

Young...Old Millhillians

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Nobis et Scholae

The Autumn term is the longest of the School year and, as the winter weather sets in, it is always surprising to remember that the term started under the warm September sun.

As well as being long, this term is always busy and a great deal has been accomplished since the end of the summer.

We started the year on a high with the publication of some excellent public examination results. Most notable were the achievements of last year's leavers (now, of course, in their first year as Old Millhillians) who achieved comfortably the best A level grades in the School's history, with 48% A* and A grades (including 13% at A*). These are, by any standards, exceptional results and reflect not only the very high quality of the cohort but also the huge amount of hard work that these young men and women devoted to their studies. The great majority have now gone on to start their careers at leading universities, overcoming competition from many other well-qualified candidates in a year in which university entrance was more competitive than ever.

Further sporting successes have been visited upon the School. The girls' 1st XI hockey team claimed the county championship and thus won a place at the regional finals, whilst the 1st XV reached the last 64 of the Daily Mail Cup, their

progress only being halted by a narrow defeat to an extremely strong side from St Benedict's, Ealing. Our other teams have also enjoyed considerable successes. Among individual sporting triumphs, Jack Perry-Williams', Ridgeway, bronze medal in the European Junior Steeplechase event and the award of a professional contract by Middlesex CCC to Adam Rossington, Cedars, have been perhaps the noteworthy.

The School's musical life has received fresh impetus from the arrival of a new Director of Music, Dr Oliver Medlicott, under whose baton we have been treated to superb choral performances, including those on Foundation Day and at the Call to Remembrance, and a wonderful School Concert in November, featuring the debut of the School's newly revived Chamber Orchestra. At the start of term, we also welcomed a new Foundation Chaplain, The Revd. Dr Richard Warden, who has breathed new life into the Chapel, not least through some stimulating and thought-provoking sermons. The Drama Department has also been hard at work rehearsing for next term's production of Oklahoma! Meanwhile, the CCF has contributed to

several local events, including the Barnet Remembrance Day parade, drawing the praise of many onlookers, including the borough's Deputy Lieutenant.

The achievements of the pupils and of the School are, of course, of vital importance to us all. So too, however, are the manners and values of our pupils. The quality of both was clearly in evidence on 11 November when, on a very wet and windy morning, all our boys and girls showed the greatest dignity and an obvious appreciation of the sacrifices made by those, including over 300 Old Millhillians, who have given their lives that we might enjoy our freedoms. Another particular feature of that day was the way in which it reminded us of our past. Among those present were a number of OMs who had known some of those commemorated in Mill Hill's Second World War Roll of Honour, which I read aloud in Chapel. Their presence made the Call to Remembrance all the more special, a reminder of the unbroken thread that links present day Millhillians to their forebears of past generations.

Dr Dominic Luckett, Headmaster

Changes at Club Lands

The September 2010 AGM of Club Lands, the company which owns Headstone Lane on behalf of members, saw a number of changes to the Directors.

After many years on the board, John Watkiss and Roger Gardner retired along with Stewart Wernham who had joined the board more recently. They have done a great job in protecting a major asset of the club and join a long line of Old Millhillians who have sustained and managed the ground since it was purchased in 1926.

Joining Ronny Cohn and Andy Mortimer, who will both stay on the board for a couple more years, are Julian Pollock, Charlie Green, David Kelly and Scott Rowland. They were all stalwarts of the rugby club in their playing years and bring with them considerable professional expertise in property, law and marketing. Andy was

heard to remark that he was somewhat taken aback to see that the Saturday night hoodlums he remembered from years ago were all now such upright members of the community.

These changes were made possible by the stability brought about by the signing of the 25 year lease with Harrow and St Mary's Cricket Club. That meant the retiring members of board were able to pass the baton to the next generation free of the financial pressures which had increasingly undermined the company in recent years.

The shares in Club Lands are held by the club trustees and there have been changes to those with John Watkiss, David Rodda and Eric Harvey retiring to be replaced by Ronny Cohn, Nick Marcou and Andy Mortimer. This provides a combination of continuity and fresh minds to ensure the long-term management of the ground.

Andy Mortimer, Club Chairman

Honorary Secretary

I hope you enjoy this edition of Martlet. With each edition we do try to target or highlight a particular section of the Club and as you will see from the cover we have tried to put some focus on the younger generation. Regeneration is the life-blood of any club and it is vital that if we are going to attract younger members we offer benefits which are relevant to them without ignoring the traditional interests of the established members. One of the great spin-offs with the careers' support programme is that there is genuine interaction between old and young.

And as for membership you will find a letter and form about paying by direct debit. Please respond positively and speedily and if you have a standing order, please change to the direct debit. Remember, as John Watkiss always remarked, that the cost of membership is significantly less than a tank of petrol and not only do we provide various benefits but we also have an office to run with secretarial support.

Another issue is Old Millhillians Day and many members will be pleased to know that we are returning to the previous format of linking the day with the Life Governors (now named the Life Guardians) and separating it from Foundation Day. Next year OMs Day will take place on Saturday October 10. It will have the added benefit of allowing younger members to attend before they disappear to university. Starting from midday there will be the usual lunch and we will provide some appropriate sporting activities to watch and the School will, of course, be open.

We have not included a President's report in this edition as Mike Corby has only just got his feet under the table. But Mike has already made an impression; at the Annual Dinner he accepted his chain of office with appropriate sportsman's enthusiasm, a

punch to the air. Chris Maunder-Taylor was also welcomed as Vice- President. Mike much enjoyed the Manchester Dinner and the South-West Dinner, where he imbibed late into the night – or should I say morning. He is determined to make an impact in his year of office and has various ideas, aside from the usual commitments, including a regular city lunchtime gathering, a possible Winterstoke reunion lunch and a possible sportsman's lunch/dinner. Mike has been President of the England Hockey Association and Vice-President of the World Squash Federation and at the moment OM Tim Phillips CBE is Chairman of the All England Lawn Tennis Club and OM Martin Thomas is Chairman of the RFU Management Board: a significant sporting accolade to Mill Hill sport.

