

Martlet

MAGAZINE



Remembrance Day 2013

Annual Dinner 2013

Can you help identify the pictures on page 14?



President's Report Peter Wakeham (1960 – 1964)

At the time of going to press I have had the opportunity to join Welsh and Northern OMs at their respective dinners in Cardiff and Manchester. Both these occasions were most enjoyable and Anita and I chose to extend our visits to do some long overdue sightseeing and to enjoy extra time with close OM friends in the respective areas. Our thanks to Ronnie Boon, David Paddison, John Elliott and John Farmer for organising these events and making us feel welcome. On Remembrance Day I was also privileged to lay a wreath on behalf of the Old Millhillians Club and read a lesson in the Chapel. This was a particularly poignant moment for me.

A troop ship with my father on board was torpedoed during the Second World War. Obviously he was saved, but most others were not and I used the moments of silence to think of his colleagues. Disappointingly, the traditional cenotaph ceremony had to be cancelled due to rain but the Chaplain and the Headmaster did an excellent job with the Chapel contingency plan.

I plan to take advantage of my time as President to bring the OM community up to speed on the new initiatives that the Club is developing to make membership more attractive to all members, and especially younger female OMs. I will give regular progress reports through Newsletters, at the AGM and at our Annual Dinner on October 10th.

Chairman's Report Andy Mortimer

There is certainly plenty of activity in the Club with a lot of energy going into some key issues which I will touch on briefly.

The November management meeting welcomed three new members, Russ Cowan as Vice President, Mitesh Bhimjiyani as Treasurer and Stewart Wernham as interim Hon Sec. We very much hope that Stewart will take on the role longer term

but, not unreasonably, he wants to get a sense of the work load. It was a particularly lively meeting which will have provided a good insight to the newcomers on all that is going on. They certainly weren't slow in coming forward which is always a good sign!

The question of Life Membership remains work in progress as we continue to discuss with the School and the Court the best way forward, particularly on the financial front. It was always going to be a testing issue for all parties but Peter Wakeham, Alan Toulson and I remain committed to producing proposals which will stand scrutiny by the

membership and serve both School and Club well over the years to come.

In the meantime, a lot of innovative thinking is going into improving the services and opportunities to and for members particularly, but not exclusively, the younger ones. Some of these are covered elsewhere in this issue but I will mention careers, more up to date merchandise and events. It is absolutely vital that we address these and other aspects of membership if we are going to appeal as a Club, to the younger generations. You will continue to see a lot about this.



Andy Mortimer with Sally Park

Past President's Diary

Andy Mortimer
(1957 – 1961)

OMs Day was held on Saturday September 14th and once again, coincided with the Life Guardians AGM held in the morning. This arrangement has worked well in recent years; apart from anything else, it ensures a solid core of OMs staying for lunch.

Once again, the School looked after us very well in terms of catering and hospitality and a reasonably good turnout ensured there was much catching up being done. OMRFC played their first league match of the season on Top Field but were beaten 28-18 by Cheshunt, the better side on the day.

In October, Georgina and I attended the reception and dinner in New York, my last official function before handing over to Peter Wakeham at the Dinner. It was good to catch up with some old friends in New York and in particular Sally Park (nee



Jourdan) who was attending for the first time. Nick Priestnall gave a Foundation Appeal update.

So to the Dinner held in the terrific surrounding of the Great Hall at Lincoln's Inn. Some 150 OMs and guests were well fed and watered and, thanks to all the speakers keeping to tight deadlines, there was plenty of time to mingle afterwards over cheese and port. There was a good turnout of younger members and, as always, we welcomed a dozen or so members of the Common Room.

The Headmaster responded most eloquently to the toast to the School and said how delighted he and Cara were to be present as they had enjoyed their wedding reception in the Hall.

It then gave me great pleasure to induct Peter Wakeham as the new President, we all wish him well. He in turn inducted Dr Russ Cowan as Vice President.

Date for next year's Dinner has been set for Friday 10th October 2014 so put it in your diaries now!

On the events front, I have proposed forming a sub-committee to review and hopefully improve our events and their programming. There are many successful events organised by OMs some of which slip under the Club's radar. We want to support them but we need to know about them and help avoid clashes. There is also strong evidence to show that reunions, 5 year, 10 year, 50 year, that sort of thing, are very popular and would be a proactive way forward in bringing more OMs into the Club.

The November meeting also reviewed the £5,000 grant made in each of the last two years to the McClure Trust in support of the McClure scholarship. The Headmaster and the Life Guardians have been particularly appreciative of our support and the meeting had no hesitation in approving the grant's renewal for the next two years at the same level. We have the financial resources and this is a good way of using at least some of them.

Andy Mortimer
Chairman



Dr Russell Cowan, the new Vice President.



Nobis et Scholae

It seems a long time ago that, amidst the glorious August heat, this year's public examination results were published. Once again our pupils achieved some notable successes, particularly in the case of the Upper Sixth Form leavers who chalked up a new School record with over 82% of their A level papers being awarded A* to B grades and 44% A* and A. The great majority of them have now moved on to leading universities with Nottingham, Bristol, Birmingham, Bath, Leeds, Queen Mary and Exeter being the most popular destinations this year. In addition, five leavers took up places at Oxford and Cambridge. Particular congratulations go to Benedict Kearns who will be studying Music at King's College and who has become the second Millhillian in consecutive years to win a Cambridge choral award. I am sure we are all looking forward to hearing him singing in the beautiful and hugely popular Christmas Eve service of Lessons and Carols from King's.

