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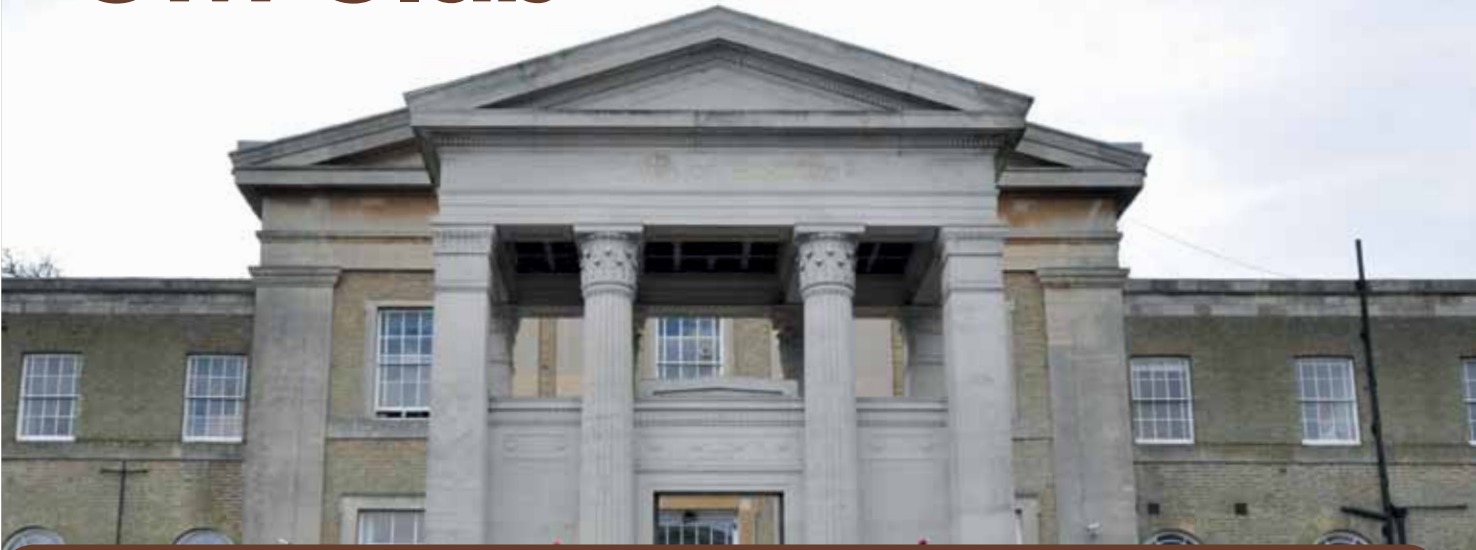
Old Millhillians FC



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OM Club



Nobis et Scholae

The summer term is always a feverishly busy one as pupils and teachers focus upon the impending challenge of public examinations. With those trials now over we can but wait until the publication of results in August. Given how

hard they have been working, however, I have no doubt that our Fifth and Sixth Formers will once again secure some outstanding grades.

Aside from the formal, timetabled curriculum, the past months have seen a large number of pupils engage in debates, workshops and challenge lectures in order to explore fresh ideas and to see academic topics in a fresh, and often interdisciplinary, way. Among the most popular of this year's lunchtime debates was the mock election, the outcome of which predicted the 7 May result far more accurately than the professional opinion pollsters. Another recent highlight was the commemoration of the 90th anniversary of Cecil Goyder's historic two-way radio communication between Britain and New Zealand in 1924. Our celebrations included a re-enactment of that broadcast from the Science School which was featured live on Radio 4's Today programme.

Recent artistic highlights have included a hugely entertaining production of Cabaret and an exceptionally good set of performances in the Farrow Singing Competition. Meanwhile, we have seen many individual and team successes in sport. Five pupils have been nationally recognised this year: Will Kaye, Burton Bank, for rugby; Kimberley Balcombe, McClure, for biathlon; golfer Priya Pankhania, Priestley; swimmer Natasha Philastides, Cedars; and cricketer Sophia Dunkley, Cedars. Many others gained regional or county honours in golf, rugby, tennis and cricket. Perhaps most notable were our achievements in hockey with eight boys and girls gaining county recognition with the Middlesex under-17s.

The CCF has had another excellent year. Many cadets learned to powerboat, sail and fly and many more attended camps throughout the year. This year's Annual General Inspection and Newcastle Competition (won by Ridgeway) were particularly impressive and the Corps of Drums has continued to do us proud at events in School and further afield.

Charitable activity continues to be a major strand of School life, with pupils raising over £30,000 for projects at home and abroad, including our overseas partnerships, the Philippines Boat Project campaign, and the Nepal earthquake disaster fund.

Millhillians, as always, have travelled the world. Recent sporting tours include a very well-attended tennis trip to Portugal and an equally popular ski trip to Austria. Our linguists headed to Madrid, Granada and Rouen and there were visits to Berlin for historians; Iceland for geographers; Venice for artists; and Paris for budding European policy makers. Finally, Fourth Formers visited France and Belgium for the annual battlefields trip.

Many staff have been engaged in the preparations for the opening of our new school, The Mount, Mill Hill International, which will welcome its first pupils in September. We were also visited in March by a team from the Independent Schools Inspectorate who conducted our three-yearly boarding inspection and left after giving us a clean bill of health for all elements of our boarding provision.

As is always the case, a number of staff have left us to take up fresh professional challenges or to embark upon a well-deserved retirement. I would like to express particular thanks to Mr Philip Thonemann and Mr Mark Northen who retired after especially long and distinguished Mill Hill careers; and Mrs Maggie Atkins and Mr Nick Gregory (who leaves to take up his own headship) who have been a great support to me as members of the Senior Management Team. I would like to wish them, and all our leavers, every happiness and success for the future.

