

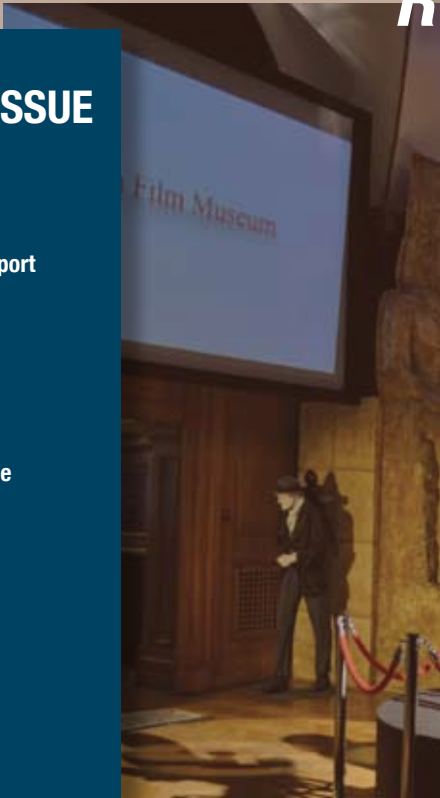
# Hollywood comes to town...

## Annual Dinner 2011 at the London Film Museum

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## Past President's Diary

It has been a great privilege to represent the Club as its President at so many events, whether in London (the Past President's Dinner perhaps took pride of place), or in the regions (with dinners in Manchester, Taunton and Cambridge) or overseas.

Unfortunately I was trapped in Sussex by snow for the Golf dinner, and I was abroad at the time of the City dinner. I also visited the School on Old Millhillians Day and for the very moving Armistice Day parade and service, when I was asked to read a lesson in Chapel. Thank you to all the organisers of events who made me so welcome.

My travels abroad initially took me first to North America where I attended dinners in New York and Toronto. With Nick Priestnall I was able to bring OMs up to date with the School's activities and Foundation Appeal. I was particularly pleased to be able to talk to Brian Buckingham just before he sadly passed away. Many thanks to John Henley and Alan Bain for looking after us so well.

Then at John Parrott's invitation I visited South Africa, starting with Cape Town and the famed Garden Route. A Bar-B-Q arranged and cooked by Stuart and Christine Hibberdine at their Nysna house proved to be a fun day. John Parrott's charming wife "Petal" was in great form and her humour kept us amused all afternoon, including two Past Presidents.

If I thought my two trips to North America and South Africa were tiring, it was nothing compared to my Far East journey in May and June. This included stays in Dubai, Mumbai, Hong Kong, Kuala Lumpur, Penang, Kuala Lumpur, Phuket, Bangkok and home via Dubai in time for our annual AGM. There were many memorable moments on the trip! A wonderful Dinner at The Emirates Golf Club in Dubai was arranged by Keith Stack, where I was particularly pleased to catch up with Hugh and Brenda Hamilton-Andrews and get to know the effervescent Manny Ajayi. In Hong Kong Patrick Poon arranged a fish lunch in the middle of South China Sea. This was followed by a Dinner in The Unicorn Restaurant attended by Judge Kim Longley, Graham Harris our newly appointed Q.C. and Charlene Lee (is she our only OM Concert Pianist?). On to KL and Penang where a small group of four OMs were led by the charming and generous John and Esther Tan; I was grateful for the use of a beautiful apartment overlooking Strait Quays. On to Bangkok and then to Phuket where Peter Bolton had invited me to play in his Pro-Am golf tournament. He had asked me to describe myself as he would be meeting me at the Airport. 'Tall, honed, prematurely grey at "25" with film star looks' resulted in Peter waiting for me holding a huge BRAD PITT sign! Exhausted I made my way to Bangkok and an elegant and enjoyable last dinner in the Dusit Thani with Sid Phillips, Andrew



Houston, Swate and his wife – a perfect end to a marvellous three weeks in the East. Thank you to all the OMs I met along the way: such great companions and friends.

There are a number of OMs living in or visiting the Far East and they have now agreed to follow the "Oakers" format of meeting at a regular venue on the first Tuesday of every month in their various countries.

Whilst the overseas Dinners were all great fun, attending the Functions and Dinners in England have and always will be the "raison d'être" for any President. There are too many hosts and organizers to mention and thank but the Dinners in Manchester, Taunton, Cambridge and London were all enjoyable well attended events and will always be the focal point for all Presidents.

The Head Master attended almost every event in the UK, giving me the chance to discuss many issues. He has agreed to an Old Millhillians waiting room at the School and a President's Prize on Foundation Day. The Presidents Prize will be for the student who in the opinion of the Head Master has contributed most in their final year.

The first six months have been action packed and I am now working on my strength for the next six months! It has been a most enjoyable honour to have been the Club President, and I look forward to welcoming everyone to my Annual Dinner on Friday, October 14 at the London Film Museum.

**Mike Corby**

Mike Corby with friends in South Africa.



## *Nobis et Scholae*

The scorching April sun fostered high hopes that we were in for a wonderful cricket season. Sadly, the alleged summer months have been rather wetter than we had hoped for but, undeterred, our teams have performed strongly, including a spirited draw for the 1st XI against a strong OM team.