The King's service will be all the more special for us in NW7 in that Benedict's will be one of two Mill Hill voices ringing out across the airwaves. The Ninth Lesson will be read by the College's new Provost, Professor Michael Proctor, who recently stepped down as Chairman of the Court of Governors after six highly successful years. All of us associated with Mill Hill owe him a great debt of gratitude for the exemplary way in which he has led the Foundation. Fortunately, it continues to be in excellent hands with the Chairmanship having been assumed by Old Millhillian Dr Roger Chapman. Indeed, as the School gathered for Foundation Day in September with Dr Chapman presiding and Professor Proctor attending as our guest of honour, it was an apt moment to reflect

upon the great contribution that our governors have made to the continuing success that Grimsdell, Belmont and Mill Hill have enjoyed in recent years.

That success can be partly measured by increasing levels of academic achievement. It is also seen in the wide variety of extra-curricular pursuits in which our pupils engage. Among the highlights this term have been some very strong performances in both boys' and girls' sports, including a resounding victory by the 1st XV against Merchant Taylors' at the new Saracens' Allianz Park stadium. Meanwhile, at the time of writing, rehearsals are underway for the biennial House Drama Festival which takes place at the School in late November. Shortly afterwards, our Chapel Choir, which has achieved extraordinarily high standards in recent years, will lead our own Service of Nine Lessons and Carols in Chapel on Wednesday 11 December.

One of the highlights of each Autumn term is the OMC Annual Dinner and this year's event, which took place at Lincoln's Inn, was a particularly happy occasion. A large number of OMs of all vintages were joined by the current Monitors and several members of staff, all of whom welcomed the opportunity to thank Andy Mortimer for his superb work as President over the past year and to welcome Peter Wakeham as the Club's new President. I have no doubt that he will be every bit as successful in this role as his predecessor and am looking forward very much to working with him in pursuit of our shared goals for the School and the Club.

Dr Dominic Luckett

The National Liberal Club

Old Millhillians enjoy associate membership of the NLC, but perhaps those who settle in or near London or who travel the world once they have found employment would be interested in taking full membership. This brings considerable added advantages such as access to over 100 reciprocal clubs (many with overnight

accommodation) all over the world, and the chance to participate in the club fully. An oasis of tranquillity amidst the hurly-burly of London, the NLC offers excellent dining, numerous interesting events (political, economic, musical, literary and simply entertaining), and a quiet, safe haven to all members. The first club to admit women as members, we are proud of the diversity of our membership, which is above all liberal in outlook. Reduced membership subscription rates apply to young people between the ages of 17 and 29.

Do contact the Membership Secretary, Miss Rosemary Tweddle, on 020 7930 9871 if you are interested in applying for full membership.

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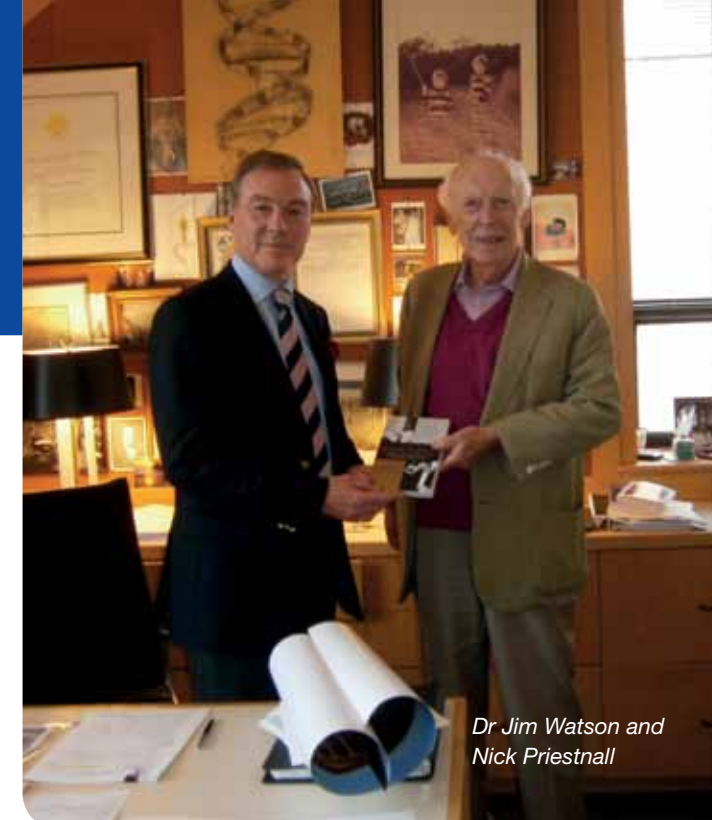
DNA News

Old Millhillians Club members should have received the Foundation Appeal Annual Review in October; I hope that you found it interesting. With it came the literature about the Elements Campaign. A few Old Millhillians have already responded to the opportunity to "add their DNA" to the Science Building. It is hoped that many more will do so over the next few weeks. The more successful this campaign is, the sooner the refurbishment of the Science Building can be completed. While on the subject of DNA, during my trip to the USA for the Mill Hill events in Boston and New York, I arranged to meet Dr Jim Watson, who received the Nobel Prize in 1962 with Francis Crick and Maurice Wilkins. Dr Watson talked happily about Crick and their relationship; it was fascinating. I also had him sign copies of his book *The Double Helix* (one of which is a first edition), which tells the story of the discovery in a style which is rather like a thriller and is an easy and enjoyable read, even for a non-scientist like myself. These signed copies will be sold/auctioned to support the campaign for the Science Building and bursaries; anyone interested in making an advance bid should contact me!

I had the pleasure of joining Old Millhillians Club President, Andy Mortimer, and his wife Georgina at the drinks reception and dinner in New York, which is reported elsewhere in *Martlet*. I went on the next day for a dinner in Boston which was generously hosted by David A B Brown (Burton Bank 1956-61) on the left in this photograph, and his wife Karin. We were joined by Geoffrey Rowley (School House 1948-53) second from left, and next to him Tracy Flynn (Winterstoke 1969-74) and at the front right, Jay Flynn (Winterstoke 1965-70). (There were four Flynn brothers in Winterstoke between 1966 and 1974.)

