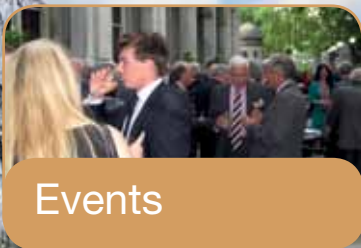
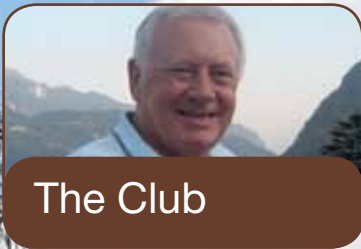


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Cricket Pavilion is restored to former glory



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YOMS Young Old Millhillians

The Club is always trying to raise the profile of the Young Old Millhillians (YOMS) and Michael Berwin, Elliot Baum and Joe Coakley have been helping to organise events for younger members and improve communication through Facebook & Twitter.

It was good to see a healthy number of YOMS at the Annual Dinner in October, then in December a lively Christmas drinks party was held at the Adam and Eve pub and in February a group of 50 met in the Adam Street Private Members Club for the inaugural London Drinks.

The Career's service is flourishing and finding placements in a wide variety of careers for the steady flow of requests from both university and School pupils. A number of YOMS have played hockey against the School and we hope next year to enter an OM team in a summer league.

The annual introduction of Mill Hill leavers to the National Liberal Club was a particularly civilised and well-attended occasion and we were grateful to the members of the Liberal Club committee who showed our pupils around.

We are always delighted to hear from YOMS about what they are doing. Congratulations to them on their wide and varied achievements, some of which are featured here.

OM Captain Philip Wilson reviews CCF Annual Inspection

The School's Combined Cadet Force held its Annual General Inspection on Wednesday 1st May 2013. The Reviewing Officer was Old Millhillian Captain Philip Wilson AAC (McClure 2003) who was welcomed to the School by the contingent's Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Dominic Luckett. The excellent weather allowed the parade to take place on the Quad with guests from both Mill Hill and Mill Hill County High Schools.

Captain Wilson was visibly impressed and warmly congratulated all the cadets upon their performance when he addressed the contingent at the end of the parade.

Jack Weller at Cambridge

Jack (Weymouth '11) studying Classics at Cambridge, has won a major prize for Greek and awarded a half-blue for Fives.



Harry Melling in 'The Hothouse'

Old Millhillian **Harry Melling** (McClure '07) known to many as 'Dudley Dursley' in the Harry Potter films, is currently appearing in a revival of Harold Pinter's dark comedy, 'The Hothouse'. The farce-like production is set in a state-run sanatorium and investigates the issues of government control and state-approved torture. The play has had excellent reviews, and Henry Hitchens, writing in the Evening Standard, picked out Harry's performance as 'one of the production's great pleasures'.

Matthew Stubbs medical success

Matthew (Priestley '05) graduated from St Bartholomew's Hospital and the London/QMC with a triple first and the Principals Award for the highest academic achievement of his year; circa 400 students.

He obtained an academic F1 position at London North Deanery (one of only 2 academic posts allocated in the year and the only one to a London deanery).

Ella Jakubowska wins National Prize

Ella Jakubowska (Cedars 2010) has recently been announced as Female Undergraduate of the Year (sponsored by Rolls Royce) at the 2013 TARGETjobs Undergraduate of the Year competition. The winners were announced by Sir Trevor McDonald at a glittering ceremony in Canary Wharf, London.

There were 1,100 applicants where students climbed mountains, set up businesses, won numerous other awards and raised thousands of pounds for charity.



Christien Greaves walks the length of Britain

On June 24 we had an update on Christien (Weymouth 2011) who was in the Peak District on day 52 of his End to End walk. He had met some interesting people, been amazed at the generosity of strangers, eaten some questionable food, helped at a 19th century re-enactment festival in exchange for food and dry camping, visited 2 of the centres for which he is fundraising, suffered the coldest and hottest weather, worn out one pair of walking boots and unbelievably had not suffered a single blister! He had also raised £2,000 for his charity which is 80% of his £2500 target.

www.justgiving.com/chris-greaves



Jo Batty wins Silver in Starpack student awards

Well done Jo Batty (Atkinson '11) who has recently won a silver for her Tango bottle design at the Starpack student awards. Starpack are working on behalf of Britvic to design a new Tango bottle for next year.

Take a look at her design on the website: www.iom3.org/student-starpack-2013-brief-c-winners/



OM Club

The New President

Peter Wakeham (1960 – 1964)

Our new President, Peter Wakeham, was in Burton Bank and entered the School thanks to the Middlesex County Award Scheme, a legacy which strongly influences his on-going commitment to helping to raise funds for bursaries through the Foundation Appeal. Peter was a member of the Appeal Board from 2007 and Chairman between 2008–2012.

He took advantage of the all round education that Mill Hill stands for: 1st XV Rugby and 1st XI Cricket Colours, Middlesex Schoolboys Rugby and Hockey, Debating Society, Editor of the School Magazine and even finding time to study and get a place at Oxford University – which he decided not to take up.

Instead Peter joined Unilever as a Management Trainee, much to the chagrin of Roy Moore, the then Headmaster. Choosing a marketing career over an academic opportunity was not what one did in those days! Peter's business life over 45 years was an eclectic mix of experiences with blue chip multi-nationals and entrepreneurial ventures in many countries. He worked for Mars, PepsiCo and McKinsey in the UK, Sweden, Japan and the United States. He then co-founded PrecisionIR a leading investor relations and communications provider, which he took public in 2000 until it was acquired in 2006.



