



# *Climb Every Mountain*

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*This dramatic photograph of Mount Kilimanjaro was taken by YOM Charlie Winch. He and Tabby Mainstone (who climbed to Everest Base Camp) have been raising money for charities.*

*They were both sponsored by the OM Club which provides funds for YOMS who need a bit of financial support in undertaking any worthwhile enterprise.*

***Read all about their adventures on page 4***



## Nobis et Scholae

Since last I wrote, the School has been settling into the new routine of a five-day teaching week. We have also welcomed our first weekly boarders. I am delighted to say that both initiatives have been very well received by parents and pupils and have contributed to a very obvious increase in the level of demand for places at the School.

Given that we are in the depths of a period of sustained economic difficulty, this is remarkable and is a tribute to all those who have worked hard to raise standards and increase the range of opportunities available to our pupils. Perhaps more than anything, it is a reflection of the superb impression that our boys and girls create when they meet and talk to others. Certainly, those Club members who met the Senior Monitors and Monitors at October's Annual Dinner were full of praise for their obvious intelligence, sense of engagement and pride in being members of such a great School.

On the academic front, last year was another one in which records were broken. We had excellent A level results, with 42% of papers being graded A\* or A, well over 15% at A\* and more than a quarter of the year group obtaining three or more A\* or A grades. As a result, the vast majority of our leavers have moved on to top universities, and six former pupils took up places at Oxford and Cambridge this term. The highest performing A level candidate was Christos Charalambous who achieved 5 A\* grades and is now studying Economics at UCL. Meanwhile, our AS level results were the best

on record with over 60% of papers being awarded grades A or B. We also had our best year ever at GCSE, for the second year running, despite the first fall in national pass rates for 24 years. More than 60% of our GCSE entries were graded A\* or A and well over half of the year group were awarded at least six A\* or A grades. I am tremendously proud of the achievements of all our public examination candidates, and I hope that they are equally proud of themselves.

Despite the continuing trend of increasingly strong academic performance, our extra-curricular achievements remain as impressive as ever. So far this term, we have seen some excellent performances and results on the rugby and hockey fields and an array of triumphs in our minor sports. The School's musical life grows ever richer, ranging from the sublime performances of the Chapel Choir to the mass participation in October's house music competition. Drama and Art also continue to flourish. I would like to take this opportunity to warmly invite members of the Club to attend next term's major production, *Our Country's Good*. Further details of this and other events may be found on our new website [www.millhill.org.uk](http://www.millhill.org.uk)

or by contacting the Friends' Office at the School.

The School enjoys the success it does for many reasons. One of them is the support afforded us by the Club. Christopher Maunder Taylor, last year's President, has proved to be a staunch and generous advocate for the work that we do, as has his successor, Andy Mortimer. It was particularly good to see them and other guests at the official opening of the Old Millhillians' Room in September. The room has been refurbished and hung with portraits of some of our most distinguished alumni and it is extremely humbling to see how many former pupils have gone on to eminence in a huge variety of fields. Our job now is to make sure that their ranks are swelled by boys and girls who are currently at the School and others who will come to us in future years. Given the quality of the pupils we have today, I have no doubt that the walls of the Old Millhillians' Room will become ever more crowded with images of those who have gone on to make their mark upon the world.

**Dr Dominic Lockett, Headmaster**

## The New President: Andy Mortimer

Our President for 2012/13, Andy Mortimer, was in Burton Bank. Academically unremarkable or, at best, idle, he spent most of his time in one sporting arena or another with rugby to the fore though he has fond memories of being deployed as something of a heavyweight lout for the hockey XI.

He played for OMRFC from 1961-66, skipping in the last couple of years before decamping to WASPS where he was Vice-Captain, until serious injury abruptly ended his playing career in 1968. After that and by now married to Georgina, work commitments took them first to Birmingham and then, unexpectedly, to Australia in 1974 - and with three very small children. Whilst there, he rather unwisely took on a bet late one evening that he could play a 3rd XV game for one of the better known local clubs. Over 30 and not at his fittest, he won the bet and was delighted, not to say flattered, to be spotted by the 1st XV coach as a good prospect! The old injury re-emerged just in time to prevent any further adventures on that front.

The family returned to the UK in late 1982 and it was not long before Andy was once again involved in OMRFC. He was Chairman for 14 years and derived a lot of pleasure from watching some very good OM XVs in that time. He was also on the Middlesex Committee for 24 years, 3 of them as President between 2005 and 2008. He managed the county's playing sides for 12 years and led them on 4 overseas

tours to Argentina, Spain, Italy and Canada.

Two of his children, Sophie and Max, attended Mill Hill in the Sixth Form and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



Andy has been Chairman of Club Lands, the freeholder of Headstone Lane, for a number of years and Chairman of the OMC for the last 4 years, a position he will temporarily relinquish during his year of Presidency. Despite all this OM involvement, it is thought that he did work in the past, though nobody is sure at what and he has retired from all that anyway. His main alternative interest is as Treasurer of the George Adamson Wildlife Trust, a charity which supports the work of another OM, Tony Fitzjohn, in Tanzania.

## Honorary Secretary Report

Both our new President, Andy Mortimer, and our new Chairman, Alan Toulson, have quickly got their feet under the table and with the support of the Vice-President, Peter Wakeham, are busy with all things Old Millhillian and are very keen to drive the Club forward.