Distinguished sculptor, Phillip King (Winterstoke 1947-52), is the only Old Millhillian to be President of the Royal Academy (1999-2004). His sculpture *Sun Bird Worm House* has been donated to the Foundation by John Roberts who writes: "Phillip and I were best mates at School, he in Winterstoke and I in Collinson. We were at Christ's College, Cambridge together where we shared digs, and he became my Best Man." It is lovely that we now have a work of art from such an eminent OM in the School, where it is housed in The Crick Room.

Following the successful completion this summer of their time at Mill Hill by the first two beneficiaries of the A Better Chance campaign, it is lovely to be able to report that three new bursary beneficiaries joined the others already in the School



Dr Jim Watson and Nick Priestnall

in September as a result of further specific donations. One is being supported by the North American group of Old Millhillians led by David Brown and Robin Mills, another by the legacy of Rodney FitzGerald (Murray 1937-9) and the third by John Roberts (Collinson 1948-53). The pupils have settled in well and are taking the "better chance" they have been offered with enthusiasm. If you benefitted from a bursary or know anyone who did, please consider joining those who already support this initiative either by regular giving now or through a gift in your will. Gift Aid can be used on donations made now, which has significant benefits both to the Foundation as the recipient and to donors; gifts in wills are also very tax efficient.

Details of all the Foundation Appeal activity and initiatives can be found at www.millhill.org.uk/appeal; it is also possible to give online there.

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Annual Dinner 2013

Special thanks to Stephanie Kalber for the photography.



YOMS Young Old Millhillians

We were delighted to hear about the following YOMs and their achievements

Caton-Brown is making his mark

'The Independent' on 9th September reported 'Mason Caton-Brown makes mark as London Broncos rise from dead'

Mason (Ridgeway 2009 – 2011) a keen rugby player is certainly making a mark in the world of rugby.



'London Broncos lit a small beacon of hope in a time of uncertainty by fighting back from a 16-point deficit to avoid Super League's wooden spoon. They climbed above Salford largely thanks to Jamie Soward, the player they brought from Australia to try to give them some late-season focus, and Mason Caton-Brown, a 20-year-old from Enfield who is typical of the potential they must tap into if they are to have a future in the capital.'

Caton-Brown scored a hat-trick of tries, while the inspiring Soward claimed two, a couple of assists and four goals. However, this was a victory for the sort of battling spirit the Broncos will need on and off the field'.

Dr Marc Dweck

Dr Marc Dweck (McClure 1992 -1997) who is a Clinical Research Fellow at the University of Edinburgh was also featured in the news as he was heavily involved in researching a 'New technique to predict heart attacks'.

'Predicting heart attacks is very difficult and the methods we've got now are good but not perfect. Our new technique holds a lot of promise as a means of improving heart attack prediction although further

Leanne Armitage

Leanne Armitage was featured in the Times Educational Supplement in August 2013 for charity work. The full article can be read by typing in the link www.tes.co.uk/article.aspx?storycode=6373321



ongoing work is needed before it becomes routine clinical practice. If we can identify patients at high risk of a heart attack earlier, we can then use intensive drug treatments, and perhaps procedures such as stents, to reduce the chances of them having a heart attack'.

Donald Hall – A Better Chance Bursary

The provision of bursaries is an essential and well established function of the School. Currently, well over 30 pupils are in receipt of means-tested bursary assistance, a significant number receiving 100% support.

Whilst some bursaries are funded from the School's own resources, others are the result of generous donations and legacies, including several through the A Better Chance (ABC) scheme. One of these is the Donald Hall ABC Bursary, named after the highly respected master who taught several generations of pupils aspiring to careers in medicine or the allied professions. This bursary which is part of the Foundation Appeal's bursary campaign, seeks to support a pupil who would not otherwise attend Mill Hill, entering the Sixth Form

with the aim of obtaining A level grades and other attributes suitable for a career in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine or an allied subject. Due to the generosity of many OMs and parents the Donald Hall Bursary has supported its first recipient, Leanne Armitage, who joined the School two years ago and took full advantage of the opportunity, leaving last summer with one A* and two A grade A levels which should allow her to study for a career in medicine. It was not possible to identify, from local schools, a new recipient of this bursary for the current academic year, so the Headmaster is keen to widen the search for a young person who fulfils the requirements to receive this bursary and well before the start of the academic year in 2014.

We call upon OMs and parents to identify young people who are in their GCSE year or younger and have expressed a desire to become doctors, dentists, pharmacists and so on but would not be

able to receive a public school education without the support of a full bursary. They could be your grandchild, your niece or nephew, the child next door or someone in your local community. Their academic abilities will be important but so will other attributes including their ability to take full advantage of this opportunity.

If you believe you know a suitable teenager and have the approval of the young person and the parents please contact the Headmaster with his or her details. If you require more information about the bursary schemes please go to the School's website (www.millhill.org.uk) or if you would like to discuss this matter confidentially with me please contact me on cowan@btinternet.com. We shall be grateful for your help in identifying candidates for this bursary in 2014 and in future years.

Dr Russell Cowan, Vice President OMC Weymouth 1958-63



“Distinguished Old Millhillians return to inspire current pupils”

Lord Glendonbrook (School House 1955-57), formerly Chairman and Chief Executive of British Midland Airways and Chairman of Channel 4 spoke to OM's at the City Dinner in 2012.

In November 2013 he had lunch with 6th Form Business Studies pupils and staff in the Old Millhillians Room.