Now retired, he and his wife, Anita, are returning to the UK after eight years in Lugano, Switzerland. He is looking forward to being able to spend more time with his six grandchildren and OM friends. He is a committed supporter of Saracens and also undertakes voluntary work. He is a Trustee of the George Adamson Wildlife Preservation Trust, a charity which supports the work of another OM, Tony Fitzjohn, in Tanzania.

Peter has been active in forging relationships between the School and the OM community, particularly in reinvigorating the role of the Life Guardians (formerly the Life Governors). His focus during his Presidential year will be to increase the appeal of the Old Millhillians Club to young OMs through encouraging more informal social networking and helping expand career support and business networking opportunities.

Past President's Diary

**Andy Mortimer
(1957 – 1961)**

After a good number of years on the Committee you would think I had some idea of what the Presidency was all about but it is not until you get 'in the zone' that you really come to understand the perspective and the remarkable cross section of people who make up the membership.

Like all Presidents, my term started with the Remembrance Day laying of wreaths followed by a service in the Chapel. The sight of the curved driveway full of immaculately behaved pupils and the lawns alongside with guests and members of the Common Room provided a fitting backdrop to the start of my year. In the run up to Christmas, I enjoyed the hospitality of the Manchester, South West and Golf Society dinners. The Taunton occasion was extraordinary in that, courtesy of the endless rain, most of the West Country resembled a lake with all the accompanying road chaos yet everybody made it on time. When Paul Audemars said 'You won't remember me but I was your first fagmaster and you are the only person I have ever met whose age was the same size as his feet (13)', I realised what the Presidency was all about!

I usually go to the YOMs pre Christmas drinks because it is a great opportunity meet with the younger generation. They are always extremely sociable but after a while discrete withdrawal seems the best course of action so they can do some catching up.

The new year started with a visit to Alford House accompanied by Georgina. It is an exceptional outreach of the club with Nigel Baker and his trustees doing a great job. I am not sure that the club at large recognises the importance of Alford House to the surrounding community. He needs new trustees and we should support him.

The OMRFC VP lunch (strange to be a guest at that one!), the inaugural London Drinks (rebrand of the City Drinks), the Property dinner, Engineers dinner, Past Presidents lunch, Liverymens lunch and Cambridge dinner were all very enjoyable and a great pleasure to attend. There was also the biennial OMRFC Dinner to enjoy.



Held at the school, for possibly the first time, it was a great occasion and I have to say the food bore little resemblance to the school dinners of old!

In early June we set off for Hong Kong where John Hellinikakis had organised dinner attended by a dozen people in the elegant surrounds of the China Club courtesy of Arthur Tse. It was particularly good to see Kasimir von de Recke there as he only left the school last year and, as it turned out, was the youngest member we met on our travels.

Then to Sydney for the annual Queen's Birthday weekend gathering over the 7th/9th June. David Stannard and his committee really do put in the hard yards to make this a success and they certainly achieved it. A few of us met up for a drink on the Friday night let by Guy Pollock followed by a dinner on Saturday with some 25 present. A very cheerful evening which included an entertaining question and answer session! Somebody has been catching the habit from the Cambridge dinner. We managed to drop by the traditional Sunday brunch hosted by Mike and Linda Hailey and although we had to leave early it was clearly destined to be a good afternoon.

Finally to Auckland where we caught up with the rain we had left behind in the

UK. Undaunted, Nick Howe-Smith had organised dinner for a dozen of us in a well known restaurant tucked under the city's harbour bridge. I have known him a long time as indeed was the case with Peter Mensah and Peter Halstead but there were others I had not met before like John Sievers or had not seen since School like Bob Barton who was a few years ahead of me in BB. Three of the couples there had travelled up from Wellington which just goes to show how much people value these gatherings.

So back to the UK and reality. Three very good weeks. As I said at the outset, the diversity of OMs was remarkable and it was a pleasure to meet so many of the wives too all of whom, as far as I could tell, enter into the spirit of their husbands' alumni gatherings with good grace and complete tolerance! The hospitality was outstanding and many of those met expressed their appreciation at having a personal link to the Club by way of a visit. We must continue to support these overseas functions in every way possible.

At the AGM a few days after I returned, Peter Wakeham was elected as my successor to take over at the dinner in October. I am sure he and Anita will derive as much pleasure from the experience as we have done to date and there are still three months to go!

Visitors to Club office

We have been delighted to welcome a few visitors to the Club office recently! David Stevens, pictured (Collinson '68) dropped by on 10th May all the way from New Zealand. He was travelling in Europe with his wife and arranged to visit the School and met with Nick Priestnall and Andy Mortimer. He was pleased to take a look around and have lunch in the Dining Hall.

Leo Kuropatwa (Collinson '56) visited the office at the end of June. Leo has been living in South Africa for the past 30 years and will be relocating back to England next year. Finally Ronald Pole (Burton Bank '66) visited us and hadn't been back to the School for over 20 years. He subsequently attended the Cocktail party.

We welcome OM visitors to the office but please remember if you would like to walk around the School then you have to book an appointment beforehand.



David Stevens

Round & About

OM Paul Robin

Congratulations to OM Paul Robin (McClure '82) who has been appointed CEO of The Lord's Taverners. Paul has been both Chairman of Middlesex Region and Chairman of Regions.

Paul commented:

"As a Taverner for more than 10 years I am honoured to have been appointed to the role. I look forward to working with the team at Buckingham Palace to ensure a positive and exciting future for the organisation.

I shall endeavour to ensure that the members are well served and continue to have fun; and that the charitable projects we support are well run with maximum value derived for all stakeholders.