Andy's first official event was Remembrance Day at the School (see photograph), an increasingly impressive occasion. Congratulations to our immediate past President, Chris Maunder Taylor, on a successful year in office and a superb dinner - and it was good to see so many younger OMs attending. Much has been said of the recently opened Old Millhillians Room at the School, so do make a point of going to see the photographs of both young and older Old Millhillians of distinction. Two other initiatives to report on:

### OMC President's Prize

Sophie Iliffe (Collinson 2010-12) was the second recipient of the 'OMC President's Prize' awarded on Foundation Day at MHS on 22nd September 2012. The prize was the brainchild of immediate Past President Mike Corby, who donated a cup to be awarded annually together with a small gift from the OM Club. The Headmaster selects 'an Upper Sixth Leaver who has made an outstanding contribution to the life of the School.' We wish

Sophie the best of luck as she leaves for Lancaster University where she will read Politics and International Relations. Alex Warnakulasuriya, who is now studying at Exeter University, was the recipient of the 2011 prize.

### Membership Directory

With this edition of *Martlet*, you should receive a new List of Members booklet. This booklet replaces the one published in 2006. The format is broadly the same but instead of showing the Officers and Committee at the time of publication (which becomes out of date very quickly) we have included a list of Past Presidents and useful phone numbers etc. We have omitted the Club Rules and Regulations because they are available on line or by hard copy from the office for those who want them. That has saved some 6 pages.

Email addresses, where we have them, have been included for the first time. Please get in touch with the office if your email address is omitted and you would like the office to have a record of it for future mailings. Email addresses save the Club much time and money in corresponding with members. Many thanks to our secretary Shalaka for putting this all together.

**Tim Corbett, Honorary Secretary**



# YOMS: Young Old Millhillians



## Careers

The OM Club runs a thriving Careers service. We put you in touch with OMs who are settled and experienced in their professions. The help they offer can range from organising a few days work experience to mentoring and offering advice on personal statements and interviews. Recently Philip Keller met with a group of OMs to give them some information and help on starting a career in finance at his offices in central London. All three OMs found the meeting most useful and we thank Phil for his time.

All we need from you is a good, well presented CV and a brief statement stating what exactly you are looking for and we will do our best to help.

Thank you to all the OMs who continue to offer their time and expertise to young OMs.



Over the holidays I got the chance to work with an OM in finance. That OM was one Jonathan Zenios, and I was interning at his recently set-up hedge fund. One of the first memories I had at ZIPartners was turning up there, looking up to the sky and staring at this building that shone bright in the sunlight, and thinking to myself "this could be good".

My main task at the hedge fund was to set-up a linear optimiser for a portfolio of shares. To the non-technical person, that's just a computer program that determines the best returning stocks on the market and tells you how much to invest in them. This was quite an important job, given that the optimiser could be used to direct the investments of hundreds of millions of euros at any moment in time.

Though I didn't quite get the optimiser finished during my 8 weeks there, I was told I'd made a great contribution to the project and gained insights into the ever-changing worlds of both computing and finance. The good humour of Jim, Chris, Eloise and my other colleagues helped us get through the long hours of the day. I think the highlight of the internship was probably being called "the best thing to come out of Mill Hill, after me" by Jonathan at a business dinner, where the team were treated to some good food and wine.

I owe a debt of gratitude to Shalaka at the OM club office and to Jonathan Zenios. Without her putting me in touch with the right people, I wouldn't have had such a great opportunity this summer. And to any young Millhillians reading this, it might be an idea to get in touch with her if you'd like work experience. It could work out as well for you as it did for me.

Max Chamberlin (Burton Bank 2010)

in temperatures down to -25°C, unable to stop for more than a few minutes for fear of freezing.

At just gone 6.00am, with the sun coming up behind us, we finally reached Stella Point, the summit of Mt Kilimanjaro. But to reach the technical summit of Kili, Uhuru ('Freedom')

Peak, we had another hour's walk along the rim of the volcano's crater. By 7.30 however I and about half the group reached Uhuru Peak at 5,895m (19,341feet) above sea level!

After a difficult trek down we then made the most of our time in East Africa by going on Safari in the Serengeti, visiting the capital of Tanzania, Dar el Salem, and relaxing on the beaches of the beautiful spice island of Zanzibar. The experience had challenged me in every way possible – far beyond anything I thought I could do. Once again I cannot thank enough everyone who made this trip possible, especially those who sponsored me, the OMC included.

Charlie Winch (Weymouth 2011)

Thank you so much for the sponsorship! I'm proudly wearing my Mill Hill School tie, to say thank you!

Tabby Mainstone (Murray 2011)



## Climbing Mount Kilimanjaro

Last September I and 25 others from Birmingham University trekked up Mt. Kilimanjaro, the world's tallest freestanding mountain. In the process I managed to raise £2,918 for the Practical Action, a charity which has helped over a million people in the Third World. £75,000 was raised by our group as a whole, through fundraising events and sponsorship, including a very generous grant for equipment from the Old Millhillians Club.

The trek up Kilimanjaro itself was far harder than I had ever imagined, four of the most challenging yet rewarding days of my life. As the air got thinner everyone started to suffer from Acute Mountain Sickness (AMS) with its crippling headaches and nausea. For me, the personal highlight was reaching the top of the Baranco Wall on the third day, after scrambling up an almost vertical cliff face – the most technical part of the climb. Kilimanjaro's has an extraordinary variety of stunning scenery, from rainforest to shrub land to alpine desert and finally to arctic conditions at the summit.

The final summit attempt was made from the base camp but my recollections were somewhat hazy because of the effects of altitude. We started at midnight and trekked for seven hours through the darkness; something of a blur, like the morning after a boozy night out – seven hours of walking, stumbling and crawling up scree slopes

## To Everest Base Camp

Last year I applied to the OMs for a donation to climb to Everest Base Camp in aid of Sparks Children's Charity, and after being put in touch with Nigel Baker I was given £200 sponsorship!

The climb was definitely the hardest thing I have ever done in my life, and it was tough both physically and mentally, but I am so unbelievably happy that I did it, and with your help!

Well, I am happy to report back that I made it successfully to Base Camp and raised over £4,660!

