite quote?**

When you doubt your power, you give power to your doubt."  
-Honore de Balzac.

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

Commit to a plan!  
(OMs are the WORST at committing to anything – organising any kind of meeting is like herding cats).





## The Mill Hill Peter Collinson Heritage Garden

On Thursday 21st June 2018 the fulfilment of an inspiration and an aspiration dating back to 2010 was achieved.

The Peter Collinson Heritage Garden was officially opened before an invited audience of distinguished guests, members of staff and Old Millhillians.

The Guest of Honour was Mr Joel Fry, Curator of Bartram's Garden in Philadelphia USA. Other guests included Lord Petre of Ingatestone Hall, the 18th Baron Petre and descendant of the 8th Baron Petre, Robert James, a close friend of Collinson, Dr Sandra Knapp, President of the Linnean Society of London, Mr Andy Mills, Head Gardener of The Painshill Park Trust, Dr Henry Oakeley, Director of the Medicinal Garden of the Royal College of Physicians and several members of the Mill Hill Preservation Society who were involved in this project at its inception.

It was a beautifully warm summer's day which put the garden in a very good light. The event was hosted by Mrs King who welcomed all those present before inviting the reading of an abridged version of Andrew Marvell's poem, *The Garden*, by Sophia Lyndon-Stanford (?House). This set the scene before Dr Russell Cowan, Chair of the Project Team, addressed the audience, giving details of the history of the project, while acknowledging those whose inspiration this was, namely Jacqui Maynard, an amateur botanist and historian, and Roddy Braithwaite, OM, historian and author, both in the

audience. Those who had provided the financial support for the project were thanked, including those organisations and individuals who had made donations. In this regard it was appropriate in the light of a generous donation that the OMC was well represented by the Chairman, the immediate past Chairman and the President.

Special thanks were given to the two experts employed by the Project Team, namely Sam Crosfield, garden designer, and Karen Bridgman, historic plants expert and horticulturist. Their contributions had been paramount in making this aspiration a reality such that the Heritage Garden is planted with 52 of the 182 species of plants, shrubs and trees introduced into the British Isles during his lifetime by Collinson. Each of these 52 species was sourced and planted by Mrs Bridgman.

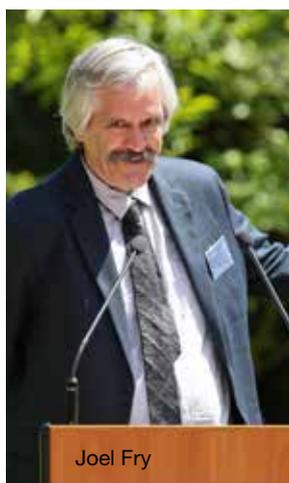
Dr Cowan then provided a brief history of Peter Collinson FRS, born into a wealthy family of cloth merchants in 1694, and he went on to describe Collinson's increasing significance as a gardener and amateur botanist throughout his life, helped by his wide range of influential friends and contacts, including Carl Linnaeus, Sir Hans Sloane, Benjamin Franklin, Philip Miller of the Chelsea Physic Garden and, perhaps most importantly, John Bartram, fellow Quaker, farmer and lover of all things horticultural while living outside Philadelphia. He was introduced to Collinson by Benjamin Franklin in 1730 by when he had already begun to lay out his botanical garden on his farm at Kingsessing Creek. Collinson's connection to Mill Hill dated from 1749 when he

moved from Peckham into Ridge Way House with its eight acres of land, transplanting painstakingly all his much treasured plants and shrubs from his south London garden. Ridge Way House was to be-come the building in which Mill Hill School was established in 1807. The location of the Heritage Garden is essentially that of Collinson's "Best Garden" where he planted his plants and shrubs, many grown from seeds or cuttings sent to him by Bartram, while what is now Top Terrace and beyond was called "The Field" and was planted with many of the trees he introduced into this country, some of which exist to this day. He lived in Ridge Way House until his death in 1768, leaving his widow who had inherited the house from her father, and a very significant horticultural legacy.

Mr Fry then showed himself to be a scholar of matters relating to John Bartram by giving us considerable detailed information and insight into the friendship enjoyed by Collinson and Bartram well over 30 years of transatlantic exchanges. Boxes of seeds, cuttings and other naturalistic items were sent by Bartram while Collinson sent in return books, clothes, cloth and money. The rate paid for each box was 5 guineas and their contents were purchased by landed gentry such as Lord Petre, the Duke of Richmond and the Duke of Bedford. They never met but their friendship and respect for each other never wavered through their mutual interest and respect.



staff. The Visitors' Guide and the Catalogue of Plants will be available to them in Reception. Exceptions to these arrangements include Old Millhillians Day when the garden will be open for unaccompanied access and can be entered from Top Terrace, and official and social gatherings to which OMs may be invited and are to be held in the garden.



Joel Fry



Dr Russell Cowan

After presenting Mrs King with a gift from Bartram's Garden, including seeds of *Collinsonia canadensis*, the only plant to named after Collinson, Mr Fry officially opened the garden by cutting the ribbon tied around the commemorative sign that is a permanent fixture within the garden. He later planted a *Magnolia tripetala* tree, also introduced into this country by Collinson, on Top Terrace in the vacant location left by a Pin Oak planted by Collinson and dying only two years ago.

After an excellent and beautifully presented buffet lunch in the Crick Room for the guests and members of staff, a group of them joined Trevor Chilton, past Head of Biology and Housemaster of Collinson, as well as an invaluable member of the Project Team, in a tour of the grounds to view some of the estate's most unusual and historic trees, several of which were survivors from Collinson's time.

Old Millhillians are welcome to visit the garden but this must be by prior arrangement via the Head's PA, Nina Coltman Leigh. Visitors will need to report to Reception to be signed in and will be accompanied to the garden by a member of

It is a credit to the Foundation that the Mill Hill Peter Collinson Heritage Garden is the only commemorative garden to this remarkable man whose contribution to British horticulture is still felt 250 years after his death and has helped shape the nature and style of gardens in this country and throughout the world to this day.

**Dr Russell Cowan** (*Weymouth 58-63*)  
Chair of the Project Team



# WHERE ARE THEY NOW

School  
98 – 03

## Tom Lincoln

I adored my time at Mill Hill (and 2 years at Belmont): my friends, the staff, the grounds. I was a straight A-student, Head of House and to my delight, even got to play for the First XV on Top Field a few times – I was scrawny, but fast and fearless in the tackle!