Phillip King (Winterstoke 1947-52) studied at St. Martin's School of Art and was then assistant to Henry Moore. In 1964 he had the first of many solo exhibitions.

Philip taught at St. Martin's from 1959-80 and was Professor of Sculpture at the Royal College of Art from 1980 until becoming

Professor of Sculpture at the Royal Academy Schools, London in 1990 and President of the Royal Academy 1999-2004.

Beginning in the early 1960s, Phillip King helped revolutionize British sculpture with his dramatic use of colour and non-traditional materials such as fiberglass and plastic in large-scale abstract forms. Sixth Form pupils enjoyed his visit and learning about his work; maybe the next Millhillian Royal Academician is amongst those he met.

These visits, arranged by Nick Priestnall in the Foundation Appeal Office, tie in very well with the Old Millhillians Club growing portfolio of careers guidance activity.

Careers Support for young OM's and School pupils

Are you able to help?

OMC is in discussions with the School careers service to see how members might be able to offer pupils careers advice, guidance and perhaps short periods of work shadowing.

Lower sixth pupils in particular are keen to meet OM's and spend even just a day seeing what their profession is like.

It's very competitive out there and even one day's experience helps the sixth formers enhance their university applications.

Help can be given in a variety of ways:

- Providing one or two days work shadowing opportunity in your organisation.
- Attending a careers evening at the School which usually lasts for one hour and concentrate on a particular profession
- Attend a careers fair at the School which involves a variety of professions.
- Telephone/Email advice/guidance
- OM offering to come into School and chat with sixth formers
- University students – feedback on the course you have selected and what the university is like

We are keen to receive help from recent graduates through to experienced professionals.

Young Old Millhillians also ask for help with work experience in the university holidays so if your firm offers an internship or if you are in a position to be able to set up a week or more's work experience, then please get in touch.

Any OM who is interested in helping should contact the Club office. The next Careers Fair is on **Tuesday 11th February** in the evening.

Careers

One senior OM writes 'one of the things that I have learned during a series of email conversations with Rosie at your instigation is that Mill Hill is still producing high quality people who will do well once they have found the niche that allows them to flourish.'

Another OM wrote 'I'm a recent engineering graduate. I wouldn't be able to provide any internships but if they would like to talk with someone who has been through it all recently I can help'.

Duncan Blackburn (Burton Bank '79) and his wife Hilary, are based in Lewes, East Sussex. Duncan writes 'Only too happy to help. There are an awful lot of hoops to jump through to gain entry to any of the veterinary schools, and they all require applicants to

have had a fair bit of practical experience before applying. My wife Hilary, sits on the interview panel for the Royal Veterinary College and is well up to speed as to what the veterinary schools are looking for in a student. She is also only too happy to be of assistance.'

Sam Davis (Atkinson '09) contacted Duncan who helped her with her personal statement and interview technique, via email and telephone. She is now in her pen-ultimate year at Cambridge University. Lydia Neophytou (School House), also arranged work experience at Duncan's practice and he has generously offered her accommodation as well. Additionally he offered her advice on how to enhance her CV and what type of work experience she needed to have prior to applying. Saul Levy (Weymouth '11) is currently at the Royal Veterinary College and Duncan once again was able to help.

Another Old Millhillian who regularly helps us is Mr Prim Achan (Ridgeway '89) a consultant orthopaedic surgeon at St Barts hospital. He says 'I volunteered to help and so every year I have students from Mill Hill on my firm at St Barts and The Royal London hospital to experience the reality of a medical career. I know what it is like to be a naïve student'.

But don't just take our word for it, here are some further case studies:

Rosie Welch (Weymouth '10)

Studied English at York wrote: 'I'm just writing to say thank you so much for all your help getting me into contact with the OM network, it's been really successful! I now have confirmed work experience with an OM in a market research firm this summer, and I'm also hoping to visit an OM at his PR offices when I'm back in London. I'm also really excited for this Easter- an OM at The Independent got back to me and I'm hopefully going to be working with him in April, which is a really great result.

Lina Badalova (Ridgeway)

spent a day with Dr Sammy Lee at UCL on a research project.

Grady Young (McClure)

asked the Club to help with work experience in petroleum engineering. With the help of Facebook, an OM living in Aberdeen working in the oil industry offered to get in touch.

Aidar Artykbaev (Collinson '11)

gained work experience in the summer prior to joining LSE. He wrote 'Work experience at Marsh is now all fully organised for July and I will be involved in Energy, Marine, Aviation, Financial and Professional Risks, Risk management and Risk Consulting. I cannot describe how awfully happy I am now! Thank you for all your invaluable help'

Thom Levy (McClure)

undertook work experience in the summer at an architects practice and wrote: 'I have just confirmed a placement, for five days. The work experience will consist of an architectural project for most of the week on one of their sites'. Thom will do some shadowing of an architect who will mentor him and explain everything about the profession'.



Round & About

Captain Pete Zimmermann

(Ridgeway House 1973-1978) and First Officer **Duncan Beckman** (School House 1999-2004) on EasyJet 2271 Luton to Palma.

I hadn't flown with Duncan before, so whilst in the queue for security search at 05.15, I asked a couple of questions to find out his background. I think he was a bit worried when I asked which house he'd been in at Mill Hill, but then surprised when I said I'd been in Ridgeway. The subsequent four hours flying passed pleasantly as we swapped recollections of Mill Hill.

Pete Zimmermann



Raj Achan our new Middle East rep (left) at the wedding of OM Nadeem Nacqui in South Africa. Both were in Ridgeway (1986-91) and live in Abu Dhabi. Congratulations to Nadeem and his new wife Siphephile.

Ian Carrie

Happily, news of Ian's demise appearing in the last edition of Martlet was in the words of Mark Twain "greatly exaggerated".