# EVENTS

## Old Millhillians Day 2012

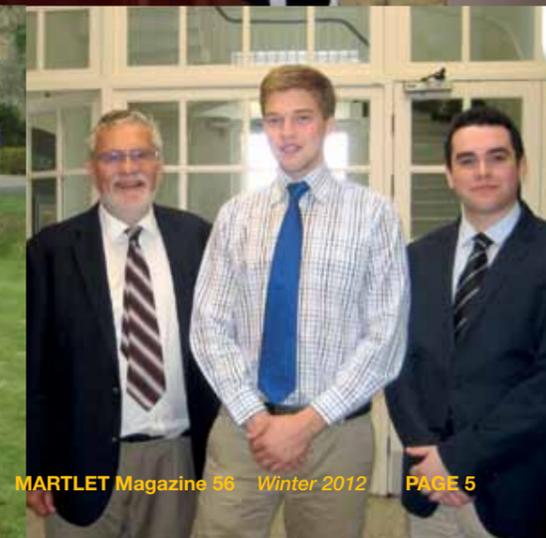
Saturday 15th September

This year we returned to the tradition of an Old Millhillians Day being separate from the School Foundation Day. After the Life Guardians had met for their annual meeting, 90 plus Old Millhillians enjoyed drinks on the terrace and sat down in the dining room to a most delicious lunch provided by Mike Gibson and his team. Meanwhile Ben Glassberg, his sister Emily, and Rose Miller provided some incidental music in the Octagon.

The focus of the day was the formal opening of the new Old Millhillians Room by Mike Corby which will provide the School with an impressive waiting room. Congratulations to Mike and everyone involved, including committee members Tony Armstrong, Andy Mortimer and Ray Hubbard. Everyone was very impressed both by the furnishing of the room and also the photographs, which reflect a broad range of achievement and endeavour by Old Millhillians old and young.

The Old Millhillians then watched the School trounce QE Boys at rugby on Top Field before tea on the terrace. The day concluded with about 40 younger Old Millhillians meeting over a drink in the Three Hammers: we hope that this get together will become as traditional a fixture for younger members as the Christmas drinks.

Tim Corbett



# EVENTS



## Dubai Dinner 25th September 2012

While on holiday in Dubai recently, Nick Priestnall caught up with Emmanuel Ajayi and together they identified around 30 OMs in the United Arab Emirates! They managed to contact more than half of them. A lovely

evening was had in the garden of Keith and Nasreen Stack's house. It was agreed by those present to make sure that more was done to keep OMs in the region in touch with one another. The next OM event will be during the Dubai Sevens and Manny is going to ensure a small group meets soon to plan further activity.

**Nick Priestnall**

## OM South West Dinner

Undeterred by floods and train cancellations, and forecast of worse to come, some 34 people attended the SW biennial dinner at the Somerset County Cricket Club in Taunton.

The Headmaster was the one no-show; unfortunately transport difficulties meant that he wouldn't have been able to get back to an engagement the next day. He was ably represented by Nick Priestnall, Director of the Foundation Appeal, proudly sporting his newly awarded OM tie. He spoke of what the school was equipping young people to do as well as achieving high academic standards. It could be summarized in the theme 'Meeting life head on'.

The toast to the school was proposed by Richard Llewellyn (62-66) who gave us among other things a lively account of OMs in the Bournemouth area. One of the encouraging features of this dinner was a number of OMs present who hadn't attended an OM event of any kind for many years.

Andrew Mortimer (57-61), the President of the OMs Club, recalled playing rugby against Taunton. He also spoke of the progress in identifying OMs whose names would be in a gallery of distinguished Old Boys to be housed at the school.

The toast to the Queen was proposed by OM Welsh Secretary, Ronnie Boon (54-60), whose Welsh biennial dinner will be held next year on 1st November in Cardiff.

Introducing the Grace, former OM SW Secretary, Michael Henderson (46-50) expressed pleasure that his successor Robert Priestley (70-72) was a descendant of one of Mill Hill's greatest headmasters, Thomas Priestley, who was at the school from 1818 to 1852 and headmaster for 17 years.

Michael Henderson had said grace, in this case a poem by Indian Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore, to set



## New York Dinner

12th October

Once again Alan Bain arranged the evening at the excellent Cellini's restaurant in mid-town Manhattan. Numbers this year were slightly lower than in recent years although contact from School with OMs in the USA has been more extensive than ever before. Alan was an excellent host. Nick Priestnall represented the School and carried the good wishes of the Headmaster and of the OM Club President Christopher Maunder Taylor. Nick and Alan agreed to work with the Club to ask OMs what sort of event might appeal to them in the future.

a tone for the closing talk by former master Paul Bickerdike who had just flown in from India. Paul spoke movingly of the role played by Mill Hill School and Mill Hill pupils in supporting the Sri Jayendra School in Tamil Nadu, both in going out to South India and in welcoming students to Mill Hill. He encouraged OMs to adopt an Indian student from the school. This initiative at the school was giving educational opportunities to some of the poorest of the poor in India as well as being a life-changing experience for the Mill Hill boys and girls.

It is increasingly the case at these dinners that interesting artefacts from earlier school days are brought by those attending and enjoyed by all.

**Michael Henderson (Weymouth '50)**



## 1962 Leavers Reunion

27th October

The School hosted a lunch for nearly thirty OMs who all left fifty years ago. The idea was put in motion by Graham Drake and Robin Mills and the success of the event can be summed up by this quote from a happy attendee:

"Not only was it wonderful to meet many old friends, see all the archive material you so kindly put on show, and relive (for me anyway) happy memories from seemingly a lifetime ago, but also tremendously encouraging to be shown around the really impressive new developments at the school. I have always considered myself lucky to have been at MHS, and I am sure any pupil who takes advantage of the opportunities for self-development offered to them nowadays at the School cannot fail to feel the same."