Soon after leaving Mill Hill I fell ill with Depression. Years of rocky mental health followed and at 21 I was Sectioned and finally given an accurate diagnosis of Bi-Polar Disorder. With the right medication, the support of my family and an understanding of my condition I began to rediscover my balance. I moved out and studied Horticulture, alongside helping out at my extended family's Garden Centre – growing back into my confidence, strength and identity.

At Mill Hill I'd most enjoyed Acting, but back then, the idea of pursuing it as a career seemed a foolish long shot. Suddenly the prospect filled me with passion and a life-affirming sense of direction. I enrolled in a foundation course and thrived... It was a joy to be back in education. To gain an edge in such a competitive profession, I applied only to the best Drama Schools and to my delight, at 25, began 3 years of full-time training at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

As with Mill Hill I loved studying within a supportive and demanding environment – I worked rigorously and graduated First Class with Honours – signing with a top talent agency and going straight into work on a play in the West End; being directed by the legendary Steven Berkoff! I invited my old drama teacher from Mill Hill to see the show...It was a lovely feeling to do Mr Proudlock proud, and in the following years he set me up with some teaching work back at the school... Standing in the Teacher's Common Room was a very surreal experience! I love to teach and regularly work back at my old

Drama School or take on private students. In the next few years I won some more acting gigs - filming work, London stage work and a couple of Nation-wide tours - including 6 months playing Olivia in an All-Male-Outdoor-Traditional-Dress version of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night - regularly playing to massive audiences!

Having made a solid start to my career as an Actor, I decided to pause and take a Gap Year to travel – I'd never had the chance when younger due to illness. Also, to be frank – the lack of structure, low-income and various audition rejections were wearing me down. I felt I needed to connect to a deeper meaning and purpose if I was going to endure such challenges for the long haul. So I booked a one-way ticket and blasted a solo-path through South, Central and North America – enjoying exotic adventures and learning wonderful lessons, but best of all were the few weeks spent out in the Black Rock Desert in Nevada for the Burning Man Arts Festival. Living and working amongst that free-spirited, fun-loving community of (crazy-ambitious) Artists and Builders, super-charged my energy, optimism and inspiration to dream big – I had found what I was looking for.

Since my return to London I've been busy laying the foundations of the next chapter of my career as an actor, entrepreneur and creative artist!

To that end I'm calling all fellow Creatives to join me at the next Old Millhillian's Creative Arts Networking Event which I'll be hosting from 7pm on Thursday 29th November at The Royal Court Theatre Bar's Ladies Room – if you work in The Arts too, drop the OMC Office an email and get yourself added to the Guest list – hope to see you there!



**What were you like at school?**

Happy, keen, sporty, sociable, a bit cheeky. Baby-faced.

**The funniest thing that has happened to you recently?**

Two nights ago I dreamt of a new species of animal - hedgehog crossed with pigeon. I woke up very amused at the absurdity of my own sub-conscious!

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

An innate confidence and optimism that I can achieve anything that I set my mind to work towards.

**What's the most interesting thing about you?**

I suppose being an actor makes me a bit unusual. It's one of those jobs that make people say 'Oh that's interesting' and then the inevitable and dreaded...'Have I seen you in anything lately?'

**What is your proudest moment and why?**

Getting my second job as a professional actor (my first job could have been a fluke right?) That feeling of getting paid to do acting felt magnificent - and the culmination of over 5 years of fanatical study and hard work!

**Do you keep in touch with any OMs?**

Yes - a handful of close friends.

**What's your driving force?**

A sense of duty. Duty to lead a fun and interesting life (YOLO!) but also a duty (being healthy, educated, secure) to figure out how I can best be of service to those less fortunate, especially those facing mental health challenges.

**Most inspiring teacher at school and why?**

Mr Woodrow. He was my Housemaster (and Rugby Coach and Geography teacher) and was a wonderfully grounded, intelligent and stable presence. He's strong, patient and 'Masculine' in a healthy way - a great role model.

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

Mark Rylance, Louis CK, Bill Burr, Russell Brand

**Favourite memory from your time at Mill Hill School?**

Winning the House Drama Competition, which I directed and played the title role in: 'The Picture of Dorian Gray'. I remember my fellow housemates bouncing me on their shoulders in celebration like the climactic final scene of a feel-good High-School movie.

**Worst memory from your time at Mill Hill School?**

A friend got hold of his younger sister's copy of 'Sugar' Magazine and discovered my ill-judged decision to take part in their 'Blind Date Feature'. By the next morning, to my horror, he'd stuck up photocopies of it all over the school - necessitating a frenzied dash to remove them all before first class!

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

Build a creative hub/commune with accommodation, facilities and a living wage available to artists that need support in developing creative projects that will have a positive impact on society/producing innovative new stories/mediums that will enrich our culture. Oh and throw a MASSIVE party.

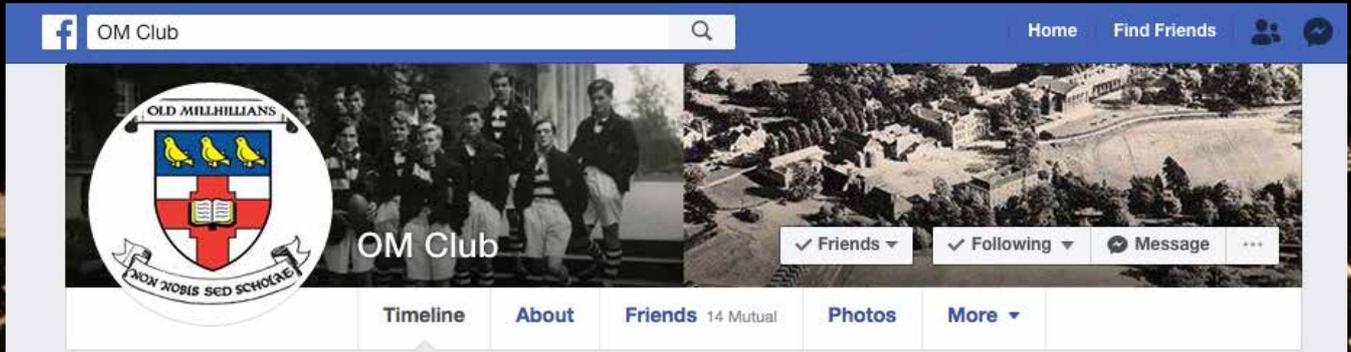
**Your favourite quote?**

Know Thyself

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

If you know what you want to do next - good for you - go get em' Tiger. If you have no clue - that's fine. The fog will clear. Don't rush into University just for the sake of it. Take the pressure off. Why not get a job, do some travelling - you'll get to where you're meant to be when the time is right. Above all else take care of your mental health.