Mike Corby



Finally two apologies: firstly to Robert Powell, who, due to a data base glitch, appeared in the obituaries column. Let me assure you that Robert is very much alive and kicking and as Mark Twain remarked when news of his death was mistakenly circulated: 'Reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated'. Secondly we should like to apologise to the Army and Navy Club for a negative comment that appeared in the last golf report. Not only do we withdraw that remark unreservedly but would emphasise that we have had a long and productive relationship with the Club, of which many Old Millhillians are or have been members, including the late Tony Bell.

Late piece of news: Many congratulations to Tim Phillips CBE who retired in December after eleven years as Chairman of the All England Lawn Tennis Club and has been honoured with the 2011 Golden Achievement Award by the International Hall of Fame and the ITF.

Tim Corbett



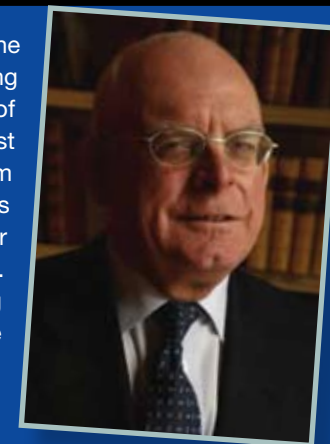
'A Better Chance Bursary' campaign gets huge boost

Three more young people will have the chance to join Mill Hill School in September 2011 on the A Better Chance Bursary scheme thanks to a wonderful donation to the Foundation Appeal by the Michael Bishop Foundation. They will join the beneficiary of the inaugural award funded by Robin Mills and Graham Drake (Ridgeway 1957-1962) and the other two A Better Chance Bursary pupils already in the Foundation.

Sir Michael Bishop (School House 1955-57), lately Chairman of BMI (formerly British Midland Airways), indicated at the Foundation Appeal presentation in September his support for the campaign. The recent confirmation of details of the donation from his Foundation is a great boost to the bursary resources. The A Better

Chance Bursary campaign is the first step on the way to achieving our 10:10 Vision, the provision of 20 full-fee places from the interest on an endowment fund of £10m in 10 years time. To realise this vision requires a number of major gifts, perhaps including legacies. In the meantime talented young people will have the chance of a Mill Hill education thanks to the generosity of these Old Millhillians and the many others who, as Top Terracers and Supporters have contributed to the Foundation Appeal. The Foundation Appeal contributed to the redecoration of The Large and funded the first phase of the refurbishment of the Science Building which took place during the summer of 2010; it has also recently secured another very generous gift of £100,000 for the next stage of this work as well as funds for the Golf Academy (see page 15).

The Foundation Appeal now has £3.63m pledged.
Nick Priestnall, Director of the Foundation Appeal



EVENTS

Manchester (Northern) Dinner 2010

There is nothing like a spot of northern hospitality to encourage a mere southerner to set off up the M1 to Leeds or M1 and M6 to Manchester. Thus it was that fellow Hertfordshire stalwart, Tom Oxenham, man of Essex, Russell Cowan, and I could have been found being well fed, watered and entertained at this year's northern dinner at the St James' Club, Manchester on Friday 12th November. It is clearly a tribute to our good taste that not only was the School represented by the Head Master, but also by the Bursar, Bruce Fraser and Foundation fund raiser in chief, Nick Priestnall. Above all of course those present were able to welcome Michael Corby, newly inducted President of the Club.

This is a function which is traditionally well attended so it was perhaps unfortunate that the Life Governors' meeting at the School the following day kept some away. However it is unlikely that this detracted from the general enjoyment of the occasion which was ably organised as ever by John Elliott. It was good to see one time organisers of the north-western and north-eastern dinners, now residents of Italy and France respectively, Peter Huston and Windsor Roberts, neither apparently worse for the experience of living in Euroland and happily both still fluent in

English. Oliver Holt reminisced about times past, Dominic Luckett and Nick Priestnall reported encouragingly about times present at NW7, The President addressed us with a dexterity comparable to the skills he once demonstrated on squash court and hockey pitch and John Elliott kept it all going as only John can. It was also good to see The President of the St James' Club, Graham Elliott, Sam Duckworth, who lives so far in the English north that he never misses the Scottish dinner, John Halliwell and my fellow Collinsonian, Roger Evans, to mention a few. Apologies to those I haven't named and warmest thanks to everyone for making the southern end so welcome. As ever the St James' Club came up trumps. That John Elliott and I got back afterwards to Sandbach was due entirely to our wives.

Attendees: John & Angela Elliott, Mike Corby, The President OMC, Dominic Luckett, Headmaster, Bruce Fraser, Bursar, Nick Priestnall, Director Foundation Appeal, Russell Cowan, Peter & Jan Huston, Robin Barlow, John & Sue Watkiss, Windsor Roberts, Roger & Judy Evans, John Farmer, Tom Oxenham, Oliver Holt, Sam Duckworth, John Halliwell **John Watkiss**



Toronto Dinner 2010

This year the OM's dinner was held on 2nd October, appropriately, in the Common Room of Massey College, a graduate facility and residence attached to the University of Toronto. Massey College was chosen with the help of John Vincett who is familiar with this well-appointed location.

Those present were: Bob and Carmen Angel, Robin Ball, Mike Corby, Chris and Suzanne Ellis, Tim and Jennifer Fanstone, Henry Goldsmith, John Henley, John and Estelle Oldroyd, Simon and Mary Parry, Nick Priestnall, John Vincett and Pamela Wheaton, and John Whyte and Kathy Malone. There were 19 of us in the end with a few absences from regulars, The Rickards, the Buckinghams, the Haighs, the Clarkes, and the Blooms who unfortunately could not make it. A well-timed 'phone call was received from Donald Haigh from the West Coast during the cocktail hour.

