

Olympic Memories

The Olympic Games revived memories for one distinguished Old Millhillian visitor from China

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Nobis et Scholae

It has been a particularly busy few months in NW7 as we completed the detailed planning for the new, five-day teaching arrangements that come into effect in September. As well as restructuring the academic timetable, we have also been hard at work fashioning the Saturday morning activity programme which will occupy all of our full boarders and those weekly boarders and day pupils who wish to be involved. News of these changes has been very well received and, partly as a consequence, demand for day and boarding places has further increased. All the evidence suggests that perceptions of Mill Hill in North London and beyond are increasingly positive and the School's reputation is certainly riding very high indeed.

On the academic front, there is plentiful evidence that our pupils, ably supported by a dedicated and committed Common Room, are increasingly eager to exploit their full potential and to embrace opportunities for enrichment beyond the confines of the formal curriculum. More and more boys and girls are engaging in additional activities ranging from the mathematics and science Olympiads and the Engineering Education Scheme to the recently established Sir James Murray Society for lower School pupils. Particularly impressive is the fact that a large number of pupils of all ages have delivered lectures on subjects ranging from the music of Leonard Bernstein to the politics of Charlie Chaplin. All of this bodes well both for their future intellectual development and for their university prospects. In the latter respect, I am particularly pleased to report that seven Millhillians are currently holding offers for Oxbridge entry in 2012, the largest number for many years.

The School has also continued to excel in the creative arts. Priestley were winners of November's House Drama Festival, seeing off stiff competition from the other day and boarding houses. Our musicians have been particularly busy. The Chapel Choir has achieved ever higher standards and I was delighted that a number of OMC members were able to hear them perform during their tour of Yorkshire over Easter (from which they returned with an open invitation to sing again at both York and Beverley Minsters). Meanwhile, alongside existing groups, new ensembles such as Cantate, a Sixth Form Chamber Choir, and a Jazz Band have been formed. I very much hope that members of the Club will be able to join us over the

coming months, whether at the Call to Remembrance, Foundation Day, the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, Evensong or our School concerts, to hear for themselves just how high are the current standards of Mill Hill music.

Equally impressive have been the achievements of our sportsmen and women. The cricket season was, inevitably, rain affected but nonetheless successful. Highlights included a nine wicket victory for the 1st XI over old rivals Merchant Taylors', the team then going on to claim the Middlesex Championship after a convincing victory in the final against St Benedict's, Ealing. Our hockey, rounders, fives, netball, golf and swimming teams have also enjoyed very good seasons. Our junior cricketers have recently visited India, a girls' hockey squad ventured to Spain and our senior rugby players completed a challenging but very successful tour of Argentina and Chile at the start of the summer holiday.

The CCF has enjoyed another superb year, the contingent acquitting itself exceptionally well in April's Biennial Inspection, conducted by Commander Tony Turnbull, RN (coincidentally, the nephew of Tony Turnbull, former Collinson Housemaster). The Corps of Drums has also participated in a wide range of public performances, including the British Military Tournament and Barnet Remembrance Day parade.

Charitable works have continued to be the focus of much activity, money being raised over the course of the year for a range of good causes including the Alford House Youth Club, Great Ormond Street Hospital,

the Alzheimer's Society and our partners in Tamil Nadu, Nicaragua and at the TAG rugby trust.

Late in the Spring term, we received a visit from the Independent Schools Inspectorate, who last came to us in 2007. I am delighted to say that they were most impressed, rating us as excellent (the top grade) for our pastoral care, boarding, welfare, health and safety, spiritual and cultural provision and the School's leadership and management. They noted the improvements made since the last inspection in a wide range of areas, including our academic performance, and commended us upon the clear sense of pride and ambition that they discerned.

Recent months have had their low points, none more so than the news of the death of Mrs Jinny Priestnall, a wonderfully warm and engaging member of the Learning Support Department. Our sympathies and thoughts have, consequently, been very much with her husband, Nick, their daughters and family. The end of the summer term also saw the retirement of two of our most accomplished teachers, Mr Gerry Docherty of the Mathematics Department and Mr Andrew Gaylor who retired from his position as Deputy Head (Academic) after an exceptionally successful career at the School spanning nearly thirty years. I would like to wish them every happiness for the future and to thank them for all that they have done for the School and its pupils.

Dr Dominic Lockett, Headmaster

Past President's Diary

In October 2011, a year seemed like a long time to enjoy the presidency of the Club. Looking back, I wonder how it has been possible to fit so much into what now appears to have been such a short space of time.

I set out to see as many members as I could. Visits to Wales, Scotland, Yorkshire and Lancashire and to Biarritz with the European group brought me into contact with many old friends as well as new ones. Joining the various professional groups, sports clubs and social groups for their respective gatherings was also pleasurable particularly because of the range of age groups actively involved in the life of the Club.

One of the highlights was the City dinner at which Lord Glendonbrook (Michael Bishop) responded to a question and answer session after an excellent dinner. The cocktail party at the National Liberal Club was another highlight, well attended by members both older and younger, and enjoyed by all.

The message which I have been promoting during the year is that the Club represents a rich resource of talent, experience and expertise. We have created a network of contacts who are

prepared to make themselves available to talk to school students, leavers, undergraduates and other Club members about their various business experiences. The availability of such a resource will give both the Club and the Foundation an additional "unique selling point" which can only be of benefit to both.

For a variety of personal reasons, I have not been able to indulge in an inter-continental world tour during the year, which I regret. The Club's members around the World are nevertheless not forgotten and are greatly valued.

I hand over to Andy Mortimer confident in the knowledge that the Club has an important role to perform which it is actively pursuing.

Christopher Maunder Taylor

Honorary Secretary Report

Since the last *Martlet* we have introduced the monthly email newsletter and this seems to have been met with general approbation by our members, who have enjoyed both the immediacy and frequency of information.

Nevertheless the newsletter is in no way intended to replace this our paper copy magazine, *Martlet*. However, there will be unavoidable overlap of material and of course not all our members are on email.