# Do You Remember



**Mubashir Malik** head of house BB painted and drew on the quad  
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**Jonathan Rawlinson** Allegedly, I believe this matter is still under investigation. Along with many others. We shall not name them!!  
Like · Reply · 18w · 3

**DongJoo Lee** Hahahahahahaha  
Like · Reply · 18w · 2

**Rupeen Popat** he got expelled didn't he?  
Like · Reply · 18w · 1

**James Poole** No he didn't. Some 1st year in school house saw me mixing paint at 2am in the washroom there and thought I was Jeremy Hall and switched.  
Like · Reply · 17w · 2

**Mubashir Malik** We are talking about abhijit pandya here but did not wana name and shame  
Like · Reply · 17w · 1

**Rupeen Popat** Mubashir Malik no shame. It was funny  
Like · Reply · 17w

**Mubashir Malik** And yes he got expelled i think. Top bloke though  
Like · Reply · 17w

**Rupeen Popat** fully from what I remember  
Like · Reply · 17w

**Rob Chaplin** Happened in 1998 just before summer half term. An entire road system on the quad. They weren't expelled.  
Like · Reply · 17w

**Antonis Poulengeris** Oh yes and a certain car brought in  
Like · Reply · 17w · 2

**Henry Mitchell** Don't forget the flagpole in the dining room with an A1 flag, the pink footprints all over the quad and 8th form centre, the assembly laid out on top field, and the HQ in the loft of School House!  
Like · Reply · 17w · 5

**Jonathan Rawlinson** OM Club really? Such innocence!  
Like · Reply · 17w · 1

**Antonis Poulengeris** MHSPJS - always started around midnight and we had keys to almost every room. I wonder if they were ever passed on to the next generation?  
Like · Reply · 17w · 2

**James Poole** Antonis Poulengeris I might have had keys to the minivans too.  
Like · Reply · 17w · 3

**John Hurley** I can remember two student getting "MHSPJS" embroider on their jacket pockets! Wore them for over 12 months without challenge.  
Like · Reply · 17w · 2

**Jeremy Culverhouse** James Poole you absolute legend lol  
Like · Reply · 17w

**Antonis Poulengeris**  
😂  
Like · Reply · 17w

**Simon Arnold** Antonis Poulengeris they were passed on when I left!  
Like · Reply · 17w · 2

**James Poole** Outside of PJS, 6 of us in BB crammed into a Ford Escort at 3am on a Sunday, drove to Dover, parked and took a ferry to France, spent a while there and just made it back for Chapel at 7pm. I remember we parked the car in Wills Grove, changed and ran up the BB path, made it by 1 minute. Would have been rather obvious if we hadn't as half the back row would have been missing.  
Like · Reply · 17w · 8

**OM Club** I have just laughed so hard at this, I'm almost in tears. As I'm married to the current Housemaster at BB and have been living there a while this makes it all the funnier as I can picture it. Don't suppose you took any pics on this trip that I could use?  
Like · Reply · 17w · 3

**James Poole** No pictures. Sorry.  
Like · Reply · 17w · 1

**Henry Mitchell** Legendary!  
Like · Reply · 17w

**Charlie Miller** James Poole he must have been blind or mentally deranged to have mistaken you for Jeremy.  
Like · Reply · 17w · 1

**Jonathan Rawlinson** Charlie Miller, I did wonder which one of the two I was entirely misremembering!  
Like · Reply · 17w · 1

**Andy Luke** Rob Chaplin Agreed, Rob. I believe the parents had to pay for re-surfacing the quad, though.  
Like · Reply · 17w

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## Memories of Mill Hill School days...

- Teachers car on the Dining Table
- The Swedish Lunch lady – “Secs”
- The Red Footprints
- The Chapel Hymn Books
- Day Trip to France
- The Large locked from the inside

- Chairs stacked on Top Terrace
- Flagpole in the Dining Room
- MHSPJS embroidered on jackets
- Painted road system covering The Quad
- Teachers Car outside Headmasters office
- Mannequin on top of the School Portico

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**Henry Mitchell** A teacher's car was on a dining table at breakfast...  
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**Charlie Stockford** I was there 😄 Epic Mr Vince  
Like · Reply · 18w

**Rupeen Popat** Austin Vince  
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**Robbie Yellon** "Gavin hijacked an aeroplane?"  
Like · Reply · 18w · Edited

**Lika Takei** we wait for the fish and chips lunch every once a week.  
Like · Reply · 18w

**Charlie Shin** Lika Takei i am puzzled... really? I hav no good memories of fish and chips... lol  
Like · Reply · 18w

**Lika Takei** Charlie Shin well.. my memory is Ms. Miner was always happy.. lol  
Ok I posted another one that's more like 'myself'  
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**Richard Shin** The Swedish lunch lady loved to abbreviate English words... so when she asked the still hungry boys if they wanted "secs".... there were surprise gasps heard everywhere!! 😄😄  
Like · Reply · 18w

**Shahi Ghani** The 6th formers stacked the chairs on top terrace  
Like · Reply · 18w

**Henry Mitchell** I laid out assembly on top field once... in about '82 I think?  
Like · Reply · 18w

**Deepak Mahtani** We waited all week for Sunday brunch 😄  
Like · Reply · 18w

**Lika Takei** We all lived together like a family.  
Like · Reply · 18w

**Andy Luke** Obviously I remember this. ❤️  
Like · Reply · 17w

**Deepak Mahtani** We ordered takeaway on a Friday  
Like · Reply · 18w

**Lika Takei** Lovely memory xD  
Like · Reply · 18w

**Jeremy Culverhouse** The Large being locked from the inside as certain members of the MHSPJS.... abseiled our of the windows ....!!  
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**OM Club** What was the MHSPJS ? 🤔  
Like · Reply · 17w

