

# OM Golfing Society Celebrates its Centenary

The Society, now a hundred years old, goes from strength to strength. The undoubted highlight of the year has been the Centenary tour to St Andrews.



Exactly 40 made their way north in mid May. The majority of the party enjoyed a day's golf at Panmure and a further round at Crail, and then over the next two days, the entire party played the Old Course at St Andrews, with further rounds on the New and Jubilee. Derek Salter won the Captain's Prize, Paul Reik won the Marnham Cup with an exemplary 45 points, and Roy Constantine and Ben Hartman won the foursomes. Half the party were in the burn in front of the 1st green on the Old.

Another highlight was the tour dinner: we had been piped to the Old Course Hotel, and had been careful not to disturb a group of American



golfers putting out on the 17th who once finished, insisted on being photographed with us all. At the dinner Andy Turnbull did the honours with the "Ode to the Haggis" and we were delighted to be joined by Tony Turnbull. The putting prize went to Elliot Hamilton, who became a minor celebrity in St Andrews on account of coming on tour despite being in plaster; he even managed to win the putting competition, one-handed, using the other to perch on a crutch. Why do we bother to practise?

December 2008 had seen the Society celebrating its 99th annual AGM and Dinner at the Army & Navy club. Over 40 members had attended and guests included Dean Halford, who spoke of the successes achieved by the School team, which was represented by James Ellis and Gerrit Becker, Captain and Vice Captain. Tim Corbett past master i/c golf also attended and received the good wishes of all present for his forthcoming retirement.

It was with great sadness that many of the Society attended the funeral of Tony Bell in January, a popular member who will be greatly missed for his humour and enthusiasm.

After the winter recess, the new season began with the Halford Hewitt where we were drawn against Eastbourne at Royal St Georges in April. Hopes of a win were high, but alas it was not to be. Frank Ward and Joey Carr made debut appearances.

In the match against the School in May, contrary to traditional form, the Society managed a win, but the immediate past President was thoroughly beaten 8/7, which he claimed had never happened to him before. It merited an announcement in assembly the next morning.

**William Maunder-Taylor**



# President's Update



Visiting Dubai

A Past President advised me on taking office that an OM President will attend over 40 functions in his year. On writing this report three quarters of the way through the year, I can confirm that this is probably an understatement.

The presidential year starts with Remembrance Day at the School with the whole school in attendance and a moving service in the chapel.

News of the passing of Past President Tony Bell was a sad time for everyone, but to me he was my mentor and is sadly missed by all who knew him. I attended his funeral representing the Club and many OMs were there to pay their respects.

I had the honour to present the portrait of William Winfield at the former gathering in the Favell Building followed by an excellent lunch. This was a well attended function which was a tribute to a headmaster who will be remembered as one of the true servants of Mill Hill School, who contributed so much.

Christmas holidays were spent planning trips for the New Year and my first overseas trip in January was to Dubai, accompanied by my wife Barbara, and planned to coincide with the IRB 7-a-side Rugby tournament. With Peter and Anita Wakeman in attendance, an excellent dinner was arranged by Keith Stack at the amazing Dubai Golf Club.

A short visit to Edinburgh for a small dinner, before the Calcutta Cup, organised by Andrew Fisher. An excellent evening was enjoyed by all which is more than can be said for the rugby, which saw England defeated in appalling weather.



Two young OMs in Hong Kong

Again, my trip to Hong Kong coincided with the 7s and this brought David Rhodda and my brother Michael to Hong Kong to enjoy both events. The dinner was organised by Shalaka from London and grateful thanks to Sybil Poon, a current Belmont parent, in whose restaurant we were royally entertained.

It was a pleasure to meet Kim Longley, a contemporary whom I hadn't seen for over 40 years. The presence of many young Old Millhillians male and female were very encouraging.



Dinner in Hong Kong

Back in the UK, one week in April involved a visit to Alford House, the Property Dinner, the Engineers Dinner and a visit to the newly merged Totteridge Millhillians Cricket Club. All the events were most enjoyable and full reports can be found on our excellent website.

A lifelong ambition was realised when I was included in the inspecting party at the annual CCF Newcastle inspection. The Headmaster and I trailed behind the inspecting colonel in pouring rain, trying to say something original to the poor cadets who were getting very wet.

In June, I was lucky enough to find myself on the way to Sydney where I joined the annual Queen's Birthday weekend wonderfully organised by David Stannard. Sadly John Hopkins, a contemporary in School House was on his way to the UK, but we had a chance to catch up with a lunch just before his departure to the airport. The weekend began with a small evening out at a local hostelry. The following day a formal dinner was organised in a local restaurant where I had the opportunity to meet some great OMs. Sunday lunch was organised in a beautiful apartment just over the Sydney harbour bridge. Despite bad weather throughout, the whole week was a memorable experience.

The AGM saw the retirement of our Chair, John Watkiss, and the appointment of Andy Mortimer as his successor. Our thanks go to John for the immense amount of work and commitment that he gave to the Club. We all wish Andy who will be a worthy successor the very best. We were blessed by good weather at the cocktail party and a presentation was made to Viv Wood on her retirement from the Club after many years of loyal service.

As my year draws to a close I look forward to Foundation Day, which is once again being combined with OMs day. This once again emphasises the good relationship between the School and the Club. Our thanks to the Head and the Bursar for all their help.

The Club is in good shape with many initiatives in the pipeline. Membership remains a priority and the Club will be working hard to convince the roughly 2,000 Old Millhillians who are not members to join the Club.

Finally, my thanks go to all Officers and staff and fellow Old Millhillians who have given me such support and encouragement through the year.

**Ronny Cohn** President 2007-2008

Attendees for Hong Kong Ronny Cohn (President), Kim and Trudy Longley, Graham Harris and daughter fresh off the plane from London, Richard Addison and partner (who stayed for a drink), Richard Claypole, Michael and Pamela Cohn, Tim and Dorethy Cohn, Gilbert Cheung, Aaron Au, Andrew Chan, David and Marjorie Rhodda, Jonathon and Karen Rhodda, Flora Lai, Matthew Tsang, Jeffery Tsui, William Mak, Anita Ng and Steven Chang. Attendees for Dubai FROM UK Mr and Mrs Cohn, Mike Peskin, Dave Kelly, James Carson and Mark Freer FROM DUBAI Mr/Mrs Keith Stack, Mr/Mrs Graham Hamilton Andrews, Mrs/Mrs Onyekiaka and Asif Sabri.

## Honorary Secretary's Report

Again a busy year of events as reflected in the President's diary and it was good to see so many OMs participating in events relating to the School's bicentenary. Many OMs enjoyed the impressive thanksgiving service at St Pauls in March 2007 while in October, 250 sat down to our special bicentenary dinner (reported elsewhere).