It has also been decided that the OM Club should support the School's recent academic initiatives by donating to the McClure Scholarship Trust fund. The Club will therefore be making a contribution of £5000 per annum from its general funds, initially for two years.

Thanks to the hard work of its committee the Old Millhillian Waiting Room project is coming to fruition. It will be formally opened at 2.00 pm on Old Millhillians Day by Michael Corby, whose initiative has driven the idea, though Tony Armstrong, Andy Mortimer and Ray Hubbard have also put in much of the necessary spade work. Some 40 framed pictures and brief biographies of significant Old Millhillians will be hung on the walls. Do come along for the opening.

As for Old Millhillians Day we have gone back to having a separate day (Saturday 15 September). The date should allow younger members to get there before they return to their universities later in the month. A number of Old Millhillians and Life Guardians have asked for the day to be separate from the School Foundation Day, so do come along and make it a worthwhile occasion. A full programme of events is published elsewhere in this magazine.

Our President, Chris Maunder Taylor has had a busy and fruitful year. I do hope as many of you as possible will get to his dinner which should be a splendid occasion at the Haberdashers Hall (details elsewhere in the magazine). He will be succeeded by Andy Mortimer as President and Peter Wakeham as Vice-President, while Alan Toulson will be standing in as Chairman of the Club for the year.

Finally an omission from the last *Martlet*, which was a big thank you to David Pelham who kindly took photographs for us at the annual dinner.

Tim Corbett, Honorary Secretary

EVENTS

Legal /Medical Reception

Some 17 OMs gathered for the Legal/Medical Reception on 9th March, organised by Clive Weber, at his firm Wedlake Bell. It was heartening to see a good cross section of OMs – both legal and medical, young and older and male and female. The OM President Chris Maunder Taylor was present and emphasised the continuing efforts of the OM Club to promote networking opportunities for those starting their careers in these difficult economic times. John Gallagher expertly led a discussion on future Legal/Medical events.



Engineers & Scientists Dinner

For the 2012 dinner, the Engineers and Scientists returned to the Bleeding Heart restaurant in London on 27th April, where we had an excellent attendance of 20 OMs and guests. We were delighted to be joined by OM President Christopher Maunder Taylor who entertained us with his family links to engineering, and emphasised the huge resource base of knowledge and experience amongst OMs that could be taken advantage of for future generations. We were also pleased to be joined by John Murphy, Physics Master and two students pursuing technology based studies.

The other pleasing aspect of the dinner was the age range of those attending. There was an increased attendance of younger OMs which bodes well for the future of this event. I feel sure that there are many OMs pursuing engineering and technology based careers, studies or in related industries who would enjoy joining us and networking. The dinner date for next year is Friday 26th April 2013.

Those attending were: Christopher Maunder Taylor; Clive Mence; David Rodda; Bob and Pamela Hudgell; David Pike; Tim Poole; Mark Morter; Richard Amunugama; Graeme Roberts; Christopher Katz-Summercorn; Arthur and Joy Ferryman; Michael James; Elliott Ingram; Gordon and Angela Mizner; John Murphy; Ariane Lim; Reishin Watabe.

Property Dinner

Forty people attended the Annual OMs Property Dinner held on the 17th April 2012, once again at The Cavalry & Guards Club, W1. Chairman Stuart Hibberdine introduced Jane Sanchez the Acting Head of MHS, who updated everyone on the School's current progress and OMs Club President Chris Maunder Taylor responded by proposing a toast to the School.

Mike Peskin has organised an informal drinks gathering on Tuesday 2nd October 2012 from 6pm in the new basement bar at Morton's on Berkeley Square, W1. Refreshments on the evening will be part funded.

You are encouraged to bring along a suitable guest from the Property Industry, to introduce to your fellow OMs.

The date for the Property black tie dinner next year at the Cavalry & Guards Club, Piccadilly, is confirmed for 21st March 2013.

Contact: tel 0207 922 0158 or michael.peskin@balfourbeatty.com

Past Presidents Luncheon

Mike Corby welcomed 16 past presidents to a lively meal at the Athenaeum Club on the 17th April. The current President Chris Maunder Taylor and Chairman and President Elect Andy Mortimer also attended. Next year's lunch has been booked at the same venue!

City Dinner

Lord Glendonbrook (formerly Sir Michael Bishop) was the chief guest at the City Dinner on 7th June. The gathering of over 20 Old Millhillian guests enjoyed a pleasant meal at the restaurant in Bleeding Heart Yard followed by a very stimulating question and answer session with Lord Glendonbrook. Bruce Fraser, the School Bursar, was among the attendees and many thanks to Solon Satanas again for his organisation of a superb event.



YOMS Christmas Drinks 2011

The YOMS Christmas drinks were this year, for the first time, held at the Adam and Eve pub on the Ridgeway. The pub proved to be a warm and welcoming venue and made even sweeter by the very kind offerings of bar snacks, pizzas and everyone's first drink on arrival. All of this was kindly provided by the owners of the newly refurbished pub, OMs and brothers, Nick and Tim Cockburn. Many thanks to them for that on behalf of everyone who attended! The evening kicked off at around 8pm with the OM President Christopher Maunder Taylor and Andy Mortimer greeting all and getting to know some of new faces. It was a really enjoyable atmosphere with everyone clearly having a great time. People were arriving throughout the evening and we pretty much took over the pub. This may have been attributed to the Facebook event sent out a few weeks before hand but more likely the prospect of that free drink. Either way, it was very encouraging to see such strong numbers.

YOMS from many year's attended including some recent leavers as well as a few older faces but everyone had the common thread of being an OM and it was great to share stories and anecdotes. A notable absence was that of Tim Corbett who was unable to make this year's drinks. However Graeme Turner (Housemaster) came along and managed to catch up with a great number of the rugby players covering three or four year groups. Needless to say there was plenty of 'banter' going around.

All in all it was a really good start to the Christmas holidays and I think the new venue proved to be a marked improvement and a very appropriate place to hold these annual drinks.

Michael Berwin



European Weekend in Biarritz

Windsor Roberts organised a superb itinerary in Biarritz from the 4th to the 6th May and over 20 OMs and wives thoroughly enjoyed the weekend. Visits were made to Bayonne and other place of local interests, the hotel was excellent and the sunny weather was a vast improvement on the rain back in England!