There have also been some encouraging results in our other summer games and I think it fair to say that the standards of sport within the School remain as high as ever. Of course, the summer term is increasingly dominated by the pressures of examinations and I know that our boys and girls have been working hard in preparation for their encounters with the examiners. Whether or not our current Upper Sixth Formers will match the outstanding achievement of last year's leavers, half of whose A levels were at A\* and A grades, remains to be seen. What is clear to me, however, is that matters academic have assumed an increasing importance in the minds of the current generation of Millhillians, and I am sure that some further excellent results are on the horizon.

The past term has been notable for many reasons, including the announcement by the Chairman of the Court of Governors in May that the School will no longer be timetabling lessons on Saturday mornings with effect from September 2012. At the same time, Professor Proctor signalled

the introduction of weekly boarding, to run alongside full-boarding, also from 2012. Inevitably, changes of this significance will be met with mixed reactions. However, I am delighted to say that the response to the Chairman's announcement has been overwhelmingly positive. It is also the case that the Court and the Foundation remain absolutely committed to maintaining the essential ethos of Mill Hill, central to which is the provision of a broad, balanced and outward-looking education within a School which both welcomes day pupils and draws great strength from the contribution made by its boarders.

Among the other major events of the term have been the launch of our London Golf Academy; some wonderful concerts and shows, including those staged to raise funds for our partners in Nicaragua and Tamil Nadu; and the CCF Annual General Inspection. Following the AGI, the inspecting officer, Lieutenant Colonel John Powell, wrote to me saying 'I know you must be very proud to be Headmaster of such a fine institution'. How right he is!

As always is the case, a number of members of staff took their leave at the end of the academic year. We were particularly sorry to say goodbye to Mr Jamie Monaghan, the long-serving housemaster of School House and Commanding Officer of the CCF (a position that has now fallen to the Headmaster ...) and Mr Andy Luke, previously the Housemaster of Burton Bank. We have also finally agreed to allow Tim Corbett to retire from the classroom (for now, at least), and I would like to thank him and all the other staff leavers for the huge contributions that they have variously made to life and learning at Mill Hill.

Over the course of the year, it has been a great pleasure to work with your Chairman, Andy Mortimer, and your President, Mike Corby – it is clear to me that there can be no stauncher advocates for the School. I have also greatly enjoyed the many opportunities I have been given to meet and socialise with members of the Club. I shall look forward to many more such occasions over the coming year.

**Dr David Luckett, Headmaster**

## Honorary Secretary Report

The Club's formal and informal programme of events continue to be generally well attended. We have been fortunate to have had a dynamic President in Mike Corby, who has thrown himself into his role with much enthusiasm and has been a great ambassador for the Club. Do support his dinner on October 14th.

A major change over the last year has been the introduction of direct debiting, which is going well, but we do urge all members who have not yet done so to change from standing orders to a direct debit. All new members are signed up on the system and though still in the teething stage, direct debiting should provide us with much greater flexibility in collecting subscriptions in the future.

As indicated on page 8, Old Millhillians Day will no longer be linked in with the School's Foundation Day but will return to a distinctive Club occasion. We hope that the earlier date in September will enable younger members going up to university to attend while the Life Guardians (formerly Life Governors) will also be able to meet that day and combine both events.

We have continued to focus on the younger generation. Regeneration is the life-blood of any club and the careers programme has been instrumental in supporting younger members by putting them in touch with older members who have been prepared to offer professional advice or, better still, practical help. Many thanks to all those who have supported the scheme.

We look forward in October to welcoming Chris Maunder-Taylor as the new President while on the Treasury front Arthur Ferryman has now got his feet well under the table, though he

did use the excuse of being away on honeymoon to avoid giving the Treasurer's report at the AGM. Andy Mortimer, our tireless Chairman, and myself are grateful for the continued support of Shalaka and Ann in the office.

We are delighted that Robert Priestley has taken on the responsibility of OM rep for the South West, following in the footsteps of Michael Henderson will be a hard act to follow but we are sure that Robert will be more than up to the task, particularly with his Old Millhillian family connections. The next South West dinner will not be until next year but if you want to get in touch with Robert, please do so through the office.

Finally a word about the Life Guardians (formerly Life Governors); though they are a totally separate body from the Club we are always keen to support and promote them in their vital role of School governance. Chairman, John Elliott MBE, and Deputy Chairman and Membership Secretary, Noyan Nihat, urge Old Millhillians to apply for membership: Life Guardians have a key responsibility, so do think seriously about joining their number. Full details about their work and history, together with an application form are in the leaflet enclosed with this posting.

**Tim Corbett, Hon Sec**

Note: Apologies to Ralph Chiti and Nigel Nicholas for misspelling their names in the last edition.

## EGM - 12th September 2011

Those of you who attended the AGM will know that we were not in a position to put forward a nomination for Vice President. As it turned out, the intended nominee was not able to take it up for the 11/12 year. Subsequently, the suggestion was made that our Chairman, Andy Mortimer be invited to take on the role with a view to becoming President in 12/13.

The Management Committee has wholeheartedly agreed with this recommendation and Andy is equally happy to accept. It has further been agreed that he will stand down as Chairman for his Presidential year and that Alan Toulson will step in. An EGM will be needed to ratify the position and that will be held on September 12th to tie in with a Management Committee meeting.

The calling notice will be sent out in due course.



## Foundation Appeal

Supporting educational excellence  
at Mill Hill, Belmont and Grimsdell

The Foundation Appeal has received nearly £300,000 so far this year; in addition there have been a number of pledges of future gifts.