On Saturday March 1st the Old Millhillians Club was delighted to present a portrait of former Headmaster, William Winfield, to the School. 204 members of the Club contributed to the fund for the portrait, which was painted by Angus Hampel, a highly respected young portrait artist, whilst David Roe OM generously undertook the framing. Appropriately the portrait is to hang in the Favell building, which was constructed very much at William's initiative.

On May 1st the Club was delighted to entertain the Leavers at the annual reception at the National Liberal Club to welcome them to the Club and show them the facilities on offer at Whitehall. Before Christmas it had been good to see a large gathering of recent leavers at a gathering in the Hammers Pub for festive drinks.

On June 25 the AGM and annual Cocktail Party took place at the National Liberal Club. The AGM saw the confirmation of Alan Toulson as President for 2008-09. John Watkiss has stepped down as Chairman of the Club and Andy Mortimer, who has done so much at Headstone Lane, has taken over. John is to be both thanked and congratulated for his work as Chairman: he has tirelessly driven the Club forward over the last few years, initiating the effective Management Committee, being instrumental in streamlining the office, including the introduction of an events secretary, and focusing on the most important issue of club membership. We thank him for all his professional expertise and determination.

Meanwhile the office has been very busy with organising events and administration, and with the use of a powerful database (many thanks to Sam Bellringer, the database manager, for his work here) we are now in a much stronger position to move forward. 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 has done as our Treasurer, as sadly he decided to step down in June). The New Members booklet has been updated and many thanks to Roger Streeten for his work on the design.

A further note of sadness was that Viv Wood retired in the summer after 10 years as our Secretary. She will be much missed, particularly that cheerful voice and helpful response to any telephone call to the office. A special presentation and farewell was made at the annual cocktail party when John Watkiss paid a glowing tribute to all the unstinting work she has done for the Club. Many members had generously contributed to a leaving present and she was handed a card with all the names. She is going to enjoy a wine tour in the South of France and she was also given some jewellery as a lasting keepsake. Shalaka Karlekar will meanwhile take on a fuller role as both Administrative and Events secretary for the time being.

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 me know.

Finally many thanks to the new Headmaster, Dr Dominic Lockett, for his interest in the Club and his helpful support in this his first year. **Tim Corbett**

## Nobis et Scholae

The past year has had many highlights, and all three Foundation schools continue to go from strength to strength. Grimsdell, Belmont and Mill Hill are all full and numbers applying for places have never been higher. The reputation of the Foundation is clearly riding high.

Our popularity is based upon the success that each of the schools continues to enjoy in producing balanced, well-rounded and accomplished young men and women. Academically, our A level results continue to improve and a major strand of the new Foundation five year development plan involves the implementation of fresh strategies designed to raise still further our standards of teaching and learning. Whilst not wishing ever to become a hothouse, we do have an obligation to provide our pupils with an academic education of the very highest quality. We are also working hard to ensure that we maintain our exceptional levels of pastoral care (rated as 'outstanding' in last year's ISI inspection report). The further development of our boarding provision is another of my key priorities for the coming years.

Outside from the classroom, the School remains as busy as ever. The Autumn term saw both our first XI girls' hockey and 1st XV Rugby teams claim their county championships. Since then, our cricket, tennis, golf, swimming, fives, netball and rounders teams have all gone on to success. Particularly worthy of note is the performance of our 1st XI cricketers who had their most successful season in nearly twenty years. One of the stars of the squad was Adam Rossington (Cedars) who, despite still being in the Remove, scored consistently throughout the season and also hit an unbeaten century for Middlesex under-15s against Cambridgeshire. Mill Hill golf has also continued its onward march, the School winning the Middlesex Schools Golf Association Team Championship (during which James Ellis, (Weymouth) shot a round of 66, the lowest score in the event's 27 year history, beating the previous record set by Ryder Cup star Paul Casey).

The arts continue to flourish. In May, the music department presented

magnificent School concert featuring a superb selection of items ranging from classical to samba and jazz and concluding with a stunning performance of Vivaldi's Gloria in the chapel. The drama department, meanwhile, has put on a highly successful series of examination performances. Both the Art and design Technology departments have mounted hugely impressive exhibitions.

The CCF is in fine form, receiving an outstanding report from this year's AGI and the Corps of Drums has staged a number of excellent performances. Meanwhile, the Sports Leadership programme has grown, lower school boys and girls organising and running a series of sports days for local junior schools. One of the undoubted highlights of the year was the cross-Foundation Fashion Show held in aid of the School's overseas partnerships. Aside from the £5,000 raised, the event was also a superb illustration of cross-Foundation collaboration with pupils, staff and parents from all three of our schools taking part.

A number of members of the Common Room left the School at the end of the summer term. Mr Al McClure (Head of Classics), Mr Paul Illot (Physics), Mr Richard Arch (Business Education) and Mr Joe St Johanser (English) have all moved on, and carry with them our very best wishes. Two extremely distinguished colleagues have retired. Mrs Uschi Pulham leaves us after having been, for many years, an outstanding Head of English as an Additional Language. Mr Tim Corbett has also hung up his gown after 38 years of exceptional and devoted service to the School. I would like to wish Tim and Robin many years of happy retirement together.

I would like to finish by thanking all members of the Club for the warm and generous support that they have shown to Cara and to me during our first year at Mill Hill. We have greatly appreciated your kindness, and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible over the coming year.

**Dominic Lockett 2.vii.08**

★ ★ **BREAKING NEWS** ★ ★ ADAM ROSSINGTON HAS BEEN SELECTED TO PLAY CRICKET FOR ENGLAND IN HIS AGE GROUP

## An excellent start...

Through the generosity of an encouraging number of Old Millhillians, current and past parents and other members of the Foundation community we already have over £0.93 million pledged so far this year; an excellent start to the long-term fundraising campaign.

In addition to the £0.93 million, we have another £0.81 million in known legacy pledges. Following the launch of the Legacy Campaign in the spring, we are delighted to report that several Old Millhillians and supporters of the Foundation have made provision in their wills. For more information about legacy giving, please visit the website [www.friendsofmillhill.org.uk](http://www.friendsofmillhill.org.uk).

From September 2008 we are delighted to report that there will be two recipients of the first ABC full-fee bursaries. One of these is funded by two Old Millhillians and the other by a current parent. One pupil will be coming into Mill Hill School, the other will be at Belmont. One of the OMs who is part-funding the first ABC award was a Middlesex Scholar who has taken the view that Mill Hill equipped him well for life and a successful career and he now wants to put something back. Other part-fee bursaries are being funded through the £5000 gifts of the Top Terracers, many of whom feel passionately about the concept of a "21st century Middlesex scheme" to give able individuals who could not otherwise afford it the chance of a Mill Hill education.