The main dinner was held in a restaurant overlooking the bay and the group also enjoyed watching Biarritz playing rugby on TV while sitting in the Red Bar, the rugby club's local watering hole, which was filled with memorabilia.

Don't forget OMs Day! Saturday 15th September 2012



Cambridge Dinner

The Old Kitchen at Trinity College was the venue for this year's Cambridge dinner on the 11th May and a particularly sumptuous meal was enjoyed by the 35 guests. Many thanks to the organisers: David Short was in the Chair but he had been helped as always by Jim Roberts. Both our President, Chris Maunder Taylor, and Jane Sanchez, Acting Head spoke eloquently about the Club and the School.

Then Jane, reminiscent of Margaret Thatcher at Question Time, skilfully responded to some lively questions from the guests. The Chairman of the Court of Governors, Michael Proctor, who is also Vice Master of Trinity, was present and it was good to see two younger members, Edward Winfield and Samantha Davies, as well as the more elderly two Ronnies, namely Ronnie Samuels and Ronnie Aye Maung, still in great heart.

EVENTS

Old Millhillians Day 2012

Timetable

- 11.00am Life Guardians AGM
- 12.30 pm Complimentary lunch
- 2.00 pm Official opening of the 'Old Millhillians Room' with music and art in the Octagon
- 2.30 pm Come and watch the 1st and 2nd XV and girl's 1st XI hockey
- 4.00 pm Tea
- 5.30 pm Informal drinks at the Three Hammers for all OMs. YOMs receive first drink free!

Saturday 15th September

Old Millhillians Day has returned to its early September date. Please come along and bring your partner/ family with you and make it a memorable day.

There is plenty of sporting action and the official opening of the 'Old Millhillians Room' former waiting room.

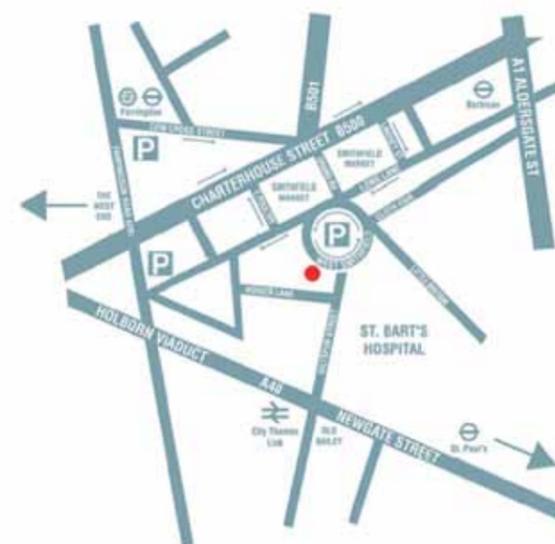
The drinks gathering for all OMs but particularly YOMs from 5.30pm in the Three Hammers.

We hope to see you there

Events not to be missed

Annual Dinner 2012

Haberdashers' Hall 18 West Smithfield London EC1A 9HQ



AGM & Cocktail Party

A brisk and business-like AGM was held on 20th June at the National Liberal Club with Christopher Maunder-Taylor in the Chair. Andy Mortimer was voted in as next year's President while Peter Wakeham will be the incoming Vice-President. Alan Toulson will be Club Chairman during Andy's tenure as

President. Jane Sanchez, as acting Head of MHS in the absence of Dr Dominic Luckett, represented the School.

The cocktail party that followed was a particular success; the pleasant sunny evening was a surprising interval in a

summer of persistent rain and it was good to see a significant number of younger OMs among the 80 plus attendees. The upgrade in food (including some mini-beef burgers) proved popular and a lively atmosphere pervaded.

MENU

Scottish Salmon
Nordic cure, fennel, mustard, yoghurt,
rye bread

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Guinea Fowl
Breast wrapped in smoked bacon,
pearl barley risotto, winter greens
Vegetarian: tba

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Tart Tatin
Braeburn apples, salted caramel,
ice cream

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Coffee and chocolates
Port

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Wines
Marquis e la Cour Brut NV
Yelcho Valley Sauvignon Blanc, 2010 (Chile)
La Bastille Carignan/Merlot, 2010 (France)
Croft NV Ruby Port

Chris Maunder Taylor
President

invites you to join him at the

**OLD MILLHILLIANS CLUB
ANNUAL DINNER**

on

Friday 19th October 2012

at the Haberdashers Hall

18 West Smithfield, London EC1A 9HQ

opp St.Barts Hospital

Time: 6.30pm for 7.15pm

Tickets: £80, £50 under 25's

includes pre dinner drinks,

3 course meal with wine and coffee/port

Dress: Black Tie

Parking: Corporation of London underground car park

is accessible at the east side of the rotunda outside Haberdashers' Hall,
accessible only from Long Lane, open 24 hours, price £2 per hour.

Nearest stations: City Thameslink/Farringdon/St.Pauls/Barbican

Speeches conclude by 10.30pm, leaving time for socialising afterwards!

Chit Chat

A Sporting History

Over the last 25 years Nigel Wray, OM (1961-66) and Chairman of Saracens Rugby Club has collected memorabilia from the sporting world, primarily cricket, rugby and football but also other sports. His Priory Collection, which includes all but one of the Olympic torches from the modern era and which is one of the largest and most prestigious private collection, is now recorded in a most beautiful coffee table book. "A Sporting History" includes photographs of some unique and extraordinary items such as W.G. Grace's last bat, an All Blacks cap from their first-ever tour, the starter's megaphone from the 1908 London Olympics, Nobby Stiles' 1966 World Cup shirt and the Ali v. Frazier fight painted by Muhammed Ali, himself! Nigel hopes to find a home for the collection but at the moment some items are on loan to various sporting organizations including The new National Football Museum in Manchester. If any OM wishes to purchase the book it is available at £50 per copy from Saracens with all proceeds to the charitable Saracens Foundation.