Old Millhillians represent a large proportion of the donors and it is my pleasure to take this opportunity to thank them again for their generosity. Every gift makes a difference.

Here are just some of the significant contributions which the Foundation Appeal has made to life at Mill Hill thanks to these donations:

10 bursary places. This will increase significantly in September thanks to the commitment from Lord Glendonbrook to fund three pupils through their five years at the School and the A Better Chance Bursary Group led by Dr Russell Cowan which is supporting a sixth-former who aspires to a medical career.

Science Building refurbishment – over £175,000 invested in new laboratories and external redecoration.

3-Dimensional printer for the Design & Technology department. This amazing piece of machinery can literally print 3-dimensional models from computer design software.

Telescope for the Physics department. This will allow astronomy to be taught practically and as a fun extra-curricular activity.

Data-logging equipment for the Physics department. This very accurate equipment allows for superior experimentation in mechanics.

Golf Short Game Arena. This great new facility was opened, along with a golf simulator, last term thanks to generous support from the Old Millhillians Golfing Society and its members.

A further 8 Annual Fund projects ranging from new flat-screen televisions in the Boarding Houses to improved archive facilities to portable tennis scoreboards.

In addition, the Appeal has completed projects through the Annual Fund at Belmont and Grimsdell and secured commitments approaching £200, 000 for the proposed new building at Belmont.

In May the Foundation Appeal hosted members of the 1807 Society to a lunch in the London. The 1807 Society is for those who have pledged to support the Foundation with a legacy. We are actively campaigning to increase the numbers who have made such a commitment.

All Old Millhillians will be welcome at the Foundation Appeal Reception and Presentation on Tuesday 13th September at 6.30 at the National Liberal Club.

If you would like to contribute to the Foundation Appeal and help the School to achieve even more of its educational aspirations then please contact the Foundation Appeal Office on 020 8906 7864 or [appeal@millhill.org.uk](mailto:appeal@millhill.org.uk) or visit the website at [www.millhill.org.uk/appeal](http://www.millhill.org.uk/appeal).

**Nick Priestnall – Director, Foundation Appeal**

# EVENTS

## AGM & Cocktail Party 2011

The AGM was held on Wednesday 22 June at the National Liberal Club. Mike Corby was in the Chair and the meeting ran smoothly. Chris Maunder-Taylor was confirmed as incoming President but the position of Vice-President was yet to be confirmed. The Executive and Management were re-appointed but Stuart Hibberdine, after lengthy service, had decided to stand down: Andy Mortimer, Chairman, thanked him for all the tireless support, work and excellent advice that he had contributed over the years. Apologies for the meeting were received from the Treasurer, Arthur Ferryman, who had decided to go on his honeymoon instead!

The Cocktail party that followed was able to be held on the Terrace and the usual enjoyable occasion followed: some sixty guests regaled themselves in the summer evening sunshine.



## Engineers & Scientists Dinner

The Engineers' and Scientists' Dinner was back once again in 2011 with a very successful and pleasant evening at the Bleeding Heart restaurant in London which did us proud with a lovely private room. We had a good mixture of young and experienced OMs with careers and connections in the engineering and technical fields including a number of new faces to the event. We were very pleased that Mark Mortimer, who is currently based in Korea, could arrange his diary to be with us.

We were delighted to be joined by the President Mike Corby, who proposed the toast to the School, and by John Murphy, who is relatively new to School as a physics teacher and someone who is keen to promote engineering and technology. John, who proposed the toast to the Club, was accompanied by two future OMs who had that day been exhibiting the results of their Engineering projects.

I believe there are many more OMs with interests and connections to engineering and science, and I hope that more will join us in the future.

Next year's dinner will be on Friday 27th April 2012 and we shall be returning to the Bleeding Heart.

List of attendees: Mike Corby (President), John Murphy (Master), Chening Duker (Pupil), Adam Boxer (Pupil), David Rodda, Graeme Roberts, Bob and Pamela Hudgell, Brian and Vera Woolf, Richard Amunugama, Christopher Katz-Summercorn, Ronnie and Joan Aye Maung, Tim Poole, Mark Morter, Clive Mence, Gordon and Angela Mizner.

**Gordon Mizner**

## Rugby Club's Vice Presidents' Lunch 2011

The Rugby Club Vice Presidents' Reunion and Luncheon was held before the last home 1st XV match of the season against Ickenham. 56 VPs and supporters sat down to an excellent luncheon catered by OM, Nic Leon. Our invited guests were our President, Mike Corby and the Middlesex County RFU President, Paul Astbury.

Normally this is a very informal affair with table chatter going on for so long that many miss the start of the match! However, on this occasion we must have started more promptly as, much to everybody's surprise, the meal finished with half an hour to spare. This gave our invited guests the opportunity to say a few words with Mike praising the resilience of rugby players and Paul welcoming the return of OM rugby to success on the pitch.

This success was carried on in the match versus Ickenham, with excellent team spirit enabling the XV to hang on to win in a close finish. Victory ensured that the OMs finished top of their League and gained promotion to Herts/Middlesex 1.

**John King**

# Cambridge Dinner

13th May 2011

The usual excellent Cambridge Dinner was held this year again at Trinity College thanks to Professor Michael Proctor, Deputy Master of Trinity College and Chairman of the Court of Governors. Unfortunately, David Short had a prior engagement and was therefore unable to attend as Chairman but Jim Roberts stood in for him on the evening.