## Property Drinks

Mike Peskin organised some informal drinks for the Property crowd on Tuesday 2nd October in the basement bar at Mortons on Berkeley Square, London W1. There was an excellent turnout and if you would like to be invited to any future events please contact Mike e: michael.peskin@balfourbeatty.com



## Northern Dinner

The St James's Club in Manchester again provided a stylish venue for the annual Northern Dinner. There were 35 attendees with the usual mix of those from the north and those who had come up from London, including the Headmaster, Dr Lockett and the Bursar, Bruce Fraser. Many thanks to John Elliott, our convivial host and master of ceremonies, and to John Farmer, who helped with the organisation of the evening.

It was particularly good to see John Bolton and Roy Mills, both of whom had been at the School in the 30's, as well as Andy Mortimer, who was attending his first dinner in his new role as President. The speeches were short and pithy, the food and wine excellent, and the mixed company lively and full of bonhomie - what more could one desire?

**Tim Corbett**





## Annual Dinner 2012

Haberdashers' Hall was the chosen venue of our President, Chris Maunder Taylor, for this year's Annual Dinner on Friday 19th October and it proved an excellent choice. Though only ten years old, the hall conveyed a pleasing mix of tradition and modernity and had an impressive setting, overlooking a quadrangle and fountain. The dining room was formally and attractively laid out with a top table and extending leaves. 140 plus guests enjoyed a tasty meal of smoked salmon, guinea fowl and tarte tatin washed down with fine wines.

Most pleasing was the very significant number of younger Old Millhillians present, whilst the speeches were unusually concise, enabling the guests to return to the bar afterwards. The President spoke movingly about the links between the Club and the School, while the Headmaster gave a witty and informative response. Andy Mortimer was inducted as the new President and Peter Wakeham received the Vice-President's badge.

*Thank you to Stephanie Kalber for taking photographs at the event.*



# Letters from around the world

## Three Weeks in Stratford or Memoirs of an OM Second String

The first OMs to pick up on my connection with the Paralympics were Jim Roberts and Mike Henderson. They twigged that my wife, Eva Loeffler, was the daughter of the late Sir Ludwig Guttman (widely recognised as the Founder of the Paralympics) and that this genetic link plus her involvement in promoting sport for the disabled in the 30 years since my father-in-law's death had led to her very exciting and exacting appointment to the post of Mayor of the Paralympic Village. Mike Henderson and Tim Corbett then came up with the idea that I should tell my side of the story in *Martlet*. I am only too pleased to do so, having previously been completely ignored by the national and international media who pounced upon Eva once her mayoral role was made public and almost drowned her in requests for radio, TV and press interviews. The rush was also fuelled by the timely screening of 'The Best of Men' a BBC biopic starring the splendid Eddie Marsan and Rob Brydon. It told the story of Ludwig Guttman's 1940s Stoke Mandeville struggle to convince doctors, nurses, administrators and the patients themselves that paraplegics, rather than dying within months, could have a normal life span and enjoy the dignity of proper places in society and in the sporting world.

So we moved into our commodious Paralympic Village apartment (one of 2800) for a three-week stay on 21st September, 8 days ahead of the start of the 2012 Paralympics because the Mayor is the focus not only of the Village but also of 'team welcoming ceremonies'. These were held in the Village Plaza. They lasted around 45 minutes and were staged about six times a day, 5 or 6 countries out of the 164 attending the Paralympics being involved at a time. These ceremonies consisted of

spirited performances by colourfully clad and face-painted members of the National Youth Theatre who declaimed, danced, did gymnastics and pranced around on bicycles and spring-loaded metal stilts to music by 'Queen' (Bicycle Race and We are the Champions). At about mid-point Eva would give her welcome speech and exchange gifts with chosen dignitaries from each country present. Appropriate national anthems would be played, national flags would be raised with military precision. I watched about a dozen of these ceremonies because I found them moving and because it gave me a chance to meet up with Eva from time to time!

Other daytime activities for Eva (but not her side kick) were arranged by her four personal assistants and included media interviews, welcoming dignitaries, visiting the Village, pressing much flesh and contributing to the torrent of bonhomie and goodwill generated by the hordes of volunteers. Then there were 'workforce lunches'. Volunteers involved in various duties would ballot for a place at the Mayor's table - I had a free pass! The company at these lunches was eclectic. I once found myself sitting between a Roman Catholic priest and a cleaner from Scarborough Hospital who was on unpaid leave! These lunches were held in the Main Dining Hall, a vast temporary structure which was big enough to house 800 London buses and catered for every cuisine imaginable. You would collect your tray, your cutlery and sally forth.

Tours around the Paralympic Village, its buildings, its clinic, its future school, its gym, its pub (no alcohol at present), its gardens and its squares could take hours because volunteers, athletes, their coaches and



their carers all wanted to be photographed with Eva. Almost no one was interested in a picture of me - and I had even invested in a haircut before departing for Stratford!

There were occasional visits to Westfield (the new mammoth Mall) and frequent excursions to Paralympic events (what fantastic Opening and Closing Ceremonies!). Best seats (and food) were always provided. There was only one down-side. Security was tight and every return to the Village involved stringent car and passenger searches not to mention accreditation scrutiny. We had at our disposal a BMW and two delightful chauffeurs (one a retired Head Master of a Primary School and the other a novice monk). We visited all the Stratford and Greenwich venues and Eva was involved in a couple of medal ceremonies. The announcement that the Village Mayor was appearing met with more cheers than those that greeted politicians and other glitterati. Very gratifying.