It is also important to pay tribute to Mrs Lynn Duncan who retired this summer after a decade at the helm of Belmont. During that time, she has achieved tremendous success and leaves the School in fine shape. I know that her successor, Mr Leon Roberts, formerly the Deputy Head of Belmont, is looking forward to building upon her many achievements.

Finally, I extend my sincere thanks to all those members of the Club who have helped make this an especially enjoyable and fulfilling year for me. The friendship and support which they have shown me has been very much appreciated.

Dr Dominic Luckett, Headmaster

	5th Form	L-6th Form	U-6th Form	Post Grad	20's	30+
Needs 	Guidance on A level and career choices	Job awareness and understanding "A Life in the Day Of" Job exploration	A level focus	Job placement	Career mentoring	Career development
School's Actions	Aptitude Assessments Morrisby Profile and Guidance Career Advisor interviews Career Fairs Career Evenings often with sector or profession focus	Work Experience (part of UCAS) Career Fairs Career Evenings often with sector or profession focus	University Course guidance	Response to requests	Response to requests	Response to requests
OMC Adding Value	Attendance at fairs Presentations at evening events Provision of summer holidays work experience	Attendance at fairs Presentations at evening events Provision of exploratory work experience Help develop a video reference library for presentations	University Course awareness Professional Networking Events Provision of focussed work experience opportunities	Response to requests Professional Networking Events Database integrity Volunteer mentors Search facility	Response to requests Professional Networking Events Database integrity Volunteer mentors Search facility	Response to requests Professional Networking Events Database integrity Volunteer mentors Search facility

Careering Ahead

The Club is very keen to expand the scope of its career development support for Mill Hill students and OMs. We have agreed with the school career's team a comprehensive career development programme which we will be implementing in the coming months and years:

Our present focus is on eight career paths that we know to be popular among Mill Hill students and OMs: Accountancy, Engineering & Science, Financial Services, Journalism & Media, Legal, Medical, Property and Tech Entrepreneurs. We will add to this list in later years if there is interest and demand.

I am grateful to all OMs who have volunteered to be part of this programme. We now have a database of over 100 who are keen to help in a variety of ways such as attending a Careers Fair or providing work experience.

Professional networking events are held annually for each of these career areas. Check the Club calendar for full details and watch out for more information in the monthly e-newsletter and on the Club's Facebook page.

Peter Wakeham Burton Bank 1960-65

Hon Sec Report

When I left the School in 1979 I must confess, the Old Millhillians Club was not on my radar. A gap year, followed by university, professional examinations and then into the wide world of legal practice followed. It wasn't until about 10 years after School that an OM invited me to join the cricket club from where my association with the Club really began. Funny to think that all those years ago, the only generic way to contact OMs was using a postage stamp. How times have changed! These days the Club is much better at communication and promoting itself to the younger generation. All School joiners and leavers now receive a pack containing detailed information about what the Club has to offer and the Leavers' Reception held annually at the National Liberal Club continues to

be popular amongst the students. Recently, we re-focused on how the Club might help OMs with careers' advice and many OMs have kindly responded to our survey offering to help. The Club maintains close links with the Development Office, whose remit is to promote fund-raising across the Foundation for the 'Support Our Schools' campaign, and we continue to enjoy very warm relations with the School, which, incidentally, is not always the case with alumni associations.

Whilst the Club will no doubt continue to evolve, I believe that the central ethos of its existence will never change: it's all about people and friendship.

Stewart Wernham (1974-79)



Events

President's Progress

Dr Russell Cowan
(1958 – 1963)

President Russell Cowan attended many events throughout his Presidency. He was meticulous in keeping records of each event and in the following pages, we have printed excerpts from his event diary.

Media & Communications Evening

23rd April 2015 – In late April 2015, I had the pleasure of attending the very first Old Millhillians 'Media and Communications' evening at The Frontline Club in Paddington. The event was headed by Old Millhillian BBC correspondent Caroline Hepker and was hugely successful. The evening saw an eclectic group of Old Millhillians from varying media and communications career areas come together with a few current Mill Hill students to network and socialise over a lovely buffet dinner. Film producers, media analysts and Old Millhillians seeking a career in media and communications were just a few of the people present at the evening.

We also had the pleasure of hearing Caroline give a short presentation about her position at the BBC and the type of daily tasks that she undertakes, as well as the possible routes of getting into the world of media and communications. The presentation was informative as well as amusing, and was followed by further discussion over the last drinks of the night.

The evening was one of the first career-specific Old Millhillian events; safe to say it was incredibly successful and I look forward to going again next year.

Lindsey Fransman (Upper sixth McClure)



Entrepreneurs Evening

11th March 2015 – The first ever Young Entrepreneurs evening took place in March and was off to a great start with over 40 attendees. The evening was an opportunity to hear about the experiences of 4 young entrepreneurs, who were happy to share the joys and war wounds of running their own businesses. The evening was hosted by OM Zu Rafalat (Managing Director & Co-Founder of neo-kin.com), who held a panel discussion with Guy Westlake (ex-Shuttl, Managing Director & Founder of Lavanda), Michael-George Hemus (Managing Director & Founder Plumen, Truman Beer) and OM Russ Armstrong (Managing Director & Founder www.castorvali.com). The purpose of the evening was to give OMs and Mill Hill students alike an honest, 'no holds barred' introduction into the realities of starting and scaling a young business. A Q&A session was held after the talk and the attendees were then able to ask the panelists more personal questions. One panelist was particularly taken with a 14year old student's business idea – watch this space!