The numbers were slightly down on last year's record attendance due mainly to many regular attendees not being able to come this year, but promising to do so next year, due to pre-arranged trivial events such as marriages, silver weddings, golden weddings and long-booked overseas holidays. Nevertheless forty three met for drinks in the extremely attractive Old Combination Room prior to sitting down to dinner in the Old Kitchen, a room which has been remarkably transformed into a superb dining room.

Following a splendid meal with excellent wine and sufficient port to keep even the most thirsty of our members happy, Jim

Roberts proposed the Loyal Toast and welcomed everyone on David's behalf. Our President, Michael Corby, who is without doubt one of the most notable sportsmen of all time, in proposing the health of the school gave an insight into his presidential year so far, and also welcomed two of his colleagues from the Great Britain Olympic hockey team whom Russell Cowan had brought with him much to the surprise and delight of Michael.

The Headmaster, in responding, gave as usual a very coherent account of the school's achievements in the last year before proposing the health of the Club.

There then followed the traditional Cambridge Dinner open forum when numerous questions were asked about the school and the club to which the Headmaster, Dominic Lockett, Michael Proctor and Michael Corby gave very interesting and positive answers.

Formal proceeding finished at about 10.45. with everyone hoping to come again next year.

have the connexion. Great to have some of the MHS staff – Paul Bickerdike and Tim Corbett (Hon Sec OMC) and also Nick Priestnall who does an excellent job of focusing the attention/resources of OMs in the direction of the MHS Foundation. A hard core later adjourned to the Gaucho Grill, then shared a taxi to north London at midnight.

(Solon – you did well!) The creativity and achievements of OMs is infinitely greater than generally realised and the liaison in the City (as defined by activity, stretching from Knightsbridge via Mayfair / St. James's to Docklands) is going from strength to strength. So if you are an OM and an upright, honest, caring 'banker' (some mistake ?ed) and mentally and physically well coordinated ie capable of deal making, talking and drinking then try to tear yourself away from the desk and pitch up!

**Alistair Marsella**

## Rugby Club Dinner

The OMRFC Biennial Club Dinner was held in the glorious surroundings of the St Pancras Renaissance Hotel on the 27th April 2011. The event was over subscribed with 120 attendees including guests such as the President of RFU, Chairman of Middlesex County RFU and our own Martyn Thomas, Chairman of the RFU. It was a pleasure to hear Richard Appleby President of RFU speak and also worth noting that the School's 1st XV Captain Tom Rosenkranz attended with his father and uncle, Jay and Simon Rosenkranz, well-know past players of our Club.

We were honoured having England Saxon and Wasps Tom Lindsay (OM) present the following awards:

Presentation Caps to Kieran Walsh, Joe Croft and Rory Higgins, and a Club Tie to Jamie Monaghan.

The festivities continued into the early morning hours in true OM Rugby style and, as such, exact details cannot be divulged!

**N. Nihat, Honorary Secretary, OMRFC**

## OM City Drinks

The first Wednesday of the month meant it was the occasion of the now regular OMs City drinks held at Greens Cornhill. Solon Satanias did his usual excellent job of leading from the front and arriving an hour or so in advance (working hard from his Blackberry of course). People joined over a period of time as they managed to break away from the dealing desk or latest IPO discussion. There was a total of 18 with vintages ranging from 1970 ( a truly great year) to 2006 and networking commenced across a range of impressive Houses. The careers forum at MHS on 17th March is focusing on finance and banking – so what better addition for the event than Jeremy Bohn who runs an executive recruitment agency for this arena. There is something of an interesting crossover with the property boys eg. Jonathan Cooper of Even Group. OMs are very prominent in this arena and superb to

## Dinners Jan - June 2011

During the Old Millhillian Calendar year a large number of dinners have been held and are recorded below. We have received full accounts of some of the dinners but further dinners included:

**The Eton Fives Dinner** on Jan 20 at Bleeding Heart Yard.

**The Property Dinner** on March 30 at the Cavalry and Guards Club.

**The Past President's Lunch** on April 14 at the Athenaeum.

**The Livery Association Lunch** at the Guildhall on May 4.

A number of small dinners were held overseas (see President's notes) including the successful annual Australian week end, organised by David Stannard, in Sydney in June.

# Forthcoming Events

## Annual Dinner 2011

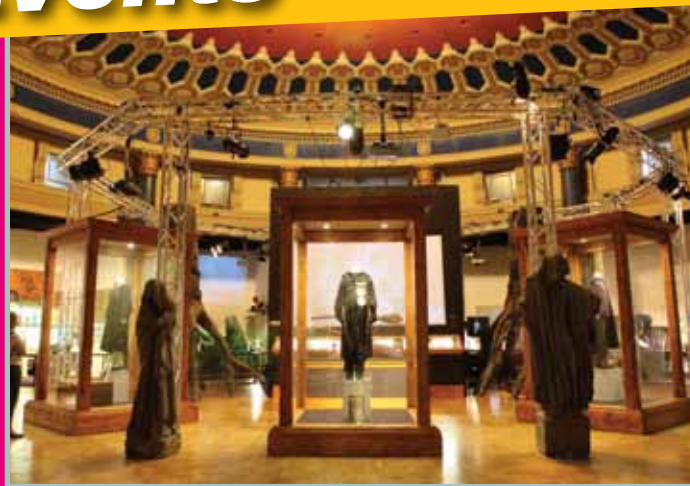
This year's Annual Dinner will be held in the Rotunda at the London Film Museum on Friday 14 October.