The Annual Fund is another of our key fundraising initiatives which focuses on projects that will be realised within twelve months of the start of the relevant academic year. It offers the opportunity to support smaller and more immediate projects for the benefit of current pupils. The 2008/09 Annual Fund will be launched at a Central London Reception on 17th September 2008. The Annual Fund will be extended to all former pupils, offering an opportunity for gifts at any level. Literature will be circulated shortly after the Reception. The Reception will also highlight the achievements to date via the first Appeal Report and everyone is welcome to join us on this occasion.

For further information about the Friends, the fundraising activity and events, please visit [www.friendsofmillhill.org.uk](http://www.friendsofmillhill.org.uk) or telephone 020 8906 7865 or email [friends@millhill.org.uk](mailto:friends@millhill.org.uk)

*Ronny Cohn – President, Alan Toulson – Vice President,  
Andy Mortimer – Chairman and the committee invite you to join them at the*



## OLD MILLHILLIANS CLUB ANNUAL DINNER

on Friday 17th October 2008 in the Thomas Lord Suite,  
Lords Cricket Ground, London NW8 8QN

Time 6.45pm for 7.30pm

Carriages Cash bar until midnight  
(formalities will conclude by 10.30pm)

Tickets £75 (£45 under 25's)

Dress Black Tie

Parking Off Street Parking from 6.30pm, list of car parks available,  
nearest tube, St John Wood

*Why not sign up for a tour of Lords Cricket Ground that evening, including a visit to the museum, available at only £10 per person, starting at 6.00pm and lasting 45 minutes?*



# Past Events

## AUSTRALIAN CELEBRATES IN SYDNEY

A blanket of uncharacteristic wet and drizzly weather did not dampen spirits one bit as OMs descended on Sydney for our annual National celebrations. Once again we were fortunate to be able to welcome our President, Ronny Cohn all the way from London to join us for the occasion.

Friday night was an informal affair, which could have resulted in a pub-crawl, but we settled instead for a more measured "eat and greet" at the Philip's Foote pub in Sydney's historic Rocks area, close to the site of the original convict landings in New South Wales.

After an unexpectedly sunny day (that's relative to what Sydney has seen of late – not a British summer), Australasian OMs assembled at the L'Incontro Italian restaurant in North Sydney for our National Dinner. It was our pleasure to welcome Chris and Ruth Quirk as well as Angus and Heather Kingon as first time attendees in Australia. We look forward very much to their company at future events.

The final celebration was a superb informal Sunday lunch in the home of Mike and Linda Hailey right on the North end of Sydney Harbour bridge. It had started to rain again outside but the spirit and conversation remained warm inside.

As planned last year, a small National Committee for Australia has recently convened its first meeting and started the process of ensuring the continuity of the Club in Australia and active participation in the National and regional events. The Hon. Sec. wishes to thank Maureen Hatcher, Mike Hailey, Michael Coulter and Ross Stevens for "agreeing" to be regional representatives and participate in the team. With the excellent support of the OMC office, we have added 18 new OMs to our list in Australasia in the same number of months and now our objective is to secure their ongoing participation in events. We will be launching informal State events in the last quarter of this year to support the National weekend, which remains tied to the Australian Queens Birthday weekend in 2009. A strategy and road map forward is being developed and progress updates will be copied to OMs in this region.

As always the Association in Australasia toasted the Club and School and thanked the President for joining us "down under". Mike and Linda Hailey were also congratulated for their organisation of the dinner and Sunday lunch – trust me you should have been there, it was brilliant!

Attending across the weekend were:- The President, Mike and Linda Hailey, Justin and Emma Wernham, John and Margaret Fereday, Chris and Ruth Quirk, Angus and Heather Kingon, Guy Pollock and Annette Smith, Alan and Dawn Mills, David and Maggie Stannard. As usual, just a great weekend!!

**David Stannard**



for one reason or another...however, remarkably only two were actually untraceable.

Bearing in mind the length of time, this was a somewhat brave Burton Bank reunion and the nine participants were celebrating their time spent together at Mill Hill School back in the Fifties – Yes, time does move on and is not always kind to some of us...Indeed, as one member's 88 year-old mother said when she saw the photographs - "It looks just like a meeting of old men!"

Well of course that is exactly what it was, but it was a hugely enjoyable one for the nine who made it and memories of colleagues, masters and numerous events – good and bad, humorous and poignant - flowed like the wine around the lunch table and later, on that fine terrace overlooking the Thames.

Most importantly, all agreed that it was an event well worth the effort – and in a fine, sun filled setting, befitting such an auspicious occasion!

**John Clement Burton Bank 1953 - 1956**

## Old Millhillian's Property Dinner

The Annual Dinner of the Old Millhillians' Property Association took place on Wednesday 23 April 2008 at The Cavalry & Guards Club. 50 members attended.

Stuart Hibberdine took the Chair and welcomed especially Dominic Lockett in his first year as Headmaster of Mill Hill and Ronny Cohn, the current President of The Old Millhillians' Club. He also paid tribute to Graham Chase for all the work he had done for the School and this year in particular had seen the opening of the new changing room block on Fishing Net and the new floodlights.

Michael Petersen proposed the Health of The School coupled with the name of The Headmaster and said that he was one of the few who had attended all the Property Association dinners since their inauguration in the late 1980's.

Dominic Lockett in reply referred to the great strengths of Mill Hill and that it had a full complement of pupils with competition for places, which should in due course lead to improved academic results. He also referred to the School's close association with its Old Boys, which he would continue to foster.

The Dinner next year will take place on 23 April 2009 at The Cavalry & Guards Club. Anyone who has not attended before and is, therefore, not on the mailing list should contact Charlie Green on 020 8812 0503. E-mail: charlie@theofficegroup.co.uk

*The following attended the 2008 Dinner*

BRAHAM Paul, BRIDGES Keith, CASH Henri, CHASE Graham, CHURCH Jeremy, CHURCH Robin, COOPER Jonathan, DE METZ Julian, FARROW Tom, FREEDMAN Oily, GABBAY Alan, GAINSLY Leigh, GALLOWAY Jeremy, GERRARD Simon, GREEN Simon, GREENE Gerard, GROSSMAN Alex, GUGENHEIM Mark, HALSTEAD Andy, HANCOCK Peter, HARDING John, HASSAN Rasheed, KAYS Jared, LACKIE Michael, LANITIS Chris, LIPTON Grant, LONG Rupert, LOVE Stephen, MANN Nick, MATTHEWS David, MAUNDER-TAYLOR Chris, MCDONNELL Robert, MEHRA Vidhur, MORTER Mark, NAYAGER Andy, PERACHA Umvar, PESKIN Mike, PETERSEN Mike, PRIESTLY Robert, PRIESTNALL Nick, REED Sheldon, SANETT Paul, SEIFERT James, SUMMERS Colin, WEINBRENN Jonathan.