Olympic Memories

The Olympics revived special memories for one distinguished Old Millhillian visitor to the games, Lou Dapeng. He entered Winterstoke House in 1950 from Belmont and was known as Robert Lou in those days, though after three years he returned to Beijing to complete his education.

His enthusiasm for athletics and rugby, kindled at Mill Hill, led to a successful career in sport and in China he became a national record holder for the 200 and 400 metre hurdles. Even more significantly he became a Vice-President of the IAAF and created the first rugby club in China and founded the Chinese Rugby Federation.

Of special interest in this Olympic Year is the fact that he chaired the bid committee which secured the 2008 Olympics for Beijing and was a key member of the organising committee for those games. He was back in London as a guest of the IAAF for London 2012 and took time out from the Olympic Park to come with his family to Belmont and Mill Hill and he writes:

"During the London Olympics I had time to revisit Mill Hill and Belmont with my family. What a wonderful experience! Strolling through the grounds and the school buildings brought back such good memories of sixty years ago, of the days in Winterstoke



House and the happy afternoons on the rugby field and in the gym. I had the good fortune to have watched the London Games of 1948 and now again the Games of 2012. I was immensely impressed by the enthusiasm of the crowd and the helpfulness of the volunteers, many of whom were pensioners. I sincerely wish the students at Mill Hill will be inspired by and benefit much from the London Games!"

Winterstoke House has of course another significant Olympic connection. Our most recent Past President, Mike Corby, in a distinguished sporting career, represented Great Britain at hockey at two Olympic games. Mike has also been instigator of the Old Millhillians School Waiting Room, which is to be formally opened on OMs Day at the School; here will be recorded photographs and biographies of many significant OMs.

Biscay Challenge

Last Autumn Ed de Mesquita with his co-skipper entered the yacht Wild Oyster in the Biscay Challenge, an off-shore race past the Channel Isles and Brittany to Spain. In a fascinating article which appeared in the magazine *Yachter*, Ed describes what was for him the most challenging event he had ever taken part in. His experiences included hallucinating due to exhaustion and enduring devastating G forces as he moved about the boat. The yacht made it to the last cardinal buoy after three days of sailing but a torn sail finally forced retirement, particularly frustrating as the most difficult aspects of the course and wind direction had been surmounted.



Academic Congratulations

In the latest issue of CAM, the Cambridge Alumni Magazine, there is a report of the award of eight Honorary Doctorates, the highest award the University can confer. Congratulations to Old Millhillian, Dr Phillip King (Honorary Fellow of Christ's College), sculptor (Doctor of Letters) on his award.

Roger Holliday (Winterstoke '53-'58) who resides in Bowling Green, Ohio has written to us:

"After leaving school, I worked for Porsche in Stuttgart for four years. While there, as the sole Brit at the factory, I happened to co-found the Porsche Club of Great Britain (PCGB) along with a couple of British clients. The Club, now 50 years old, has 15,000 members and is one of the most prestigious owner organizations in the UK...if not the world! Visiting Club Headquarters in Moreton-in-Marsh last November, I handed over memorabilia and documentation relating to the foundation of the club and discovered that of the three founding members, I was the only one still standing. In recognition of this, I was made an "Honorary member of the PCGB" at the last Annual General Meeting. In 1967, while a student at Bowling Green State University in Ohio, I helped found a rugby club which has since become one of the top collegiate rugby clubs in the US and a regular contender for the National Championship (no thanks to me!) At last year's end-of-year banquet I was asked to say a few words about rugby at Mill Hill...and the BG Club's foundation...after which, to my complete surprise, I was inducted into their Hall of Fame!"

Recalling the Middlesex Scheme

Michael Henderson wrote:

"I recently watched a fascinating two-part series on television about grammar schools, what they pioneered for the country as new approaches were being sought, their success and then their rather sad demise and the current and urgent need for imaginative policies in the field of making education accessible. I thought immediately of the pioneering approach of the Middlesex scheme; then I watched the excellent film about the Mill Hill Foundation and realized our experiences are a resource that deserve to be remembered. Roddy Braithwaite in his history of the School has characterized the 35-year Middlesex Scheme as 'a story of which the School can be justifiably proud'. Such an effort would be valuable even as an important resource in the School archives but it would need to be captured now as many of those involved will before long be beyond the point of being interviewed. 'Middlesex alumni' have made their mark in British life, including in sport, and they continue to play a prominent role in the work of the OMs." Michael Henderson (1946-50)

As a consequence, Gerry Westoby has agreed to take up the mantle and Gerry would like to hear from Middlesex scholars. So please respond to his plea below:

'I have agreed to write a history about the beneficiaries of the Middlesex and Assisted Places Schemes, before many of us pass the point of recall. This will not be an in depth study of the scheme because Roddy Braithwaite's 'Strikingly Alive' covers this, but a record of how the various scholars viewed their experience, including both serious and more light-

hearted reactions would be fascinating.

I would like to receive true anecdotes, stories, testimonies, one-liners, two liners, paragraphs or even pages of foolscap which could be included. So, it has fallen to me, Gerry Westoby, with assistance of those at 'millhill.org.uk' to persuade those who participated in the scheme to reveal their experiences, before, during and after their years at the School. 'Before' could cover the interview or your feelings about going from a state school to a public school. 'During' is self-explanatory and 'After' is when you find out whether going to Mill Hill has been beneficial to you. Personally, I have pleasant stories that will slot into all three categories.

So, now it is over to you!

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Gerry Westoby 1956 - 61



Gerry Westoby

Meccano Wizzard

Adrian Williams wrote: Here is a photo of me with my Funicular Railway at the Skegex Meccano Exhibition in the Embassy Theatre, Skegness. However impressed you are prepared to be on my

behalf, I think I should make it clear that my effort was a very humble one when set beside the massive cranes, locomotives, aeroplanes, bridges, traction engines and other engineering marvels to be seen there.