The welcoming remarks were given by John Vincett with an absorbing mixture of history and irreverence which was very well received. Nick Priestnall followed with details of the MHS appeal and recent activities. It is apparent that, with considerable work, good results are being achieved in funding new school projects and creating bursaries for the less privileged. Mike Corby, on behalf of the OMs, gave his first talk as incoming President in



Toronto, for the record. This time he was not given a chance to nail down his single-handed opponents stick to the Quad! We were all happy to hear that MHS is thriving. As usual the open story-telling session after the meal was a big hit.

Dinner consisted of a corn and pepper soup, Canadian arctic char, crème brulee and good wines.

A big thank you, again to Bob Angel (the moneybags), John Vincett (the mouth), John Whyte (the image maker) who were the glue holding the dinner together.



Keep your eyes and ears open for the next NA dinner in October 2011 rumored to be somewhere on the Eastern Seaboard, to be confirmed. **John Oldroyd (Scrutton 58-63)**

South West Dinner, Taunton

An excellent South West dinner was held on Friday 19 November at the Taunton County Cricket Club. Although there were three guests from the School, including the Headmaster, it was pleasing to see that it was very much attended by local OMs although 'local' involved some who had travelled from Devon, Wiltshire and Wales. It was also good to see David Short, our previous Vice-President, down from Cambridge to experience this dinner, which, since it is held only biennially, had not fallen within his year of office.

The dinner began with a moving tribute to Donald Hall, former master and regularly attendee, by Colin Barnes (see obituary



page to read about Donald). A tasty meal with guinea-fowl as the main course was followed by a number of other speeches. The Headmaster reported on the School while Mike Corby, President, gave a moving account of his recent experiences at the School Remembrance Day. Mike also recalled one or two amusing anecdotes about his Winterstoke days; on one occasion his housemaster and mentor, Percy Macallister, challenged Mike, as a callow Fourth former, to a game of squash. Having duly beaten Mike at squash, Percy then said 'I'll see you back at the House for tea – and I will never play you squash again as I think you may become rather good at it.' (Mike, of course went on to be English amateur squash champion).

Other speeches included a nostalgic recollection by Christopher Ousey of the family's long association with the School, recalling that his wife was a direct descendent of John McClure. Finally David Short humorously regaled us with his experiences at last year's Leeds dinner.



It was a very good evening and many thanks to Michael Henderson who has run the dinner so successfully for many years but now intends to stand down. Much of that success has been due to his painstaking planning: a successor will soon be announced.

Those attending: Colin Barnes, Angela Bewsher, Gowen Bewsher, Ronnie Boon, Denise Boon, Rodney Coffin, Tim Corbett, Mike Corby, Angela Drake, Graham Drake, Erica Henderson, Michael Henderson, Paul Hodgson, Janet Huston, Peter Huston, Richard Llewellyn, Nicholas Lowe, Dr Dominic Luckett, John Milnes, Marie Milnes, Barbara Ousey, Christopher Ousey, Anne Penfold, Daphne Petrie, David Petrie, Robert Priestley, Nick Priestnall, Jane Saunders, Martin Saunders, David Short, John Sorotos, Gavin Turner.

Oaks & Acorns

Such has been the success of the informal 'first Tuesday of the month' lunchtime gatherings at the Royal Oak in Chipperfield that Christmas lunch this year was oversubscribed. Landlord Peter had to close the pub to visitors and to restrict numbers to the absolute maximum of 32 possible diners, meaning that there had to be reserve list of late bookers.

The original Oakers, Tom Hignett, Brian Murphy, Paul Nichols and Mike Piercy, could not have imagined how the gathering would have grown over the years; this time there were two 'acorns' (as newcomers are described), namely Jim Roberts and Russell Cowan, who had both travelled from the wilds of East Anglia. Convener Tom Oxenham's regular emails are awaited with eager anticipation and ensure regular attendance. Certainly early Christmas bonhomie and conviviality was in full flow at this month's festive lunch.



Old Millhillians Day 2010

Late September often proves to be a good time for Old Millhillians Day but this year the weather was not the usual glorious late summer but cool and windy. Nevertheless the usual barbecue took place and many thanks to the School for its hospitality. Numbers for the two reunions, including a millennium reunion, were disappointing and unfortunately the 1st XV was playing away.

Millhill Hockey Club wreaked revenge for last year's defeat on the hockey field against an Old Millhillian eleven, including two ladies, but many thanks to Jonathan Cuff, Master-in-Charge of Hockey, and Mike Solomons for their help with this fixture. The Fives Club again enjoyed its traditional match with the School and as usual there was the opportunity for guests to view the School. The day ended for most with tea on Top Terrace.

Certainly the day felt more disintegrated than in recent years and next year we shall be returning to the previous tradition of combining Old Millhillians Day with the Life Governors' (now named Life Guardians) AGM and separating the day out from the School Foundation Day.



Remembrance Day

11th November 2010. For the first time for as long as most people could remember the inclement weather meant that the School and OMs attending could not parade through the Gate of Honour. Nevertheless the laying of wreaths and last post took place in Chapel at the traditional service, at which our new President, Mike Corby, read a lesson. There were some 15 Old Millhillians attending the occasion and they were much moved by the address delivered by the new Chaplain, Dr R Warden, and equally impressed with the singing of the choir under the new Director of Music, Dr O. Medicott. The School kindly provided a light lunch afterwards for visitors.

Forthcoming Events

Cambridge Dinner 2011

The annual Cambridge dinner will be held on Friday 13th May 2011. Last year we had a sell-out in St John's College but this year, thanks to Professor Mike Proctor we will be dining in Trinity College which can accommodate an additional thirty diners.