This stylish but yet dramatic venue should provide a stunning venue. Mike Corby, our President, has never been known for doing things by halves and his dinner is bound to be no exception: so don't miss it. And why not get a table together of OMs with a mutual connection - be it a School year, a House or even a

group with a professional or sporting link? Mike is adamant that the speeches and formalities will be kept to a minimum so that there will be plenty of time for circulating after the meal.

The London Film Museum has a specific Millhillian connection as it was founded and created by Jonathan Sands (Winterstoke 1985-88). Jonathan Sands began his career as a commercial and advertising photographer, opening his own studio at the age of 17. He moved to the famous Elstree Film Studios as resident photographer in 1997 and then after working on a number of



projects and attractions, including buying a collection of film memorabilia, he set up the London Film Museum in 2008 and now runs it in partnership with Eric Senet (Weymouth 1963-67).

Find out more about the museum from its website but make sure you come to the dinner. Book your place now! Application forms are enclosed with this edition of Martlet. Contact the office if you haven't received a form on 020 8906 7949.



# Old Millhillians Day

**Saturday 10th September – OMs  
1st XV playing on Top Field!**

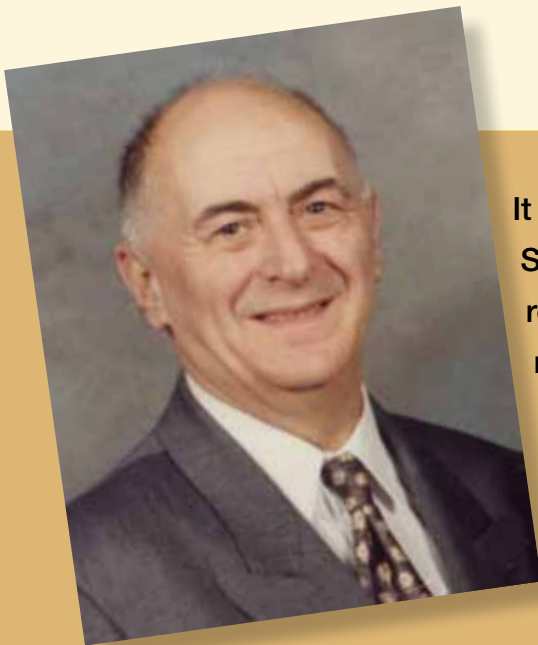
Old Millhillians Day will return to its early September date on Saturday 10th September and will no longer be linked to Foundation Day. So please come along and bring your partner and family and persuade Old Millhillian friends to make it a memorable day. There will be the usual barbecue on Top Terrace and other attractions.

There will also be the opportunity to watch the OM 1st XV in action. Last year the side won its league and was promoted to Middx/Herts 1st Division and this will be the first fixture of the season in the new league. The OM 1st XV will be playing Belsize Park RFC at 3pm on Top Field and large – and vocal - support will help them get off to a winning start.

**If you would like to either play social tennis or in a tennis match against the School (all standards welcome) please get in touch with the office urgently on 020 8906 7949**







It is my sad duty to report the death on 17th May of Philip "Mick" Saunders. He was Warden at Alford House starting in 1959 and retiring in 1995. His innovative approach to youth work for 26 years made Alford House the success it is today. Mick's involvement with the music and theatre world led to the theatrical lettings business that still continues to this day and is a major source of income to the club. Many OM's will remember him coming to Mill Hill to talk to sixth formers on a Saturday morning. The funeral was held on Friday 28th May followed by a reception at Alford House. We remember him with great affection.

Our Appeal for funding for our redevelopment to Old Millhillians has proved fruitful and is very welcome. If you have forgotten us please donate on line at [www.alfordhouse.org.uk](http://www.alfordhouse.org.uk). The redevelopment plans are continually under review and the next stage is being planned as I write.

The Club performed well during 2010/2011 as is borne out by comments from our Management Information Officer at Lambeth Council who is responsible for analysing and evaluating our statistical returns. He said, "Attached is a demographic

profile of your activity through 10/11, very impressive!!! And, "you are doing great work"

Our assertion that we have a membership in excess of two hundred was verified by the data base system we now use for the Council. It showed that we reached 273 young people during the course of the year. We are very pleased with this performance. Our targeted work increased this figure by approximately another 30 young people.