London Youth Symphony Orchestra

Ben Glassberg (YOM), soon to join Girton College, Cambridge to read Music **writes:**

'Following our creation in 2011, at Mill Hill, the London Youth Symphony Orchestra (or LYSO as our friends call us) has gone from strength to strength. Having performed two sell-out concerts in the Large, the orchestra has expanded considerably and now boasts 90 permanent members, as well as a large number of extra players and volunteers who give up their time for free. We still, however, welcome a number of Millhillians and OMs into the orchestra, as well as some current teachers. We

have begun tackling far more challenging repertoire than most amateur or youth orchestras play, with future plans including Holst's 'The Planets,' Berlioz's 'Symphonie Fantastique' and even Mahler's 'Resurrection Symphony.' We have also begun a series of outreach projects in London primary schools, with the intention of engaging young people with classical music – our motto is that 'Classical Music doesn't have to be boring. After our 'Last Night of the Proms' concert, at Mill Hill, we were approached by Great Ormond Street Hospital, who commissioned us to stage another concert, which will take place on

23rd September at Goodenough College, London. We have also been approached by Imperial College London, to assist with a PhD study on musical instruments, which should be very interesting for us. All in all, thanks to the amazing support of the school, the orchestra's future looks very bright indeed.'

Ben Glassberg (McClure, 2007-2012)



Alford House

Our ongoing effort to improve our long term sustainability continues and we are working with our architect to look at various options for alternative redevelopment. This all takes time and cooperation from Lambeth Council so we have to be patient.

The Club is very active and attendance has increased by 100% in the last three months and this is before we have completed implementation of a programme we have arranged to improve this still further. In the last report I mentioned the graduate ski programme and I can report that the trip to the Cairngorms in Scotland was duly completed successfully and one member continued on to complete his instructor's qualification in France.

I also reported last time that we had achieved Silver Level London Youth Quality Mark. I am delighted to say that we have now achieved the Gold Level for the quality assurance scheme accredited by City and Guilds.

We took a group of members to the Ashdown Forrest for the Summer Barbeque. It was very wet but the young people enjoyed orienteering and learning some bushcraft skills whilst the staff prepared the evening barbeque.

A further outing for members, in June, was to a residential weekend at Woodrow High House in Bucks where they did the Low Rope Course, Archery, Raft Building, Orienteering, an expedition to study flora and fauna and an exercise in team working.

As part of our work with the community we continue to offer accommodation to Lambeth's Youth Offending Service and

Early Intervention Staff. We also make available our fitness studio to Fulham Football Club, the Moffatt Health Clinic and Lillian Bayliss Technical College.

We would again like to thank all those who have given so generously to the Club over the past year. If you do not already have a standing order with us, or would like to make your first donation you can do so through our website at www.alfordhouse.org.uk or e-mail Simon Beyer at simon.beyer@alfordhouse.org.uk for further details.

Nigel Baker (55-61) Chair of Governors



I always enjoy attending OM events and meeting Old Millhillians. I am privileged to have the chance to do this both in the UK and elsewhere in the world. David A Brown (Burton Bank 1956-61) and Robin Mills (Ridgeway 1957-62) co-hosted an event for me in Florida in March. Some of those who attended also lived locally but others came from New York and Quebec. (NB. There are already plans for a similar one, probably second weekend in March 2013.) In Los Angeles and San Francisco I had four functions with Old Millhillians and Old Belmontians; it was great to meet so many new people, some of them had never been to a Mill Hill function while others were regularly in touch with friends and contemporaries. In the autumn I hope to see OMs in Dubai at the end of September and in New York at the dinner there on 13th October.

Many Old Millhillians are also Old Belmontians. Some of those who may know that the Governors recently announced a major building plan for Belmont; this exciting project will tie in with the Belmont Centenary. The cost will be £3.4m and the Foundation Appeal Office has been tasked with raising £800,000 towards this. It is hoped that many Old Belmontians will want to take part, perhaps by joining the Bricks for Belmont campaign which will guarantee them a place at Belmont in perpetuity.

Our other fundraising activities will not be abandoned during this period. On the contrary, we will still be promoting the Bursary Endowment Fund and the A Better Chance Bursary scheme and seeking to raise money for the on-going refurbishment of the Science Building at Mill Hill. Legacies, one-off and regular gifts towards these objectives will always be welcomed. In fact we shall be adding an extra person to the Foundation Appeal office team to ensure we can keep everything going.

Old Millhillians will be receiving the Foundation Appeal Annual Review in late September which will provide a detailed update on all aspects of the Foundation Appeal.

On the sporting front there are two initiatives which might be of interest to Old Millhillians. First, there is a long term plan to refurbish the Pavilion on the Park, a very special place for many OMs. The work will cost c£150,000. The School has agreed to match £75,000 raised; we are well on the way towards this target. The second is the inaugural Foundation Appeal Golf Day which takes place at Hendon Golf Club on Wednesday 10th October in aid of the A Better Chance Bursary scheme (see details elsewhere).

Finally, on a personal note, I would like to thank Old Millhillians around the world who have supported me following my wife's death in December. It has been a wonderful testimony to the Mill Hill community and very important to me.

Nick Priestnall – Director, Foundation Appeal

At the Going Down of the Sun

In June HM The Queen unveiled the long overdue Memorial to those who lost their lives in the Second World War while flying with Bomber Command. At least thirty Old Millhillians, possibly more, flew with that command and of those twenty are known to have “failed to return”. There may have been other OMs but these twenty are listed below:

