



Old Millhillians & Foundation Day

Old Millhillians Day this year was combined with the School Foundation Day so that the whole Mill Hill Community could come together in a special celebration of the School's bicentenary.

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President's Update

After the exceptional OMs dinner at the Inner Temple, I finally came down to earth and have been making plans for visits both in the UK and Overseas.



At the time of writing my wife Barbara and I have just returned from the Manchester dinner which was enjoyed by all and at which the Headmaster gave an excellent talk. Prior to that I was invited to represent the Club at a Services Dinner given by the Head at the School at which a number of OM members who had served in the Armed Services attended together with their medals and a lot of stories. It was a memorable evening.

The following morning I laid a wreath at the War Memorial at School and watched the whole school file past through the Gate of Honour. Again a moving morning particularly when the last post was played to a silent audience.

During my year there are plans to have dinners in Dubai, Hong Kong, New York, Singapore, Australia and there will of course be a number of UK dinners including the Welsh Dinner and the Cambridge dinner. A dinner in Switzerland is also being considered! For all these events any member who is in the area or would simply like to travel are very welcome and I know that the members in the various areas welcome other OMs.

I plan to represent the Club to the best of my ability and to try to get our membership up as well as helping the Friends in the Appeal for the School.

Ronny Cohn President 2007-2008

GREAT NEWS!

The fundraising effort now stands at £1.25 million.

Many Old Millhillians have made significant one-off gifts while others have committed to direct debits, given shares or are leaving a legacy. Thank you to all who have given.

The Friends appreciate the positive support of the President of the OMC at Club events and that the Club officers have recently written to members stressing the Club's motto *NON NOBIS SED SCHOLAE* (Not us but the School) and highlighting the importance of gifts of all sizes and types.

There are 4741 OMs with valid contact details with which the Friends and the Club can communicate. 870 OMs have registered on e-friends, of these 486 are OMC members. Approximately half of those who have joined the Club in the last year were registrants on e-friends first. This database is a very useful tool. It enables Shalaka and Viv in the Club office to reach ever-increasing numbers through both broadcast and targeted communications and their work is having a positive effect on Club membership and responses to events and other initiatives.

The Friends were pleased to contribute to the Foundation's Remembrance activities by hosting a Services Dinner. 70 OMs (some who had not been back for many years), current and former staff, current pupils and VIPs enjoyed a formal dinner in the Dining Hall. Guests were entertained by the Corps of Drums and viewed Great War Art loaned by the Oswald Stoll Foundation.

The Friends hosted a reception at The Law Society for members of the Mill Hill community in the legal profession and at the Lehman Brothers Conference Centre for people in the City. The support of senior Club members for these events is much appreciated.

For further information about the Friends and the fundraising activity, please visit www.friendsofmillhill.org.uk or telephone 020 8906 7864 or email friends@millhill.org.uk



Honorary Secretary's Report

It was good to see so many OMs participating in the Schools Bicentenary. A large number of OMs enjoyed the impressive thanksgiving service at St Paul's and a gathering of 50 or so who had been at school during the royal visit in 1957 were here again at the invitation of the Friends when the Countess of Wessex opened the new Favell building in the summer. Furthermore over 400 OMs and families attended OM day as reported on the front page of this publication and 250 sat down to a memorable annual dinner at the Inner Temple to honour our outgoing President, Geoffrey Vero (a livery hall gives a stylish feel to such occasions, but Lords next year for Ronny Cohn's dinner will also offer its particular attraction).

As a club we must sustain and build on this kind of participation not only in the more formal occasion but in all the other activities, whether social or sporting, that is on offer. With the introduction of an events secretary (Shalaka), and the use of a powerful database, we are now in a much stronger position to move forward from a strengthened base. There are areas we need to develop and we are fortunate to have able and dedicated ambassadors for the Club in our President and Vice-President, Ronny Cohn and Graham Chase, who will I am sure be most proactive in ensuring our progress. Ronny has already done so much work for Headstone Lane while Graham has clear ideas how he wishes to support the executive and office.

As for the office it has as usual been very busy with organising events and all the administrative work. The ability to use a credit card to pay for events has proved most useful (and thanks to our Honorary Treasurer, Bob Rudd, for setting this up and for all the other work he does). The New Members booklet has been updated and will soon go to print while you should be receiving your 2008 Calendar enclosed with his publication. Many thanks to Roger Streeten for his work on the design of the booklet which will be similar in size to the very successful mini-Martlet circulated in the summer.