The proud heritage and values of The Lord's Taverners must be at the heart of all that we undertake and achieve."



Vice-President's Badge

After some recent discussion about the Vice-President's badge, we thought OMs would like to know about its history:

The Badge was presented by the Club to Miss Annie Pearse, the School Matron, in 1920 on completing 21 years' service. Annie Pearse was a close friend of Sir John and Lady McClure and bequeathed the Badge to Lady McClure. When Lady McClure died in 1948, aged 88, having survived her husband for 26 years and she bequeathed the badge to her daughter, Kathlene, who

in turn gave the Badge to one of her sons, John, who had been at the School during the war years when the School was at St. Bees. John later emigrated to Australia and in Melbourne, in 1997, John Ousey attended the Club's Dinner and presented the Badge to the Club President, Jim Roberts. John said that since he had no offspring, he would like to return the Badge to the Club and hoped the Club would find some appropriate use for it. The Club resolved that the Badge should be worn by the Vice-President and accordingly at the Annual Dinner in 1997 Jim Roberts presented it to Roy Mills. (Incidentally Kathlene was both Sir John McClure's biographer and married to an Old Millhillian, James Ousey).

Honorary Secretary

There has been a number of changes in personnel and further to those mentioned in the AGM article, we should like to thank John Elliott, Mike Corby, Chris Maunder Taylor as well as Andrew Welch, who is currently working in Paris, who are all standing down from the Committee. We are delighted that three young OMs, Michael Berwin, Elliot Baum and Joe Coakley, have joined the Committee to give a youthful impetus. Finally I have decided to retire as



Archives are for ever!

It is clear reading old issues of the Martlet that Old Millhillians are interested in the School's history, but do you ever wonder how we know about it? Mill Hill, together with its feeder schools, maintains an archive looked after by a professional archivist, for one day a week in term time. Most enquiries concern alumni, many of whom played an important role in their chosen field – as you will know. Most enquiries can be answered from the published registers but the abbreviations are a bit challenging for someone new to the school!

In future issues I hope to give a taster of what the archives contain and share with you some of the interesting stories to be found. In addition to administrative records, there is a large collection of photographs and some artefacts. We try to put on small exhibitions from time to time, such as the recent Francis Crick dinner where a few items were on display, and apparently generated quite a lot of interest.

If anyone wishes to consult the archives or has material they think could be worth preserving please contact me at katet@millhill.org.uk. However, I need to be rigorous in what I accept!

Kate Thompson, Foundation Archivist

Honorary Secretary after 10 years in the role, though a new secretary has yet to be found: fresh blood is needed!

The Club is also exploring the possibility of having inclusive membership, as do many alumni associations; this would be very beneficial to all parties and mean that all former pupils will be members without having to pay annual subscriptions. Consequently we are focused on adding value to the membership and in particular for the younger generation.

One example is the need to expand the career's service offered by the Club: requests for advice and work experience continue to result in useful assistance being offered.

During the year the Club has maintained close links with the Life Guardians. One of the roles of the Life Guardians is running the prestigious McClure Scholarship Trust Fund established by OMs in 1922 in memory of the late Sir John McClure and the Club has agreed to contribute £5,000 p.a. for a minimum of 2 years to help with funding.

Our Chairman, Alan Toulson, along with this year's President and Vice- President, namely Andy Mortimer and Peter Wakeham, have all been extraordinarily busy on a whole raft of initiatives, including the complex topic of inclusivity, as well as the day to day management of the Club.

Tim Corbett

Chairman of the Court of Governors

Professor Michael Proctor will be retiring as Chairman of the Court in September 2013 following his appointment as Provost of King's College, Cambridge. Michael has served the Foundation as a Governor since 1999 and as Chairman for the past 6 years. During this period, he has led the Court with assurance and his colleagues say his sage advice will be greatly missed.

He will be succeeded by Dr Roger Chapman, Deputy Chairman of the Court and OM (MHS 60-65) who will become only the second member of the Club to be elected as Chairman of the Court since World War Two. Roger writes that he "looks forward to working with the Club and other groups that form the Foundation community to achieve the future success and development of the Foundation."





Nick Leslau

City Dinner Report 6 June 2013

The event took place at the Bleeding Heart, Farringdon with 26 attendees, mostly from a wide range of City and City related professions (e.g. law) and including Nick Leslau as guest speaker and Graeme Turner, our recently appointed Liaison Officer with the School.

A couple of non City people also attended, indicating that these dinners can attract a wider audience if well promoted.

The formula for this dinner is appealing and potentially transferrable to other business sectors that we might wish to encourage (e.g. IT, Media, Entrepreneurs). The average age of the group was about 42 or 39.8 without the Vice President. It is the generation we need to cultivate.

Nick Priestnall gave an excellent account of the School in the Headmaster's absence. Nick Leslau then gave a brief but entertaining potted history of his career which was followed by a good hour of questions and candid answers.

It was a lively and enjoyable evening with a high degree of participation from the attendees.

quite a few of the guests had not been to an OM function before... 'always meant to but I travel a lot' but drawn to this one by it being London Drinks.

A very successful evening and most of the attendees said they would come again. Certainly it should become a regular social and networking event.



London Drinks

The plush surrounds of the Adam Street Private Club was the venue of the inaugural London Drinks on the 3rd April. 50 young OM blades and bladesses attended. Elliot Baum & Michael Berwin had organised the occasion and were determined to keep it simple – certainly no speeches. The change of name from City Drinks and slick invitations and marketing certainly captured wider interest:



AGM & Summer Drinks

The AGM was held on 26th June with 25 attendees, including the Headmaster and the Chairman of Governors. Andy Mortimer, President, was in the Chair. Peter Wakeham was elected President for 2013/4 (when Andy will return to his role as Club Chairman) and Russell Cowan as Vice-President. Mitesh Bhimjiyani was welcomed to the Executive as Honorary Treasurer. Graeme Turner was welcomed as School Liaison Officer.