Pit. Off. Philip Arnold	(Belmont 1928-31) shot down over Berlin 1st August 1940 aged 22
Pit. Off. Mathew Barbour	(1929-33) shot down over Germany 26th November 1940 aged 25
Flt. Lt. John Frutiger	(1930-34) in crash returning from Operations 10th February 1941 aged 23
Sgt. Obs. Peter Cammaerts	(1933-36) in crash returning from Operations March 1941 aged 21
Pit. Off. Gordon Bunday	(1931-35) shot down over Germany 24th April 1941 aged 23
Pit. Off. Peter Slater-Eiggert	(1932-34) shot down over Hanover 15th August 1941 aged 24 (last sortie of his tour)
Pit. Off. Christopher Payne	(1928-33) shown down over Germany December 1941 aged 27
Pit. Off. Trevor Hardy-Smith	(1923-27) shot down over Stavanger February 1942 aged 32
Flg. Off. William Whiting	(1933-38) shot down over Cologne 31st May 1942 aged 22
Flg. Off. Hugh Arnott DFC	(1933-38) shot down over France following raid on Karlsruhe 8th December 1942 (last sortie of his tour) aged 22
Pit. Off. Sandy Adams	(1926-28) shot down over The Ruhr 16th September 1942 aged 31
Sgt. Plt. James Fulton	(1935-40) crashed North Sea returning from Operations 26th May 1943 aged 21
Pit. Off. James Waterman	(1931-34) shot down over France September 1943 aged 26
Sqd. Ldr. Thomas Lloyd DSO 1916	(1906-08) shot down over Germany 18th February 1944 aged 53!
Flt. Lt. Denys Street	(1932-40) POW executed Stalag Luft 111 22nd March 1944 aged 21
Flt. Lt. Cyril Swain	(1922-20) POW executed Stalag Luft 111 22nd March 1944 aged 32
Sgt. Eng. Peter Wilson	(1937-41) shot down over Karlsruhe 24th April 1944 aged 20
Pit. Off. Llewellyn Jenkins	(1934-30) aircraft accident May 1944 aged 23
Flt. Lt. Peter Norbury	(1928-33) shot down over Versailles June 1944 aged 29
Sqd. Ldr. Thomas Cockbain DFC	(1931-32) aircraft accident 14th January 1945 aged 29
W.Off. Peter Thorne	(1936-40) killed while escaping from POW Camp February 1945 aged 21 (mentioned in despatches)

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

OM Deaths

OM Deaths since last edition of Martlet (4th December 2011) to 20th August 2012

Surname	First name	Date of Death	House	School Dates	Surname	First name	Date of Death	House	School Dates
Allen	Peter	10/04/2012	Burton Bank	1971 1976	Henderson	The Rev John	20/12/2011	Scrutton	1935 1941
Buchanan	Ian	01/08/2012	Collinson	1934 1937	Holmes Pickering	Dr Arthur	06/05/2012	Murray	1947 1954
Carpenter	Philip	09/12/2009	Murray	1958 1962	Kinnersley	Stewart	01/04/2012*	Winterstoke	1937 1940
Cavaghan	George	01/01/2012*	Ridgeway	1954 1956	Lamb	Rev The Hon Roland	23/11/2011	Winterstoke	1931 1935
Crook	Stephen	18/11/2011	Ridgeway	1948 1952	Lamplugh	Brian	16/08/2012	School House	1935 1939
Dinsdale	Fergus	01/06/2012*	Burton Bank	1957 1962	Lee	Dr Sammy	21/07/2012	Winterstoke	1971 1976
Eppel	Leonard	12/08/2012	School House	1941 1943	Lloyd	Dr Kenneth	01/01/2012	School House	1928 1931
FitzGerald	Rodney	06/02/2012	Murray	1937 1939	Longden	John	01/01/2012*	School House	1925 1929
Freeth	Derek	23/08/2010	School House	1931 1935	Macintosh	Malcolm	20/11/2011	Winterstoke	1935 1937
Gilston	Harvey	02/10/2011	School House	1937 1939	Mansfield	Trevor	27/01/2012	School House	1962 1967
Goldsmith	James	01/01/1983*	Collinson	1957 1961	McAllister	John	01/03/2012	Ridgeway	1957 1962
Harris	Howard		Murray	1955 1959	Michie	Duncan	01/05/2012*	Murray	1974 1979
Harrison	Richard	01/12/2009	Murray	1936 1939	Ousey	John	26/02/2012	Burton Bank	1941 1944
Haw	Richard	29/01/2012	Murray	1969 1974	Roberts	Michael	26/12/2011	Burton Bank	1951 1957
Hazell	Anthony	05/05/2012	Weymouth	1945 1950	Wild	Dr Lewis	06/06/2012	School House	1927 1930
Heald	David	14/07/2012	Burton Bank	1936 1939	Yates	Deane	29/06/2012		

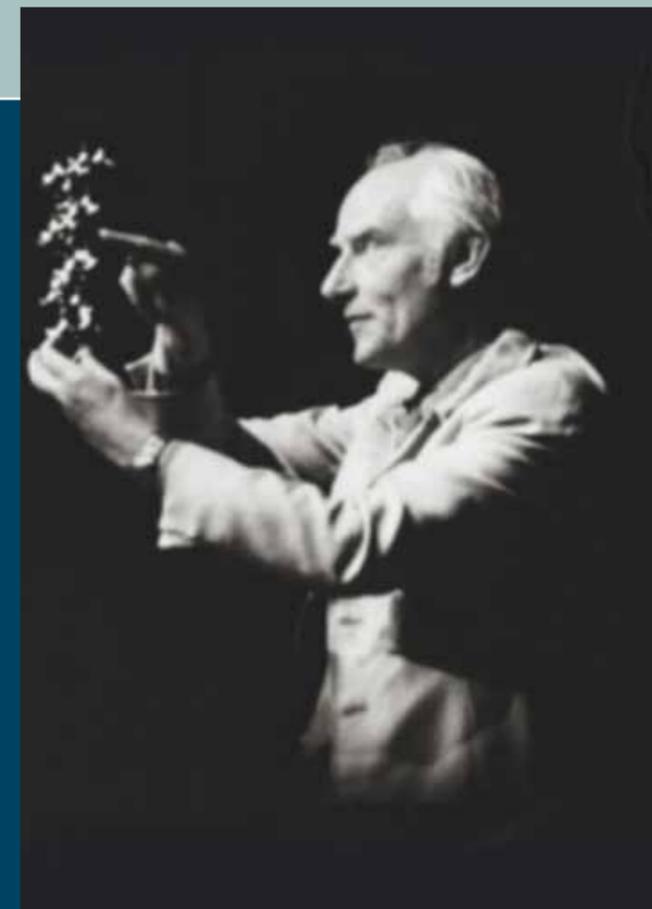
*date of death estimated

Memories of Crick

The closest friend of John Shilston, who died in 2010, was Francis Crick of DNA fame. His son Peter sent us some of the memories his father had supplied Robert Olby when writing a biography of Crick