I would therefore ask anyone who lives vaguely in the Cambridge or East Anglian region, even if superstitious, to put this date in their diary and to encourage any other Old Millhillian, particularly those with a Cambridge University connection, to join us for what promises to be a very special evening. Formal notices will be sent out nearer the date. **Jim Roberts.**

OM Deaths since 1st August 2010

Raitz	Vladimir	31/8/10	Burton Bank	1937	1939
Bennett	Peter	26/3/10	Collinson	1943	1946
Goldman	Alfred	Sep-10	Winterstoke	1934	1937
Maunder Taylor	Robert	16/9/10	Weymouth	1954	1959
Wilby	Norman	7/4/09	Weymouth	1948	1953
Trinder	Richard	20/9/10	School House	1957	1960
Carnegie	David	29/5/09	Ridgeway	1947	1950
Fried	Alan	22/6/10	School House	1952	1955
Marx	Carl	6/1/10	School House	1934	1937
Hall	Donald	28/10/10		1938	1974
Hemmings	Tony	27/9/10	Winterstoke	1949	1954
Macdonald	Hugh	Jan-10	Winterstoke	1956	1960
Woolaston	Alan	10/7/10	Winterstoke	1945	1950

* date of death estimated

Donald Hall

Old Millhillians will be sorry to learn of the death of Donald Hall on the 28th October. Well into his nineties Donald, who had retired to the West Country, had been a master at Mill Hill from 1938-1974. He achieved a 1st Class Honours Degree at Cambridge before following an illustrious career as a Biology and Science teacher at Mill Hill. In 1944 he married Enid Stancliffe, a Winterstoke matron and then became Housemaster of Collinson from 1945 to 1969. He was also for a time Director of Science and Treasurer of the local preservation society. He was noted for the meticulous care and patience of his teaching and the enthusiasm and scholarship he inspired in generations of the Medical Sixth, many of whom did go on to pursue a career in medicine. He will be remembered with great affection by so many of his former pupils whom he advised, helped and influenced.

A Better Chance bursary is being set up in his name at the initiative of his daughter, Anne, and of grateful pupils; if you would like to contribute, do get in touch with Nick Priestnall at the School.

Further obituaries can be found on the OMclub Website.

Alford House

The reports from Alford House Youth Club for Martlet Magazine have usually taken the form of an update on the club activities over the last 6 months. However, by way of variation, and at the suggestion of the Martlet editorial team, it might be interesting to give more

of a flavour and an understanding of what actually takes place at the club on a daily basis. So with the kind and very considerable assistance of the Club Manager, this report catalogues what would be a fairly typical day in the life of Alford House in Aveline Street, Vauxhall, London SE11.

6am The cleaners arrive to prepare the club for the day ahead.

9am The club doors open for the theatre companies currently in residence to prepare for their rehearsals. The Club hires much of its space to theatre companies to raise funds for its services to young people and our aim with the club redevelopment is to become self sufficient and to allow theatrical rehearsals and youth work to take place concurrently. Over the years a number of well-known West End productions have started their rehearsal process at Alford House.

10am A student from our most local secondary school arrives for his weekly placement with us, which is designed to help him with his vocational administration qualification and one of the club staff on duty sets the day's tasks for him. Connexions staff arrive and either follow up on action to help young people or see young people that have made appointments for help with further education, training or employment. The Connexions Service is aimed at young people aged 13-19, wanting or needing advice on getting where they want to be in life and it also provides support for those who have learning difficulties or disabilities. It is a modern public service and young people are actively involved in its delivery. Part of the Lambeth Borough local Connexions Service, which brings together all the key youth support services is based at Alford House.

The previous day, one of the staff had been talking to a boy and it was disclosed that he had been excluded from school. This information was passed to the Club Manager and an appointment was made for the boy to see the Targeted Youth Support Worker. Contact was made with the school and the details discussed. The Club Manager writes a testimonial in support of the boy to be put before the Governors of the school. A few young people drop in during the day to see either the Connexions staff or our

own Targeted Youth Support Worker about various issues and some come in to re-write or polish up their CVs, or to print out previous ones, in order to improve their employment prospects.

2pm The Fitness Studio opens for young people and up to 15 young people, led by a qualified instructor, attend the session. Some of them are, themselves, taking qualifications linked to fitness activity and the fitness instructor takes them through the curriculum. Some also take the opportunity to see the Careers Advisor from Connexions who comes in once every two weeks.

6pm The theatre companies begin to leave and staff begin to get the Club ready for the evening ahead.

7pm The doors open to admit an average of 40 young people aged 10 to 21 for the evening's youth club activities. It has been more in the past, but due to previous incidents of "gang" activity in the borough evening attendance is somewhat reduced. All staff are very aware of the problem and some have explored concerns about the safety of young people in the area with the members. This issue just serves to demonstrate the importance of youth clubs in providing a safe haven for local young people to meet up in the evening and participate in organized activities.

The members take part in football in the gym, table tennis, music production in the music studio, fitness and weight training, roller-skating, art, information and communication technology in the computer room and social activity in the canteen. They are encouraged to have a say in the Club programme and the Members' Fund discusses how some of the Club's money might be spent on equipment (possibly for sporting activity) or trips away from club (such as Alton Towers or to the London Youth Outdoor Centres at Woodrow House or Hindleap Warren). Staff, both paid

and voluntary, use all the activities to build relationships and open up a dialogue with the young people, so that they can benefit from all the opportunities the Club provides and, if necessary, from the more targeted support available.

9.45pm The club closes, the equipment is put away and the members leave for the night. The younger ones might be collected by their parents or elder siblings. The staff then carry out an evaluation of the evening, addressing any particular issues or incidents that may have occurred, identifying the outcomes for young people and noting any learning points. At 10pm, (hopefully), the club doors close and it is time to go home to prepare for another day.

A week later, the boy mentioned previously, who had been excluded from his school, comes in after his meeting with the school governors and explains that he is going back the next day. He expresses his gratitude to the Club Manager for all the support he and his family has received. The Club Manager calls the Targeted Support Worker with the news. She is currently up in the Lake District with another group of young people, undertaking confidence building outdoor / outward bound-type activity.

I hope this report has served to demonstrate what a modern voluntary sector youth club, such as Alford House, delivers on a daily basis and the support it is required, and indeed now expected, to give to the education and employment prospects for local young people. It is absolutely vital work, now more than ever in the current economic conditions. I would like to thank, as always, the Club Manager, Tim Saunders, and all his staff, for their continued unstinting efforts and the Alford House Governors and the Old Millhillians Club for their support.