After many years of dedicated work for the rugby club, Ian moved to Plymouth in 1992.

In 1993, he joined the Youth Enquiry Service first as a volunteer and then as Accommodation Co-ordinator. YES is a charity providing support and counselling to young people from 13 to 25 years old who are vulnerable and frequently victims of physical or emotional abuse. As well as organising accommodation, it provides help in many ways for which Ian was trained, for example representing children at Child Protection Case Conferences and attending police interviews when no family member is able or willing to attend.

At the same time Ian served on the Plymouth City Council ("PCC") Anti Poverty Forum and the CAB Welfare Rights Forum. In 1996 he was appointed Chairman of Plymouth Access To Housing ("PATH").

In 2003 he left YES to join PATH as manager of its Accommodation Gateway service dealing with the accommodation needs of offenders referred by the Probation Service. The PCC succeeded in getting all hostel-type housing providers to cooperate in developing a concerted programme to tackle homelessness. Each homeless individual, including offenders, has the support of a key worker and the opportunity to progress up the "Housing Ladder" from night shelter to hostel to independent flatlet. Misconduct might result in demotion down the ladder. Ian's



work involved visits to HMP Dartmoor and cooperation with the resettlement team at HMP Exeter.

Ian retired in 2010 and continues to enjoy life in the far west. He is now a dedicated supporter of Plymouth Albion RFC.



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Old Millhillians Lodge

On Thursday 7 November 2013 the Lodge celebrated its 75th Anniversary in the magnificent Innholder Hall when Grahame Elliott was installed as Worshipful Master. Some 20 members attended with 44 guests including many distinguished members of the masonic hierarchy.

It was a glittering evening both in the Lodge and at the following Dinner which reflected great credit on all concerned and therefore on the School.

The Lodge has had its highs and lows over 37 years and at present is on the up. As a result of members' generosity substantial sums (details later) were raised for the School and Alford House.

We are very anxious to encourage more OMs to become Freemasons and more particularly to join this Lodge.

Those interested should contact the Lodge Secretary David Roe at 33 — 35 Markham Street Chelsea Green London SW3 3NR

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'At a lunch given by the committee of the Life Guardians to mark the retirement of Prof Proctor (ex Chairman of Court of Governors). John Elliott made a presentation (of a print of the School) to him on behalf of the committee on 18th September at the Oxford & Cambridge Club'.

A L Brooke D Harris G Nosworthy and Mrs P Wilks were re-elected to the Court and Mrs S Miller E Lipton and R Lockhart were elected to the Court. A resolution proposed by R Cohn and seconded by A Williams that the annual subscription be increased to £50 pa to enable the McClure Scholarship to be increased was approved unanimously. The Accounts of the Life Guardians were approved and the Committee re-elected.

The 189th AGM will be held in the Music Room on Saturday 20th September 2014 on Foundation and OMs Day.

John Elliott (Weymouth 1950-55), Chairman, LGs

Life Guardians AGM

On Saturday 14 September some 45 Life Guardians attended the 188th AGM of the General Court in the Music Room at 11 am. Members stood in memory of 7 departed LGs and confirmed 4 new members.

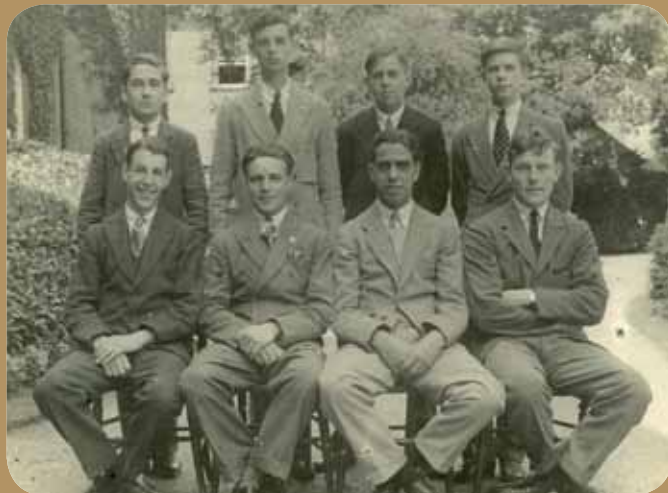
Members received a report of the work of the Committee during the year from Chairman John Elliott — followed by full reports from the acting Chairman of the Court of Governors Dr Roger Chapman (confirmed as Chairman a few days later) followed by the report of the Headmaster Dr Dominic Luckett.

Both reports were full and well received as was a most interesting question and answer session thereafter.

Save the Date

1963 & 1964 Leavers' Reunion Lunch, Saturday 17th May at Mill Hill School

Contact: **Russ Cowan** (1963) cowans@btinternet.com or **Paul Nicholas** (1964) paulnicholas195@msn.com
Spread the word amongst your fellow school friends. More details to follow soon.



Alford House

First I should like to thank two Governors who have recently retired, Joan Wilder, a local resident with 25 years' service and Brian Edmond (Burton Bank 1956-60).

During the last summer we organised a series of open evenings with a view to attracting a number of new Governors. I am delighted to say that we now have four new Old Millhillian Governors and a couple more "in the wings".

The membership continues to grow and our busy Friday night programme sees over 50 young people come through the door each week for the three hour programme of activity. The fitness Studio continues to be a successful addition to our programme. It is now open to young people 24 hours each week at present, with some sessions given over to female members only. We often work with other charities and we recently ran sessions with Barnado's for young men and with Brook for young women around issues of health and well-being.

The continuing theme for the Governors is that of maintaining our long term future by developing plans to ensure an ongoing sustainable income. Currently we are looking at two schemes. The development of the car park to build nineteen flats is pressing ahead with more detail drawings and costings prior to a planning



application to Lambeth Council. The second scheme is to redevelop our gym block as in the original plan with a new floor under a new roof, a lift and total modernisation. This is potentially affordable and may be our first project.