**Jeremy Culverhouse** Mill Hill school practical Joke Society ....( unless that was an aberration of mine )  
Like · Reply · 17w

**OM Club** Did that actually exist?!

Like · Reply · 17w

**Jeremy Culverhouse** OM Club ..... absolutely .... responsible for the mini in the dining room as well as the large ... and there was also something about Hymn books that were taken from the Chapel but slightly sketchy on that one ...  
Like · Reply · 17w

**OM Club** Marvellous, yes I have heard of the hymn book story but also fairly sketchy!  
Like · Reply · 17w

**James Poole** OM Club oh yes. Still have some of the MHSPJS Lives and Was Here cards we printed in the art room one night  
Like · Reply · 17w

**Aaron Marc Georgiou** The PJS painted the quad!!  
Like · Reply · 18w

**James Poole** Ah. Those red footprints;)   
Like · Reply · 18w

**Antonis Poulengeris** I remember the pink panther feet well. I also remember where we hid the evidence  
Like · Reply · 18w

**James Poole** Antonis Poulengeris yup. I remember spending a long time washing the paint off my hands  
Like · Reply · 18w · Edited

**Antonis Poulengeris** James Poole sooo funny. I just stopped laughing since I read your post  
Like · Reply · 18w

**James Poole** Antonis Poulengeris I put mine in one of the air raid shelters. We cut them out of seat cushions  
Like · Reply · 17w

**Antonis Poulengeris** I was there when we hid them in the shelter. What's the bet they are still there?  
Like · Reply · 17w

**John Hurley** The PJS! Great memories. 😄😄😄

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# WHERE ARE THEY NOW

Master  
96 – 14

## Peter McDonough

I loved my years at Mill Hill (and Belmont before that). It was a great challenge moving the school on in the Winfield years and I loved working with him.



**What is the most interesting thing about you?**

I'm not sure what my most interesting feature is (perhaps ask others!). I am blessed however to have a really interesting life. Work at Ted Baker is fascinating, involving lectures, mentoring, product development, project management and historical consultancy. My work as Next Generation Coordinator for Urban Partners has taken me back into schools and allowed me to work with some wonderful people in the Kings Cross community.

**Do you keep in touch with any OMs?**

I see or hear from a lot of ex-pupils. Most recently, a group of OMs helped me deliver the Ted Baker Challenge, as part of the Camden Summer University for young people. Matti Thal (who also helped out with a homework club locally), Joe Yellon, Ben Kelvin and Sophie Ward were all brilliant, supporting a week-long Dragon's Den type project. A number of OMs also work here at Ted Baker, Gabriel Evans is full-time, Izzy Gilchrist part-time (during vacations from the Courtauld) and Fabio Bragoli works for an associated company as an architect. After his arrival here, it took Fabio three months to stop calling me Sir!

**Most inspiring teacher at school and why?**

William was a pragmatic leader with a strong moral code and a deep affection for Mill Hill, its history and values. It was a privilege to be part of his management team. I am still in contact with colleagues from my Belmont and Mill Hill days. Kevin Douglas is one of my oldest and closest friends. He even asked me to be the guest of honour at his final prize day as Head of UCS Junior Branch! Mark Dickinson and I still catch up and spend evenings together putting the world to rights and Peter Lawson emails me frequently with some of the world's worst jokes!

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

I would like to convene an OM dinner party. My guests would be: Herbert Ward (adventurer, artist, sculptor and soldier), Keith Murray (pilot, designer and architect), Ralph Tubbs (Festival of Britain architect) and Norman Hartnell (fashion designer). All 4 of these great men have featured in lectures I have given as part of my role here at Ted Baker.

**What is your proudest moment and why?**

My proudest moments are my marriage to my wife Sue and the births of my three sons.

My proudest moment from Mill Hill was walking out of St Paul's Cathedral after the Bicentennial Service. I had been charged with organising the celebrations for bicentenary and the St Paul's service went exactly plan.....even the weather was perfect.

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

If I won £10 million in the lottery, I'd give money to the youth groups I work with in the Kings Cross area. I would also want to support the work of The Reading Agency, probably by funding the Quick Reads scheme. I would also help my boys with property and buy myself an Austin Healey 3000.

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

My driving force ( and advice to Millhillians) is to always try to reach your full potential and never have any regrets about missed opportunities.

**Your favourite quote?**

My favourite quote also sums up the key lesson I learnt from school. I finished my farewell chapel with it in 2014. It's written by Lennon and McCartney

"And in the end, The Love you take, Is equal to the love you make."



# Announcements

## Weddings



**James Davy** (*Ridgeway 01-06*)  
Melodie and I got married on Sunday  
19th August 2018 at La Bastide du Roy,  
Antibes.



**Tom Lindsey** (*Priestley 01-06*) Married  
Millie McClure at Lainston House 2018.



**Owen Bubbers** (*Collinson class of 2004*)  
Married Dr. Abeyna Jones.  
Got married on 29th December 2018 in  
Alvechurch, near Birmingham.



**Katie Woodrow** (*McClure 03-08*)  
Getting married to Ravi Vijn  
25th July 2019 in Mill Hill School Chapel.



**Alan Vaughan** (*Collinson 01-06*)  
Engaged to Claire Wallwork, April 2019.



**Max Coupe King** (*Priestley 04-09*)  
Engaged to Catherine Longthorpe in  
Menorca in June 2018. Getting married  
August 2019 in north Devon.



**Jamie Warwick** (*School House 98-01*)  
Married to Dani.

**Rupeen Popat** (*Murray 96-99*)  
Married Rupa Ganatra on 28th July  
2018 at Houses of Parliament.

**Oliver Neagle** (*School 03-08*) **Helen  
Singh** (*Priestley 06-11*) We are both  
Old Millhillians. Getting Married on  
4th May 2019.

**Tien Tai** (*Murray House 91-93*)  
Married Ms Yujung KWON in South  
Korea. We have been dating for 11  
years.



**Dr Paul Ivey** (*Atkinson 05-10*)  
The groomsmen are OMs (L-R) Joe  
Jakubowski (Best Man), Alexander  
Stubbs, Greg Walsh and Nick Scarfe  
(Best Man).