And now, after a magical three weeks, we are back home in Aldeburgh, with our friends, our garden, our grandchildren, our great grandchild, our golf, our dog (a labradoodle) and our shopping at the Co-op. For both of us, it was a great privilege and an unforgettable experience to have been at the heart of the Paralympics. And for me there was one rather unexpected spin-off. I developed new-found sympathy and respect for the late Sir Dennis Thatcher, an OM and undoubtedly the role model for second stringers.

**Frank Loeffler (Collinson '49)**

## Memories of an Olympian

Keith Armistead (Scrutton '56) recalls his early memories of Lou Dapeng (known as Bobby Lou at School), the OM who chaired the bid for the Beijing Olympics:

"Bobby Lou, who featured in the summer issue of *Martlet*, was already an accomplished sportsman at Mill Hill. He quickly established a fine

reputation as a gymnast, runner and especially as a rugby player, following his arrival from Belmont in 1950. Bobby captained our Under Fifteen 1951 side from fly half and was a dominating influence in every game we played. His wide, sweeping runs unhinged opposing defences, creating opportunities for the rest of us. He used Chinese characters to sign our team photographs. His potential as a sportsman appeared limitless. I remember our frustration when we learned he had returned to Beijing quite soon in his Mill Hill career. His subsequent success comes as no surprise."

## Paradise Rescued

**David Stannard (Burton Bank '76) who has been for many years our Australian OM rep writes to us from Paradise Rescued in Bordeaux - or maybe from Melbourne:**

"Someone has to do it!! As a family we have been lucky enough to own a small house in the village of Cardan near Bordeaux, France for the last 20 years as our one 'fixed home' as we travelled the world to work. Choosing a place in France was a compromise between reasonable proximity to an international airport, decent weather and vineyards.

However, we had never anticipated that the planning zones would change so dramatically, threatening to change our tiny community village into a small town and eliminate our rural vineyard views across a 12th century church. We either had to sell up or pay up! We decided that Paradise had

to be "Rescued"! And so a micro-winery business was born.

After making the first vineyard purchase in mid 2009, we started organic viticultural management of our first small half hectare block in January 2010. The process of converting a vineyard from a pesticide and herbicide zone to full organic terroir requires patience. 2010 turned out a good year for Bordeaux red wines and we produced our first 100% varietal Cabernet Franc wine called Cloud9. A full varietal CabFranc is pretty rare in Bordeaux where this grape variety is normally used as a blend wine. Steady improvements in fruit and wine quality can be seen with successive vintages.

The mission of Paradise Rescued is all about protecting the heritage and environment of our beautiful village and one of the greatest

pleasures has been the amazing support from our local community. Harvest days are a celebration for our sector of the village of Cardan. Currently all production of our hand crafted Cloud9 wine is exported to Australia but..."

[www.paradiserescued.com](http://www.paradiserescued.com)



## Middlesex Scheme

In the last *Martlet* Gerry Westoby asked for anecdotes and stories from Middlesex Scholars as he is writing a history about this unique group of beneficiaries.

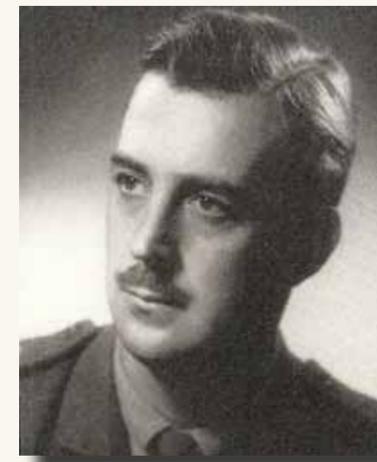
Roger Graham is among those who have already contributed and he has written a fascinating 2,500 word article (obviously too lengthy for this publication) about his time at school and university and a distinguished career in industry and business. He eventually became a Mill Hill School Governor.

We have put his article on the website so do read it and it is exactly the kind of contribution that Gerry wants.

Meanwhile if you are a Middlesex Scholar do get in touch with Gerry at [wescam21@aol.com](mailto:wescam21@aol.com) or 4 Saxon Close Oakington Cambridge CB24 3AZ if you have not already done so.

## Cammaerts Remembered

I have just read a book published this year by Macmillan "The Spy Who Loved, The Secrets and Lives of Christine Granville, Britain's First Female Special Agent of World War II" by Clare Mulley. There is much biographical detail in it about Francis Cammaerts, giving something of his character and of the scope and extent of his wartime exploits. He and Christine worked very closely together. There is a lot that I think that would fascinate OMs.



Francis Cammaerts (Burton Bank '34) was an outstanding Special Operations Executive (SOE) agent who organised French Resistance groups to sabotage German communications in occupied France.

**Michael Henderson (Weymouth '50)**



## Alford House

The support of Old Millhillians is making a difference to Alford House on several fronts. From the mundane of replacing three flat roofs this summer to more exciting pursuits, such as bringing back music production to the weekly programme.

We are also pleased that we have been able to send several members back to Snow Camp this year. At present they are being put through their paces on a six-week ski programme at Hemel Hempstead Ski Centre before going off to Italy during the February half term. A feature this year, is that some are being taught by one of last year's club participants who qualified as an instructor through the programme. These and other events have increased membership and attendance since April.

Indeed, we have just achieved our nine-month target of 300 registered members a month early. (Last years' full year membership was 258).

After our last report in *Martlet* it became known to us that our building had been "Locally Listed". This caused us some worries in view of our development plans but after a meeting with Lambeth Council the position has now been clarified and we are free to continue planning for our

redevelopment. Our Annual Report has been produced and circulated to our supporters. You can view the annual report on our website: [www.alfordhouse.org.uk](http://www.alfordhouse.org.uk). In it you can see how we are continuing with our fund raising efforts to trusts and funding bodies with some success.