As part of our work with the community we offer accommodation to Lambeth's Youth Offending Service and we also make available our fitness studio to Lillian Baylis Technical College. There is also a thriving weekly circuit training session for adults and young people delivered by members of the community.

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) nigel@alfordhouse.org.uk

Can You Help?

I am currently sorting out the very large collection of school photographs and re-housing them in better, bespoke, storage. I have found quite a number which are not identified and to me one group of pupils/teachers looks much like another!

I have attached four examples to this short article and would be delighted if any Old Millhillian could identify them. It would be even better if you recognised yourself and/or any of the others. I

have several more and if there is space I hope it can be a regular feature in each issue. My e-mail address is katet@millhill.org.uk; if you prefer to phone, my direct line is 0208 906 7924 but you will almost certainly have to leave a message as I only work one day a week in term time. I await your call!

Kate Thompson,
School Archivist

OM Deaths

* date of death estimated

Surname	First name	Date of Death	House	School Dates
Addison Smith	John	17/07/2013	Scrutton	1940 1945
Batten	John	07/10/2013	Collinson	1938 1941
Delson	Derrick	18/11/2013	School House	1934 1937
Elles-Hill	John	01/01/2013*	Weymouth	1946 1951
Fei	Peter	01/05/2013*	Burton Bank	1968 1973
Gee	Michael	09/07/2013	School House	1942 1946
Harley	Brian	22/08/2013	Ridgeway	1937 1942
Lawther	John	19/04/2013	Scrutton	1952 1957
Mellor	Vincent	11/04/2013	Priestley	1926 1930
Nunn	John	03/07/2013	Collinson	1932 1936
Olsen	Noel	02/09/2013	Ridgeway	1959 1964
Thorne	Freddie	03/11/2013	Burton Bank	1943 1948
Wheatley	Malcolm	01/01/2013*	Winterstoke	1975 1980

Ivan Luckin

Is there any other OM who has made it into the Guinness World Records? I only know one - Ivan Luckin (22-25). He introduced a possibly once-off category - 'the world's largest antique'.

Google his name now and it comes up widely because a book has just been published built round his extraordinary achievement, the conceiving of the idea and carrying it through, of selling London Bridge to the Americans. The author is Travis Elborough and the book 'London Bridge in America - the Tall Story of a Transatlantic Crossing'.

I knew Ivan and his pride in what he had done and so when I noticed a review in the 'Sunday Times' and a picture of London Bridge in Arizona I was certain that there would be a lot in it about him. The author has drawn with gratitude on the memories of another OM, Archie Galloway OBE (51-56) who not only served with him on the Common Council of the City of London but whose father was a contemporary of Ivan at Mill Hill. Ivan died in 1983 and the following year Archie gave the memorial address at St Clement, Eastcheap and more recently a

fascinating talk on the subject at a meeting of the Guildhall Historical Association.

Ivan's career included stints at the Midland Bank, the 'Daily Telegraph' (as City Representative), 'Time and Tide' and the 'Illustrated London News'. During World War II he was in the R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve and in 1945 he joined 'Advertisers Weekly' before moving to Fairchild Publications of New York as their London representative. All this must have been a good preparation and provided useful skills and contacts. Most important of all was his work with the Common Council and particularly his membership of the Bridge House Estates Committee which had been pondering what to do with London Bridge which was falling down. With its colossal weight and increased traffic, it was sinking about an eighth of an inch a year.

I visited Lake Havasu City about ten years ago and stood on London Bridge and saw how American flair has created a city in the desert, even redirecting water for a river to go under it, and turned it into one of America's top retirement cities and Arizona's second largest tourist attraction (after the Grand Canyon). On his return from the tenth anniversary celebrations Ivan told Archie that in that time the city had grown from 3,000 to 55,000. The name the City likes for itself is 'The home of London Bridge'.

In Roddy Braithwaite's history of the school there is on page 59 a photograph of the bridge in its new setting. It had to

be demolished, one numbered stone at a time, for transport to America. One of those massive stones reposes at the school, thanks to Ivan. An engraving states that it 'formed part of the parapet of London Bridge, designed by John Rennie, constructed 1825- 1831, demolished 1970-71'. Incidentally, 'London Bridge in America' goes a long way to disproving Braithwaite's assertion, believed by some, that the Americans assumed that it had been sold the more famous Tower Bridge. Ivan would have been delighted. He was immensely proud of 'the honour of have given the casting vote' of the Committee for its sale. He also championed the opening up of Tower Bridge for tourism. Archie told me, 'I thought of Ivan when I was up there with guests for the Diamond Jubilee Pageant.'

There is not space here to cover all that was involved, first in persuading the committee to sell, then to sell to the Americans, and then to negotiate with American entrepreneurs, and to carry the British media with him. Author Elborough covers all the backs and forths. The reviewer in the 'Sunday Times' describes the book as 'a fascinating mix of social and architectural history, travelogue and pop culture, but it is his ability to bring to life the disparate and often eccentric characters involved in the story that stands out.'

Michael Henderson (Weymouth 1946-50)

Archie Galloway's talk about Ivan Luckin: www.guildhallhistoricalassociation.org.uk/docs/IvanLuckinandtheSaleofLondonBridge.pdf





OM Football Team

SPORT

OMRFC Luncheons

"The end of an era"

I have been running the Rugby Club pre-match luncheons for 33 years, and the event on 2nd March 2013 was my 64th, at the peak two or three events were held in a season.