The event was held at OM Charlie Green's fantastic new co-working space, Henry Wood House, near Oxford Circus. It is part of The Office Group. Attendees also enjoyed pizza from another fabulous start-up – Pizza Pilgrims.

Due to the success and demand of this inaugural event, we'll be looking to hold one or two such events annually, focusing on the different areas of running a young business. If you have a topic you'd like to see us cover in particular please contact Shalaka at the office.

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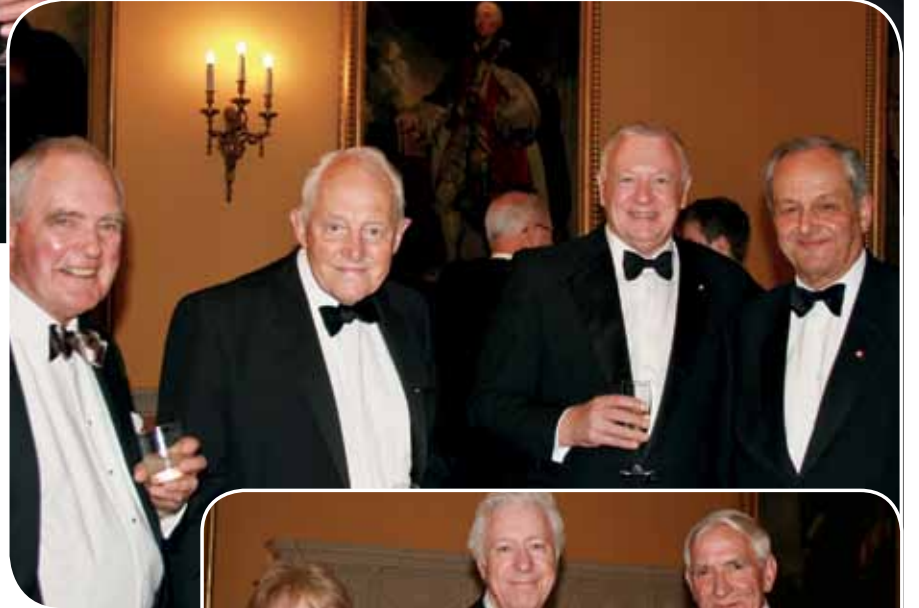
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Cambridge Dinner

8th May 2015 – Last night we held the 2015 OMs Cambridge Dinner in Trinity College. Grace was said by the Reverent Canon Christopher Davies. A thoroughly good evening was had by all, with speeches by David Short, Dominic Luckett and Russell Cowan. Further pleasing comments were made by David Brown (over from America), Ben Glassberg (student) and Stewart Wernham (Hon Sec OMs Club). There were 28 present.

Jim Roberts



Medical Professions Meeting

19th March 2015 – Based on a typical medical meeting with a two hour scientific session followed by a buffet supper and opportunities to network and socialise, this meeting attracted 40 delegates to the Royal Society of Medicine. The scientific session was provided entirely by OMs with the keynote address from Professor Sir Stephen Bloom (1955-60) on the pressing topic of obesity. Feedback on the meeting and, in particular the scientific programme, was uniformly good/excellent and the RSM provided a first-class buffet which was much enjoyed.

The registrants included 5 current pupils intending to follow a medical career, two members of staff, two medical students and a variety of dentists, doctors and guests. Jim Brown, Professor of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Virginia, came over especially for this meeting and to present an interesting paper. The facilities at the RSM were excellent but costly and this will influence the arrangements for future meetings. I should like to thank Dr Matthew Frise and Mr James Berwin for their considerable effort in creating and contributing to this meeting.

Russ Cowan

Accountancy Drinks

16th April 2015 – Andrew Millet and Mike Solomons decided on an initial get-together with fellow professionals at The Grill on the Market in Smithfield. The turn-out was encouraging with about 18 present to renew or refresh old friendships and there was much exchanging of business cards.

I repeatedly emphasised at full volume, given the background noise, the requirement of these groups to provide an opportunity to advise and encourage young OMs and pupils on a career in accountancy and related services.

Subsequent feedback was positive and favoured regular informal gatherings.

Russ Cowan

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OMRFC Vice Presidents Lunch

11th April 2015 – Approximately 30 attended this lunch which followed the Rugby Club's AGM, ably chaired by Dr David Webster in the unavoidable absence of the current President, John Gallagher. We hosted the Verulamians RFC whose friendly representatives joined us for lunch, provided to the usual high standard by Nic Leon and his team. The first fifteen included two OMs and, while quite heavily beaten by a bigger visitors' team, it was an open, fast game

played on a pitch in good condition for this time in the season. This year the Rugby Club is usually able to field a second fifteen which pleasingly can contain 7-8 OMs.

The First XV is currently 10th in the Herts/Middlesex 1 league, just above the relegation zone. Efforts need to continue to encourage recent school leavers to turn out for the Club and the Master i/c Rugby, Graeme Turner, is aware of this.

OM Masonic Lodge

Since our last article the lodge has held an informal introductory evening in a local Mill Hill hostelry, where Old Millhillians of all generations were invited to come along and get to meet some of our current lodge members. The success of the event can be judged by the enthusiasm shown by those attending. So much so that eight OMs have completed joining forms as initiates and others, who are existing masons but who have been initiated in other lodges, have also asked to be joining members at our OM lodge. We have also moved venue and now enjoy our regular meetings in the home of

English masonry which is Freemasons Hall in Great Queen Street. As if that is not good enough our Installation meeting now has a regular home in the splendid surroundings of one of the Livery Halls in the City of London. Our lodge is vibrant and looks forward to exciting times ahead.