A vote of thanks was given to Alan Toulson for all his effort whilst standing in as Chairman for Andy over the past year. A vote of thanks was also given to Tim Corbett, who has been Honorary Secretary for 10 years and has now decided to stand down.

Robert Clark, Chris Kelly, Christopher Dean and Dai Rees, former teachers, were elected Honorary Members for their support of the Club and the School over many years.

The summer drinks that followed was blessed with a fine evening on the terrace, and though numbers were not huge there was a good mix of young and old.

A very pleasant atmosphere pervaded and the refreshments were excellent.





Prof Nicholas Franks



Dr Dominic Lockett with Gabrielle Crick



Leanne Armitage

Crick Dinner

8th June 2013 would have been the 97th Birthday of Francis Crick, Mill Hill's only Nobel Prize Winner. We celebrated with a splendid black-tie dinner. Guests of Honour were Gabrielle Crick, Francis' daughter and Mark, one of his grandsons. It was wonderful to have them visit Mill Hill School for the first time. Guests visited the Science Building and saw memorabilia of the 1930s when Crick was a pupil.

The dinner was addressed by Professor Jim Smith, Fellow of the Royal Society, Director of the MRC National Institute for Medical Research and Research Director the Francis Crick Institute. He called Crick "the greatest scientist of the 20th Century" and told us we should be very proud of having him as a Millhillian. A second Fellow of the Royal Society, Professor Nick Franks, (Ridgeway 1963-68) spoke of his personal knowledge of Crick through his research. The evening highlighted the *A Better Chance Bursary Scheme* in memory of Donald Hall, funded largely by OMs in the medical, dental and veterinary professions.

The first recipient of this bursary, Leanne Armitage, who has just completed her A Levels, spoke passionately about the opportunity which coming to Mill Hill School had given her. The Dinner generated almost £35,000 for the bursary scheme. A major part of this was a wonderful gift by Gabrielle Crick from the proceeds of the recent sale of her father's Nobel Prize Medal.



Prof Jim Smith

Cambridge Dinner

The Cambridge Dinner was resurrected by Tony Bell about 25 years ago and was held for many years in Corpus Christi College. More recently, thanks to Mike Proctor, the Chairman of the Court of Governors and Deputy Master of Trinity, the dinner has been held in Trinity in one of their excellent suites. One of the popular features of the dinner is the open forum after the formal speeches where various questions, some quite difficult, are put to the Club President, the Headmaster and, more recently Mike Proctor, who invariably give interesting and thought provoking answers.

It is very noticeable that the average age of those attending has increased dramatically over the years, probably because those organising it have done likewise, and it is hoped that this trend can be reversed by persuading any OM Cambridge graduate, regardless of age, to attend future dinners. If they do they will not only enjoy a superb dinner, they will meet old friends, probably make new, and be able to see how the University has changed or not since they were up.

If any graduate is interested he or she should contact Jim Roberts on robertslinden@googlemail.com or telephone on 01480 492807.

The date for 2014 is Friday, 9th May.

Engineers Dinner

Organizer Gordon Mizner was delighted to welcome a couple of new faces, Bob Branch and Simon Moir, at the Engineers and Scientists dinner, which was held at the Bleeding Heart Restaurant on 26th April. 20 OMs and guests enjoyed an excellent meal in convivial surroundings. They were delighted to be joined by OM President Andy Mortimer as well as Harry Barnes and John Murphy, representing the School accompanied by a few final year students with interest in technology related careers.

Apologies were received from several regulars and this event remains in good health. Yet Gordon would urge other OMs who are or have been connected to engineering or technology either through study or current career to come along. The dinner date for next year is Friday 9th May 2014.

Those attending were: Gordon & Angela Mizner, Brian & Vera Woolf, Tim Poole, Simon Moir, David Pike, Richard Amunugama, Andy Mortimer, David Rodda, Clive Mence, Bob Branch, Graeme Roberts, Harry Barnes, John Murphy, Adam Martin, Fabio Bragoli, Tom Levy, Eren Baser, Nick Priestnall.



Pavilion Restored

The Park pavilion has been lovingly restored thanks to the generosity of a group of Old Millhillians, their contribution matched by the School. The original pavilion on Cricket Field was built in 1885 but it was not until

1924 that the Park was secured for cricket and the Park pavilion built, a gift by OM James McGowan. Interestingly the first Head Groundsman was Augustus Chase, grandfather to OM Graham Chase.

The mix of wooden and unsightly perspex Honours boards has now been replaced

with wooden boards throughout and there are spaces for another 50 future elevens to be recorded. There have also been other improvements: each of the changing rooms has been provided with a separate shower and toilet, the kitchen has been refurbished, disabled facilities have been added while extensive external repairs



WITH SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING WHOSE GENEROSITY MADE THE REFURBISHMENT PROJECT OF THIS LOVELY PAVILION POSSIBLE

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JOHN NELSON
GRAHAM CHASE
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ROGER REFFELL
ANTHONY DYER
RICHARD DEAN

and re-painting has restored the building to its former glory. The refurbished building was formally opened by the Headmaster, Dr Dominic Luckett, on the 23rd June when the School played two 20/20 games against Old Millhillian teams. The OMs won both.