A note of sadness is that Viv Wood has decided to retire in the summer. A full tribute for all that she has done for the Club will follow in the next Martlet, so all I shall say for the moment is how much she will be missed, particularly that cheerful voice and helpful response to any telephone call to the office.

As always many thanks to the individuals on the Management Committee for their continued support. (attendance at meetings has been most impressive). But like any committee fresh blood is not only welcome but absolutely necessary if the Club is to really flourish, so if you would like to make a contribution or know of anyone that would, please let us know.

Nobis et Scholae

The past weeks have been extremely busy ones at the School. On 29 September, we formally concluded the bicentennial celebrations with a combined Foundation Day and Old Millhillians' day. Our guest of honour at prizegiving was Alderman Sir Gavyn Arthur, a former Lord Mayor of London, and we were also delighted to welcome a large number of Old Millhillians back to the School. During the course of the day, various sporting events took place and academic departments put on a range of displays and demonstrations in the classrooms and laboratories. There was also a well-attended Scrutton House reunion. Following a display by the superb CCF Corps of Drums, a film was projected on a giant screen hung on the School House portico, showing the life of the School over the past year. The day then concluded with fireworks. It was a spectacular and fitting way to conclude the bicentennial year, and a very great pleasure to see so

many of our former pupils coming back to Mill Hill.

In other respects, the term has provided me with many successes to report. Our sports teams are doing exceptionally well. The 1st XV, following a highly successful tour of New Zealand in the summer, have won all but one of their matches and, following a hard-fought contest against Latymer Upper School at the Old Millhillians' ground at Headstone Lane, have now been crowned Middlesex County Champions. Many of the Schools' other rugby teams have also had very successful seasons, notably the Colts A, who remain unbeaten. Not to be outdone, the girls 1st XI hockey team are also undefeated and, after winning their County Championship, went on to be placed fourth in the Nationals. Sport at Mill Hill has seldom been stronger.

Music and drama continue to flourish. The choir were in wonderful voice at the Service of

Remembrance on 10 November, and at a superb School concert the following week. The House Drama Festival has also taken place this term with Atkinson, Burton Bank, Collinson and Ridgeway being the final contenders. Ridgeway House emerged triumphant having last won the trophy back in 1992.

Among the most important of the term's events was the visit by a team of inspectors from the Independent Schools' Inspectorate. Such inspections take place every six years, and provide us with an opportunity to receive a critical, impartial and objective assessment of how well we are doing. The verdict of the inspectors was overwhelmingly positive. They commented particularly favourably upon our high standards of pastoral care, our boarding provision, the breadth and range of our extra-curricular activities and the decency and warmth of our pupils. The inspectors did say that, whilst our overall academic performance is good, some aspects of our teaching, assessment and reporting

could be further developed, and this will be a major focus of the coming terms. Overall, though, they were predictably impressed by what we do.

It is a great privilege for me to be part of this great School, and to have succeeded such an outstanding Headmaster as William Winfield. I certainly have a tough act to follow. William's achievements are too numerous to mention, but the new Favell building stands as a testament to his vision, his energy and his success in putting Mill Hill on a secure financial footing. We now have wonderful foundations upon which to build as we look forward to our third century. There will, I am sure, be many challenges ahead. However, with the continuing support of the Old Millhillians, I am sure we can succeed in making a great school greater still. My wife, Cara, and I have very much enjoyed meeting many members of the Old Millhillians' Club over the past months, and we look forward to meeting many more in the years to come.

LIFE GOVERNORS

Have you considered becoming a Life Governor? The Foundation needs new younger Life Governors to carry on the work of the General Court of Life Governors (to give it its full and proper title) which was founded in 1825. Membership is by election and is open to all past pupils.

There have been several occasions in Mill Hill's history when the LGs have played an important role in moments of difficulty, and these are well described in Roddy Braithwaite's history. The LGs meet once a year (but more often if necessary) at the school when they receive reports from the Chairman of the Court of Governors and the Headmaster and are able to put questions to them concerning past performance and future development plans for all three schools in the Foundation.