Andrew Welch (75-80)

Annual Dinner 2010

To emphasise the ties that the School had with the City of London at its foundation in 1807, the Annual Dinner was held this year in the Carpenters' Hall, one of the many City Livery Halls.

There were 156 present, and the guests included the Chairman of the Court of Governors Mike Proctor, the Headmaster and his wife, the Heads of both Belmont and Grimsdell, the Bursar Bruce Fraser and members of the Common Room. Thanks to our official photographer Stephanie Kalber and to the pupil musicians and the Director of Music for their contributions to the success of the evening.

After the Reception of sparkling wine and canapes, everyone moved into the magnificent dining hall to a piano accompaniment played by a pupil. The School Chaplain the Rev. Richard Warden said Grace and then OM Nick Leon, in charge of the catering, provided a delicious three-course dinner. After dinner, the school musicians played and sang beautifully for the enjoyment of all present and then the President, David Short, opened the formal part of the evening by proposing a toast to the School and the Headmaster.

In his reply, Dr Dominic Luckett gave a resume of the School's progress during the past year and went on to toast the OMs Club and its President. David replied by giving a brief account of his year in office and how much he and Juliet had enjoyed the whole experience. The Chain of Office was then passed to the new President Mike Corby who outlined his plans for his year in office, and presented the Vice-President's badge to Chris Maunder-Taylor.

The evening ended at eleven pm – however, rumour has it that various groups of OMs were to be seen refreshing themselves in nearby hostelrys until the early hours.

The answer to my question posed in my last report is Marmite served at breakfast!

David Short (Past President)



YOMs

Careers advice, work experience, travel funds, reunions – opportunities and support for young Old Millhillians

Help for YOMs

The Old Millhillian Club was originally founded as a sports club in the 1800s and even 40 years ago it was strongly based in the rugby and cricket sections, which both ran several teams.

It is great to see a resurgence in both these sections after a fallow period (and congratulations to those responsible) but what perhaps has gone is that breadth of informal professional networking that once existed. So the main Club is very much aware of its responsibility to encourage and support both Young Old Millhillians and present members of the Sixth Form either through careers advice, work experience or through the long standing OM travel and project fund.

Here are three excerpts from articles written by recent pupils who have had such help: Pippa Woodrow, down from Cambridge,

spent several weeks in Sri Lanka and Hong Kong enjoying invaluable legal experience; several Old Millhillians gave Ralph Chitti help with building up his cv after graduating in finance from Imperial College, London; while Robbie Yellon received financial support from the School and the Club for his travels in Fiji. The full articles appear on the Club website: www.omclub.co.uk

Particular thanks to those Old Millhillians who have so willingly given support and help to individuals – and some of that support has been astonishingly generous in terms of time and opportunity. You know who you are and we know how much it has been appreciated. A very big thank you to all of them - and of course if anyone else is willing to help in any way, do get in touch with Shalaka at the OM office.

We also wish to encourage Young Old Millhillians socially; not only was there a successful gathering in the Hammers in December for Christmas drinks, but Berinda Banks is also organizing a very informal gathering in a London venue in May for those who left in 2003.

Robbie Yellon in Fiji

On April 11th 2010, I left the United Kingdom and travelled to Fiji via Los Angeles, meeting up with many others from around the world who were joining the expedition. Our first couple of weeks on the island were spent developing our Scuba Diving skills to the level of PADI Advanced Open Water Divers. After the "basic training" we spent another three weeks learning how to perform the necessary research. This involved learning to identify and name a massive number of species of fish, invertebrates, turtles, sharks, dolphin, and coral. It also involved learning the experimental protocol. This involved diving teams of three surveying the reef and counting aquatic wildlife populations. The research itself took another 3 weeks and was extremely fun and exciting. A truly unique experience.

"The trip I took to Fiji was probably the most incredible, unforgettable experience of my life." Robbie Yellon

Ralph Chetti pursues a career in Finance

I graduated in 2009 from Imperial College London and was recently looking for work experience or an opportunity to enter the Finance industry. It was a tough time in the market and I had heard that the Old Millhillians Club was running a career service for Mill Hill Alumni. I contacted

the Club and was put in touch with industry professionals who were also Mill Hill Alumni... The career service has opened many doors for me and I have made a fantastic network of contacts through the Club. I would also like to send a special thank you to all those who helped me. I will certainly want to offer any help I can and stay in touch with the Old Millhillian's Club so as to return the favour that they once offered me.

"The career service has opened many doors for me and I have made a fantastic network of contacts through the Club." Ralph Chetti

Pippa Woodrow enjoys legal work experience and travel in Sri Lanka & Hong Kong

With much excitement, and a little trepidation it must be confessed, I boarded a plane at Heathrow in July for a 7-week adventure in Asia.

My first week was spent in Colombo visiting some of the courts and observing some of the workings of the legal system. It was so interesting to see how different their system is, despite our colonial legacy. Courtrooms are far less formal, and I remember

feeling that I would far

rather defend myself here than in some of the dark wood and stone chambers of the RCJ where you really feel like you're in big trouble – even if you're only watching.

It is hard to say what part of my time in Sri Lanka was my favourite. My time in Anuradhapura must be up there; the Buddhist monks in Sri Lanka provide a great deal of the welfare support and I was very kindly invited to spend some time in a girls' orphanage.

Then Kandy provided a base for some of my most exciting days; elephant riding, white water rafting, hiking through the tea country and eventually getting sun-burnt at the most beautiful beach I have ever visited to name but a few. My lasting memories of Sri

Lanka are the unabashed friendliness of the people.

To say that arriving in Hong Kong was a culture shock would be an enormous understatement. I had had an extremely generous invitation from OM Graham Harris to come and do some work experience with him at his criminal chambers on the Island. They had just moved into offices and that were pretty swish... dark wood panelling and panoramic views out over central Hong Kong. Definitely not a deterrent to coming in every morning! I was so lucky to be able to join Graham's gaggle of summer students. He was incredibly generous, so genuine and so interesting to chat to, with a real sense of fun.