Matthew Baldwin
(Winterstoke 1947-52)

Obituaries

Below is listed a list of those who have recently died. Those obituaries we receive are published in the magazine and on the website.

However Collinsonians in particular will be saddened to learn of the death of Peggy Turnbull on 9 January 2013. Peggy, the wife of housemaster Tony Turnbull, who died in November 2011, was described by one of her sons Alistair as "very much the power behind the throne"; and indeed she will be remembered with both gratitude and great affection by all those boys who were in her care.

Cricketers will be sorry to hear of the death of Paddy Nolan, the father of Patrick (also Paddy). Paddy senior was very much involved in OMs cricketer and enthusiastically hosted a summer fixture when the cricketers visited Sussex on their annual tour.

On 2 March a memorial service was held at the School for Matthew Baldwin, who had died in November. Matthew, a Winterstokian, had been an outstanding benefactor to various School projects as well as giving anonymous financial support to deserving individuals.

OM Deaths

* date of death estimated

Surname	First name	Date of Death	House	School Dates
Adams	John	09/04/2013	Ridgeway	1931 1935
Addison Smith	John	01/07/2013*	Scrutton	1940 1945
Baldwin	Matthew	09/11/2012	Winterstoke	1947 1952
Beart	Jason	29/03/2013	Ridgeway	1951 1955
Briggs	Alan	06/04/2013	Weymouth	1937 1941
Carrie	Ian	01/01/2012*	Ridgeway	1956 1961
Gee	Michael	09/07/2013	School House	1942 1946
Houston	James	08/05/2013	Day Boy	1930 1934
Leicester	Brian	19/03/2013	School House	1936 1940
Nunn	John	03/07/2013	Collinson	1932 1936
Phillips	Peter	03/03/2013	Winterstoke	1933 1938
Rees-Williams	Gwilym	09/11/2004	School House	1944 1946
Robertson	Peter	15/02/2013	Winterstoke	1936 1940
Simpson	Robert	09/03/2013	Weymouth	1945 1949
Tinker	Michael		Murray	1963 1968
Warmington	Brian	27/04/2013*	Murray	1938 1942
Woodgett	Woody	02/04/2013	Collinson	1923 1928



Nobis et Scholae

With another busy term behind us, there are many good things upon which to reflect. This year's public examinations seem to have passed off very well, although pupils and staff will inevitably feel the tension rise as August's results days approach. Our sports teams have enjoyed another very successful season, the cricketers leading the way with some outstanding performances in both School fixtures and competitions, many of them taking place against the superb backdrop of our newly refurbished pavilion on Parks. The 1st XI beat Enfield Grammar School by 170 runs to reach the final of the Middlesex Cup, with Benedict Relf, Atkinson, scoring 144. They then went on to win the County final for the second year in succession against a strong side from St Benedict's, Ealing. Meanwhile, the under-15s won through to the county final of the national 20/20 cup. Particular congratulations are due to two of our Remove cricketers, India Whitty and Sophia Dunkley, who have been selected for the England Women's Development Programme.

The School's athletics team have competed regularly in the Barnet League and six were selected to represent Barnet in the Middlesex Championships. In Golf, Fourth Form pupil Priya Pankhania came second in the under-18 South of England Championships, thus earning selection for the England Schools' final, and the School Golf team won the Independent Schools Golf Association national plate competition. The rounders season went very well and the girls' and boys' Remove tennis teams both won their groups in the Middlesex LTA competition, the girls reaching the regional stage to be played in September. Mizuki Sakurai represented Middlesex in the under-14 county tennis cup and teams from the School achieved excellent results in the National Schools' Competition at Eton. A number of pupils were also selected as members of the Great Britain Maccabiah Games squad: Lauren Abrahams (netball); Alex Conn (Rugby); and Jamie Cohen (athletics). Sadly, because of injury, Georgia Green, who was picked for the netball team, was unable to play. Finally on the sporting front, we were all delighted to hear that Steve Plummer, Housemaster of Priestley, was voted Coach of the Year by the Eton Fives Association, with the OMs being named Team of the Year.

The CCF continues to thrive and we were delighted to welcome back to the School Old Millhillian Captain Philip Wilson of the Army Air Corps as inspecting officer at May's Annual General Inspection. The day started with the Newcastle Drill Competition from which Ridgeway emerged victorious, achieving their first win in the event

since 1962. By the end of proceedings, Captain Wilson had nothing but praise for the high standards and the engaging personal qualities demonstrated by the contingent's cadets. Meanwhile, as I write, enthusiastic groups of Lower Sixth Form pupils have just left to spend time with our partners in Tamil Nadu, Nicaragua and Zambia whilst others are away on the Fourth Form battlefields trip, an Art trip to Venice, CCF summer camp and an adventurous training expedition to the Ardeche.

There has been much to enjoy on the creative front this term. This year's Drama examination practical performances were of an exceptionally high standard and the Art and Design Technology Departments mounted superb exhibitions of pupils' work. The Chapel Choir have been very busy in Chapel and in concert and they also recorded their first CD, Sing Joyfully, copies of which are available to purchase from the School. Further details may be found at www.millhill.org.uk/news/index.html.

As is usual at Mill Hill, a great deal of charity fundraising work has been undertaken for our overseas partners and other good causes. Meanwhile, the work of the Foundation Appeal has been largely focused upon achieving the fundraising target of £800,000 towards the construction of the new £3.4 million science and classroom building at Belmont. We are all very much looking forward to the building's opening in September 2014. I am enormously grateful to the many Old Millhillians who have supported this campaign and those who have also generously donated to our bursary and other fundraising efforts. These included a dinner in June in honour of Francis Crick, at which we were joined by guests including his daughter and nephew and which raised over £35,000 for our ABC bursary fund.