For those who were unable to attend our evening but wish to start to explore the character of freemasonry you can log on to the Metropolitan Grand Lodge of London website which allows a first explanation of this wonderful and charitable fraternity. If you prefer to take a more direct route to the Old Millhillian lodge e-mail our secretary, David Roe's e-mail address, david.roe@felixr.com, would be the route to take.

The City Dinner

30th April 2015 – A new venue was selected by Solon Satanas for this year's dinner and the Don Restaurant in St Swithin's Street proved very suitable, providing a subterranean private room which readily accommodated the 18 who attended. We were well looked after, primed with generous helpings of wine before we sat for dinner. The three officers of the Club substantially raised the average age which was otherwise encouragingly and relatively youthful.

Solon had invited an interesting guest speaker, Aleya Karim, junior partner at McKinsey & Co Inc., to give the post-dinner address but not before I reviewed briefly the state of health and activities of the Club and Nick Priestnall gave a summary of what is going on in the Foundation. Aleya spoke on "The cultural imperatives of bankers in the future" and this stimulated considerable discussion that only occasionally registered with my wavelength. It was a lively, effective and enjoyable evening for which many thanks are due to Solon for his organisation and his quality of contacts.



The Leavers Reception

29th April 2015 – Two full coaches brought the leavers and numerous members of staff to the National Liberal Club for this annual event. The Club was well represented by its officers and several organisers of regular Club events. The ‘buzz’ within the room suggested much interaction between the OMs and both the pupils and the staff. The Chairman addressed the assembled gathering and was careful to stress the value of continued involvement with the Club, even when their initial 7 year membership expires, pointing out the inclusion in their Leaver’s Pack the offer to sign up to Lifetime Membership. No sooner had the leavers arrived when they were gone, back on the bus to Mill Hill, leaving a few stalwarts to reflect on this event and the day as a whole in the warm evening air on the Terrace of the NLC.

Property Dinner

5th March 2015 – A new venue and a new format characterised the Property Dinner this year. The Cavalry and Guards Club was forsaken for the National Liberal Club and lounge suits replaced dinner jackets. In addition, a guest speaker addressed the gathering in line with the Club’s drive to add an educational and careers advice component to these evenings. This task fell to Mr Peter Williams OBE, Master of the Worshipful Company of Educators.

His presentation was preceded by a full introduction by Graham Chase who has taken over the chair of the event from Stuart Hibberdine. Review of the state of the Foundation by Dominic Luckett followed a brief description of the Club’s activities and aspirations by me. It was pleasing to see a wide age range of Old Millhillians represented amongst the 45 who attended. This good turn-out owes much to the energy and enthusiasm of Mike Peskin who provides the administrative drive behind this friendly professional group.

Past Presidents Lunch

29th April 2015 – Fifteen Past Presidents and I gathered in the Picture Room of the Athenaeum with Dominic Luckett as our guest on 29th April. Peter Wakeham arranged things with great attention to detail and Stuart Hibberdine ensured a delicious menu with excellent service.

The presence of the Headmaster provided the opportunity for copious questions and suggestions, with particular reference to his successor’s continuing development of the Foundation to a further level of excellence achieved by Dominic himself. A few of us lingered in the Athenaeum long into the afternoon, before transferring to the National Liberal Club for the Leavers’ Reception.

Russell Cowan

OM Liverymans Association

The Association was the brainchild of Eric Dangerfield and David Smith. The inaugural meeting took place at Armoury House on 9th July 1986 and by 1992 had moved to the Guildhall, thanks to Rodney Fitzgerald, a Common Councillor and OM Club Past President. Those who attend regularly enjoy each other’s company and would welcome any new members to join their annual gathering.

Please send us information on Births, Deaths and Marriages as well as any general news, views and achievements.

We would like to hear from OMs far and wide.



The Middle East Dinner

DUBAI – 22nd January 2015

Fourteen, including two wives, gathered at the Palace Hotel in Downtown Dubai for this lively event arranged by Raja Achan and Emmanuel Ajayi. I had arrived in Dubai at 3am that day, so I was already on my reserve tank as the evening continued until 1am thanks to the enthusiasm and energy of the Old Millhillians.

There was great interest in my news from the UK, not least the Mill Hill Mount International School project and the Club's intention to soon offer all OMs the opportunity to buy Lifetime Membership. During the remaining three days of my stay I was attentively looked after by Manny Ajayi and his wife, Barbara, and by Asif Sabri who is a massive enthusiast of Dubai and its distinctive architecture.

Much sightseeing was done of which a surprising amount was at night! It was clear to me that the OM community in the Middle East is both growing in number and keen to maintain its links with the Club. Future Presidential visits will be enthusiastically received.

The Engineers' Dinner

15th May 2015 – The Bleeding Heart Restaurant provides a very suitable venue for this dinner which was again smoothly and efficiently arranged by Gordon Mizner, aided by his wife, Angela. After plenty of time for pre-dinner chats, 23 sat round a single large table for an excellent meal followed by an informative talk, including some worrying facts and figures on the recruitment into the engineering profession, from Brian Wilkinson, Chairman of MatchTech, the largest recruitment agency for engineers in the UK. He pointed out the major gender imbalance in the industry while suggesting that the UK needs to recruit another 1.8 million engineers in the next few years if the country is to fulfil its infra-structure and productivity requirements. Listening to this was Vinay Patel, a present pupil, who attended with Berinda Banks and Calum Watterson from the Common Room.

Useful discussion followed Brian's talk with particular emphasis to how more women can be encouraged to enter the field of engineering and design. This is one of the Club's longest running professional dinners, with the after-dinner talk from the industry for the first time this year. This is in keeping with the Club's plan to add career advice and assistance to young OMs and current pupils. I believe it is Gordon's intention to continue with this format.