On a personal and professional level this summer was an experience that changed me. It has given me confidence in my own capabilities and in the strength of my convictions going forward in a career in law. I want to be able to work with people as intelligent and genuine as those I met in Hong Kong and to help the people that I saw struggling in Sri Lanka. My trip would never have been possible without the support and

generosity of the Old Millhillians Club, the Mill Hill Foundation and of individual OMs. I feel so lucky to be part of an organization that will extend an unquestioning hand of welcome in any part of the world.

"Some of my most exciting days were elephant riding, white water rafting, hiking through the tea country and eventually getting sun-burnt at the most beautiful beach." Pippa Woodrow

An older Millhillian's perspective

An Old Millhillian who has regularly been helping pupils with career's advice in Medicine is Prim Achan (who left in 1988). His article reflects how invaluable is help offered by Old Millhillians to present pupils and recent leavers.

I entered the Upper Sixth in 1987 following my older brother who had just obtained his place at Oxford to read medicine, and decided that was what I wanted to do...read medicine. I remember there was little information or advice to be had then, certainly none from people who had been through the process themselves. The only work experience I obtained was two weeks at the Royal Free doing voluntary work - at a time that clashed with the first XI tour to Barbados. I did get a place at the medical college of St Bartholomews Hospital; again no one at School really knew if

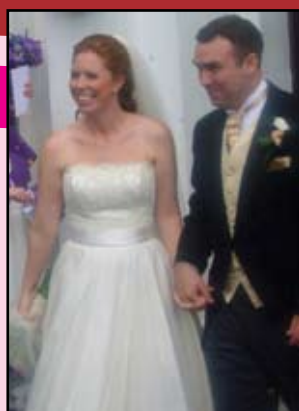
this was good, bad or indifferent, but it turned out that not only is Barts the oldest hospital in England but also one of the most eminent medical schools.

I am now a Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon at the very same Medical school that I joined as a naive student so many years ago. In this capacity I started hosting students for work experience from some of the country's leading public schools. It was then that I was contacted by the OMC to see if I could offer any assistance to Millhillians considering a career in medicine. By this stage I was involved in lecturing on applications to medical school and had even sat on a few interview panels (time permitting). I volunteered to help and so every year I have had students from Mill Hill on my firm at Barts and The London to experience the reality of the ups and downs offered by a medical career. I also lectured at the School last year and I was able to advise students who were considering a medical education in the US since I have trained and lectured at several American universities, including Harvard.

Chit Chat

John Sorotos

John Sorotos has published a booklet about his personal perspective of the Second World War entitled 'A Sailor's Tale – jaw jaw please, not war' in which he makes a number of references to MHS, OMs and masters. A lively read and a copy can be obtained from Nick Priestnall, Director of Foundation Appeal, at the School for £10 in support of the School's charities. Make sure you get a copy. John Sorotos (BB '33-38)



OMs Splice the Knot

Congratulations to **Stephanie Gibbons** (Cd 97-99) and **Tom Kalber** (Mc 94-99) who were married at St Marys RC Church, Holly Place in Hampstead on 14th August with the reception just down the hill at in the Great Hall, UCS Boys School in Frognal. James Mason and Andrew Nayager were Tom's Best Men and Elaine King-Lewis was Maid of Honour. To the best of our knowledge they are the sixth OM couple to marry.

Swimming for Charity

Congratulations to **Dirk Gewert** who has been raising money for an orphanage in Haiti, where there was a big earthquake in January last year. Dirk was doing this because he lived in Haiti for a few years while his father worked to set up the medical school. Obviously this was a few years before his days in MHS (Winterstoke, 68-72 approx).

He raised money by undertaking a swim marathon, 10 kilometers down the river Dart in Devon, on Sept 12th. The details of his fundraising website (with picture from his Haiti school days) is at: www.justgiving.com/Dirk-Gewert

Golf Blue for Sayyid Saeid

Sayyid Saeed (R 2007-9), former Mill Hill School golfer, is studying economics at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, and won a golf blue this year. Unfortunately Cambridge lost 6-9 to Oxford.

The Adam & Eve

Old Millhillian brothers, **Nick and Tim Cockburn**, have taken over the Adam and Eve pub (half a mile down the hill from the School). It has been totally restructured with informal eating and drinking facilities with masses of space, including an upstairs drinking and dining area. The pub has previously had Millhillian associations as last year's golf Captain, Tim John, lived there as a boy when his dad was landlord. Nick Cockburn, some of you may remember, starred as Henry Higgins in the OM production of Pygmalion.

Reunion

Trevor Mansfield sent in this photograph of himself and three contemporaries who had an informal reunion at a pub just outside Northampton. From left to right: Dick Bushnell, Bill Ivens, Trevor Mansfield, Michael Andrew



Peerage awarded

Congratulations to **Sir Michael Bishop CBE**, former Chairman of British Midland Airways and Chairman of the Sir Michael Bishop Foundation was awarded a peerage in the House of Lords in November.

Viv Wood - former secretary



Viv Wood, former Club Secretary, sent us this email to let us know how she is getting on:

Hello! I hope some of you will remember me as I worked in the OMs office from 1997 until my retirement in 2008. During that time I was under the watch of many illustrious Presidents, all too individual and exemplary to single out but I can say, however, how much I enjoyed my time at the Club. It always seemed to me to be what a Club ought to be: lots of fun and very sociable - and feedback suggested that to many it was very much more than that! We used to hold our Council Meetings at the RAC Club and the Army & Navy Club, where facilities for women were basic to say the least. Because I was the only woman present all the council members used to crowd into the tiny inadequate female bar so that I could join in and I think that says such a lot about OMs!

The 50th anniversary of Martlet has given me the opportunity to give heartfelt thanks to all of you who contributed to my magnificent leaving present. An inspired choice by Tim and Shalaka sent me and my partner off to South West France where we had a 4 day personalised visit to an organic vineyard. This customised tour enabled us to eat gourmet food, visit various vigneron on adjoining estates, enjoy not too taxing walks across the Saussignac valley and sample a wonderful array of wines. I would recommend this tour to anyone; I will always remember it and am so grateful to the OMs for their generosity.