## Past President's Lunch 2008

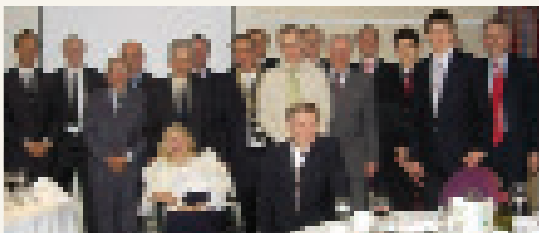


Twelve Past Presidents of the Club met at the Army & Navy Club in St James on a glorious spring day on Thursday 17th April 2008 in the Wellington and Nelson Rooms for their convivial annual luncheon get together. Before lunch the assembled company stood in silence for a minute in memory of Tony Bell, Past President, who had been such an enthusiastic leading force in the Club, an organiser of these lunches, and who will be very sadly missed.

They were joined by this year's President - Ronny Cohn - who gave an upbeat review of his very busy year to date, including his trips abroad, and his plans for the remainder of the year, and he was thanked for his considerable endeavours. The Chairman – John Watkiss, who is due to retire in June – was also invited, he informed the group of developments in the Club, and was also thanked for the leadership he has provided to the Club during his period of office.

# Future Events

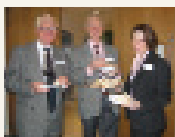
## Engineers Dinner 2008



This year's Dinner was held in the Jolly St. Ermin's Hotel, Caxton Street, St James's Westminster. This is a fine hotel well-known to older Engineers who worked in Victoria Street, at one time the home of the many consulting engineering practices who had offices there. The twenty-one attending foregathered in the Caxton Bar for a 'meet and greet' with the guests who included the Headmaster, Dr Dominic Luckett, Harry Barnes, the School's Head of Design Technology, two 6th formers intending to follow an engineering career and Ronnie Cohn, the Club's President. An enjoyable Dinner followed in the Marlborough Room. The Headmaster spoke and highlighted School achievements and gave a toast to the Club. This was followed by the Club President who described his activities so far and who gave a toast to the School. Harry Barnes ended with a presentation to David Rodda of a special cubic model made by a new laser cutting tool recently acquired by the School and a short but impressive Power Point display of some of the items built by pupils studying Design Technology. During the evening David announced that he was standing down as the Dinner organiser and was pleased to announce that Dr Gordon Mizner had agreed to take over the duties. Report provided by **David Rodda**

## Legal & Medical Reception 2008

The Old Millhillians Legal and Medical reception took place at the offices of Wedlake Bell solicitors in Bedford Row on Tuesday 4th March. It was an enjoyable evening with 20 attendees. Alan Toulson formally welcomed the guests with a few witty anecdotes. The Club was delighted that Cara Luckett, the Headmaster's wife was able to attend. Andrew Gaylor, deputy Head of the School also attended and updated the gathering with the latest news on the School. The food and drink was well received. Many thanks to Clive Weber, who kindly hosted the event.



**The East Anglian Old Millhillian's Dinner** was held this year at the new venue of St John's College Cambridge on Friday 9th May. Due to the sudden and most untimely death of Tony Bell who founded & organised this event for over 25 years, Jim Roberts took over the arrangements helped by David Short. The evening started with drinks in the Old Music Room followed by dinner in the Wordsworth Room, the President, Headmaster and Chairman of the Court of Governors being the principal guests. Many tributes were paid to Tony for his selfless and unassuming service not only to the School and the O.M's but to many other organisations as well. A minute's silence was held in his honour. The Headmaster gave the customary review of life at the School and the President replied to the toast to the O.Ms, the port circulated there followed a question and answer session, which has become such a feature of this dinner. 26 people attended. **David Short**

**The Liverymen's annual lunch** was held at Guildhall on 7th May with the Master, David Short, in the Chair. We were 26 altogether, including our President, Ronnie Cohn, and, for the first time, Dominic Luckett, the new Head Master. We were entertained to three excellent speeches over our usual happy gathering. There were 9 apologies and the Hon. Clerk hopes that we might hit 30 attendees next year. The provisional date is Wednesday 6th May 2009 and all OM freemen and liverymen are welcome.

## OLD MILLHILLIANS DAY Saturday 27th September

This year OMs Day will once again be combined with Foundation Day after the success of last year. The tennis courts and swimming pool will be open for OMs to use in the morning so why not organise a game of tennis with some friends or take a dip in the pool?

There will be a barbeque lunch for all, followed by several sporting events such as OM fives, rugby and ladies hockey. Families and Partners are of course welcome to join you on OMs Day. A special invitation goes out this year to OM ladies; do come along and watch the hockey or even play against the School XI on Fishing Net. The match will be followed by a small drinks reception.

Any ladies that would be interested in taking part should **contact** Shalaka Karlekar on tel 0208 906 7949 or email [sk@millhill.org.uk](mailto:sk@millhill.org.uk)

## NORTH EAST DINNER, LEEDS Friday 12th September

**Contact** Windsor Roberts on tel 07718 972330 or email [Windsor@godirectmarketing.co.uk](mailto:Windsor@godirectmarketing.co.uk)

## OLD MILLHILLIANS NORTH AMERICAN DINNER IN TORONTO

**Saturday 20th September** This year The OMs North American Dinner will be held in Toronto and we would cordially like to invite you to attend. Ladies are most welcome and highly encouraged. We already have 20 acceptances. **Place** Royal Canadian Yacht Club on Center Island, near Toronto Downtown, Island Clubhouse – Lakeview Room; **Cost Per Person** Cdn \$125; **Time** 6.30pm prompt to take ferry to RCYC from 263 Queens Quay (at base of Parliament Street) in Toronto; **Reception** cash bar with appetizers; **Dinner** 8.00pm; **Dress Code** smart casual. Our Guest will be Ronny Cohn - President of the OMs Club. As usual on the evening before (Sept 19th) there will be an informal get together for those that can make it at "The Jersey Giant" Pub, 71 Front Street in Downtown Toronto, just East of the Royal York Fairmont Hotel. 6pm on. **Hotel Bookings** please call Simon Parry tel 416 967 4404 or email [simon@httrips.com](mailto:simon@httrips.com) **Confirmations of attendance and any queries** please call John Oldroyd (Scrutton 58-63) tel 905 823 7933, mobile 647 284 6537 or email [oldroyd@sympatico.ca](mailto:oldroyd@sympatico.ca) We look forward to seeing as many of you who can make it!