1965 Leavers' Reunion

13th June 2015

This was the third 50 years leavers' reunion and the format is becoming established. As before the School provided the venue with both the Crick and the Old Millhillians' Rooms providing admirable surroundings for the 24 who participated. The School's Catering Department excelled itself again with a delightful lunch, orders of magnitude more desirable and edible than we were used to 50 years ago. After lunch Jane Sanchez, Principal Deputy Head, Peter Lawson, Housemaster of Collinson and member of the Common Room for 26 years and finally Joshua Jackson, Senior Boarding Monitor-elect treated us to a comprehensive review of the Foundation as it is today with comparisons and memories of yester-year evoked by Peter Collinson's reminders and anecdotes. Three separate tours of the School followed with guidance from Joshua, Isobel Gilchrist and other pupils. Thanks are due to Peter Wakeham who led the team that arranged this reunion and Peter thanked Jane, Peter and Joshua for their contributions and the Foundation for its hospitality.



Hong Kong Dinner

5th February 2015

John Hellinikakis and Steven Chan arranged a very enjoyable dinner at the Ye Shanghai Restaurant but, in the event, illness prevented Steven from joining us. Eleven were present, including Melanie Wong, Frank Ng's wife, and two who were passing through Hong Kong, namely Max Mortimer and Carl-Johan Carlstedt. After determining that Max had not been sent by his father, Andy, to keep an eye on me, I felt able to speak freely on matters relating to the Foundation and the Club. The latest news was the Headmaster's forthcoming move to Sherborne but I reassured those present that Dominic will be leaving the Foundation in a healthy and progressive condition such that his post should attract a strong field of potential replacements. A lively evening was unavoidably closed by the restaurant turning out its lights! It was a particular pleasure to meet again Kim Longley at the dinner. Two years my junior in Weymouth, Kim looked as tall and slim as he did 50 years earlier. Forty years or more in Hong Kong rising through the ranks of the legal system, His Honour Judge Longley appears to have thrived on the bustling, busy lifestyle that is Hong Kong. As I returned to my hotel in the Central district my thoughts were with Charlie Shin who, after the dinner, was catching the 2.30am flight to his home country of South Korea.



Australia

6th -11th February 2015

For the last 49 years the OM gathering, ideally with the President, has coincided with the long weekend of the Queen's official birthday. Generously, David Stannard, who has been the OMC's 'man in Australia' for the last 20 years, agreed to my arrival six months sooner than usual. It was a great pleasure to stay with Justin and Emma Wernham and their delightful children in the Beaumaris district of Melbourne. The dinner was held on Saturday 7th February at the nearby Six Keys Restaurant. An informal gathering added to the pleasure of getting together with eleven others for an excellent meal in a lively venue. It was interesting to meet Alistair MacIennan whose entire MHS career was spent at St Bees and he believes he is the only OM to have refereed an international rugby match.

The following day was spent at the home of Roy and Angela Hanson for a barbecue lunch washed down by an excellent red wine from David Stannard's own vineyard in Bordeaux. Roy's recollections of rugby at Headstone Lane are still vivid and David's tale of how he was third choice Head Monitor after his two predecessors were demoted in the same term was a reminder of how we all used to push the boundaries of discipline.

Transfer to Sydney for 24 hours was the surprise package but it was very worthwhile. Within an hour of being picked up from the airport by Guy Pollock, he and I were sailing across the Bay. It was a great privilege to see for the first time the iconic landmarks of Sydney from the water and very Presidential. Guy is a master mariner who instills great confidence, even when I was at the helm. He would love to offer the same experience to future presidents. Michael Bishop generously hosted a drinks reception at his sumptuous apartment overlooking Darling Point where we were joined by Grahame Elliott, visiting his family in Mandley, and Michael and Linda Hailey, before repairing to Michael's sailing club in Double Bay for dinner. Lord Glendonbrook's generosity was much appreciated by all.

The Liverymen's Luncheon

21st may 2015 – It is clear the Club is very fortunate to be able to hold this luncheon at the Guildhall in the Visitors' Dining Room, a distinguished venue, thanks to the good offices of Archie Galloway OBE, the Honorary Clerk. The Master, Martin Jourdan, officiated and after an excellent lunch, introduced the Headmaster for his brief review of the Foundation's activities and achievements over the last year, followed by my report on the Club's direction of travel and aspirations. Martin was pleased to confirm that the OM Liverymen's History Prize is now established as an annual prize at the School. Nick Priestnall then announced that preliminary discussions have taken place in relation to the support for a bursary supported by OM liverymen and others in the City. The Master subsequently mentioned that his two year term was over whereupon he enchaind his successor for the next two years, Alan Bonner, who thanked the Master for the honour of succeeding him and for Martin's effective stewardship. Alan stated his intention to encourage more Old Millhillians to join livery companies.



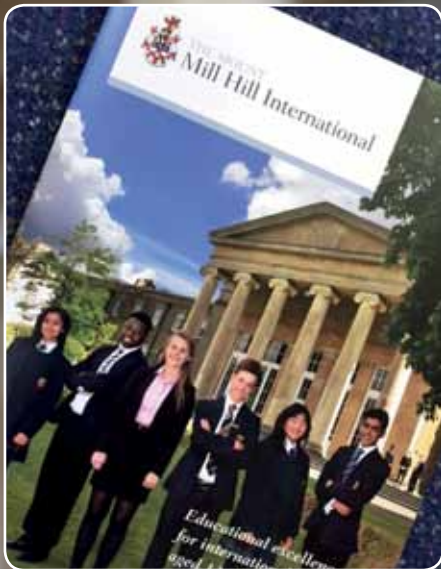
AGM & Cocktail Party

On this warm June evening 26 OMs attended the Annual General Meeting at the National Liberal Club. I was pleased to extend a particular welcome to John Parrott (Scrutton 1950-55) who was visiting from South Africa and we were all pleased to welcome the Headmaster, sadly to his last AGM. It was very appropriate, therefore, that Alan Toulson acknowledged from the floor the considerable support the Headmaster has been to the OMC. We have enjoyed a highly successful relationship with Dominic and, through him, the Foundation and we all hope his successor will encourage a similar relationship.