The summer term is one of goodbyes. This year, we were sorry to bid farewell not only to a superb group of Upper Sixth Form leavers but also to a small number of outstanding teachers. Special mention should be made of Mr Dai Rees who is retiring after no fewer than 108 terms at the School. As a member of the History department, housemaster, master-in-charge of Rugby and in many other ways, Mr Rees has given unstinting service to the School and its pupils. I am hugely grateful to him for all that he has contributed to Mill Hill and wish him a very happy retirement.

Dr Dominic Luckett



Give as you Live

If you ever do any shopping online and haven't heard of this, please take a few minutes to check it out and register. You can do your shopping through hundreds of online retailers AND support the Foundation Appeal at the same time. It costs you nothing. This is just one of the latest initiatives announced by the Foundation Appeal in its on-going campaign to support bursaries and buildings across the Mill Hill School Foundation. (www.giveasyoulive.com/join/millhillschoolfoundation)

The 1807 Society is for those who have committed to leave gifts in their wills to the Foundation. We were very privileged when Lord Glendonbrook (School House 1955-57) hosted the Society members to lunch at the House of Lords in June, a rare opportunity for most people to have a glimpse behind the scenes at Westminster. The Society members observed a moment's silence in memory of Matthew Baldwin, regular attendee in the past and a



generous benefactor to bursaries. Legacy giving is very important: approximately 50% of all the money received by educational institutions in this country in 2012 came from gifts from wills. In the last year, we have received almost £300,000 from this source.

Two more pupils will be joining the School in September 2103 thanks to bursaries funded by generous donations by Old Millhillians and, hopefully, a third may benefit from the generosity of Old Millhillians in North America through an initiative led by David A B Brown (Burton Bank 1956-61).

Much Foundation Appeal attention has been on the new building at Belmont, for which just over £400,000 of the £800,000 target set by Governors has been raised; the on-going refurbishment of the Science Building at Mill Hill has not been forgotten. Look out for the exciting initiative to be launched in autumn 2013 to "leave your DNA in the Science Building". This will be a campaign to enable a wide range of Old Millhillians to participate.



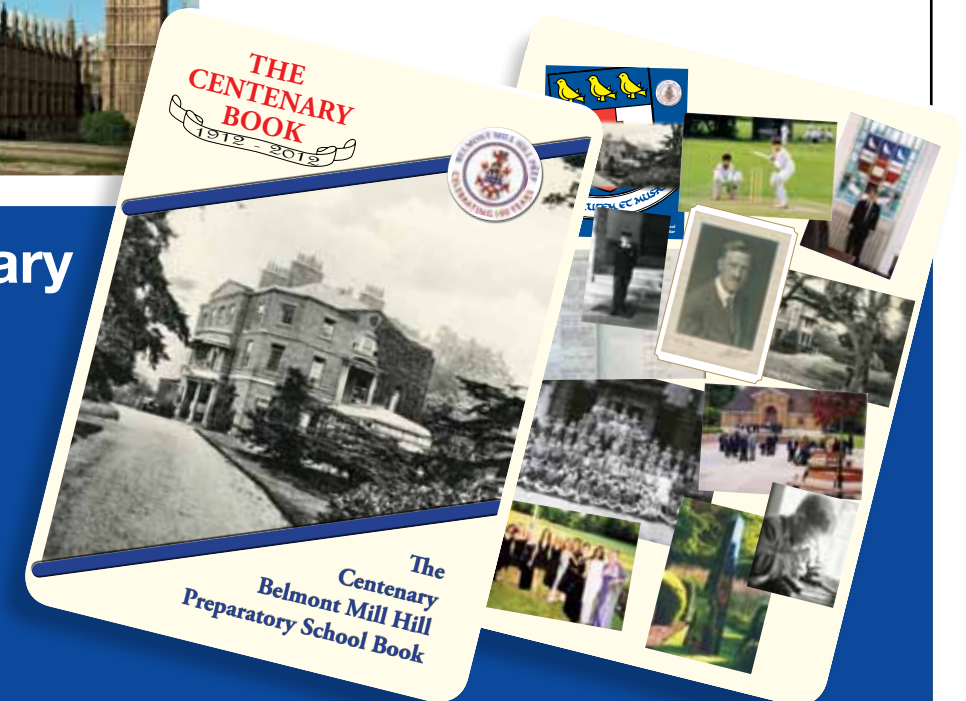
Belmont Centenary

Belmont has been celebrating its centenary year with a number of events which have included an Edwardian day, a Centenary Ball, a Service of Commemoration at Westminster Hall and a Centenary Concert. Furthermore the Belmont Centenary project is supporting the construction of a new building housing classrooms and laboratories, due to be completed in September 2014.

To mark the occasion a centenary book has been compiled by Lynda Mason (School Librarian) and Bob Pace (Head of History) to mark the history of Belmont School. The book includes many interesting letters, photos and personal correspondence from

OBS giving a wonderful insight into how Belmont has changed and how much it has remained the same. Make sure you purchase a copy!

Available from the Belmont Preparatory School Office for £15, either cash or a cheque made out to Belmont School.