Born Wild

Tony Fitzjohn's biography.

Those of us who remember Fitz, both at School and on the rugby pitch always recognised that he was never destined for urban life so it was no surprise when he took himself off to Africa in the late 60s to try something different.

Many OMs are aware of the exploits of Tony Fitzjohn and his life in Africa. It has been a remarkable story from his upbringing in Cockfosters, through his time at Mill Hill and the early wild days in Africa before finding his destiny in conservation. Some eighteen years in Kenya with George Adamson, the lion man of Africa, taught him a great deal and certainly enough to turn a desolate wildlife reserve in Tanzania into a fully fledged National Park over the last twenty years.

It is an extraordinary story of an individual coming to terms with himself and, eventually, leading a fulfilling and highly successful existence built on conservation in East Africa. An awful lot happened in between though!

A number of Old Millhillians have been closely associated with his activities over many years and have watched this story unfold, sometimes in horror, often in admiration, usually in trepidation. He has survived it all, collected an OBE in the process and now reveals all in this book.

It is a great read.

Andy Mortimer



1948/49/50

10 survivors of the 1948/49/50 1st XVs, possibly the best that Mill Hill has fielded since the war (the 49 and 50 sides didn't have their line crossed by a School), sporting two English Internationals and a host of County caps, gathered for a reunion lunch at the National Liberal Club, when nostalgia ruled supreme. Let the tableau of team photos (suitably indistinct) and their records, including the two latter years when their line was not crossed, speak for itself.

Attendees: Ronnie Aye Maung, Ray Hubbard, Martin Nelson, John FitzGerald, John Fortune, Derek Salter, Michael Henderson, Peter Long, Jim Roberts, Mike Reynolds. Apologies from Joe Grimberg, Ewen Brenchley.

The following were unable to attend due to illness: Tony Hazell, JH Williams, Ivor Corden. We send them our best wishes. **Ronnie Aye Maung (BB '50)**

Editor: 'possibly the best' ? – Can we compare teams from different generations? Mill Hill had an unbeaten team the season before last - and of course we don't know what honours members of that team will achieve. Also how do we compare honours? Merely playing for a premier club side now is almost like playing for an international team; Saracens beat South Africa last year, something England failed to do in November. Nevertheless what a great side the 48-50 lot were and good to see so many of them still in such good form and continuing to enjoy the camaraderie of the OMs. Please continue the debate!!!

MATCH SUMMARY 1948

Date	Opponents	Venue	For	Ag't	Result
Thu. Sept. 30	Col. Cross-Brown's XV	H	8	11	Lost
Thu. Oct. 7	U.C.S.	A	15	3	Won
Tue. Oct. 12	Brighton College	A	9	-	Won
Sat. Oct. 16	Harrow School	H	24	-	Won
Sat. Oct. 23	Leys School	H	17	3	Won
Sat. Oct. 30	Old Millhillians A.	H	24	3	Won
Sat. Nov. 6	Felsted School	A	12	5	Won
Sat. Nov. 13	St. Paul's School	A	11	3	Won
Sat. Dec. 4	Haileybury and L.S.C.	A	-	6	Lost

MATCH SUMMARY 1949

Date	Opponents	Venue	For	Ag't	Result
Wed. Oct. 12	Brighton College	H	17	-	Won
Sat. Oct. 15	Harrow School	A	16	-	Won
Sat. Oct. 22	Leys School	A	0	3	Lost
Sat. Oct. 29	Old Millhillians	H	6	-	Won
Sat. Nov. 5	Felsted School	H	5	3	Won
Sat. Nov. 12	St. Paul's School	H	6	0	Won
Sat. Nov. 19	Merchant Taylors' School	H	13	6	Won
Sat. Nov. 23	Dulwich College	H	0	0	Drawn
Sat. Nov. 29	Cranleigh School	A	6	0	Won

MATCH SUMMARY 1950

Date	Opponents	Venue	For	Ag't	Result
Thu. Oct. 5	Col. Cross-Brown's XV	H	3	18	Lost
Sat. Oct. 14	Cranleigh School	H	6	6	Drawn
Sat. Oct. 21	Harrow School	H	14	-	Won
Sat. Oct. 28	Old Millhillians	H	16	-	Won
Sat. Nov. 4	Felsted School	A	19	0	Won
Wed. Nov. 8	Brighton College	A	24	3	Won
Sat. Nov. 11	Leys School	H	11	3	Won
Sat. Nov. 18	St. Paul's School	A	9	0	Won
Sat. Nov. 25	Merchant Taylors' School	A	18	3	Won
Sat. Dec. 2	Dulwich College	H	17	3	Won



Totteridge Millhillians Cricket Club

2010 season: Division 1 Champions



The merger 3 years ago between Totteridge and OMs goes from strength to strength. The 1st XI ran away convincing winners of Division 1 with 10 wins, 4 draws and just 2 losses. The 1st XV usually fields 4-5 OMs each week: Justin Lefort and Vishal Bhimjiyani have proved valuable new additions to the side while Bicky Sandhu and Simon Bunyard's experience have been instrumental in the team's success. Despite coming top, the Herts Premier League has refused the side promotion: an appeal is pending. The 4th XI narrowly missed out on promotion to division 7 with the final league standings being decided in a nail biting last week. In contrast to the 1s and 4s, the 2s and 3s never quite got going, the 3s spending much of the season perilously close to the relegation zone.

Recent school leavers', Will and Nick Hughes, and Arjun Chopra, are continuing to improve and are key to the Club's future success. The Sussex Tour continues to be very popular, with record playing numbers touring. It was great to see OMs, Phil Ridout and his son Oliver Ridout playing together. Joe Wray is also a promising young player. Both he and Oliver, who I am sure, will be taking lots of wickets for the Club in the near future. Winter nets begin in January. A short pre-season tour to Spain is also being considered. The Club is located in Totteridge Green, near the Orange Tree pub. New players and members are more than welcome. Further information about fixtures, nets, tour, etc. can be found on our website at www.totteridgemillhillians.com
Stewart Wernham (1974-79)

Promising 'half-term' reports for the Rugby XVs.