If you do tweet you can follow us at: [twitter.com/alfordhouse](https://twitter.com/alfordhouse)

**Nigel Baker (Burton Bank '61)**

## The Life Guardians

The Life Guardians (formerly Life Governors) Annual General Meeting took place at 11am on Saturday 15th September. The weather was good and the grounds looked superb as some 40 members assembled in the Music Room.

It is fair to say that those attending thought the occasion one of the best meetings for some years. An especial welcome was given to Dr Roger Chapman the Acting Chairman of the Court of Governors, Professor Banatvala from the Court, the Headmaster, the Club's President and Chairman, also David Brown and Graham Harris who had respectively travelled from Massachusetts and Hong Kong.

7 Life Guardians had died during the year and a tribute was paid to them.

The Chairman's Report on the work of the Committee during the year, the Acting Chairman of the Court of Governor's Report and the Headmaster's Report were delivered, considered most interesting and very well received; some good questions raised and answered in all cases to the apparent satisfaction of the questioner closing with a few well chosen words from Roger Graham a former Governor offering congratulations to all on what he saw as the increased excellence of all parts of the Foundation..

Dr A Craig and Miss R Jackson were unanimously re-elected to the Court of Governors and the committee's appointment of 13 new Life Guardians was confirmed.

The Accounts explained by the Hon Treasurer Anthony Ward were approved and adopted.

The Committee comprising John Elliott (Chairman) Noyan Nihat (Deputy Chairman) Keith Armistead, Ali Celiker, Ian Lowden, Alan Toulson, Peter Wakeham, and Anthony Ward were re-elected.

The meeting closed with some very complimentary remarks from Christopher Ousey praising the hard work of the Committee during the year.

Next year's meeting will be on Old Millhillians Day (14th September 2013) when we hope to add at least 20 names to the list of Life Guardians.

**John Elliott (Weymouth'55)**



The Middlesex scheme made a huge impact on the lives of a generation of Millhillians. At the instigation of Michael Henderson and with the enthusiasm of Gerry Westoby the Middlesex Scheme is to be immortalised through the memories of these boys.

The 21st Century has its own Middlesex Scheme, the A Better Chance Bursary fund. Fourteen young people have already benefitted from this and hopefully in the future they will wish to recount the impact which the opportunity provided by the scheme has had on their lives.

Many OMs are also Old Belmontians; they will have seen with interest the plans for a new building at Belmont which is due to start construction in the spring of 2013 (computer generated image shown). Mill Hill marked its Bicentenary in 2007 with the Favell Building; Belmont is to mark its Centenary with a building too. The Foundation Appeal has been tasked with raising £800,000 towards the £3.4m cost of this building. Over £250,000 of this total has already been pledged.



The Foundation Appeal office also remains committed to facilitating the on-going refurbishment of the Science Building at Mill Hill and to the long-term Bursary Endowment Fund. For any project to be successful, the fundraising must involve a good percentage of OMs. The Foundation Appeal is five years old and about one in twenty OMs has now made a donation. It is interesting that those who attend events and/or are OM Club members are the most likely to give; these are the people engaged with their old school. Over the next phase on fundraising it is crucial that we can substantially increase the percentage of OMs participating.

**Nick Priestnall – Director, Foundation Appeal**

## Obituaries

Sadly we have to report the death of John McAllister. Full obituaries appear on the website and in the School Magazine and there is only space for a brief mention of his achievement here.

John McAllister (Ridgeway 1957-62) died suddenly on 1st March 2012. Born in 1944 John grew up at Mill Hill, his father Percy being a key member of the teaching staff from 1925 to 1962 and then Hon Sec of the OM Club until his death in 1970. John himself was a popular member of the school and was successful both academically and in a wide range of sports. He read History at Corpus Christi

College, Cambridge where he enhanced his reputation both as rugby player and bon viveur. At Cambridge, he met Glen and they married in 1969. In the same year, he captained the OMs 1st XV and played for Middlesex.



He joined the History Department at Aldenham School in 1967 and served the school and its pupils with great distinction for the next 38 years, 13 of them as housemaster. His enthusiasm, commitment, friendship, fairness, openness and pastoral care, as well as his self-deprecation and humour, were inspirational to successive generations of pupils. After retirement, he continued working as an educational consultant.

First and foremost, John was a family man and immensely proud of his family. He is survived by Glen and their children, Tim and Emma, and their grandchildren.

### OM Deaths

Notified since August 2012

Surname	First name	Date of Death	House	School Dates
Bridgewater	Anthony Gordon	01/09/2012*	Murray	1949 1954
Deane	John Leonard Barry	21/04/2012	Burton Bank	1937 1940
Harris	Howard Henry	13/04/2010	Murray	1955 1959
Mickleth	Ambrose Martin	02/09/2012	Ridgeway	1946 1951
Plant	John	28/03/2012	Collinson	1939 1943
Tutty	Julian Gerald	01/10/2012	Burton Bank	1970 1975
Baldwin	Matthew Oswald Twine	09/11/2012	Winterstoke	1947 1952
Laplugh	Alfred Brian Hugo	16/08/2012	School House	1935 1939
Stroud	Roy Vivian	24/04/2011	Winterstoke	1934 1937
Sutcliffe	Duncan Cavender	01/06/2012*	Ridgeway	1938 1942

\* date of death estimated

## Cricket Club

### Steve Selwood joins TMCC

The 2012 season will probably be remembered more for the 'wettest drought' in decades than the cricket. We lost 17 league fixtures across the 4 Saturday sides to bad weather. Ironically, the rain probably came to the 1st XI's rescue in their last match against outright league winners, Chorleywood, when the match was abandoned with TMs bowled out for 113. The heavens opened just as the champions were getting into their stride.