In the early days we were seated on benches at trestle tables, some of which were not too sturdy! Food was a cold buffet on a self help basis and with many of the ladies helping with the washing up. Slowly we progressed to better tables and chairs purchased by Clublands; and new cutlery, crockery and glasses purchased out of the lunch profits. Even after these purchases, the luncheons have contributed a total of nearly £12,000 towards Rugby Club funds. Over the years, numbers of attendees increased steadily to a peak of 93, which was some squash.

The earliest attendance list that I can find is for 1988, when those present reads like an OM Roll of Honour. It includes Whaley Wilkins, Nod Saunders, Charlie Lamplugh, Stanley Farrow, Nat Garrett, Philip Heywood, Maurice Lloyd Owen and Alistair Kingsley Brown who are no longer with us, but I am pleased that five Vice Presidents were there in 1988 and still attending in 2013, namely David Webster,



John King (Burton Bank 1956-61)

Andy Mortimer, Mike Leon, David Rodda and Jim Kent.

In 2003 I was persuaded to provide hot food, which was an interesting proposition in the limited facilities of Headstone Lane, but somehow I muddled through with the help of my wife, Edwina. Soon afterwards we moved to Rutland and long distance catering became an even greater challenge. Consequently, in 2007, I asked Nic Leon, who is a professional caterer, to take over the food preparation. This arrangement has continued to this day, with the added bonus of him supplying waitresses to lay out the tables, serve the food and do the washing up.

Having recently reached a significant birthday, I have decided that this is the right time, after 33 years, to retire from the organisation of these luncheons. It was particularly pleasing that this should happen on a day when we were playing our old adversaries, Old Merchant Taylors' and when we had an almost full house.

I would finally like to thank all those who have helped me over the years, especially Ray Hubbard with the wine, David Webster with ground liaison since I have moved away, and most importantly the ladies.

John King

Cricket

The 1st XI finished runners up in division 1 of the Saracens Herts League and under the proposed new league structure should start in the new Championship division next season. The SHL clubs have voted to create its own Premier and Championship leagues from 2014 thus withdrawing from the Home Counties League. The Sunday side gained promotion in its first season in the Chess Valley League where younger players benefit from playing with more senior players.

The club will be entering a second Sunday side in the league next season. The junior section which takes children from ages 6-16, continues to thrive; we were delighted to welcome a number of Belmont and Mill Hill pupils to the coaching programme.

The U15s, ably skippered by Nick Marlborough, finished runners up in the league. Belmont brought 2 sides over to play friendly fixtures against the junior sides. The club provided 100 hours of free coaching to a number of local schools under the ECB's 'Chance To Shine' programme. For information about the club please go to www.totteridgemillhillians.com.

Stewart Wernham (Collinson 1974-79)

OMRFC AGM & VP Lunch

Saturday 22nd March

Contact Nic Leon:
nic@leoncatering.co.uk



2014 European Weekend in Stockholm

May 29 – June 1

The 2014 OMs European weekend will be in Stockholm, one of the most beautiful capitals in the world.

It is built on 14 islands connected by 57 bridges. The beautiful buildings, the greenery, the fresh air and the proximity to the water are distinctive traits of this city. With its 750 year history and rich cultural life, Stockholm offers a wide selection of world-class attractions.

Peter Wakeham and his Swedish wife Anita have created a programme which will include a chartered boat trip on the archipelago and visits to the Vasa Museum, Drottningholm Palace and unique restaurants. The approximate cost

is likely to be in the region of £1,200 per head, depending on travel cost, alcohol consumption and number of attendees.

Full programme details (including hotel and travel options) should be requested from Peter by e mail peter@wakeham.net. The hotel reservation system is already open for bookings, so act soon. Numbers will be limited to 50 persons



Northern Dinner

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This occasion arranged by John Elliott and his team was attended by some 32 OMs and ladies, Speakers were the President of the Club Peter Wakeham responding to a toast by John Farmer. The Headmaster responding to a toast by Bill Skinner.

The Chairman of the Court Roger Chapman attending for the first time spoke about the position of the School and his ideas for the future. All in all an instructive and happy evening ending with the presentation by the President of an interesting bottle to John who is handing over after many years and bouquet of flowers to Angela his "able assistant".

Edinburgh Dinner

Although interest currently lies in the Autumn Test series, a new six nations campaign commences in February, and it is time to get in contact regarding the Scottish biennial pre Calcutta Cup Match dinner. We are hoping for a good turnout from both younger and more senior members, and I would please ask you to pass on details of the dinner to members, colleagues and friends. Although taking place before the Calcutta Cup game it is a great opportunity for OMs based in Scotland and the North of England, and of course from further afield to get together.

Date: Friday 7 February 2014 (eve of Calcutta Cup).

Venue: Lord Bute Room, The Roxburghe Hotel, 38 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh EH2 4HQ. 7.00pm for 7.45pm.

The cost is £56 a head (£30 for students and under 25s) for a three course meal, plus coffee/tea, and the price includes a pre dinner drink and gratuities. Table wines and other drinks can be ordered on the night and will be at personal cost. Dress will be lounge suits.

Accommodation is available at the hotel www.crowneplaza.com/theroxburghe or can be found through VisitScotland: www.edinburgh.org/accommodation or 0845 859 1006 (Monday - Friday 9.00am-5.30pm).

To reserve places at the dinner, please contact Andrew Fisher (or Fiona Fisher) via the following:
email: afisher@blueyonder.co.uk
email: (work) afisher@oscarsinternational.co.uk
10 Johnsburn Park, Balerno, EH14 7NA. Tel: 0131 449 5173
Mobile: 07500 119778

Cheques should be made payable to Andrew Fisher. We hope to source a number of tickets for the Scotland V England match (8 February 5pm) and these will be made available for those attending the dinner on a first come first served basis. Fiona and I look forward to welcoming you in Edinburgh.