“As both Scholarship boys in Ridgeway, we were thrown together, and remained close throughout our school careers. Crick’s best subject in those days was physics, but I think it is fair to say that in those days he did not show much sign of his future eminence. He was a slender chap with round glasses, more extrovert than me (his nickname was ‘Crackers’). In our first year we did prep in the common room, where silence was enforced. Crick worked out a method of communicating by finger-tapping, based on the 5x5 alphabetical grid as used by prisoners. Then in the Sixth Form when casual reading and listening to the radio were both strictly forbidden during prep, we built our own set. (When I say ‘we’, it was about 70% Crick). Crick devised a switch that automatically turned the radio off when the door was opened by a patrolling prefect or master, with another switch under the desk, in case the master had the cunning idea of opening and closing the door whilst remaining inside. In the 1934 school photograph Crick claimed he achieved the legendary feat of appearing twice, running from one end of the assembled school to the other as the camera swung round.

Though I later lost touch with him I would still count him as the best friend of my youth.”



“Francis Crick; Hunter of Life’s Secrets”, by Robert Olby, is published by Cold Spring Harbour Laboratory Press; New York

“Good things come to those that wait”

The following obituary was unfortunately not included in the forthcoming 2012 School Magazine.

Gordon Arthur Stannard 1927 – 2011 (Burton Bank 1939 – 45)

Born 24th July 1927 in East London and younger brother of Colin (33-38), Gordon was one of a unique handful of OM’s whose full MHS career was undertaken at St. Bees Cumberland during WWII. Evacuated from London in September 1939, Gordon started in Burton Bank (Seacote) and embarked on the most memorable period of his life. Mill Hill suited Gordon perfectly. As a talented sportsman, he excelled in all areas of school life, graduating in 1945 with School Certificate, triple colours and minor in Fives, as Senior Monitor and Under Officer. His memory and stories of MHS life are legendary.

Following Mill Hill, Gordon joined the Royal Naval Air Force serving as a meteorology NCO stationed in different UK bases, regularly representing the Navy at sport. Whilst at RNAS Stretton, Warrington, he met Coral whom he married in September 1950. On leaving the Navy, Gordon joined the family print business F Stannard and set up home in Cobham. During this time, he continued to be an active player for the OMCRFC 1st XV, Hon Secretary for the OMs Hockey Club over two decades as well as playing for the Hawks Hockey Club.

In 1979 a new era of life began when he sold the family business – continuing in private print trade and sales until 80 years of age - and moved with Mum to Kirdford, West Sussex where they fully enjoyed country life for 30 years. Dad was a passionate proud competitive Old Millhillian.

David Stannard (Burton Bank '76)

Rugby – Sevens Heaven

On April 29th Old Millhillians took part in the Hendon Rugby Sevens tournament. Sporting its new 7's kit, the team was eager not to get it dirty; however, as the pitches could only be described as a swamp, realisation quickly dawned that the kit was going to become horribly muddy.

The first two matches were won comfortably with 65 points totted up, most notably in a 49-0 victory over Belsize Park. However, the team struggled in a crunch game against our strong rivals Ruislip but managed a 14-14 draw with a last gasp try from Brad Abraham. So OMs went through as group winners on points difference.

In the semi-finals the OMs beat Sudbury Jesters in a close contest before encountering a youthful Wasp side in the finals. It quickly became apparent that the OMs were more eager to win than the Wasps, who looked somewhat dispirited, especially after George Fenton took out their winger with a crunching tackle towards the end of the first half. OMs again produced the goods and the winning try was scored by none other than George himself.

Special mention must go to Alex Bate for organising the team and to Doc Webster for yet again supporting us in the pouring rain.

James Roycroft Davis (Murray 2012)

GOLF

After a most successful Halford Hewitt campaign in April when the OMs reached the third round, the best result for some time, around 30 golfers gathered in June at the exquisite Saunton Sands Hotel for the OM biennial tour.

The Captain was pleased to welcome newcomer Jonathan Bourn and also Clive Weber after an absence of many years. A few had sneaked a practice round on the Sunday afternoon and were therefore well and truly in the groove for the "Warm up" event on the West Course at Saunton on Monday morning. A team comprising Colin Nunn, Paul Reik, Isaac Nyamekye and Frank Ward were the runaway winners. In the afternoon Drake and Nyamekye prevailed over Smith and Reik on countback in the Kentish Foursomes on the East Course.

Tuesday was a more leisurely day as members travelled the short distance to Westward Ho! to play one round for the Marnham Cup at Royal North Devon, the oldest Golf Club in England. Another glorious day saw a close run event with Frank Ward just edging ahead of Derren Hamilton and brother Anthony.

On Tuesday night members donned ties and blazers for dinner and prizegiving. We were joined by Roy Mills, stalwart of the society, now approaching 90 and OM Club President, Christopher Maunder Taylor. Roy reminded us that the last time the tour was in North Devon in 1986 he and Tom Hignett won the Foursomes. The President stayed a while longer to join us for the final morning round played on Saunton's East Course; for the Captain's prize and yet again Frank Ward was victorious just ahead of Graham Drake and William Maunder-Taylor.

Whilst a few stayed to enjoy a final few hours in the beautiful environment most took to the road, with happy memories of old friendships renewed, stories to tell and shots left behind.

John Hawkins (Captain)

OMRFC Vice Presidents Lunch

Some 50 OMs and their guests gathered at Headstone Lane on March 31st 2012 for this popular annual bash. It was particularly good to see John Elliott, Jim Roberts, Murray Holmes (with their wives), and Gerry Westoby, all of whom had travelled from well outside London, and finally Peter Huston, who had come from Italy!

Everybody was able to see the significant improvements made by our long term tenants Harrow and St Mary's Cricket Club, including the recently installed and much needed new windows. Nic Leon did the catering which was, as always, excellent. Ray Hubbard was once again the official vintner whilst David Webster who, at the earlier AGM, had been re-elected Chairman had a few words to say; not too many though as he himself observed.