Having won Division 1 of the Saracens Herts League in 2010 and 2011, the 1st XI was slightly disappointed to finish in third place, though in fairness the side never quite fired on all cylinders. Fortunately, the 10 point penalty deduction for the oversight in not registering England legend and new player/coach, John Emburey, did not make any difference to the side's final placing. Embers played 11 matches, took 31 wickets (including 4 five wicket hauls!), averaging 2.56, with best figures of 5-10 at Radlett.

1st XI skipper and OM, Justin Le Fort, topped the batting averages with 40.45. Alex Martins-Craig made a very welcome return to the club, scoring valuable runs, notably at Old Finchleians where his top score of 70 ensured victory. Last year's School 1st XI captain, Joe Wray, made his league debut, opening the bowling for the 1st XI, and acquitting himself very well, with best figures of 2-12. He also bowled well on Sussex Tour.

Other regular OMs playing are Club captain, Vishal Bhimjiyani, Sonny Sandhu, Simon Bunyard, James Hutcheson, Jeremy Graves, Doug Pyrke, Arjun Chopra and 3 Ridout's: Philip and sons Oliver and Freddie!

I am delighted to report that OM, Steve Selwood, will be joining TMs in 2013. Steve is one of the best cricketers to come out of the School. He played at Derbyshire and has spent many years at Finchley CC, more recently as head coach and cricket manager where he has built an excellent reputation in their colts set up. He will bring professionalism, experience and drive to the club.

TM has four men's Saturday league sides, a ladies Sunday XI, and colts sides at U11, U13 and U15 levels. Next season we will be joining the Chess Valley Sunday League to enable our U15-U17s to play alongside senior cricketers in a competitive league. We are very keen to bolster our social and playing membership and would welcome new and experienced cricketers of all ages and standards (including girls, ladies, and anyone with a disability).

The Club is also very keen to encourage all OMs, Friends of the Foundation, Grimsdell, Belmont and Mill Hill pupils to come and join TMCC. We are situated in a very popular location in Totteridge, very close to the school; we have a vibrant club house, open every day, with fully licensed bar, lots of social events going on (the club house can also be booked for parties, weddings etc..)and of course a beautiful venue to play the great game of cricket! Check out our website at [totteridgemillhillians.com](http://totteridgemillhillians.com).

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to two long standing supporters: Robert Harley, who played for OMCC for over 50 years [surely a record] and who still comes to watch with his kit in the car, and to David Smith, who sadly died in November after a long battle with illness. David was a fine cricketer who tragically suffered with MS and had been confined to a wheel chair for many years. David was a fixture at 1st XI games for over 20 years, as scorer, Hon. Secretary and supporter. He was also a keen tactician and was never shy about offering his opinion to the skipper. His enthusiasm and presence will be much missed; our best wishes go to his wife Sylvia, who tirelessly took him to matches and to Lords, and to his two sons, Lars and Jan, keen and talented cricketers themselves.

**Stewart Wernham, Chairman (Collinson '79)**



## OMGS Autumn Meeting 2012

Deal was bathed in sunshine for most of the weekend of the traditional Autumn Meeting, although a stiff cross wind kept the scores down and many forays into the rough were witnessed. Eighteen OMs attended this event which was held at a later date than usual. All the competitions were keenly contested and in readiness a dozen or so had travelled down on Friday morning to get in some much needed practice. The Ryder Cup was never far from anyone's thoughts and the match was followed avidly on large screens in local hostels after our evening meals. Ten members stayed to contest the annual match against Royal Cinque Ports Golf Club on the Sunday morning; of the five foursomes games three were closely fought but Deal were overwhelming victors. After a splendid lunch the cup was presented back to the Club.

Other competitions:

- Members of Parliament Cup: John Hawkins and Tony Smith - 32 pts  
Runners up - Gordon Hawes and Gordon Mizner - 31 pts

- Scratch (Vero trophy): Jonathan Bourn

- Northern Cup: Paul Reik - 34pts  
runner up - Ben Hartman - 32 pts

At the time of going to print, the Golf Society is looking forward to its AGM & annual dinner at Pewterers Hall on 30th November.

**John Hawkins, Captain**

## OMRFC – Sevens Success

The last couple of seasons have seen a tremendous uplift in our fortunes on the pitch, though finances continue to be a problem. Our 1st XV had a decent finish in the league which keeps us in Middlesex/Herts 1st Division but our real success lay in the various competitions. Honours include winning both the NW Middlesex Cup and Hendon Sevens, and being runners up in the Middlesex Vase, Egham, and East London Bowl Sevens Tournaments. Many thanks go to Kieran Walsh our skipper (who steps down this season) and thanks also to our

coach Sean Hardy for his hard work. The AXV have been equally enthusiastic and won many of their games and reached the final of their Cup Competition, only losing in the dying minutes. Many thanks to Jeremy Graves for all his support as skipper, a role he has agreed to continue next season.

Meanwhile the 2012/13 season has kicked off with some great wins but alas a long list of injuries to key players has had a negative impact on our consistency. Our new 1st XV skipper, Alex Bate has

led by example, ably assisted by our new player/coach Brad Abraham and we are soon to be joined by an additional coach from Ruislip, Alan Walters. Our next Vice Presidents' lunch is on the 2nd March 2013 against OMT with our Biennial Dinner being held for the first time at the School on the 19th April 2013. The committee and players wish to thank our Chairman, Dr David Webster, for all his hard work and commitment to the Club.

**Noyan Nihat (Collinson '88)**

## Old Millhillians' Room

As reported elsewhere the Old Millhillians' Room at the School was opened on Old Millhillians Day and has met with widespread approval. Hung there are photographs and biographies of significant Old Millhillians, both young and old, men and women, drawn from all walks of life. Here is a sample chosen at random of those that can be viewed there.