# Babies



**Andrew Lee** (*School House 96 –99*)  
Brandon was born 3rd September 2018.  
Pictured (right) with his brother Harrison.



**Joanna Potter** (*St Bees 91-93*)

Rex Rafael was born 1st November 2018. Rex's dotting brother Aurelio Angelo (born in April 2014).



**Danuta Heagarty** (*Burton Bank 97-99*)

Had a baby girl Tahneé in February 2018.



**Barry Murphy** (*School House 00-05*)

Had a son Austin Beau on the 16 April 2018, born in Sydney Australia.



**Mark Parkinson** (*Murray 92-94*)

Our second child Harriet Olivia Parkinson, born 30th November 2018.



**Simone Garafalo** (*School House 89-94*) and was Head of House. Married to Nilza Leandro and we are living in Portugal. Daughter Emma Ayana pictured above and below.



**Toby Oputa** (*Burton Bank 01-06*)

Married to Iona on 21st July 2018. Kylian born on 21st January 2019.



**Jonny Raynor** (*Burton Bank 96-01*)

Married Kate Robinson, 26th June 2018, at St Michaels and All Angels Church in Highclere.



**Aaron Georgiou** (*School House 95-00*)

Leandros Georgiou born 26th September 2018. His older brother Kallistos Georgiou is starting Grimsdell in September.



OMs Alex Steyne, Mubashir Malik, Ben Knight, Jonathan Raynor, James Towler.



# BELMONT





# The Belmontian

## Newsletter 2018-19

Dear OBs and OMs,

It has been a very busy year since I last wrote to you with far too much going on for me to cover in a couple of pages of The Martlet but I will try to give you a flavour of what's happened in 2018.

### Academic Progress

On the academic front it was our last ever year of Common Entrance results for Year 8 and the pupils gave a brilliant account of themselves with some impressive grades.

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| % A*/A | 41% |
| % A*-B | 76% |
| % A*-C | 96% |

From September 2018, Belmont and Mill Hill Heads of Department have worked collaboratively to design a new KS3 curriculum that is less content driven and gives greater emphasis on problem solving, critical thinking and enjoying learning. Since September we have also broadened our language provision by introducing Spanish in Year 7 and 8. There were plenty more academic highlights including 28 Belmontians being awarded Mill Hill 13+ exhibitions and scholarships, Maths Challenges galore, Science Week, Reading Week and 4 of our pupils got through to the final round of the Townsend Warner History Prize. For the first time, many of our pupils from Year 5 to 8 entered the UK Bebras

Computational Thinking Challenge. 25 students achieved in the top 10% in the country for their age group. They have been invited to the next stage during the week of 4th March 2019. Our new Head of Computing, Peter Fannon, is looking at ways to best prepare the children for the technological world around us as well as taking a lead on enhancing digital learning across the whole curriculum.

### Sporting Achievements

It has been another phenomenal year on the sporting front. In Netball our U13 Girls were runners up in the IAPS Nationals 2018. There were some talented girls who worked incredibly hard throughout the year, motivated by their brilliant coach Jo Nicol. In Fives, two of our girls were U13 National Quarter-finalists and Old Belmontian and Millhillian Charlie Plummer was awarded National Young Player of the Year 2018.

Following the success of being Middlesex Champions in 2017, the U13 Boys were Semi Finalists in 2018. Our U13 Girls were Runners up in the County Indoor Cricket finals. Our link with Middlesex Cricket continues to strengthen and Belmont and Mill Hill are now officially the Home of Middlesex Girls and Women's Cricket. We are particularly proud of Old Belmontian



and MillHillian, Sophia Dunkley, who received her first cap for England in the Women's T20 World Cup Finals, Sophia top scored with 35 in her first go with the bat for England playing against the West Indies.

We were also delighted to meet World Heavy Weight Champion, Anthony Joshua, who made a special appearance at an FOB function in September. We have no plans to bring boxing back onto the curriculum. Last, but not least, congratulations to Mr Ince and the Angles for their ninth consecutive win for Sports Day 2018! Will the Angles make it to a tenth consecutive victory in 2019?

### **New Sports Hall**

Following the fire to the Belmont gym in November 2017, governors have approved the development of a new Sports Hall that will hopefully be ready for occupation in November 2019. Subject to planning, the new build will be twice the size of the existing gym and will offer so many more sporting opportunities for the children of the Foundation. We are aiming to fundraise £1 million and have passed the £800,000 mark as I write in November 2018. If you are interested in supporting this exciting project please email Nick Priestnall, Director of Development, on np@millhill.org.uk

### **Drama**

Drama continues to go from strength to strength under the guidance of the inspiring Libby Russo. The Y6 tribute to David Bowie, 'Starman' was out of this world. The quality of the choreography, the brilliant acting and the passion and enjoyment in the singing was breath-taking. Year 8 excelled with their version of 'Amadeus' with acting of the highest calibre from our Year 8 students. The Year 5 plays and Year 7 drama this term have just been exceptional and the confidence that children gain from performing on stage is priceless.

### **Investing in our Facilities**

In September 2017, we saw the opening of the Roger Chapman building that provides us with 3 spacious classrooms, a Design and Technology Studio and a Computing Suite. Our refurbished modern library is incredibly popular with children borrowing 47% more books in 2017/18 than they did in the previous year. This statistic shows the tangible



difference that investing in facilities, to create vibrant learning environments makes. We also have a second music room where the children can use software to help them compose music. The children have enjoyed listening to some of their peers imaginative compositions in assemblies.

Over the summer two classrooms were refurbished for Year 5 to create bright and spacious learning environments and the Art room was relocated to the Lodge to create an Art Studio.



The new Studio has a larger and more inspiring space for the children to develop their artistic skills and creativity. The new and improved resources include a new Kiln and a small garden where the children will be able to be creative and also display their work. In the wider educational world the arts and creative subjects are being squeezed out of the curriculum but



# BELMONT



at Belmont we are committed to recognising the importance of Art in developing children's creativity and enhancing their wellbeing

## Wellbeing Week

At the end of April, we had our first ever Wellbeing work. During the week the children learnt about posture, healthy feet, eating well, and stress management with some of the top therapists in the Wellbeing business, thanks to 58 South Molton Street Wellbeing Clinic. The finale of the week was a Digital Detox Day with teachers and pupils taking part in imaginative outdoor learning lessons without the use of technology. We hope to build on this initiative in the future as we see wellbeing as a vital element of preparing our children for life.