## WELSH LUNCH Saturday 4th October Vale Hotel, Hensol Park, Cardiff.

**Contact** Ronnie Boon on tel 01446 750569 or email [Ron.Boon@merthyr.gov.uk](mailto:Ron.Boon@merthyr.gov.uk)

## NORTH WEST ANNUAL DINNER Friday 14th November

The St. James's Club, Spring Gardens, Manchester. The cost will remain £55.00 per head including table wines. We hope that the presence of the Headmaster and other representatives from the School will ensure a good attendance. Forms will be sent out to our usual supporters in September. Anyone who wishes to come and thinks his/her name may not be on the circulation list should contact any of the organisers John and Grahame Elliott, John Farmer and Peter Belshaw or Shalaka at the Club office.

## SOUTH WEST DINNER Friday 28th November

The biennial OM SW dinner is on Friday, November 28 at the Somerset Cricket Club. It will be the first chance to welcome headmaster Dr Dominic Luckett and incoming OM president, Alan Toulson, to the South West. Also speaking will be John Watkiss who has retired after eight years as the chairman of the OMC. Formal invitations will be available in September.

**Contact** Michael Henderson on tel 01237 429136 or email [MichaelDHenderson@btinternet.com](mailto:MichaelDHenderson@btinternet.com)

## OMGS CENTENARY DINNER Friday 5th December Long Room, Lords Cricket Ground

**Contact** Colin Nunn tel 07778 280009 or email [colin.nunn@hotmail.com](mailto:colin.nunn@hotmail.com)

## YOMS CHRISTMAS DRINKS Monday 22nd December Three Hammers Pub, Mill Hill 7pm

## St. Bees Old Millhillians Association

As many of you will know our Association was formed by David Smith and Michael Berry for those boys who were evacuated from Mill Hill to St. Bees for the duration of the Second World War. We were welcomed to St. Bees and used the facilities of St. Bees School. The Chairmanship passed to Gordon Wren after the demise of first David Smith and then Michael Berry in 2000. Gordon's health has unfortunately deteriorated and I have undertaken to carry on until next year 2009, so that the association will reach a tidy seventy years duration before it is wound up.

All things are finite and those of us still around are getting less able and willing to travel; to this end I am negotiating with Simon Berry to have a final weekend at one of their hotels for a final gathering. Those who completed a questionnaire in 2007 unanimously voted for an English Lakes Hotels. When dates, venue and costs are agreed all interested members and their ladies will be informed, all of whom will be most welcome.

In the past our AGM used to be held in the metaphorical 'Masters Common Room' at St Bees, though exceptionally in 2007 it was held at Mill Hill School, immediately before the dedication of a memorial bench to David and Michael. It was our intention to return in 2008 to St. Bees and our old venue, but unfortunately the pub is closed indefinitely and there being no other suitable place to hold our AGM, it was with regret that I had to cancel the AGM. When arrangements for 2009 are agreed I will produce OJ38 (St Bees Association jottings) with all the details and circularise interested parties. But a final word: please make every effort to support what really will sadly be our last event.

**Peter Hamilton-Gray (42-46)**

# Old Millhillians European

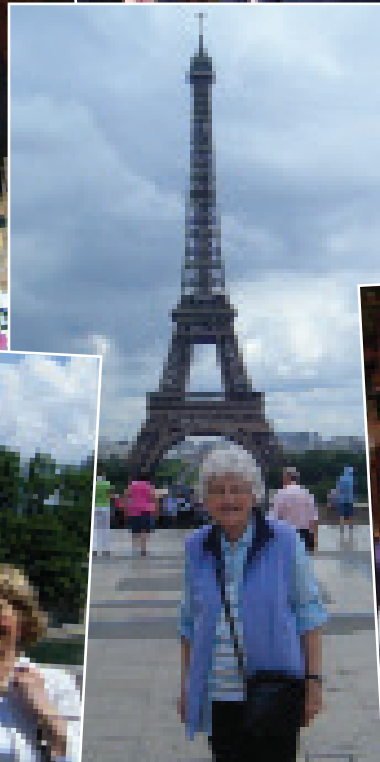
The bi-annual European weekend was held in Paris this May, a year later than originally scheduled due to the bicentenary celebrations last year.

As with previous weekends in Vienna, St Gallen, Malaga, Florence, Budapest and Copenhagen some OMs and their wives started to arrive on the Wednesday with the last leaving a week later. However, the bulk of the forty or so arrived on the Friday for the weekend itinerary so well arranged by Eddy de Mesquita who had the advantage of having flats in both London and Paris. On the Thursday evening Eddy entertained a number of OMs and their wives in his flat prior to a rather late meal in a local restaurant.

The base for the weekend was the Hotel Mercure at the Gare de Lyons, and it was at Le Train Bleu, a fabulous restaurant at the Gare de Lyon that the informal dinner on the Friday evening was held. On Saturday Eddy arranged a coach to take us round the principal attractions of Paris with a momentous visit to the Musee d'Orsay prior to lunch in a restaurant near to the Galleries Lafayette and Au Printemps. The tour of Paris continued after lunch arriving back at the hotel giving the ladies just enough time to dress for the formal dinner.

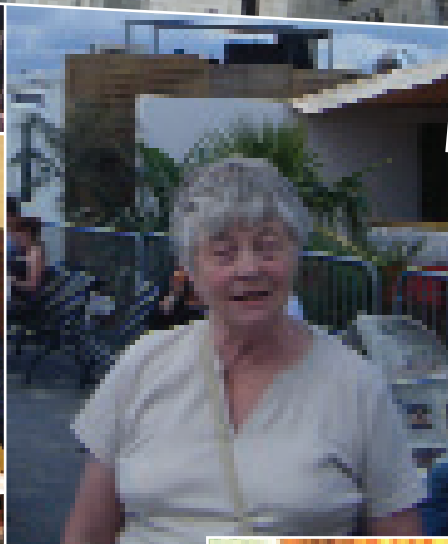
The formal dinner was held in a most magnificent restaurant, L'Ecu de France in Chenneviere on the banks of the River Marne. After drinks and canapés on the terrace overlooking the river the party together with some French friends of Eddy enjoyed a sumptuous and typically French meal. The toast to the Club was proposed by Eddy to which our President, Ronnie Cohn responded and then proposed a toast to the School.

On Sunday a morning trip along the Seine was enjoyed by all, after which individual lunches were taken and the party gradually started to make its way back to the UK. Much thanks is due to Eddy de Mesquita for his excellently managed programme and for finding such superb venues for the Friday and Saturday nights.





# Weekend, Paris 15-18 MAY 2008



# Chit Chat

(Do not be backward in coming forward with any snippets of news or photos either about yourself or other OMs so that the editor can include them in Chit chat)

In the Old Millhillian Office there is a complete record of the all the School Magazines, which any member is welcome to come and browse but not take away.