One of our on-going targets is greater involvement and representation from the young people Alford House aims to serve. We have reviewed the club's participation models to ensure that young people are at the heart of developing and delivering our service. One excellent outcome of this was that this presented a good opportunity to bring young people, staff and governors together to discuss participation and ways forward. To this end a training day was held in October 2010 facilitated by Participation Works. To our knowledge, it is the first time the club has provided

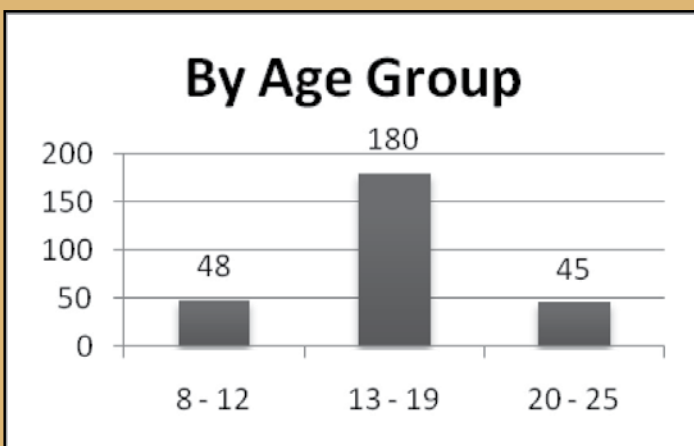
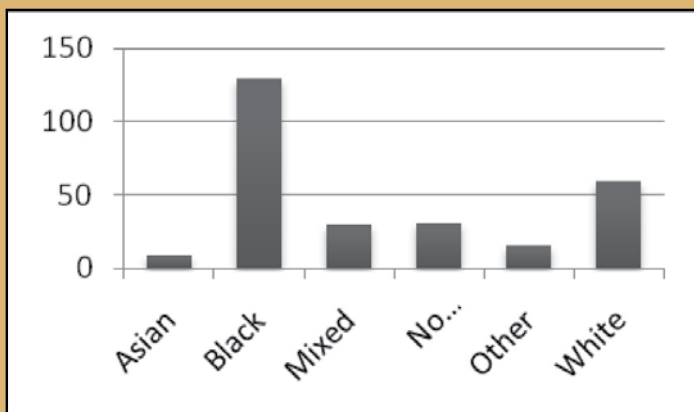
## Notable highlights during the year included:

- Seeing our under 14's cricket team run out winners at London Youth's six-a-side cricket championships, which were once again held in the beautiful surroundings of the Arundel Cricket Foundation in Sussex;
- The music production studio awarded its first certificates through the Assessment and Qualification Alliance (AQA) for ten young people;
- The launch of our new fitness studio. As reported in the last Martlet.

a training event for young people, staff and governors together. During a very enjoyable day action plans were developed that will prove very useful for some time to come.

Our activities this year have taken place against a backdrop of reduced local authority funding with further cuts to come and the staff, not least those who give their time voluntarily, must be thanked for ensuring that the Club continues to provide for the well-being of young people and offer its activities in an atmosphere that remains warm and welcoming.

**Nigel Baker (55-61) Chair of Governors**



# Chit Chat

## Dear Editor...

A number of OMs kindly sponsored my wife Amanda in her London Marathon Run for Children with Leukemia, which raised £6,000. They might be interested to hear that last November she again competed in the British Indoor Rowing Championship and is again British Champion for her age group. At the finish of the Race Amanda was 35 seconds ahead and broke not only the Championship Record by five seconds but also the British Record which had stood for seven years. She now appears on the Internet, and joins Pinsent, Ripley and others as a British Record Holder (at [www.concept2.co.uk/records/2000british](http://www.concept2.co.uk/records/2000british)).

Peter Woodroffe (1942 - 1945)



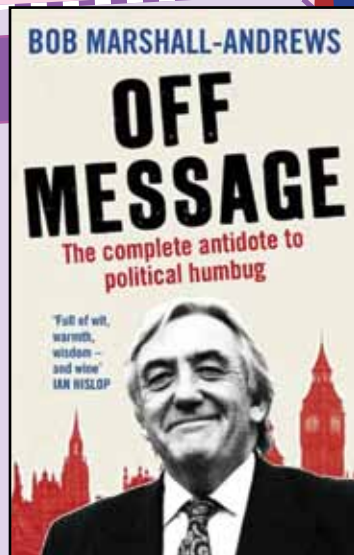
## OMRFC VP Lunch

Our Chairman, Andy Mortimer, sent in this photograph taken at the OMRFC VP lunch on 12th March with the comment:

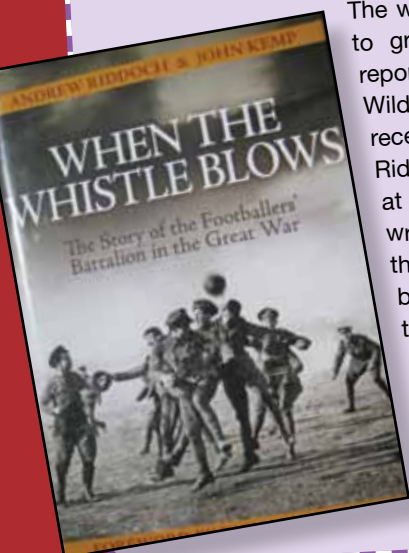
'It may have been the Vice Presidents' lunch at Headstone Lane but these three had their own former pupils' reunion. Linda Rudd, Denny Boon and Georgie Mortimer all went to The Sacred Heart Convent in Whetstone at the same time. How on earth they all managed to marry OMs was not revealed.....'

## New Books...

On June 9th, just across the river from the Westminster Parliament at the London Film Museum, Bob Marshall-Andrew launched his political memoirs, 'Off Message'. Anybody who has followed his political career as Labour MP for Medway will know that he was a serial rebel on all manner of issues: civil liberties, trial by jury and Iraq to name but a few. Unafraid to speak his mind, he was a consistent thorn in the flesh for Labour and the book is a very funny reflection of his years there from 1997 until the last election. A very good read.