Although it has been known to go wrong, it is customary for the 1st XV to put on a blistering display of rugby to entertain the biggest crowd of the season. They did not let us down. Up against Hackney, several places above us in the league, they maintained an excellent standard and ran out winners by 37-8. Their philosophy this season has been to play open rugby and they put this into practice to great effect.

Andy Mortimer



The 1st XI Millhillian Cricket team receiving the 2011 League Winners Trophy (sponsored by Saracens and presented at Wembley)

Totteridge Millhillians Cricket Club

This year the 1s XI has been skippered by OM, Justin Le Fort, with John Emburey as player coach. OM, Vishal Bhimjiyani is Club captain and other OMs still playing are James Hutcheson, Sonny Sandhu, Mitesh Bhimjiyani, Simon Bunyard and now three Ridouts, Phil, Ollie and Freddie!

TMs were delighted to welcome OMC President, Christopher Maunder Taylor as a guest at the Club's pre-season lunch at the Haven Bistro

After a depressingly wet start to the season, by August the 1st XI finally hit its stride by dismissing Radlett for 48, winning by 9 wickets leaving the team in 5th position in the table, still within reach of a promotion spot. England legend, John Emburey, who at 59 showed he is still a class act, took 5-10! TMs 2nds have clawed their way back to 7th following a comprehensive win at Bishop's Stortford whilst the 3rds sit mid table, yet only 40 points off the top slot so there is still much to play for there. The 4ths are struggling a bit but there is still time for a come back!

The Sussex tour took place on 8th and 9th August, for what must be its 30th+ year; the two matches against Havant and against Paddy Nolan's team at Preston Nomads were lost as we had a weakened team. The Nomads ground must be one of the most beautiful grounds in the country and our hosts provided, as always, a fantastic tea! Anyone wishing to play for TMs can contact the club via the website: www.totteridgemillhillians.com.

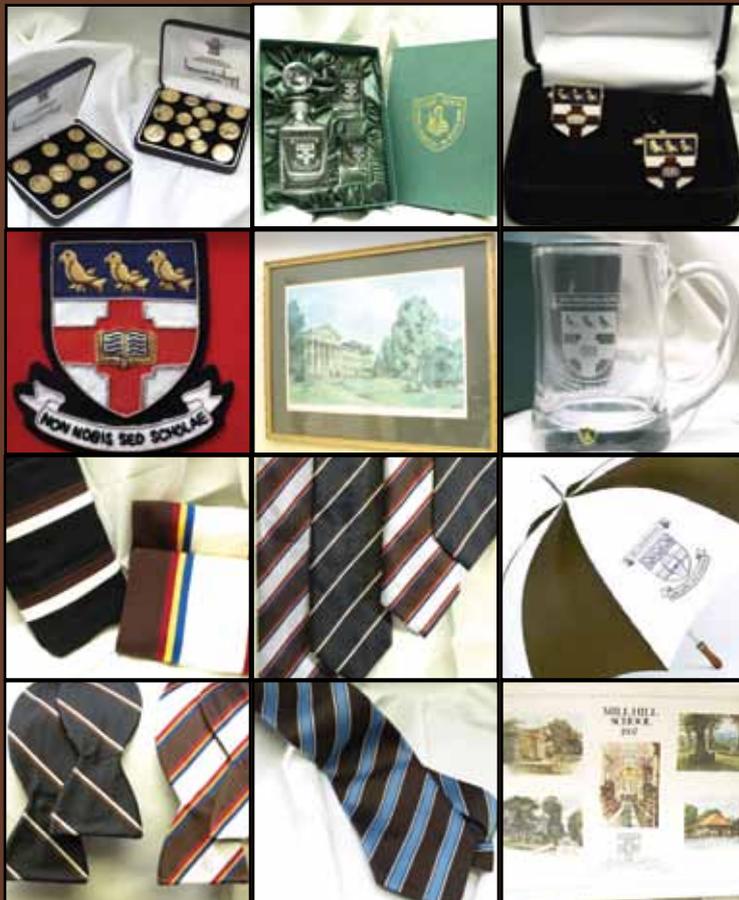
Stewart Wernham (1974-79)



Merchandise Price List

Silk Ties

Country & Town	£25.00
Extra long	£27.50
Non crease	£30.00
Silk untied bow ties	£17.00
Scarves (pure wool)	£35.00
Cufflinks - Enamel	£10.00
- Gold plated	£27.00
Sturgeon print of MHS (unframed)	£50.00
Mill Hill School 1907 (unframed)	£10.00
Blazer buttons 6S 4L	£49.00
Blazer buttons 8S 6L	£65.00
Crystal Tankard	£20.00
Hat Band	£2.00
Weymouth Tie	£9.00
Golf Umbrella	£32.00
Blazer Badges	£12.00



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Merchandise will be available at OMs Day – Saturday 15th September

Forthcoming Events 2012

Property Drinks

Organised by Mike Peskin on Tuesday 2nd October 2012. You are encouraged to bring along a suitable guest from the property industry, to introduce to your fellow OMs. Meet from 6pm in the new basement bar at Morton's on Berkeley Square, London W1. Refreshments on the evening will be part funded. e: Michael.Peskin@balfourbeatty.com

City Drinks

For all OMs who work or happen to be in London and would like to attend, take place on the 1st Wednesday of every month at Greens Oyster Bar, 14 Cornhill, London EC3 from 6pm. The next one is on Wednesday 3rd October.

Armistice Day Service

At Mill Hill School will take place on Friday 9th November. All OMs welcome. Coffee will be served from 10.20am in the Octagon.

North West Dinner

At the St.James's Club, Manchester on Friday 16th November. Contact John Elliott T: 01565 625872 e: a-j.elliott@hotmail.co.uk

South West Dinner

At Somerset County Cricket Club, Taunton on Friday 23rd November. Contact Robert Priestley e: robert@robertpriestley.co.uk M: 07799 774052

YOMS Christmas Drinks

At the Adam & Eve pub on Thursday 20th December. First drink free if you arrive before 9pm!