The agenda of the AGM posed no problems, so those present were soon able to join the Cocktail Party on the Terrace, overlooking the Embankment. This was a very jolly event with 89 attending, including a pleasing number of young OMs. In my experience this party was at least as well attended as any over the last few years and this insured a delightfully lively and friendly atmosphere that was still going strong when I left at 9pm.

Perhaps we are getting things right in the Club's administration when this splendid mix of ages of OMs gets together with such obvious enjoyment.





Dominic Lockett

Dominic Lockett will be leaving Mill Hill at the end of the Autumn Term 2015. If I were to ask The Headmaster to tell me what his most significant reflections on his tenure are, I think that he might identify a series of achievements and advances made by The Foundation under his leadership.

Dominic Lockett succeeded a popular and energetically successful predecessor – William Winfield. Building onto foundations already in place and supported by an excellent team, the academic standards have improved, with the effect that Mill Hill is now more than ever a first choice destination - “a go-to school” - in a fiercely competitive market place.

Holding and increasing market share has had the effect of creating the confidence to invest in the future of The Foundation. Not just new and improved buildings but also a wider range of extra-curricular activities and a growing reputation in such activities as music, in particular.

One special highlight, very much the brainchild of The Headmaster, is the establishment of The Mount, Mill Hill International School. The merger of the two schools created opportunities to maintain an educational presence on The Mount site and also to enhance The Foundation’s reputation and standing around the world. This is certain to bring benefits to the School community and to the OM Club, which already has strong ties worldwide.

As for the future, Dominic and his family will take up their new life in Sherborne at the start of 2016, knowing that what they have achieved at Mill Hill is greatly admired. Dominic might regret not having the opportunity to carry forward his vision for The Mount, Mill Hill International School beyond its first term, but he will relish the new challenges which he will face in Dorset and will take with him the friendship and warm good wishes of The Old Millhillians Club.

Chris Maunder Taylor, Editor (Weymouth 1960-65)

Lynn Duncan Head of Belmont School

Lynn began her career in the maintained sector teaching science in a variety of comprehensive schools, eventually becoming Head of Department. She entered the independent sector in 1990 when she became Director of Studies at Durston House, a boys’ prep school in Ealing. From here she moved to Belmont in 1997 as Director of Studies bringing her considerable experience to the post. In September, 2001 she was promoted to the position of Deputy Head and in September, 2004 became Belmont’s first female Head. She has inspired hundreds of members of

the Belmont community with her kindness, wisdom and strength. We wish Lynn a long and happy retirement with Alastair as she continues her role as a school governor, redesigns her garden in the Cotswolds, travels and carries out her duties as a grandmother. We know that it will not be a quiet or relaxing retirement because Lynn has far too much energy for that.

(Of course it goes without saying that Lynn will be greatly missed by the staff, current and former pupils and parents.)



OM Football



George Ghaffari (McClure 2006-10)

2014/2015 was a memorable year for everyone involved with Old Millhillians Football Club!

After a long, tiring season, it all came down to the final match, the Division 5 promotion playoff against league leaders Old Forresters.

Mill Hill were big underdogs, however star striker George Ghaffari didn't take any notice. George scored a sensational

hat trick, whilst goalkeeper Michael 'safe hands' Murad produced some world class saves between the posts.

Final Score: Old Millhillians 3-0 Old Forresters

Club Vice Captain Sami Aintoui said, 'Our goal was to get promoted, we succeeded and we did it in style, I am immensely proud of the team and long may our successes continue'.

Club Captain George Collins continued, 'We have found a winning formula, we have created the perfect balance between flair and physicality, much of this is down to the superb management of Adam Shabatai, his knowledge of the game has had a big impact on our players'

Next season starts in September and Mill Hill FC are in need of some new squad members so please contact George Collins on 07872605362 for more information.

OM Golfing Society

Following last year's impressive performance in the Halford Hewitt, the OMGS team under its new team captain, James Ellis, once again distinguished itself in this premier competition. Having beaten Eastbourne in the first round, we lost a hard-fought match against the eventual runners up Kings Canterbury, in the second.

The Society further enhanced its growing reputation as a school producing a flow of good golfers in the Royal Wimbledon Putting Competition. We progressed through the qualifying round and came a creditable fifth in the eight-team final.

The Spring Tour, organised by Society Captain Anthony Ward, was held at Ashridge, where a good turnout enjoyed a fine golf course. The Autumn meeting will take place at Deal on the 11th, 12th and 13th September.

The Society continues to play a series of matches against other old boys' golf teams, with mixed success but with great pleasure, at a variety of excellent golfing venues. The Society is keen to welcome new members at whatever level of ability, who can be assured of a warm reception.

Colin Nunn (Burton Bank 1975-81)





Old Millhillian Hockey Club

OM Hockey

On Friday 13th February the OMs took on MHS, sadly for the old boys, Friday 13th did indeed prove unlucky for them, going down 4-1, with the solitary goal coming from Adam 'Stiffler' Harvey.

Despite the 4-1 scoreline, the game was evenly matched, with both sides playing some decent hockey.