The writing bug has certainly seemed to grip Old Millhillians of late. We reported on Tony Fitzjohn's 'Born Wild' in the last Martlet and another recently published author is Andrew Riddoch. Always a keen historian at School, Andrew has recently co-written a volume entitled 'When the Whistle Blows'. It is the first book to tell of the 17th Battalion the Middlesex Regiment - the 'Footballers' Battalion' - and their experiences on the pitch and in the trenches: of great interest to both war historians and to footballers.



## Cardiff Rugby

Wayne Lewis sent in an extract about TW Pearson who was educated at Mill Hill and scored 128 tries in 180 appearances for Cardiff Rugby Club between 1889 and 1895. He created a sensation at school by kicking 17 goals in a match against Bedford School. He won 13 caps for Wales, including a match as captain, and his record 40 tries in the 1892/3 season for Cardiff stood for 55 years.

## Answers for 1st XI Quiz in the last Martlet:

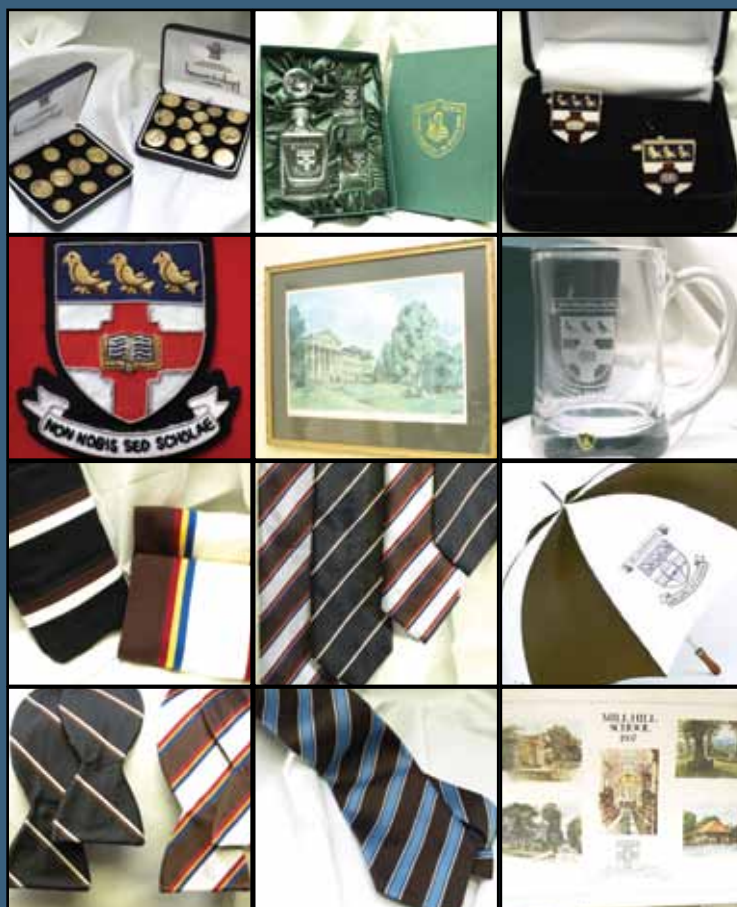
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# Merchandise Price List 2011

## Silk Ties

Country & Town	£25.00
Extra long	£27.50
Non crease	£30.00
Silk untied bow ties	£17.00
Scarves (pure wool)	£35.00
Cufflinks - Enamel	£10.00
- Gold plated	£27.00
Sturgeon print of MHS (unframed)	£50.00
Mill Hill School 1907 (unframed)	£10.00
Blazer Buttons 6S 4L	£49.00
Blazer Buttons 8S 6L	£65.00
Crystal Tankard	£20.00
Hat Band	£2.00
Weymouth Tie	£9.00
Golf Umbrella	£32.00
Blazer Badges *	£17.50
OM Blazer – Leaflet available from office	

\*New item. Blazer Buttons can be purchased individually.



## Calendar of forthcoming dinners and events

Do get in touch with organiser in the first instance (or the office) as soon as possible if you are thinking of attending.

**North American Dinner**, New York, on Saturday 1st October. Alan Bain has chosen La Bonne Soupe, 48 Westg 55th Street (between 5th and 6th Avenues, New York, NY 10019). The cost of a three course meal, wine, taxes and gratuity will be \$90 per person. There will possibly be a pre-dinner get together either at Alan's office or The University Club Tap Room both just around the corner, but Alan will let you know. Alan's contact is 001 212 605 02 10 or alb@wwbcn.com

**Annual Dinner** at the London Film Museum on Friday 14th October information on page 8 of Martlet

Ronnie Boon (ron.boon@merthyr.gov.uk) with the assistance of David Paddison, is

organising the **Welsh Dinner** and would be delighted to see as many Old Millhillians as possible attending, whether from Wales, the South or London. Passports optional. The Venue is the The Cardiff and County Club, Westgate Street, Cardiff, on Friday 28th October 2011. Time: 19:00hrs for 19:45hrs; Dress: Black Tie and cost TBC.

**The North East Dinner** is to be held at LS1 which is a private members club at 3 Albion Place, Leeds LS1 on Friday 4th November 2011. Michael Berwin is helping Windsor Rorberts (Windsor@godirectmarketing.co.uk) with the dinner. If you live in the North please make every effort to support the event.