It is a good opportunity to meet up with old friends and to then enjoy with your wife/husband/partner an excellent lunch in the Main Dining Hall provided by the Foundation. LGs confirm the election of Court Governors, 50% of whom must be LGs, and sponsor the McClure Scholarship which is the principal academic scholarship at Mill Hill.

We seek members of all ages, but particularly those who left school between 1975 and 1995. Noyan Nihat is the Membership Secretary and he can be contacted through the OM Club Office or by e-mail at nnihat@evolutiondm.com. Why not come and join us?

Bill Skinner, Chairman

TO ALL MEMBERS



Please get in touch with the Club Office if you have recently moved or have changed your email or telephone numbers.

We still welcome any suggestions and ideas for any new events which might be attractive to all Old Millhillians.

Contact **Shalaka** in the club office on **020 8906 7949** or email sk@millhill.org.uk

Ray Hubbard, Editor of Martlet would like some feedback on how we can make Martlet more interesting for all. He would like to hear from all OM's, not only from those who contribute regularly.

Contact **Ray** via the Club Office on oldmillhillians@millhill.org.uk or **020 8906 7948/9**.



Future Events



Engineers Dinner

All Old Millhillian Engineers are invited to make a note that the 2008 Dinner will be held on Friday 25 April at the Jolly St Ermins Hotel in Caxton Street, Westminster almost opposite New Scotland Yard.

We enjoyed a good time at this hotel in 2006. Dr Dominic Luckett, our new Headmaster, has accepted an invitation to attend and address us, so this will be a good opportunity to meet him if you haven't done so already. Harry Barnes, the School's Head of Design Technology, has also been invited and accepted, and will be accompanied by two Sixth Formers planning to follow a career in Engineering.

This should be a good evening so please put the date in your diary. I will send out more details nearer the time. If you know of any OM Engineers who haven't been to these dinners before please give them the details and send me their details for future contact.

A Merry Christmas,

David Rodda

Cambridge Dinner 2008

The Cambridge Dinner will be held in St John's College on May 9th.

Details will be sent out nearer the time, but I do hope you will put this date in your diaries as the Headmaster will be present to talk to some of us for the first time.

The President will also be attending. **Please note the change of venue.**

We look forward to seeing you on May 9th.

Tony Bell (tbell324@btinternet.com)

History of MHS – The Supplements to the History

If you wish to buy what will now be a limited run of a combined Supplements Brochure, please write to (not phone):

**Roger Axworthy,
Walker House,
Millers' Close,
The Ridgeway,
Mill Hill NW7 1AQ**

Once we have an idea of the demand then the cost can be established.

Please let us have your orders before 29 February 2008.

The 2008 OMRFC Vice Presidents' Reunion and Pre-match Luncheon

The Vice Presidents' Reunion and Pre-match Luncheon will be held on Saturday 12 April 2008 prior to the last 1st XV match of the season against Verulamians. Details will be sent out to those on my usual mailing list nearer the event.

If there is anyone who wishes to be added to the list please contact johndmking@aol.com

Past Events



Manchester Dinner 16 November

Another successful North Western Dinner was held at its traditional venue of St James Club Manchester.

It was good to see also a substantial contingent from the South including our new President Ronny Cohn and his wife Barbara, our Chairman John Watkiss and

his wife Sue and our Hon.Secretary Tim Corbett. Nick Priestnall represented the Friends of Mill Hill School and Bruce Fraser, Bursar of MHS.

Warm thanks are due to the organisers John and Grahame Elliott and John Farmer. Dominic Luckett was present for the first time representing the School. His speech touching, amongst other things, upon government policy with regard to independent schools, provoked a number of interesting questions. Altogether a most enjoyable evening.



St. Bees Old Millhillians Association

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will take place as usual, in "The Masters Common Room" at St Bees on **Sunday 20th April 2008**. Sadly, there are ever fewer of us to attend!; however our new Headmaster and James Field have indicated their intent to try to attend if their diaries allow. Please make the effort and put the date in your new diaries

The unveiling and dedication of The "Commemorative Seat" outside the Science Block took place on Sunday 29th April 2007. This particularly important ceremony has been acknowledged previously elsewhere, but for those younger members it is in recognition of the war years when the School was evacuated from London in 1939 until the end of European hostilities, when in 1945 the School returned to London.