Without doubt the school boys' superior fitness definitely took its toll, likewise

the old boys inability to get on the right side of either umpire!

Hopefully some of the MHS team will be able to turn out for the OMs next year to finally see a 'W' for the old boys!

It was certainly nice to see Steve Plummer's son Charlie making his debut for the School and playing so well in the midfield

Simon Bunyard

OMRFC

The OMRFC has had to face a number of challenges this year, and whilst a preliminary look at the results might indicate a poor season, the truth is somewhat different. The 1 XV, playing as they do in the Herts/Middlesex League 1, are in a very competitive league. The older heads thought that we should have opted for relegation before the season began, but the players, vociferously led by Ben Nash, were determined to stay where they were. Initial results seemed to bear out the fears, but the team confounded us all by showing real grit, despite some very heavy losses, to record wins when they were really needed. At the end of the season, despite having, by a long way, the worst points differential in the league, they were 3rd from bottom of the league, and had held their own. The captain Ralph Murduck led throughout by selfless example, and he was well supported by the likes of Will Obree, Ben Nash, Sam Askham, and when available, Joe Wray. It was also good to see the likes of old hands such as John Tucker on occasion. Gideon Feltons 2 XV continued to do well and more than held their own after last year's promotion.

The bi-annual dinner has been booked for Friday 2nd October 2015, at Pewterers Hall, which is just off London Wall. Please put the date in your diary now! I look forward to seeing many of you there.

John Gallagher

Totteridge Millhillians Cricket Club – TMCC

OM, Robert Harley, was recently inaugurated as Club President in recognition of his many years' service both as a player and supporter. He can often be seen circumnavigating the boundary during games, attributing many wickets to his direction of travel. The 1st XI finished a creditable 4th in the Championship in 2014 with Steve Selwood topping the league batting averages scoring a mammoth 911 at an average of 75.92.

Justin Le fort was 4th with 543 runs, averaging 45.24. It's encouraging to see the expansion of the junior section, up from about 60 to 120 in the past 3

years. A good number of Belmont and Mill Hill pupils have joined the Club, which is conveniently situated on Totteridge Green. Notably, Josh Lewis, aged 15, recently made his debut for the 1st XI, acquitting himself well with the ball. I'm not sure if it's a Club record but at the recent cricket World Cup no less than 5 players have played for the Club: Darren Sammy, Eoin Morgan, William Porterfield, Kevin O'Brien and Gary Wilson.

For details of fixtures and club events go to www.totteridgemillians.com.

Stewart Wernham (1974-79)

Alford House

Membership has remained steady at about 380 and attendances rose 12% year on year. This is most encouraging. Over the year we have assessed the impact of our sports activities. Again the results are encouraging.

We found that sports changed participants' social capacities for the better. We have secured extra funding for our Targeted Support Worker to allow her to work 5 days instead of 3 days a week. Her major work is in trying to stop young people being excluded from school.

We can now confirm that we have secured funding for 2 years from the London Borough of Lambeth, through their new commissioning process, at a slightly higher level than before.

Our redevelopment plans are proceeding very slowly at the time of writing. However we have agreed the plans for the new club space and a sale price, subject to planning permission, to a housing association. At the moment we are attending to the minutiae of the proposed terms prior to signing a contract.

If you would like more information or to donate, please visit our website: www.alfordhouse.org.uk or contact me.

Nigel Baker (55-61) nigel@alfordhouse.org.uk



OM Deaths

This list consists of information notified to the Club office. The asterisked dates are estimated as exact date of death is unknown. Sometimes, the office receives returned mail with no date of death given.

Name		Date of Death	House	School Years
David Robert	Emmott	29/01/2015	Collinson	1945 1948
Ian Johnston	Morrison	12/04/2015	Ridgeway	1963 1967
Philip Charles	Walker	06/04/2015	Burton Bank	1956 1961
Philip Stanley	Burns	03/03/2015	Collinson	1937 1942
John Bernard	Gould	20/01/2015	Ridgeway	1944 1946
Anthony David	Green	12/03/2015	Ridgeway	1956 1961
Eric Stanley	Harvey	05/01/2015	Scrutton	1946 1951
Alan Lee Kidd		02/05/2015	Weymouth	1960 1965
Brian	Livsey	30/12/2014	Weymouth	1942 1945
Christopher	Sutcliffe	07/02/2015		
Gordon	Berkeley Wren	24/12/2014	Collinson	1940 1944

Looking for Netball players

A group of Mill Hill School mums set up a netball practice on a Saturday lunch time in the school gym. It has gone from strength to strength and last season we entered the North London Netball League which has 6 leagues and offers an incredibly high standard of netball. Many of the players play for the county and nationally – although they play in the higher divisions than us!

We have a pretty good squad of players but would really like to reach out to OMs, ideally girls who played for the Mill Hill team (given the high standard of play), who have graduated but would like to pick up netball again. The matches re-start in September (14 in total until April) and training will start a couple of weeks in advance. Contact Katherine Montague Katherine.Montague@royalacademy.org.uk

We want to hear your news and views and read all about your achievements. So please send in your articles and pictures to Shalaka at the Club office

e: sk@millhill.org.uk Copy Deadline 2nd November 2015



Royal Academy of Music



Dr Martin Hirsch

Dr Martin Hirsch, School House (1997-2002) along with several non OMs has had a research article accepted for publication by The Lancet, one of the most highly regarded medical journals.

The article covers the use of music to help patients recover after surgery and has shown benefits in reducing pain and anxiety. This has been the culmination of 3 years hard work and long nights without any external funding and alongside routine clinical commitments at St Barts.