## Looking Outwards

We are also trying to do much more with our children so that they develop an awareness of others as well as their own wellbeing. We have been more active in the community than ever before with pupils helping out in care homes, special schools, preparing food for the homeless and more recently 26 Year 8 pupils volunteered at the Super hero Series event at Dornay Lake, Windsor supporting children with a range of disabilities taking part in athletic events. We are also building mutually beneficial partnerships with St Paul's Junior School and Saracens High School.



## Staff Leavers

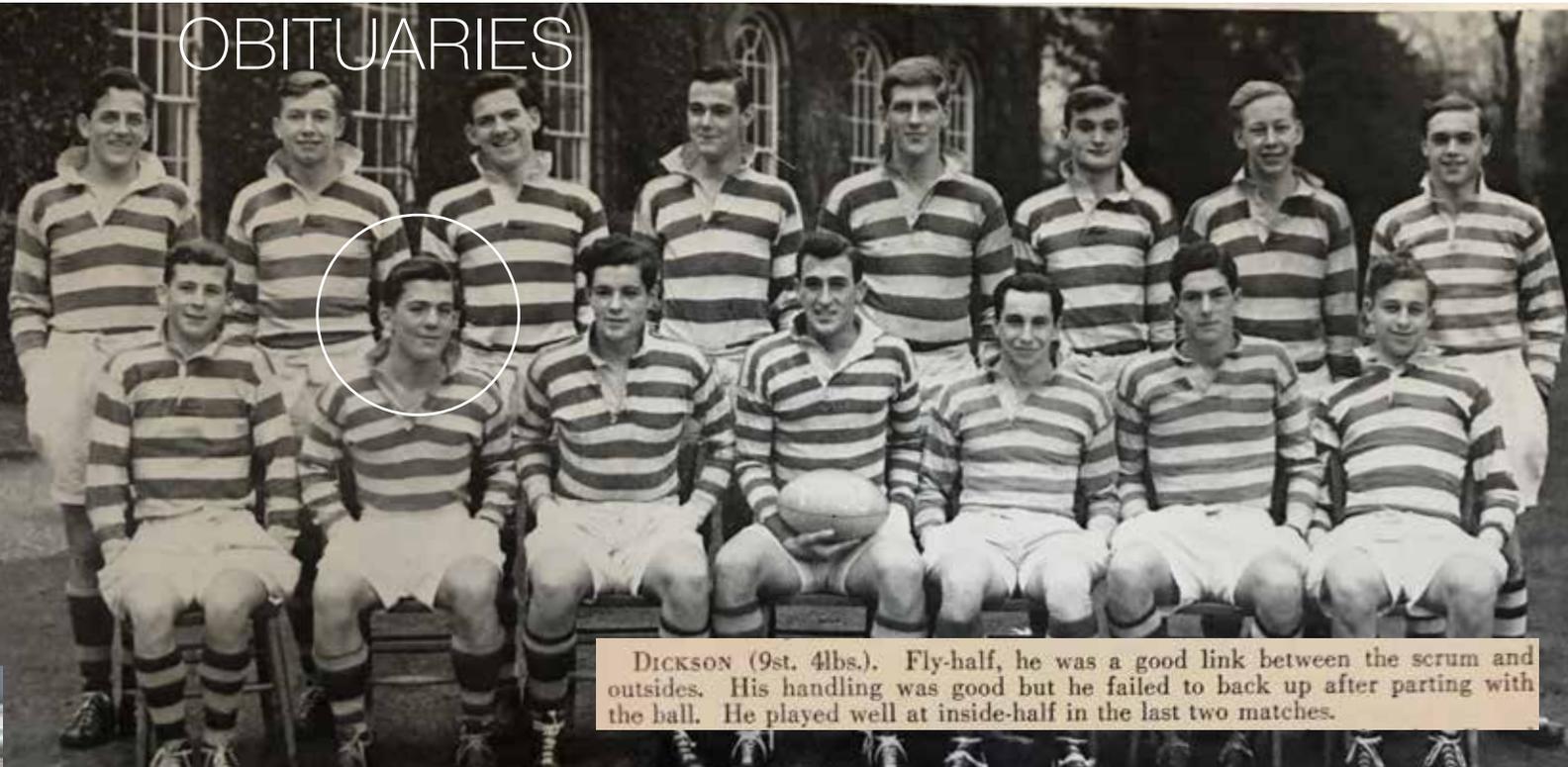
We said goodbye to a number of teachers in September: Henry King (a Year 4 class teacher for 2 years), Jason Billows (a Games teacher and Head of Danes for 3 years), Tim Spink – (a Maths teacher for 4 years) and finally Helen Lawson (Head of Religious Studies for 14 years). We wish all of the staff well in the new stage in their lives and thank them for their service to the school.

## And finally...

I hope to see some of you at the various Old Belmontian and Old Millhillian gatherings over the course of the year. If you ever want to see the school and all the changes of the last few years you would be very welcome to visit, just make an appointment with Mrs Ellen. I feel that if you did visit, you would be pleased with the improvements to the facilities but would also still recognise the distinctive ethos of the school as set out by its founder Arthur Rooker Roberts. We are much bigger now than ever before with 543 pupils in September 2018 but our values of kindness and everyone trying their best remain our highest priority.

Best wishes  
**Leon Roberts**  
Headmaster of Belmont

## OBITUARIES



DICKSON (9st. 4lbs.). Fly-half, he was a good link between the scrum and outsides. His handling was good but he failed to back up after parting with the ball. He played well at inside-half in the last two matches.

M. G. Dawson, G. H. Dickson, M. F. Fairbairn, B. V. Pippet (Capt.), C. E. Evitt, D. C. Cranfield, J. E. Ayto.

## George Dickson 1936 – 2019

G. H. DICKSON (1949 - 54); Scrutton; U. Med. VI; School Prefect December 1953; Executive Committee; Entrance Scholarship to St. Mary's Hospital Medical School, 1954; 1st XV 1952 - 3, 2nd XI Cricket 1953, Colts Hockey 1951, 1st VII 1954, Fives VI 1953 - 4 (Hon. Sec. 1954), 1st IX 1953, Gym VIII 1951 - 2, Junior Squash V 1952, Swimming VIII 1952 - 3; Interim, Science and Natural History Societies; Sgt. in Army/C.C.F.; Studying Medicine at St. Mary's Hospital; 63, Lampton Road, Hounslow, Middlesex.