Andrew Fisher (Murray 1977-83), OM Scottish Secretary

Merchandise



Photo shoot and modelling by sixth form members of the Merchandise project.



Sixth Formers work with 'Ted Baker' to produce new merchandise for Old Millhillians Club

'How do we make our merchandise more attractive to young Old Millhillians?' This was the question posed by the Club to Mill Hill sixth formers.

In response, a group of 15 lower and upper sixth formers have come together to provide product design and re branding suggestions to the Club. The group has been very fortunate in that they are being guided and mentored by senior staff at 'Ted Baker' one of Britain's most successful fashion brands.

The sixth formers have been to Ted Baker's headquarters in London and whilst there they presented some initial thoughts on possible new products and the re-positioning of the Club's current merchandise.

As a result of this meeting, the group has split into a design team

which is looking at scarf designs for men and women, a marketing team who will be concerned with re-branding and a product development and logistics team who will look at future design proposals, production and distribution issues.

The team are being overseen by Project Manager Paula Sanchez (Weymouth 2003-8) and Peter McDonough (Registrar).

Paula would be very interested to hear from any Old Millhillians who might like to be involved in the project, as part of focus groups, sharing expertise or even as models!

You don't have to be size zero!

Paula can be contacted on paulas@millhill.org.uk or contact the Club office.

Merchandise Price List

Silk Ties

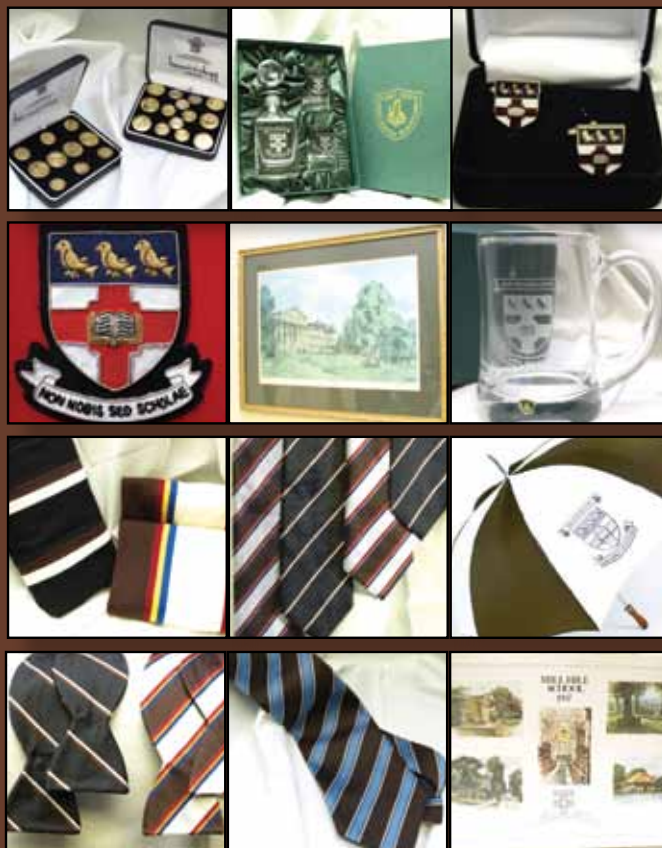
Country & Town	£25.00
Extra long	£27.50
Non crease	£30.00
Silk untied bow ties	£17.00
Cufflinks - Enamel	£10.00
Sturgeon print of MHS (unframed)	£50.00
Mill Hill School 1907 (unframed)	£10.00
Blazer buttons 6S 4L	£49.00
Blazer buttons 8S 6L	£65.00
Crystal Tankard	£25.00
Hat Band	£2.00
Golf Umbrella	£32.00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

Top Terrace from the Quad

By Tim Corbett.

A fine art print on quality paper.

Size 12" x 15" **£18.00** + postage



Forthcoming Events 2014

30th January	Dubai Gathering , venue tbc. Contact Raj Achan r4jcg@yahoo.co.uk
7th February	Edinburgh Dinner , Roxburgh Hotel. Contact Andrew Fisher afisher@oscarsinternational.co.uk
14th February	OM Hockey Match 4.30pm MHS Contact Shalaka sk@millhill.org.uk
20th February	Property Dinner , London Contact Mike Peskin michael.peskin@balfourbeatty.com
7th March	San Francisco Gathering venue tbc Contact Donald Haigh haighsf@comcast.net
9th March	Florida Gathering Contact Colin Patteson colin@patteson.co.uk
14th March	New York Gathering Contact Christopher Phillips northpamet@yahoo.com
22nd March	OMRFC AGM 11.30am & VP Reunion lunch Contact Nic Leon info@leoncatering.co.uk
8th May	Liverymens Lunch , Guildhall Contact Mike Piercy michaelpiercy@btinternet.com

9th May	Cambridge Dinner , Trinity College Contact Jim Roberts robertslinden@googlemail.com
16th May	Engineers Dinner , Bleeding Heart Restaurant, London, Contact Gordon Mizner mizner@btinternet.com
17th May	1963 & 64 Leavers' 50 year reunion , MHS Contact Dr Russ Cowan/Paul Nicholas cowans@ btinternet.com OR paulnicholas195@msn.com
22nd May	City Dinner , Bleeding Heart Restaurant, London Contact Solon Satanas solon.satanas@tradition.com
29th May – 1st June	Stockholm Weekend Contact Peter Wakeham peter@wakeham.net
7-9th June	Brisbane Gathering Contact David Stannard davids@paradiserescued.com
25th June	OMC AGM & Cocktail Party , NLC Contact Shalaka sk@millhill.org.uk
Mid June	Hong Kong Gathering venue and date tbc Contact Peter Wakeham peter@wakeham.net