There is always something to amuse and it was interesting to read Alan Toulson, our new President's satirical entry in 1960 entitled 'Ambition':

*I am determined to find the greatest scope for my limited abilities and lazy nature. I refuse to get up every day to rush for a train and then spend hours in a stiff white collar in a drab, unhealthy office block. I want a career which is alive and human. A solicitor? No, that would never do. I would be condemned to the same dismal surrounding day in, day out. Only one profession combines responsibility, variety and satisfaction and ease. Here I would be free every day from the early afternoon and have four months holiday a year and dress as I wished (within reason). A library, swimming-pool, gymnasium, chapel and games fields would always be at my disposal. Better still I would easily slip into a charming, close knit community which has every bar-tender for miles around owing a debt of gratitude. Here personality could compensate for modest brainpower and commonsense for average ability. Here countless opportunities would arise for imparting knowledge and moulding strong and upright characters, worthy citizens; and to feel that you have helped in the transition. I want to teach.*

I hope Alan has enjoyed his career as a solicitor – and I don't think he would have found teaching the cushy life he suggests!

## Forty Years On

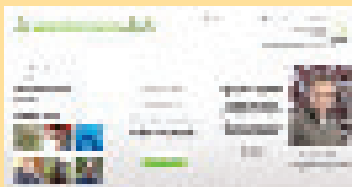
I was recently feeling a little schizophrenic watching an episode in the BBC series *Waking the Dead*. Some of the scenes had been filmed at Mill Hill School and others had been filmed at the National Liberal Club. I doubt very much whether the location manager had realised the close link between the two institutions but, for those of us connected to both, the choice of locations was very apt. As the Chairman of the National Liberal Club and a former Mill Hill chaplain, it seemed especially so.

The Old Millhillians Club (1878) and the National Liberal Club (1882) are almost the same age and both were part of the wider coalition of religious non-conformity and political Liberalism led by the redoubtable Mr Gladstone. It was he who founded the NLC and who famously described Mill Hill School as "strikingly alive". The connection between the School and British Liberalism was such that at the Liberal Party's lowest point after the 1951 General Election, the School provided two of the Party's six MPs in Arthur Holt and Donald Wade.

It was in 1969 that the Old Millhillians Club established a formal connection with the NLC. From 1933 the OMC had been accommodated at 4 Whitehall Court (just along from the NLC) but in 1969 (according to the OMC secretary at the time) "was threatened with homelessness until the NLC kindly came to its assistance by offering house room with an administrative office". Given their respective histories, the arrangement was what would these days be called "synergistic" and has become a happy arrangement for both sides. Old Millhillians have access to one of the very best Clubs in London and, from the NLC's point of view, help to boost the takings in the Dining Room and Bar.

I was an NLC member before taking up my post at Mill Hill and joining the Old Millhillians and there are Old Millhillians who have later joined the NLC to access NLC functions, discounted rate accommodation in central London and a wonderful network or reciprocal clubs in the UK and around the world. I am very keen to encourage such increased synergy! There is no entrance fee for Old Millhillians under thirty years of age and the sliding scale means that a sixth form leaver, for example, would pay a subscription of only £131. The full rate is currently £525. Old Millhillians interested in becoming members of the NLC, whether Political or Ordinary, should contact Rosemary Tweddle, membership secretary, at the Club.

The NLC and OMC is a happy expression of shared nineteenth century roots and is more than a purely commercial arrangement. I always enjoy meeting Old Millhillians in the NLC bar and look forward to a deepening relationship between two wonderful institutions as we approach our joint fortieth anniversary. **Paul Hunt**



If you are a keen gardener why not have a look at a pro-active gardening website, set up by Graham Drake, called *Gardeners Click*.

**Gardeners Click** is a social networking site where you can find answers to **gardening** questions, show off pictures of your **garden**.

A whole host of ideas for the avid gardener.

## Swiss OMs

William Wright (1964-70) and I were chatting in the departure lounge at Luton Airport before returning home from the OMs Day at the School last September, when I noticed that a chap sitting opposite was listening pretty intently from behind his magazine. Finally he asked us what were these ties we were wearing. They were of course OM Club ties. His surprise response was "I went to Mill Hill School!" He introduced himself as Paul Harmsworth (1976-79) now resident in Switzerland. William departed as usual for Geneva but Paul and I made the journey to Zurich pass very quickly. Indeed we were once reprimanded for not paying attention to the safety demonstration by the stewardess.

At the OMs Day, I had spoken to Peter Wakeham (1960-64) now domiciled in Lugano and to our President about the chance of setting up a Swiss OM event this year. But there was one more surprise in the offing. I was, soon after, collecting some dry cleaning from the store here in Frauenfeld and spoke about a backsaving carrying harness I had seen on TV to another customer, a young mother with her baby on her hip. She asked "What programme?", I said BBC, her response "I am English". I quickly introduced myself as having grown up in London and attended school at Mill Hill. Her surprise answer "But not Mill Hill School!". She introduced herself as Charlotte Reynolds (1981-83) now married to a Swiss called Fürer and living on the lakeside at Steckborn about 15 minutes north of Frauenfeld.

So we now have a Swiss OM Club section and are hoping to set up a luncheon with the President at the beginning of October. The world is really small.

**Terry Allan (1945-49)**

## New Members

SURNAME	MIDNAME	DATES	KEYYEAR
ARMITAGE	Carrie	1983	1985
BAILEY	Richard	1948	1951
BENNETT	Rodney	1956	1961
BRAHAM	Paul	1990	1994
CHURCH	Robin	1988	1993
DAVIS	Adam	1976	1981
DICKINSON	Richard	1959	1963
EVANS	Howard	1926	1931
FOX	Alex	1986	1991
HOEFKENS	Kester	1992	1997
ISMAIL	Khalik	1992	1993
LLOYD	Christopher	1994	1996
MCDONALD	Keith	1949	1954
MILLET	Andrew	1981	1986
PARROTT	John	1950	1955
PATTERSON	John	1956	1961
PERACHA	Unvaar	1999	1999
PHILLIPS	Peter	1933	1938
SHAH	Rushabh	1987	1992
SMITH	Anthony	1950	1954
TREWIN	Richard	1960	1965
VAN NUFFELEN	Nigel	1971	1976
WEBB	Daniel	1996	2000
WYATT	Richard	1958	1964

## Deaths

DATE MHS	NAME	DATE MHS	NAME
48-52	BELL Tony	87-92	KELLERMAN Otto
35-41	BIRD Alan	58-93	PROSSER-HARRIES Allan
47-52	BLUNDELL William	44-48	RIGBY David
45-50	COOMBS John	44-48	STANLEY Adrian
33-35	COTTIER Charles	39-43	TURNER John
34-49	DOWNER Arthur	61-66	WARREN-THOMAS Graeme
35-39	FOSKETT Les		
48-53	GRAVES Oliver	39-43	WRIGHTON John
28-32	HURN Richard	38-55	MEADE KING Martin

A huge number of people, including many OMs attended the funeral of Tony Bell in January.