Ben Glassberg wins Scholarship to Royal Academy of Music

Old Millhillian Ben Glassberg has recently been offered a Scholarship place to do a Master's degree in conducting at the Royal Academy of Music in London.

The audition process was particularly fierce with fifty applicants competing for just two places and Ben will be undertaking this in September.

“Good evening, I am calling from Mill Hill School”

By the time you read this several hundred Old Millhillians will have had telephone conversations with members of our team of callers. Indeed you may be one of them. The calls triggered reminiscences, long-forgotten names and places and some interesting questions. Our callers, aged 17-24, had been briefed in School history and given some idea of what to expect.

However there were still a few surprises. Both the callers and the people they spoke to found the whole exercise enormously enjoyable and worthwhile. Of course, the telethon was a fundraising exercise but it was also a “friend-raising” one. The callers were seeking support for the A Better Chance campaign but they were also encouraging Old Millhillians to come back on 19th September or attend other OM events, to help with careers or contact old friends. More detail of the outcomes of the telethon will be in a future edition.

Fundraising has always had two distinct approaches – to that small number who can make major gifts and to the large number whose smaller gifts can collectively make a real difference. The telethon focus was on the latter. Six pupils are currently funded by the tremendous generosity of three Old Millhillians. Lord Glendonbrook, who has supported three bursary places so far,



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has offered in principle to fund three more pupils from September 2016. Also from September 2016 there will be the inaugural Grinton Award, established as a tribute to and in memory of the parents of an Old Millhillian both of whom were teachers at some stage in their careers. The award is intended for a girl whose primary interest is art or whose talent is directed towards the humanities (e.g. History, English, languages).

The benefactor's generosity means there will be a succession of awards over many many years. The Foundation is enormously grateful for this generosity. Other pupils benefit from funding from Old Millhillians in North America, led by David A B Brown and Robin Mills, and by gifts at various levels from other Old Millhillians and parents and from the recent legacies of John Plant and Steve Farris.

I am looking forward to joining Russell Cowan at the events in Toronto and New York in the autumn, seeing Collinsonians and other Old Millhillians on 19th September and at other reunions and Club events.

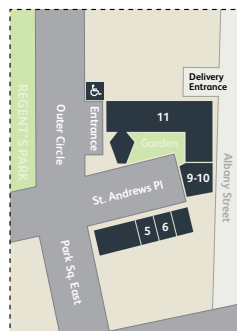
Nick Priestnall, Director of Development Mill Hill School Foundation (np@millhill.org.uk)

Annual Dinner 2015

9th October 2015

Royal College of Physicians
11 St Andrews Place, London NW1 4LE

Save the date and start organising your tables. Application form included with this edition of Martlet.



House 5 The Jerwood Medical Education Centre
House 6 Fleming and Chain Rooms
House 9 Baillie Room
Houses 9-10 William Harvey House
House 11 Royal College of Physicians



By Train

- Euston Station (15 minutes walk)
- King's Cross and St Pancras Stations – National & International rail services (5 minutes by taxi)
- Marylebone Station (5 minutes by taxi)

By Underground

- Regent's Park Station on the Bakerloo line (5 minutes walk)
- Great Portland Street Station on the Circle, Metropolitan, Hammersmith and City lines (5 minutes walk)
- Warren Street Station on the Victoria and Northern lines (10 minutes walk)

By Bus

- Routes: 18, 27, 30, 205, 453
- Routes: C2
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By Car

- Easy access via M40 and M1
- Car Parking: The College offers free parking to disabled guests by prior arrangement and is situated outside the congestion charge zone. The nearest public car park is a few minutes walk away (refer to the map)

Hotels

- Sol Melia White House Hotel
- Holiday Inn Regent's Park
- Grange Fitzrovia Hotel
- Thistle Euston Hotel
- Novotel Euston

Forthcoming Events 2015

- 16th September **Property Drinks**
Finos Wine Bar, London W1. Contact Mike Peskin e: michaelpeskin@hotmail.com
- 19th September **Old Millhillians Day**
Mill Hill School – complimentary lunch and drinks. All OMs and families welcome.
- 26th September **Toronto Dinner**
Restaurant Adegas. Contact John Oldroyd e: oldroyd@sympatico.ca
- 2nd October **OM Rugby Club Dinner**
Pewterers' Hall. Contact Noyan Nihat for tickets nnihat@evolutiondm.co.uk
- 3rd October **Reunion for 1955 leavers**
Mill Hill School Contact Stuart Hibberdine e: hibb@btinternet.com
- 29th October **Entertainment Industry Drinks (New Event)**
Royal Court theatre. A get together for OMs interested or working in all fields of entertainment - TV, film, theatre, radio; actors, supporting artists, casting directors, producers, directors, designers, costume, technical crew. If you would like to register your interest in attending the drinks please email Tom tom.h.lincoll@gmail.com or Shalaka in the Club office.

- 4th November **An Evening at The Supreme Court (New Event)**
We are delighted to hold a Reception at the Supreme Court in Parliament Square marking the appointment of the first OM to hold office as a Justice of the Supreme Court, Lord Roger Toulson.

The Supreme Court is an impressive building. Formerly the Middlesex Guildhall, it has been beautifully refurbished and decorated. The evening will include tours of the building, a talk and Q & A session with Lord Toulson in Court 1 and drinks and canapés. This event should appeal to all OMs and their partners. We also hope it will sow the seeds for more events for OMs in the legal profession.

Details of tickets will be advertised shortly. Time: 6-9pm. To register your interest please contact the Club office sk@millhill.org.uk

- 6th November **Manchester Dinner**
St James's Club Contact Peter Belshaw e: peter@belshawlaw.com
- 11th November **Armistice Day**
Mill Hill School