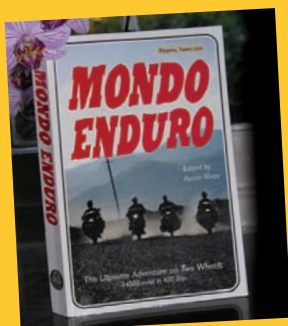
The photograph on the left was taken by Karen Willetts on 29th April 2007: *Gathering of St Bees OMs.*

Chit Chat

A Warm Welcome in Toronto

A warm reception with much alcohol and wonderful food was provided in their home in Toronto by Brian Buckingham (53-56) and his wife Yvonne for Jim Roberts (45-50) and his wife Jill, during their recent holiday in Canada.

Other OMs in the vicinity joined them for a memorable evening of much hilarity and happy reminiscences: these included Robin Ball (53-59), Simon Parry (65-69) and his wife Mary, Johny Whyte (61-66) and wife Pam, Charles Clark (54-59) and his wife Mary, and Bob Angel (55-60).



‘Mondo Enduro..A Gripping Yarn’

Many of you will remember the intrepid around-the-world motor cycle adventure (44000 miles in 400 days} undertaken by the Mondo Enduro team of OMs Austin Vince and Clive Greenhough and five other friends in 1995.

Now you can read all about it in ‘Mondo Enduro..A Gripping Yarn’ published by Ripping Yarns.com.

Contact Austin Vince or www.RippingYarns.com.



‘Do you know the one about A Prince, a Knight and a Thespian?’

Sir Michael Bishop CBE (55-60) and Gerry Westoby (56-61) chatting to Prince Charles at the reception at Clarence House in June, celebrating The Actor’s Benevolent Fund’s 120th birthday, whose President is Penelope Keith CBE, and whose Patron is Prince Charles.

Sailing on the Solent

OMC stalwarts go sailing on the Solent in August on Clive Mence’s yacht, including ex President of the Club, Ronnie Aye Maung and Mike Leon.



Lands End to John O'Groats

Clive Greenhough meanwhile has taken to the road again, but this time with pedals and no motor.

In August he completed a 1000 mile unsupported cycle ride from Land's End to John O'Groats in only 10 days raising over £6000 for the Alzheimer's Society. Clive says that it was the hardest thing physically and mentally that he has ever undertaken.

The fund is still open, so why not visit Clive's website www.justgiving.com/cyclingforalzheimers where you can read his personal message and find out how to contribute.



A Royal Affair

A reception was held earlier in the year in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh to mark the centenary of the Central Criminal Court.

Rodney Fitzgerald, a former Sheriff, and Archie Galloway OBE were fortunate enough to be present on this memorable occasion with a guest including Her Majesty's judges, sheriffs and of course the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor.

Rugby International & Barbarian

Ronnie Aye Maung has also told us that he recently visited OM Johnny Williams, former rugby international and Barbarian.

Johnny is presently relaxing in a nursing home in Snadurh and anyone wishing to make contact could do so through Ronnie (email ayemaung@btinternet.com or tel. 02031 662066).



Keith Armistead (Scr 50-56) has been in touch with Colin Wesson (Scr:48-53) who captained the 1953 Cricket X1. Colin was unable to attend the Cricket Captain's match in June owing to illness.

In the 1952 match against Highgate Colin took a hat trick in the first over, though sadly Highgate scraped home eventually by one wicket. His feat is unlikely to be equalled.

Mrs. E.E. Nunn (Liz) who was a Matron in Winterstoke House between 1976-1982 sadly died on the 7th November, the eve of her 87th birthday.

Annual Dinner

This year's Annual Dinner, held on Friday 19 October 2007, was a special occasion as it celebrated the School's bicentennial and also afforded an opportunity for the Club to meet and welcome the new Headmaster, Dr Dominic Luckett and his wife, Cara.

Our outgoing President, Geoffrey Vero FCA, had chosen the impressive setting of the Inner Temple Hall for the dinner and nearly 250 members of the Club and their guests sat down to an excellent meal and fine wines in stylish surroundings. During the evening Ronny Cohn FCA was inducted as the new President.

The evening proved to be most memorable and congratulations to Geoffrey as well as the ladies in the office for all the organisation.