Late on January 27 2019 my wife received an email informing us that George Dickson had died. G.H.Dickson joined Mill Hill School in the autumn of 1949. He was immediately recognised as one of the most ebullient and sociable recruits to Scrutton House. He was the life and soul of any gathering, as well as a talented sportsman.

In those days the standard of Fives play in the school left much to be desired. George and I undertook to raise the standard by intensive recruitment and training. Our work paid almost instant dividends. In 1952 we won both the junior and the senior house Fives competition with the same team in the same calendar year.

When I became captain of Fives I had no hesitation appointing George my Honorary Secretary. The school team was never better than average. But by dint of hard training and discipline we sometimes beat more gifted teams like Harrow and Aldenham. The Fives team had a good life. We travelled to away matches in a six-seater hired vehicle, often without an accompanying teacher. On the way back we would persuade the driver to stop at a pub.

George was most at home on the rugby field. He established himself as the first XV fly half and learned to dominate play. Despite hard practice his kicking was never better than average. But ball in hand he was a star. He developed a long and accurate pass, often putting his inside centre in space. As a result Colin Evitt scored a hatful of tries. George developed a most convincing dummy, sending wing forwards spinning

in the wrong direction. On one occasion I swear I saw the ball actually leave his hands, then magically return to his grasp. George and I formed a triumvirate with the late Rob Stanners. We organised a whole range of activities for School House such as debates, stage plays, musical evenings and a Goon Show. George always maintained that he was less academically gifted than some of us, so he had to work harder to keep up. He certainly did keep up. He won an entry scholarship to Saint Mary's medical school and became a distinguished surgeon. When he retired from the Worthing General Hospital, they paid him the compliment of naming a new surgical ward after him.

A few years ago I noticed George's hands begin to tremble. In due course Parkinson's was diagnosed. Towards the end George was a full time wheelchair user. His most distressing symptom was the weakness of his voice. A great conversationalist was out of the game.

My most vivid memory of George Dickson was as captain of Scrutton in the final of the house rugby competition against a Winterstoke team brimming with school first and second XV players. By this stage of the term Top Field was muddy. George devised a strategy of letting the opponents have the ball as often as we could. If necessary at scrums we might kick our ball through their pack. Our wing forwards would charge as their half backs juggled the greasy ball. Against all the odds we won the most precious sporting prize.

**David Butler** (Scrutton 49-54)

# OBITUARIES



## John C. K. Elliott, MBE 1937 – 2018

**J. C. K. ELLIOTT (1950-55); Weymouth; U. Mod. Subj. VI; Witan, Geographical Society, Natural History Society; National Service; "Woodleigh", Riddings Road, Hale, Cheshire.**

John Elliott was born on the 13th March 1937, the son of Charles Elliott, who died on the 1st January 1967, and Leslie Margaret Elliott (née Bush). Charles Elliott was a Barrister of Law and in his day one of the leading and busiest Members of the Junior Bar on the Manchester Circuit.

John in his youth lived in Hale, Cheshire and initially went to a local Prep School, was moved to North Wales when the Head Master of the local School suggested to his mother that he would not pass Common Entrance. This was a somewhat "prophetic" statement because four years later he did fail his Common Entrance Exam to Shrewsbury. His mother's cousin, Alan Bush, went to Mill Hill in the 1930's and on leaving gained a trial for the English Rugger Team.

In order for John to be accepted into Mill Hill, his mother had to obtain a copy of his Common Entrance papers. Whilst doing so she noted in the Scripture Paper, there was a question "Why should thou not steal?" John's answer was circled by a red ink and it read "In case you got found out". If he had written "Because of the 10 Commandments" or even appropriately stated which commandment it was, he probably would have entered Shrewsbury with a scholarship!

Fortunately for him, Mill Hill decided he must have some Rugger genes in his blood from the Bush family and, therefore, accepted him! The mere fact that these responses to the Scripture question were made by somebody who subsequently became a solicitor, is rather "prophetic"!

He joined Mill Hill in 1950 entering Weymouth House which used to be located in the School House. His career at the School was recognised as not very successful because, with the other six members of his study, he could have been described as a "rebel". He actually remained friends with many of them for the rest of his life. However, during his time

at Mill Hill he happily never played rugger for the School and maybe only once or twice played for his House. He also played few other sports!

Whilst in his fifth year at School, another "prophetic" event happened. One of his friends who had left the previous year came back to see his old study mates who sent him out to the Hammers Pub to bring back some beer! The result of this was a near expulsion of the whole Study but fortunately the House Master during that time was Mr. Meade King, who took a very fair and balanced line on such pupils. This was another "prophetic" event as four years later when the new 6th form Block was opened, they actually allowed beer in for the 6th formers!

John left Mill Hill having failed to gain Latin O-Level throughout the 5th and 6th forms, having taken it on every possible occasion. He needed this as he wished to be a Lawyer, so he went to a Manchester post-public school crammer establishment called Grimes. He managed to fail this again in the November exam, so his father took him on one side and said "Look, you cannot get into university to read law without this O-Level and if you want to become a solicitor it is vital. I shall, therefore, give you an incentive – if you pass I will give a car". As a result, John then managed to take the matter more seriously and finished up with one of the highest results possible in Latin O-Level in that summer term. One might say his father, was relieved that he had passed but on the other hand was outraged that it had taken such a bribe to get him to take the matter seriously! (The car cost a lot less than the School fees!)

John became Articled to a firm of solicitors in Manchester called John Gorna & Co whilst attending Manchester University in order to qualify as a solicitor. Five years after qualifying, which he did at the first attempt, he set up his

own firm, which after two years became known as Elliott & Company. The firm grew under his leadership from initially two Partners and nine staff in premises in Lloyd Street, Manchester, to a firm thirty years later with one hundred and seventy five Partners and staff with offices in both Manchester and London and part of an international network of twenty five Law firms.

In the late seventies and eighties, regional law firms in the North West and elsewhere in the Provinces were gaining ground and from a standing start, John's firm was in the forefront of this growth. That has changed in the current century whereby most of these firms have now merged into national firms. Whilst Elliott & Company is now part of a larger firm, its governance is still in the Provinces. The international presence for the firm was made possible by the creation of a network known as Euro-American Lawyer Group (EALG) which remains an active Association and one of John's proudest achievements in the Law.