SPORT

Hockey

An Old Millhillian XI played against the School twice this year. The first match against the 1st XI in March saw the School win easily though the second half was much more even once the OMs realised they needed to slow the pace of the game and not try to keep up with the youngsters. Then a relaxed evening of early summer hockey in May was played in glorious sunshine. Again a team of the usual stalwarts was captained by James Fleming. Adam Harvey, who had been stuck in traffic, arrived for the second half to give the side a boost and OMs ran out 3-2 winners. Highlights included a stunning flick into the net by Nick Hughes from a short corner, while Joe Coakley displayed extraordinary balletic skills in an ultimately unproductive attempt to score a goal. It has been suggested that next year the OMs might enter a local summer league supplemented by teachers and pupils.



Cricket

It has been particularly welcome to see an influx of MHS boys to the U15s at Totteridge Millhillians. Wider development of the Club continues, including refurbishment of the pavilion. There are four Saturday league teams, a Sunday league side, a ladies Sunday team and four Junior sides. Former Middlesex and England legend, John Emburey, continues as player coach whilst former OM and Derbyshire CCC player, Steve Selwood, has joined as Head Coach.

The 1st XI under the captaincy of Justin Le Fort started the season well, including a fine century by Justin in the first league



match and Alex Martins Craig performing well with both bat and ball. The 2nd XI were skippered by OM Vishal Bhimjiyani

Other news: two OM sides played 20/20 matches against the School to celebrate the opening of the new pavilion and the OMs won both matches; the refurbished Totteridge pavilion is available for hire; the Sussex tour continues but sadly Paddy Nolan senior, who organised a regular fixture, died this year; and OM Adam Rossington is playing regularly for Middlesex.



OMs Soccer

After a few decades in the wilderness, Old Millhillians Football Club made an instant impact with a famous victory against Old Aldenhamians FC on Saturday 6th April on penalties after being 1-1 at full-time.

Captained by George Collins (Collinson '08) the team played impressively considering

it was the first outing together. There were notable performances from target man, Adam Paris (Weymouth House), who gave the opposition defence a torrid time throughout, Jack Perry-Williams (Ridgeway House), the goal scorer, and full time artist Alexander Stavrou (School House) who dropped his paint brushes to produce a 'Dani Alves' like performance at right back. The team have since lost 3-2 to Highgate

and have further fixtures organised. If you are interested in playing, please contact George Collins (Club Captain) on 07872605362 or via email at George.collins@bdgsp.co.uk

Congratulations to George on his initiative of resuscitating a football team.

Golf

Jeremy Bohn (Priestley '89) was in great form when he won the Herts Salver at Aldwickbury on a glorious spring day in May.

Meanwhile the OMCGS continues in good heart with a busy calendar of fixtures. The annual dinner at the Pewterers' Hall was well attended and though the team was less successful in Halford Hewitt after last year's strong performance, one recent highlight was beating OMTs at Sandy Lodge 4-1 after a run of five previous successive defeats. If you enjoy golf and are not a member of the society why not join?

You don't have to be a Tiger Woods!

OM Golf Society Autumn Weekend 2013
Friday 27th - Sunday 29th September 2013
Royal Hotel, Deal

The course after the recent Amateur Championship is in superb form. Absurdly generous discounts are on offer to younger OMGS members, please enquire with John Hawkins john@hawkins.net





SPORT

Fives Triumph

Team and Coach of the Year

Following a tense final few weeks of matches the Old Millhillian Fives team triumphed in the London league Division 1 2012/2013 season – an outstanding result. This victory had been several years in the making and all of the team had worked hard to improve all aspects of their game as well as showing great commitment to playing. Meanwhile the second team only just lost the Division 2 title by the narrowest of margins.

The Club is thriving with Chris Vincent and James Hutcheson at the helm, supported by Steve Plummer, Master in Charge of Fives, and Ian Hutcheson, Fives Coach, both guiding future players towards the



Club. Steve Plummer was voted "Coach of the Year" by the Eton Fives Association in May for his inspirational coaching over the years and across all ages. The Old Millhillians were also awarded the accolade of "Team of the Year" for the success of their two teams.



Rugby

Unfortunately the first part of the rugby season was marred with injuries to key players, though our resident Kiwis did their best to keep up the momentum: back coach, Brad Abraham, played exceptionally well as did back row forward and Vice-Captain, Ralph Murduck while our Captian, Alex Bate, led by example.

The second half of the season saw improved results and we also welcomed new coach, Alan Walters, from Ruislip RFC. Our 1st XV finished above mid table, at 5th in the Herts /Middlesex 1st Division. Our AXV also had a strong season; much credit and thanks for all

his hard work over several seasons to Jeremy Graves, who is now stepping down.

The Biennial Rugby Club dinner on the 31st May was enjoyed by all with a pleasing 85 attendees. The pre-dinner reception was held on Top Terrace, with past players gazing nostalgically out over a Top Field bathed in glorious sunshine. Brad Abraham was awarded a Cap and we bade farewell to Dai Rees, who has always been a loyal supporter of our Club and is retiring this year. Many thanks to our Committee and especially to our Chairman David Webster for his efforts behind the scene.

Noyan Nihat, Honorary Secretary OMRFC

Merchandise Price List

Silk Ties

Country & Town	£25.00
Extra long	£27.50
Non crease	£30.00

Silk untied bow ties

£17.00

Cufflinks - Enamel

£10.00

Sturgeon print of MHS (unframed)

£50.00

Mill Hill School 1907 (unframed)

£10.00

Blazer buttons 6S 4L

£49.00

Blazer buttons 8S 6L

£65.00

Crystal Tankard

£20.00

Hat Band

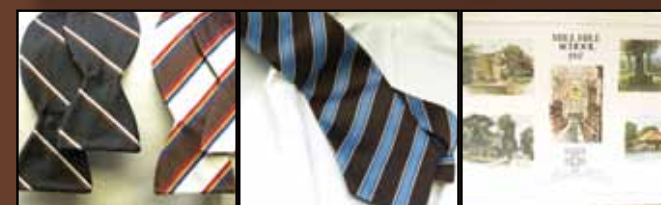
£2.00

Golf Umbrella

£32.00

Blazer Badges

£12.00



Top Terrace from the Quad

By Tim Corbett.