Old Millhillians Day

Although the Life Governors held their usual AGM and luncheon, the day got underway for most Old Millhillians with the rugby match against Old Actonians at 3.00pm. To have a competitive match on Top Field was an innovation and a great success, particularly as the Old Millhillians emerged triumphant and there was a large crowd watching. The ladies also played the School at hockey and Steve Plummer arranged the annual encounter between School and Old Millhillians on the Fives courts.

Instead of the usual tea there was an excellent barbecue and hog roast generously provided by the School (many thanks to all the catering staff) and enjoyed by the large gathering of over 400 Old Millhillians, including partners and family. The Friends of Mill Hill had also organised a reunion of Scrutton House, who looked round their former accommodation, perused memorabilia and exchanged memories.

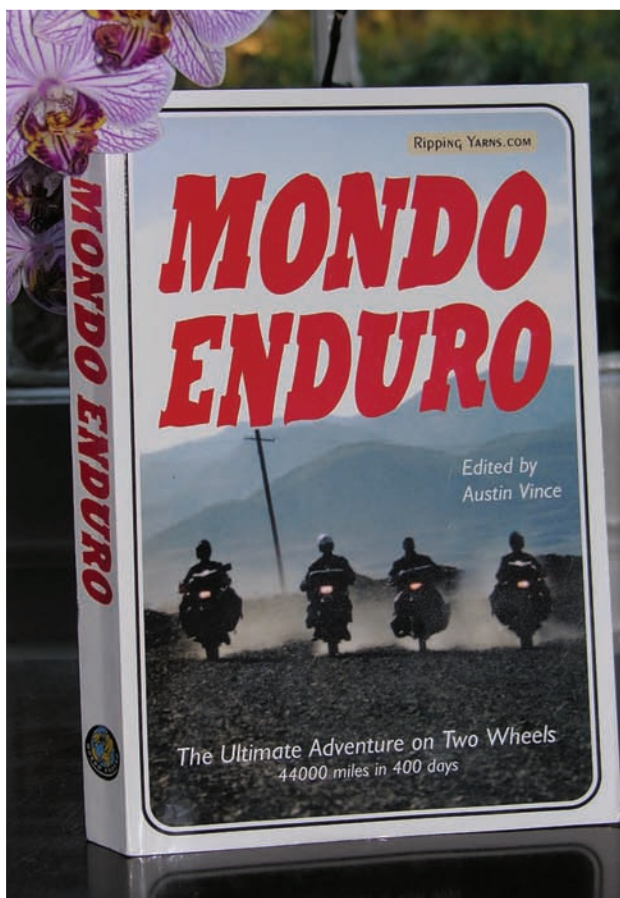
Everyone finally filtered out onto Top Terrace and Top Field to watch an impressive exhibition by the Corps of Drums and to view images of School events and various pupils and teachers projected onto a large screen that covered the portico. The day came to a fitting end with a spectacular firework display, using the main School building as a backdrop.



Mondo Enduro

Perhaps the title does not ring a bell with many OM's, but it certainly does for two OM's, Austin Vince and Clive Greenhough and five other good friends. They had to be good friends as this wonderful story depends on friendship of the highest order!

(The book is published by Ripping Yarns.com
an imprint of Rockbuy Limited, Findon, Aberdeenshire Scotland.
www.RippingYarns.com



Shanghai

One of the first Chinese phrases I learnt during my stay in Shanghai last year was, 'Ni hen gao!', or 'You are very tall!'

I had arrived in the jewel of China's booming capitalist crown for a six week Mandarin language course with EF Education.

Along with my fellow students, including a Japanese monk, a Latvian lawyer and a Danish backpacker, I attended classes every weekday morning and some afternoons at the EF school in the centre of town, a short metro ride away from the flat I shared with several others.

Despite the fact that none of us had studied any Chinese before, thereby placing us firmly in the beginners' class, we all made optimistic progress, partly due to the small classes and good tuition, but also simply because living in the city and hearing Chinese being spoken everywhere enabled us to pick up vocabulary and phrases.

Shanghai is an incredibly energetic city on the up and is arguably the best place to see the China of the future.

During my stay, I discovered that Mandarin is an interesting challenge for Westerners because of two features of the language: firstly the complex writing system, and secondly the fact that it is a tonal language, meaning that saying the same word at different pitches completely alters its meaning.