Sadly we have to record two more recent funerals attended by a large number of Old Millhillians. In June the Chapel was very full for the funeral of Alan Prosser Harries; a full obituary will appear in the forthcoming School Magazine but many were the tales recounted with great affection of his years spent as Housemaster and Head of Geography – and one of the best kickers of a rugby ball ever seen on Top Field.

Graeme Warren-Thomas (1961-1966 School House) who was living a very active life died very suddenly also in June. Again a large number of his contemporaries gathered at St Johns Wood Church to pay their respects, including Jim Black, John Hopkins (from Australia), Trevor Mansfield, Jim Old, Graham Chase, Ashley Manton, Richard Horton, Dick Bushnall, Bill Ivens, Mick Andrew, Alastair Wilson, David Lloyd, Barney Micklem, Chris Hart and Ronny Cohn.

Finally Carolyn Passey the daughter of David Henry Stanbridge known as Robin would like to hear from any OM that knew her father. He was in Collinson House from 1937-1939.

Please get in touch with me if you have any information.



# Alford House

Thus far into 2008, it is pleasing to be able to report that membership is healthy and that the figures for attendance for the second quarter of this year, showed an increase on that for 2007.



**A** great deal of work is going on in and around Alford House, as always. The DVD made by the members about their lives and heritage as part of the successful "Endz-2-Da-Hood" project visit in April to the Madison Square Youth Club in Brooklyn, New York City (coincidentally founded in 1884, the same year as Alford House) will soon be ready. It will, hopefully, be screened at the Tate Modern and the Ritzy Cinema in Brixton. Most of the cost of this trip was paid for by generous donations from the British Council and 'Connect Youth'.

A recent visit to Mill Hill School by the 10 of the girls on 18th June, to play rounders and have a barbecue, kindly hosted by Mr Simon Parish, was also very successful and we hope to move to one such visit by groups from the club to MHS per term. The exhibition of work by members of the club at the Dulwich Picture Gallery, which has been running art teaching at Alford House for some years, has now been extended from 20th June to 19th July. There has been a two-page article about the exhibition, which is entitled 'Kennington Kids: Raw Urban', and about the club in the South London Press and some of the members were filmed for BBC London News.

There are 20 young people participating in the Youth Achievement Awards scheme and 9 are currently going for moderation for these awards variously at Gold, Silver and Bronze levels. The Daytime Work & Snooker Club is beginning to develop and has built up

to about 8-12 young people per session, while the music room is even more active. One young person, who had been excluded from school, has been helped to be able to take all his GCSE exams through this process. This is a good example of the work now going on at the club during the day, not just in the evening sessions. It makes the plans for the redevelopment all the more important so that the theatre lettings and this work can carry on at the same time.

The Members Fund is still active and the Jack Petchey Youth Awards are being administered through this process. There was a recent lively debate amongst the members about providing money for a trip to a theme park and this has led to more interest in being part of the Members Fund and having a say in what goes on. Also, in a first for the club, and with the support of the local police, Alford House will be opening for a four-week period over the summer holiday for three days each week from 1pm to 6pm. The funding for this will also provide part-time employment for two of the older members to act as helpers. Generally, there is a nice atmosphere developing in the Club, which is particularly welcome after the recent tensions in the local area resulting from gang-related activity.

As far as the club redevelopment is concerned, we have now received the report by Wootton George as the result of the fund-raising feasibility study, and we are considering the options for raising up to £4 million. We are hoping to be part of a consortium bid with the local authority in Lambeth that may assist in one phase of the process. As a result of the redevelopment process and potential liability for the governors, we have now registered Alford House as a company limited by guarantee and we are now Company No: 6521183 and Registered Charity No: 1123902.

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 Alford House Governors and the Old Millhillians Club for their support.

**Andrew Welch  
(75-80)**

# YOMS

## Hoda Hosseini in Africa

During autumn 2007, I visited Africa as part of my final year medical elective, and spent six weeks working at Muhimbili National Hospital in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Tanzania is one of the world's poorest countries, with a high child and maternal mortality, and very few physicians serving the population. I was fortunate to rotate in paediatrics and general adult medicine, seeing hundreds of cases of malnutrition, diarrhoeal disease, malaria, chest infections, HIV related conditions, cerebral palsy and various other illnesses. Health resources such as drugs and basic investigations are limited and patients often suffer extreme amounts of ill health before presenting to health facilities, due to difficulties accessing health care. It was an amazing experience, I learnt a lot of medicine and was inspired to learn more Swahili in order to return and work as a doctor in the future.



Tanzania is a wonderful country. People are incredibly friendly and generous, the weather is fantastic and there is so much to see and do in the mainland and in Zanzibar. The national parks including the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater are not to be missed, and climbing Mount Kilimanjaro is another incredible experience which can be enjoyed whilst in Tanzania. There is ample opportunity to volunteer and help in the development of the country and I highly recommend visiting Tanzania as a travel destination or as a place to volunteer or to work. Medically-speaking, there are lots of patients, lots of pathology, lots of learning opportunities, lots to be offered and much more to be gained from working in such locations and I personally cannot wait to return once I have graduated. Many thanks to the OM club for their support.

**Hoda Hosseini**

## An update from James Ellen on his walk from John O'Groats to Land's End

Well it has taken me 14 days so far and at the time of writing this I am in Kinlochleven south of Ben Nevis. I have walked a total of 211.7 miles so far taking in the Moray Firth Coast, including the Cromarty and Dunnock Firths and then on down along the Great Glen Way. The Great Glen Way has taken me from Inverness along the banks of Loch Ness and the Caledonian Canal. The views have been incredible and in the two weeks so far I have only had to wear full waterproofs for four days.

I have dealt with some pretty painful blisters, sore spots and a 'mystery' ulcer on my feet along with aching shoulders and this led some to offloading some kit in Fort William.

Ben Nevis was a great challenge and did not disappoint on my first attempt to the summit. My brother and I dealt with knee-deep snow, biting winds and 20mm visibility but made the round trip in 6 hours 15 minutes.

Overall it has been a great start to what will be a trip of many more adventures I am sure - with over 800 miles to two peaks to go!

I will keep you updated as best I can.

**James** April 2008

## ★ ★ ★ BREAKING NEWS ★ ★ ★

**As we go to press we want to congratulate James Ellen (2002-2007 School House) who has now completed his walk from John O'Groats to Land's End via the three peaks of Great Britain: Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon. According to official records he is the first person to complete the walk including the three peaks in one continuous effort. James is currently on his Gap year before going to study Music Performance at the University of Westminster and holds a commission with the Combined Cadet Force.**

## OMRFC Season 2007-2008

After the elation of the previous season's promotion, this season was always going to be a hard act to follow.