With the return of player coach Sean Hardy, a strong pack, arguably the strongest in the league, and some talented backs has seen the 1st XV dominate the league so far. Tom Clarke and Michael James have starred in the backs with Kieran Walsh leading from the front row. A simple but effective game plan instilled by the coach has led to the side's dominance so far this season.

Meanwhile Gideon Felton has managed the 2nd XV extremely efficiently again this year so far. Great wins were recorded over Hackney, Chesham, Fullerians and Hampstead. It has been great to see some younger OM's starring for the 2nd XV including David Cohen, Jonathan Harris, Nathaniel Mabbett, Ben Alderton and Lee Margolis along with some old heads. With some strengthening from the more recent Millhillians to come after Christmas this again bodes well for a good season with a top three finish very possible and maybe promotion.

1st XV: P 9 W 8 L 1
Position = 1st : Top of the London SE and Herts Middx League 3

2nd XV: P 9 W 5 L 4
Position 4th in the Herts Middx Merit Table 7

By J Monaghan

Old Cholmeleians go down to rampant Millhillians

At the time of writing the Fives team have only played 3 matches and there is not a lot to record. Nevertheless the Club pulled off a coup on November 18 with a giantkilling 3-0 victory against the Old Cholmeleians in the Barber Cup, a particular triumph as the OCs play in Division 1 and OMs in Division 2. Let's hope this bodes well for the rest of the season.

Meanwhile all at the Club would like to congratulate Club Captain, Chris Vincent and his wife, Chrissy, on their new arrival, Casper - another OM fives player in the making!



GOLF

The Old Millhillian Golf Society enjoyed an excellent annual dinner at the Pewterers' Hall in the City. At the AGM John Hawkins, who has done so much work for the Society at Deal, was elected Club Captain and Tony Smith Vice-Captain.

A vote of thanks was recorded to Tim John for all his work as outgoing Captain. The dinner that followed was most pleasurable and the Society were delighted to welcome the Headmaster, Dr Dominic Luckett, though the Club President, Mike Corby, was snowed in in deepest Sussex and had to cry off - as did a number of others (the original expectation of 60 guests was reduced to some 47 diners).

On behalf of the School and the Foundation appeal, Dean Halford, Master in Charge of Golf, thanked the Society for its donation of £500 and also those individuals who had given generous individual gifts towards the new practice facilities at the School. The new short-game area should be soon in action and Dean and Nick Priestnall intend to invite OM golfers to come and have a look - and a swing.

As always the dinner brought to a close a busy season of activity. The autumn meeting at Deal was the highlight since the last report; 20 members attended and had a memorable weekend.

Results were: Members of Parliament Cup: Jerry Galloway and Elliot Hamilton 35 pts, Gordon Hawes and Anthony Ward 29pts, Ben Hartman and John Hawkins 26pts (back 9); Scratch Competition (Vero Trophy): Harvey 33-8 = 25; Northern Cup : Pete Tafler 33pts, Elliot Hamilton 32pts, Anthony Ward 30pts (back 9); Sunday Match against the Club: Lost 3 ½ to 1 ½.

The season's singles competition was won by Garry Brandt who beat Joey Carr in the final, while in the foursomes the Ward brothers beat Hawes and Hamilton-Andrews 2 and 1.



The new golf coaching facilities



Quiz: The First Eleven

After the success and response to the quiz in the last Martlet (Feeling Blue) Gowen Bewsher, editor of Nobis, our Club's history, has kindly put together a quiz entitled The First Eleven (he hopes to produce A Second Eleven and so on in succeeding issues).

1. Who is the only OM to become Lord Chief Justice?

- a) Alfred Lawrence b) Walter Lawrence
- c) Thomas Scrutton

2. There is a footpath made of traditional china ink pots. Where is it located?

- Leading to a house in: a) Wills Grove
b) The Ridgeway c) Winterstoke House

3. Who has been longest serving School Governor covering a period of over 60 Years?

- a) Dickie Buckland b) Nathaniel Micklem
- c) James McGowan

4. Which OM has won the most number of international rugby caps?

- a) Jim Roberts (England) b) Thomas Pearson (Wales)
- c) Wilf Sobey (England)

5. Who was the OM Founder of the American City of St. Louis?

- a) Henry Shaw b) William Lyle c) Sidney Webb

6. Denys Street was one of two OMs shot by the Nazis following recapture after "The Great Escape" in 1944. Who was the other?

- a) Peter Scarf b) Cyril Swain c) John Nunn

7. What is it that School Founder Samuel Favell and OM Ivan Luckin have in Common?

- a) Birthday of 29th February b) London Bridge
- c) Playing lacrosse for England

8. Two OMs have been Headmaster of Mill Hill. One was Arthur Rooker Roberts. Who was the other?

- a) Willian Hurndall b) John Humphrys
- c) Philip Smith

9. After which OM is Walker House named?

- a) Philip Walker b) Dick Walker c) Howard Walker

10. What do OMs Addison Coombes and George Grenfell have in common?

- a) Both rowed for Rhodesia b) Both were West End leading actors
- c) Both were killed in the American Civil War

11. Who was the only OM to be a QC then KC then AC again?

- a) Trevor Morgan b) Nathaniel Micklem
- c) Cyril Salmon

A small prize will be offered for the first correct solution drawn before the end of February.

Answers to Tim Corbett at: twc@millhill.org.uk or by post to Tim at the OM office.



The Club has a facebook page which you can join; type in '**Old Millhillians Club**' in the search box.

We will advertise events and information on the Facebook site so please take a look.

There are now over **500 Friends** already joined.

We are looking for an OM volunteer to manage the Facebook page so please get in touch with Shalaka in the Club office if you can help in any way.

News & Views

We would like to hear your news and views. Feel free to contact the Club Office with news and photos about your achievements, interesting stories and anecdotes!

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