Nonetheless, by the end of my course I had learnt enough Chinese to survive backpacking round the rest of the country with a friend, and to impress locals on sleeper trains, although the local Shanghaihua dialect remains incomprehensible to me!

Many thanks for the Old Millhillians travel grant that contributed towards my funding.

Frances Winfield 2001-6



The match versus Old Beghians (St Bees) in August at Prestbury Golf Club.

Old Millhillian Golf Society

Old Millhillian golf continues to thrive and this season, apart from the various Club meetings and the Halford Hewitt Competition, the Society played 13 matches, winning 7, drawing 3 and losing only 3.

On a sun drenched weekend in September, 24 Millhillians gathered at Deal for the Autumn Meeting. John Hawkins arranged an early dinner at the Club, on account of World Cup Rugby. The Saturday morning foursomes competition for the Members of Parliament Cup was won by Geoffrey Vero and Anthony Ward. Experience again triumphed over youth in the afternoon, when Jerry Galloway won the Northern Cup and the President won the scratch prize, the only player whose balls went straight and long despite a stiff breeze. A new prize was introduced by Messrs Guthrie Jones & Galloway for the snappiest dresser, the outright winner being Ben Hartman, who wore a different fluorescent outfit for each round he played.

On 10th August, an OMGS team of 6 won the Old Cholmeleian golf tournament held at Highgate Golf Club. The course was reduced to 15 holes on account of major works being undertaken to the infamous covered reservoir. 7 teams of six competed in a foursomes stableford & OMGS came out on top. Ben Hartman & Graham Drake led the way scoring 38 points, followed by Derek Salter & Elliott Hamilton with William Taylor and Charlie Green bringing up the rear.

In December the Annual General Meeting was held at the Army and Navy Club and the Society was delighted to elect Mark Sellers as Vice-President. Dinner followed: the Captain, after his usual witty speech, welcomed the new President of the main club, Ronny Cohn, who like his predecessor in that office is a stalwart of the golf society. Dean Halford, the School's professional, then delivered an upbeat report about the boys' recent successes, particularly in the National Independent Schools' competition when they won the Stableford Championship. It will be good to see some of these talented young players coming through and playing with the Society.

Final make sure that you look at the Old Millhillian website (omclub.co.uk) and read the reports on some of the individual golf matches.

The Old Millhillians Classic Car Club



2007 was a very quiet year for the OMCCC! However it is intended to make up for this lean spell by arranging a trip to The Mercedes/Brooklands recently established wonderful museum and track establishment at Brooklands.

I have looked at this venue and it should be fascinating for anyone interested in motoring. All we need now is a date and some good weather and we will have a great meeting.

I will pick a date which is not in the school holidays and perhaps late summer is best. If there is any OM who can offer us a venue to visit, I would like to hear from them.

We did try to visit a famous vineyard, but events overtook us that year. Perhaps that venue is still a possibility?

Just let me know any ideas you have please.

Tony Bell (tbell324@btinternet.com)



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58-64 FRANCIS Richard
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87-92 LEON Nicholas R M
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50 Hale Grove Gardens, Mill Hill, London NW7 3LP

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79-84 VOGEL Julian
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69-74 PRIESTLY Robert
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56-61 WESTOBY G.J.M.
4 Saxon Close, Oakington, Cambridge CB24 3AZ

HM WINFIELD William
The Old Schoolhouse, 35 Church Road, Slapton, Leighton Buzzard LU7 9BX

DATE MHS	NAME OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED	DATE DIED
34-39	Downer A. C.	2nd July 2007
35-39	Foskett L. B.	10th July 2007
36-40	Risdon G T R. N. Cdr OBE	20th July 2007

Alford House

Having received the good news, as reported in the last Martlet, that we have now obtained planning permission for the redevelopment of the Alford House club premises, the next hurdle to overcome is the raising of the £3.5 to 4 million that the programme will cost.

We are taking a measured approach to this process and ensuring that we are not spending money on the project that we have not managed to raise. (The whole planning application process was funded by obtaining grants and did not cost the club any of its capital.) I am pleased to report that we have now received a grant to enable a study of the feasibility of raising such large sums to be undertaken. We have put out to tender to a number of fund raising companies and have had a number of positive responses.

In addition to this process, and with the ultimate aim being the redevelopment process, the club is being changed from trust to a company limited by guarantee.