Playing in a league of fitter, better drilled teams was tough, but what made it harder was starting the season without a coach, finding a coach and then losing our training ground, and then losing the coach. We then got the ground back, but lost the lights, and got another coach, and then lost him. Unsurprisingly, several players found this chaos unsettling.



However, the club spirit remains strong, we competed hard in all our games, and it was unbelievable that we did not snatch a win from one of the last six games. In all of these matches we dominated the first half only for a lack of fitness and some poor decision-making contrive to see us prise defeat from the jaws of victory again and again. We have proved that we can compete with all these teams in our new league and we are determined not to be the whipping boys again.

Our club is a proud one with a competitive pedigree, and we will continue to fight for it. We may have a lack of specialist players in key positions, but the players we do have possess class, grit and commitment. Given stability in terms of infrastructure, coaches, training ground and lights, I believe we can go out and win many matches in this league. The players care about this club, and believe it is worth fighting for. Nothing means more to us than playing to a crowd of our supporters. Please show your support by coming to Headstone Lane and cheering for your club.

We currently play in Herts/Middsex 1, one league below the London leagues which in my opinion represents amateur rugby at about as high a level of intensity as you will find with out some elements of professionalism creeping in. In our league this season are teams such as Harlequins Amateurs and Saracens Amateurs. This is a good league with good solid rugby played to a decent standard.

OMRFC moves into its 130th season this September. In that period of time it has produced countless England internationals, as well as representatives for Ireland, Wales, Scotland and of course the British Lions. For most of its history the club has been in the premier rank of the domestic game in the U.K. In terms of rugby heritage and pedigree there are very few clubs to rival it. Although the club is completely open and anyone is welcome to join, the school is still the primary source of recruitment into the club, and always will be. The intake of players from the school into the club in recent years has descended to shockingly low levels. If you are a Millhillian, and you play rugby, you need to be aware that OMRFC is a club you can be proud to be part of. The club needs players to continue to survive; it needs Millhillian rugby players. If you are in London, and you want to play amateur rugby, you should be with us. OMRFC is your club in a way that no other rugby club can ever be; you went to the school, you have a stake in it. Do contact me, Ben Nash, skipper of the 1st XV. If you want more information, or visit our website- [www.omrfc.org.uk](http://www.omrfc.org.uk) .

**Ben Nash, 1stxv captain.**



# Hockey

On Wednesday 19 March the Old Millhillians played an invitational match against the School 1st XI to celebrate the opening of the new School changing rooms and the turning on of the new floodlights on Fishing Net (the all-weather hockey pitch). After being introduced by Dr Dominic Lockett, Headmaster, Mike Corby, the distinguished Old Millhillian sportsman, who has represented Great Britain at the Olympics for hockey and also won the English Amateur Squash racquets title, formally opened the changing rooms and switched on the lights.

Fifteen Old Millhillians turned up to play and on time. With regular substitution they all got on the field and played an entertaining game, which was much enjoyed by the spectators. The score of 5-0 to the School did not truly reflect the competitiveness of the game or territorial advantage, but simply that the impressive School XI were much sharper in the D and the Old Millhillian goalkeeper had only played previously on grass.

A memorable occasion concluded with an excellent buffet supper provided by the School when the 80 or so players and guests exchanged reminiscences about Mill Hill hockey. Let us hope that the Old Millhillians can get together more regularly in the not too distant future to play some further hockey matches.



## Rugby Club Vice Presidents' Reunion

The Rugby Club Vice Presidents' Reunion and Luncheon was held before the last 1st XV match of the season against Verulamians.

Over 50 VPs and supporters sat down to an excellent luncheon catered by OM, Nic Leon. Guests included our President, Ronny Cohn, who for more years than he cares to remember has been a member of the Headstone Lane Ground Management Committee, the President of Verulamians and three of their senior members.

Unfortunately I, as organiser, was unable to attend (the first time that I have missed in over 25 years so perhaps I am forgiven), but I am assured that everything ran smoothly under the watchful eyes of Mike Leon and Ray Hubbard.

Unfortunately the match result did not live up to the bonhomie and support on the touchline, but there is always next year.

John King

## Cricket

The merger this season of OMCC and Totteridge CC has already proved a huge success. The new Club, Totteridge Millhillians CC, is based at the beautiful ground on Totteridge Common.

OMs have been made to feel very welcome indeed by the former Totteridge members. What is so nice about the new location for OMs is that many of our players and supporters live in the catchment area.

The Club is also a great location to meet socially with the excellent private bar, open all year round, with dining facilities too. The place just has a real buzz about it which sadly Headstone Lane has been lacking for many years.

One important reason for re-locating is to try and attract recent leavers from the School, and this we have managed to do with the arrival of last year's skipper, Will Hughes, and Doug Pyrke, both of whom are playing regular cricket with TMCC. As for the season so far, all 5 sides have been playing some excellent cricket. The 3s are as yet unbeaten with 5 wins and 2 draws under new skipper, James Hutcheson. They play league leaders, the Met. Police, in a couple of weeks. The 1st XI have been struggling a bit but recent improvements in form from some key players bode well for the rest of the season. Will Sommerville is the overseas player, from Otago, and he has proved a big hit both on and off the pitch. The 2nd XI and 4th XI are both holding their own in their respective leagues and looking good for the rest of the season.

The Ladies side has won two games and are on a roll! Currently we also have about 30 colts attending coaching sessions each Monday evening. Nets for seniors are held each Tuesday evening. Sussex Tour will continue as in previous years.

Now that we have a local venue to so many OMs living in the area it would be great to see as many as possible dropping in to watch some good cricket and to meet old friends. Results/fixtures etc. may be obtained via the Saracens Hertfordshire cricket League website. [Stewart Wernham: [stewartwernham@fsmail.net](mailto:stewartwernham@fsmail.net)]



## Valuing the Volunteer

On Saturday 15 March 2008 John King was invited to Twickenham by the Rugby Football Union for the England v Ireland match and post match banquet as part of their scheme for "Valuing the Volunteer". He is pictured here with fellow OM, Andy Mortimer, President of Middlesex County RFU and Brian Williams, RFU Senior Vice President, being presented with a commemorative Middlesex plaque for "over 30 years service to the game".

During the day he also met three other Millhillians closely associated with England rugby: Martyn Thomas, Chairman of the RFU Management Board; David Franklin, ex-President of OMC and ex-President of the England Rugby Football Schools Union; and Chris Kelly, current Trustee of the ERFUSU and member of the RFU Council.





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## Old Millhillam 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 Masonry (and those  
already in Masonry).

The Lodge was founded in 1938  
by 32 Old Millhillians.

At present we meet three times a year  
at the City University Club EC3.

Please contact **Ray Hubbard**  
for further information.

Tel **020 8959 4454** or email the Club Office  
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