**Norman Hartnell (School House 1919)**  
He was dressmaker to the HM the Queen and the late Queen Mother. He also designed the 1953 Coronation Dress of Queen Elizabeth II.



**Sir Roger Toulson QC PC (Weymouth 1964)**  
and brother of OM Chairman, Alan Toulson, is a British judge. In 2007 he was promoted to the Court of Appeal and made a member of the Privy Council.



**Tanika Gupta MBE (McClure 1982)**  
Playwright and scriptwriter. She has written for the theatre, including the National Theatre, and for television. She was awarded an MBE for Services to Drama in 2008.



**Caroline Hepker (Weymouth 1995)**  
read Modern Languages at Bristol University and is currently BBC Wall Street Correspondent based in Manhattan. She is often heard reporting on the radio from America.



**Sir Simon Jenkins (Ridgeway 1960)**  
is a writer, journalist and broadcaster and was sometime editor of The Times and Evening Standard. He is currently Chairman of the National Trust. His writings include memorable accounts of English Parish churches.

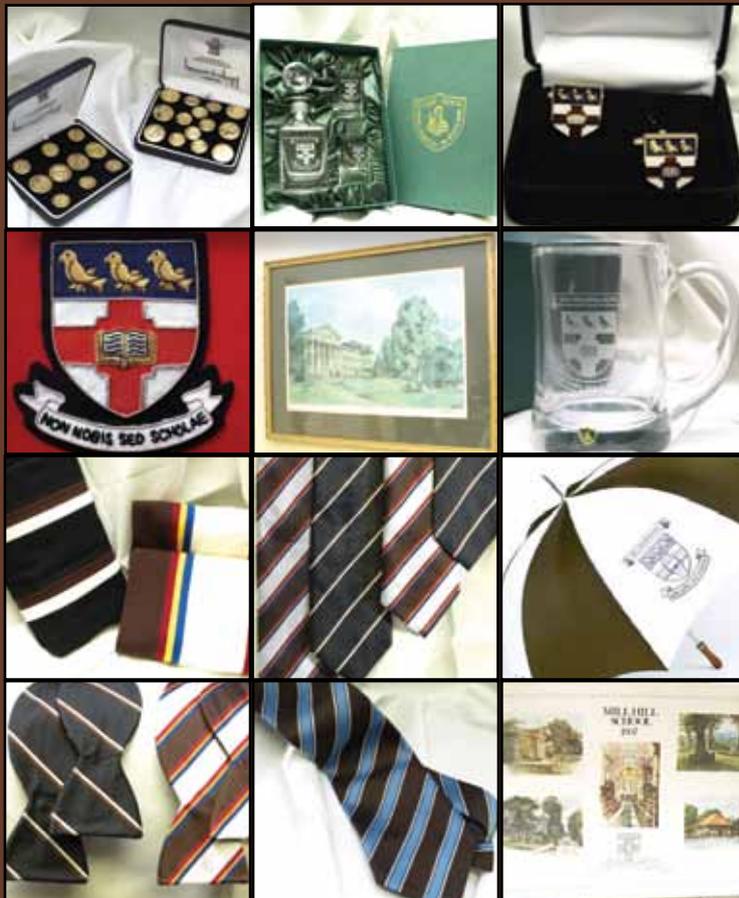


**Lord Glendonbrook (Sir Michael Bishop CBE) (School House 1957)**  
Rose to prominence as Chairman and owner of British Midland Airways (BMI). As Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company he has done much to promote Gilbert and Sullivan.

# Merchandise Price List

## Silk Ties

Country & Town	£25.00
Extra long	£27.50
Non crease	£30.00
Silk untied bow ties	£17.00
Cufflinks - Enamel	£10.00
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
Golf Umbrella	£32.00
Blazer Badges	£12.00



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# Forthcoming Events 2013

### Saturday 19th January

MHS 1st XV v Watford Grammar, Allianz Stadium, Greenlands Lane, Hendon NW4. Saracens test event. Contact Club office

### Sunday 10th February

OM lunch at Knysna, South Africa. Contact John Parrott

### Friday 15th February

OM Men's hockey match vs MHS 1st XI at 4pm.  
Contact Club office if you would like to take part.

### Saturday 2nd March

OMRFC AGM 11.30am & OMRFC Vice Presidents' Reunion and Pre Match Lunch: 1st XV vs OMT at Headstone Lane. Contact John King

### Thursday 21st March

Property Dinner, (Cavalry & Guards Club 7-7.30pm) London W1  
Contact: Mike Peskin

### Wednesday 10th - 14th April

OMGS Halford Hewitt Golf Competition (Royal Cinque Ports & Royal St George's) Contact Colin Nunn

### Friday 26th April

Engineers' Dinner (Bleeding Heart Restaurant, London EC2 7pm) Contact: Gordon Mizner

### Wednesday 8th May

OMC Liverymen's Assoc Lunch (Guildhall, EC2)  
Contact: Archie Galloway

### Wednesday 8th May

OMGS Spring Meeting (Worplesdon) Colin Nunn

### Friday 10th May

Cambridge Dinner (Trinity College, 6.45-7.30pm Cambridge)  
Contact: Jim Roberts/David Short

### Thursday 6th June

City Dinner (Bleeding Heart Pub, London EC2)  
Contact: Solon Satanas

### Friday 7th - 9th June

Australasian Weekend in Sydney. Contact: David Stannard

### Wednesday 26th June

OMC AGM & Cocktail Party (6.30pm NLC) Club Office

### Thursday 11th - 13th July

OMGS GL Mellin Salver West Hill. Contact: Colin Nunn

All contact details are in the 2013 Calendar!

### Save the Date 5th - 8th June 2014

### OM European Weekend in Stockholm

Please contact Peter Wakeham for details of expected programme.  
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