This is essential in terms of the liability of the trustees, (directors), when, in the future we hope to be in a position to sign building contracts and so on.

Alford House also finds itself in a new position with Lambeth. The old grant, which had not increased for several years, has now gone and we find ourselves in the new regime of tendering for contracts to Lambeth to



run youth work provision. Hopefully, this will bring in more revenue than the old grant and the contracts would run for three years, nonetheless, there would be some potential risk, which the move to limited company status would alleviate.

We have also been fortunate to receive funding from the Jack Petchey Foundation and at a ceremony on 24th October, the local area grants officer for this fund presented a cheque for £20,000 to the club, which was accepted on our behalf by Kate Hoey MP. This money will fund the post of senior youth worker in to the new financial year.

Mention should also be made of a generous legacy of £5,000, left to the club in the will of the late T.D. (Dick) Walker, a distinguished Old Millhillian, who had been involved with the club since his days at Mill Hill in the 1930s and was for

many years Chairman of the Governors of Alford House.

Finally I should record the gratitude of the club to Mr Paul Bickerdike, on his retirement from the teaching staff at MHS.

He has been the link between the club and the school for many years and, happily, is continuing his involvement with Alford House in his retirement.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Jane Sanchez, Deputy Head of Mill Hill, to the Governors and Executive Committee in order to maintain the liaison.

As always I would like to thank the Club Manager, Tim Saunders, Senior Youth Worker Jo Dempster and all their staff for their continuing efforts and also the Governors, Executive Committee and the Old Millhillians Club for their support.

Andrew Welch
(75-80)





OMRFC November 2007



The team put in a heroic effort last season to earn promotion in to Herts/Middlesex 1st Division; we may well require a heroic effort to stay there.

An excellent start saw us win our first three games; the first was a great occasion as we played on Top Field on Old Millhillians day. It was very pleasing to see so many O.M.s supporting us, although I think many of us had forgotten how large that pitch is, and how hard it is to get out of that bottom corner!

For many seasons, the club has operated with a skeleton crew; rarely training together, and with a very thin player base, we have played on spirit, talent and courage. This mutual reliance and interdependence has seen us punch far above our weight, often despatching teams with far superior depth and infrastructure. Ultimately, however, that spirit is not quite enough when confronted with teams with real fitness, who understand their game plan and how to implement it. In other words, teams that are coached.

We have been steadily growing for several seasons now, and are finally at the stage where we can just field a 2nd XV. The links with the School have produced a growing number of solid players who make a real contribution to the club, giving us selection problems in several positions. As of this season we have finally secured a first class training venue, the HAC ground in the city, where most of our players can attend. Behind the scenes, we are strengthening our administrative setup, with great people like Shalaka Karlea, Jimmy Walsh, and Fred Ellis making valuable contributions to the running of the club. It is time for us to take a step forward.

Since we won those first three games, we have struggled, dropping five games on the trot. We lack a game plan, and we lack structure. This will be rectified. We now have a coach on board, and I know there is much he can offer us as a team. We are nearing the half way point of our season, and we must turn things around now. Our next game is one of the oldest fixtures in the rugby world: Old Millhillians V Old Merchant Tailors was first played in 1888. We are planning to play a 2nd XV match the same day, and have our Christmas party in the clubhouse, Sat 15th December. We will work to ensure we have something to celebrate!

Our rugby club is alive, and it is growing! Become part of it, www.omrfc.org.uk. **Ben Nash, 1stXV Captain.**

Calling all Old Millhillian Ladies

We have arranged a netball match on Saturday 9 February 2008 against the School, followed by refreshments and an opportunity to meet and socialise.

All standards welcome as are non OM friends that play netball.

Spectators welcome – so bring along your family and friends.

If you are interested please contact **Shalaka** in the Club office on **020 89067909** or email her on sk@millhill.org.uk



The Season so far



Old Millhilliam Lodge

The Lodge members were heartened by the response to the article in **Martlet**.

We are still however seeking new members (anyone over the age of 21 is eligible) and who has an interest in Masonary (and those already in Masonary).

The Lodge was founded in 1938 by 32 Old Millhillians.

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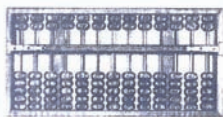
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