A fine art print on quality paper.

Size 12" x 15"

£18.00 + postage

Alford House

Our staff run a varied and sometimes targeted programme each evening for different groups. Three members have recently qualified as level one ski instructors after a week's training in Italy following a programme at indoor ski facilities in Hemel Hempstead.

Other members have had weekends away in the Ashdown Forrest and Amersham. The good news is that our membership is rising due to our outreach programme and a more settled local atmosphere.

Our large premises continue to be a challenge and we are able to meet this cost from various grants received and our income from our theatrical lettings for rehearsals. We do however need to increase our income in the long term. To this end we are looking to the car park area by building flats to sell and let to produce a regular income. We have existing planning permission for the site so this will be a variation.



We continue to be indebted to the Old Millhillians who support us financially on a regular basis and those who have made generous one off donations. These donations are in a restricted fund to be used when the redevelopment gets underway.

For further information please see www.alfordhouse.org.uk or contact Nigel Baker.

Annual Dinner 2013



18th October 2013

The Great Hall, Lincoln's Inn, London WC2A 3TL

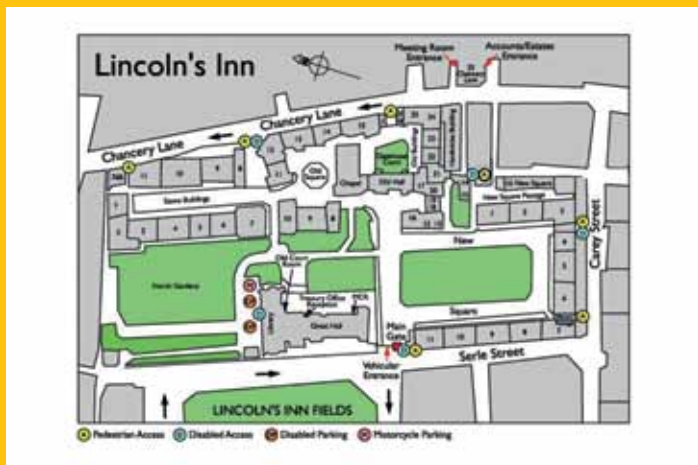
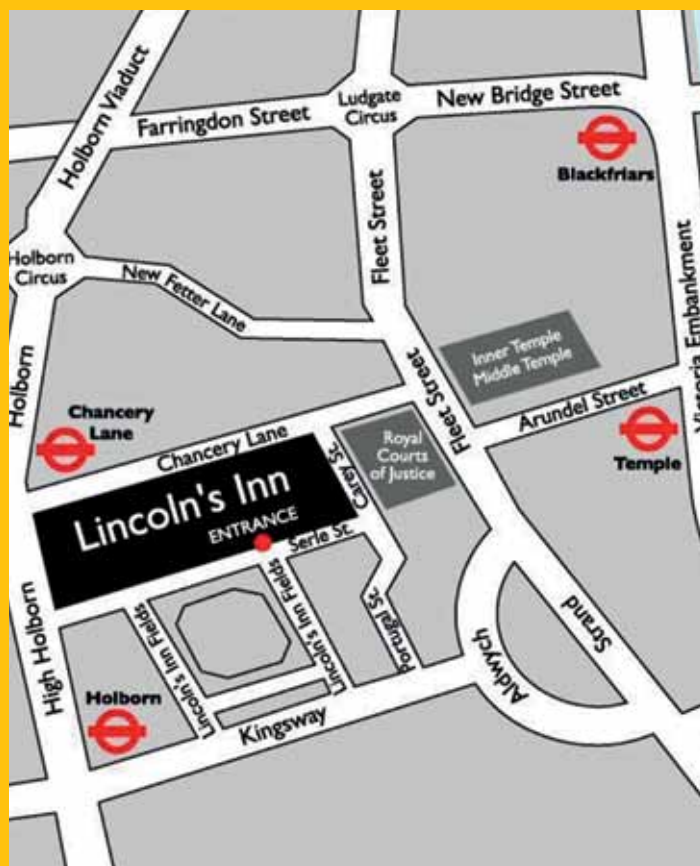
The event promises to be an excellent occasion at an impressive venue so don't delay and get your application forms in! Why not get a table of friends together? Forms included with this edition of Martlet.

Time: 6.15pm for 7.15pm (Cash Bar until 11pm)

Cost: £85 per person or £45 for under 25s

This includes reception drinks, 3 course meal with wine and coffee

Dress: Black Tie



Forthcoming Events 2013 - 2014

Saturday 14th September

Old Millhillians Day at Mill Hill School. All OMs and families welcome.

Thursday 10th October

New York Drinks – Cocktails from 6pm – 8pm. Venue tbc.

Dinner afterwards for those who are interested. Contact Alan Bain e: alb@wwbcn.com t: 001 212 605 0210

Friday 18th October

Annual Dinner, The Great Hall, Lincoln's Inn

Friday 1st November

Welsh Dinner

Contact Ronnie Boon e: ronnie.boon@hotmail.co.uk

Monday 11th November

Armistice Day - at MHS 10.40am

Friday 15th November

North West Dinner - at St. James's Club, Manchester.

Contact John Elliott

Wednesday 18th December

Yoms Christmas drinks Wednesday 18th December at Adam & Eve pub