John became President of The Manchester Law Society in 1982 and played an active role in the main Solicitors Charity – The Solicitors Benevolent Association.

Although a skilled lawyer and a powerful negotiator, John's distinguishing characteristic was the force of his personality. Indeed the social aspect of his career was of equal, if not greater, significance to this highly charismatic individual. His connections in the legal establishment in Manchester and beyond were a significant element of his success and of huge personal importance.

John used his influence and persuasive capabilities to support good causes and for many years worked with the NSPCC and became Chairman of the Manchester Branch, particularly being involved in fundraising: one of a number of Campaigns raised over £1million. In 1999 he received the usual notice that he was due to be awarded the MBE for his charitable work.

He mentioned it to his mother, who was absolutely delighted: very sadly this was one of his last chats with her as she died two days later.

John was delighted and very fulfilled to be elected President of the Old Millhillians Club in 2005. With his wife, Angela, they toured the UK attending the usual dinners and greatly enjoyed attending events at the Rugger Club. One of his lasting memories was his trip as President to the Far East visiting Hong Kong, New Zealand and Australia where he was supported by Michael Bishop, now Lord Glendonbrook of Bowdon at the events taking place in New Zealand and Australia. He became Chairman of the Life Guardians Committee, which as many Old Millhillians know plays an important role in the Governance of the School. He renewed many old School friendships during this period, which was a great pleasure to him.

One of John's other great interests was his love of London's tailoring fraternity, particularly for suits, jackets, hats, shoes and shirts. This benefited the OMs as after his year as President, he updated the OM's Blazer and two scarves, which have been very successful.

His other interests were in Masonry, of which he was a Member of a number of Lodges and greatly enjoyed his time in that involvement, including joining the OMs Lodge. He was also a Member of the Worshipful Company of Horners.

John died peacefully at home on the 30th December 2018 succeeded by his wife of 57 years, Angela, who had been a great support to him throughout their marriage and particularly enjoyed his various interests outside the Law, including the OMs Club. He was also survived by his four children – Charles, William, Vanessa and Thomas and eleven grandchildren.

**Graham Elliott** (*Weymouth 52-57*)

## IN MEMORIAM

Died between March 2018 and April 2019

|            |          |             |             |
|------------|----------|-------------|-------------|
| Ayre       | Michael  | 1948 - 1952 | Ridgeway    |
| Block      | Peter    | 1936 - 1939 | Ridgeway    |
| Cooke      | Ivar     | 1946 - 1949 | Murray      |
| Elliott    | John     | 1950 - 1955 | Weymouth    |
| Furness    | Roy      | 1956 - 1961 | Collinson   |
| Haight     | Ian      | 1945 - 1950 | Ridgeway    |
| Kennedy    | Patrick  | 1980 - 1985 | Burton Bank |
| Lackie     | Michael  | 1948 - 1952 | Winterstoke |
| MacLennan  | Alistair | 1944 - 1948 | Ridgeway    |
| Robinson   | Anthony  | 1951 - 1956 | Scrutton    |
| Roberts    | Ivor     | 1981 - 1986 | Burton Bank |
| Rodda      | David    | 1945 - 1950 | Burton Bank |
| Strachan   | Maxwell  | 1939 - 1942 | Winterstoke |
| Stringer   | Tim      | 1958 - 1989 | Master      |
| Thomas     | Keith    | 1952 - 1957 | Winterstoke |
| Williamson | John     | 1951 - 1954 | Burton Bank |

Dates of Death unknown

|           |         |             |           |
|-----------|---------|-------------|-----------|
| Cranfield | Michael | 1947 - 1951 | Collinson |
| Reavell   | David   | 1939 - 1943 | Collinson |



YOMs Christmas drinks 2018

**NEXT YOMS  
CHRISTMAS DRINKS**  
The Adam & Eve, NW7  
18th December 2019

## MERCHANDISE

|                      |        |               |        |
|----------------------|--------|---------------|--------|
| Silk Ties            |        | Golf Umbrella | £39.00 |
| Country & Town       | £35.00 | Blazer Badges | £12.00 |
| Extra long           | £41.00 | Pashmina      | £25.00 |
| Non crease           | £35.00 | Silk Square   | £25.00 |
| Silk untied bow ties | £17.00 | Mens Scarf    | £25.00 |
| Cuff links - Enamel  | £16.00 |               |        |
| Hat Band             | £5.00  |               |        |

*Does not include Postage & Packing.  
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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2019

|            |   |                |  |
|------------|---|----------------|--|
| 30th March | <b>OMRFC VP &amp; Past Players Lunch</b>              | 19th June      | <b>OMC AGM &amp; Cocktail Party</b><br>National Liberal Club |
| 10th April | <b>OMs in Property Dinner</b>                         | 12th September | <b>OM Legal Networking Event</b><br>Wedlake Bell             |
| 17th April | <b>Past Presidents' Luncheon</b><br>Athenaeum Club    | 17th September | <b>OMs in Property Drinks</b><br>Finos Wine Bar              |
| 25th April | <b>Sixth Form Leavers Event</b><br>Mill Hill School   | 21st September | <b>OMs Day 2019</b><br>Mill Hill School                      |
| 28th April | <b>South West Lunch</b><br>Deer Park Hotel            | 25th September | <b>The Foundation Golf Day</b><br>The Shire                  |
| 4th May    | <b>Cambridge Dinner</b><br>Trinity College, Cambridge | 4th October    | <b>Annual Dinner</b><br>Royal Horse Guards                   |
| 10th May   | <b>Engineers' Dinner</b><br>Bleeding Heart Restaurant | 8th November   | <b>Armistice Day</b><br>Mill Hill School                     |
| 22nd May   | <b>OM Liverymen's Annual Lunch</b><br>Guildhall       | 29th November  | <b>OM Creative Arts Annual Drinks</b>                        |
| 12th June  | <b>1807 Lunch</b><br>TBC                              | 18th December  | <b>YOMs Christmas Drinks</b><br>The Adam & Eve               |
| 13th June  | <b>City Dinner</b><br>Lansdowne Club                  |                |  |