On Friday 18th November the **North West Dinner** will be held at its traditional venue of St James's Club (7 for 7.45). Always splendid hospitality. Please contact John Elliott at a-j.elliott@hotmail.co.,uk.

**The Golf Society** will be holding its Annual Dinner on Friday 2nd December, The venue to be announced but for information please contact Colin Nunn at colinvnunn@hotmail.co.uk

**Old Millhillians Day** (Saturday Sept 10) See page 8 for details.

**Armistice Day Parade and Chapel Service** will take place on Friday 11th November at the School meet in the Octagon at 10.20am).

**Young OMs Christmas Drinks/Party** will be held at the Adam and Eve Pub, Mill Hill, from 8pm on Friday December 2nd. Free first drink for anyone who arrives before 9.00 pm.



# Seeds across the seas

## Launch of the 'Peter Collinson Garden Project'

**Have you ever wondered why Collinson House, our first on-site Boarding House, was so named?**

If you have walked along the path from Wills Grove to the Portico, have you sometimes spotted a forlorn little sign in the ground by 'Dame Janet's Steps' indicating that some of Britain's first imported plants had grown there – and have you perhaps asked yourself "By whom?", and "Does it matter?"

Or have you occasionally looked up at those noble portraits of a gentleman called Peter Collinson, hanging now in the dining hall but formerly adorning the walls of The Large and, of course, of Collinson House itself – and said "Who's he?"

If all goes well these questions will find an exciting and, we hope, beautiful answer over the next few years, for we are dealing here with a long-neglected part of the heritage of the Mill Hill site, with potentially global implications.

In January this year the Headmaster, with Deputy Heads Jane Sanchez and Peter McDonough, attended a meeting chaired by Mill Hill parent and Chairman of the Mill Hill Preservation Society, John Living. At this meeting it was agreed that a working party should be set up to consider how to plan for a possible 'Commemorative Garden' to that great 18th century botanist of worldwide fame, Peter Collinson, the original occupant of the old original 'Ridgeway House', which formed the first Mill Hill School in 1807. That initial concept then broadened to embrace the idea of a 'Peter Collinson Tree Walk' as well as a Garden.

Much work and hard thinking now lie ahead of those of us so far involved in this project. The Working Party includes Trevor Chilton, former Head of Biology and, of course, a well-known Housemaster carrying on the Alan Whitehorn and Donald Hall tradition at Collinson from 1985 to 2000; from Walker House, Roger Axworthy and Steve Wennington; Mrs. Jackie Champneys

Maynard (descendant of the architect of the Chapel, Basil Champneys), a field botanist with special knowledge of the plants and seeds that Peter Collinson imported 'across the seas'; and myself as Secretary. Thus, the Working Party for this project has involved, appropriately, past and present members of school staff, a Mill Hill parent and an Old Millhillian.

I would be extremely glad to hear from any 'Millhillian', in the broadest sense – of any age! – who felt they might like to assist this very worthwhile project, practically, or financially! A more informative Progress Report will appear later this year. We look forward to hearing from you!

**Roddy Braithwaite (1945 – 50)**

# Bryan V Goulstone – 117.S “Beaver”

Bryan V Goulstone – 117.S and known as Beaver - sent us detailed memories of his time at School from 1953-8. They can be read on the website in full but we include three typical excerpts below:

There was an eclipse visible in England on 30 June 1954. We had the usual exhortations not to look directly at the sun, but it was a clear windless day and it was determined that the best way to view it was in its reflection in the School swimming pool. We were, on pain of death, instructed not to swim or use the pool for hours before the event. The result was a mirror smooth surface on which we were able to watch the entire eclipse, in safety and comfort. It was a magnificent spectacle which was unlikely to be repeated in my lifetime.

I was a bass in the choral society and in one concert we had to sing the 'Triumphal March' to the opera Aida. The day came and the professional pianist was seated at the grand on the stage. The curtain went up, the pianist played the first chord and the leg fell off the piano and it slowly sagged to the floor. The 'bass' choir standing behind it shuffled gently forward and lifted the piano until it was level. We sang the entire

concert holding the up piano up.

There were many peculiar outside attractions for boys incarcerated in an enclosed society. Once a group of schoolboy trainee commandos decided that the constant tolling of the bell of the local girls' convent was too much to bear. In the dead of night they scaled the bell-tower, detached and lowered the offending bell to the ground and beat a hasty retreat. The bell was then precariously stored in the alcove above my study door. There it remained for some weeks whilst all and sundry searched for it. One evening our housemaster was checking that we were doing our homework and, exiting, he slammed the door excessively hard. We all held our breaths as the bell slid from its perch before hitting the floor with a resounding clang. The housemaster leapt back into the room, glared ferociously and



said, 'Put that back and I don't want to hear about it', and stalked out. Needless to say we returned the bell that night. The Convent School declared that it was 'A miracle'.

## Obituaries

The panel to the right is a list of those Old Millhillians who have recently died. A detailed obituary of some appears on the website and shorter versions in the forthcoming School Magazine (published in October). However, a brief recollection here of our distinguished Past President, Esyr Lewis QC.

### Judge Esyr Lewis QC (St Bees 1939-44)

**His Honour Judge Esyr Lewis QC (St Bees 1939-44)**, who died on the 15 June 2011, was not only a distinguished member of the judiciary, including serving as a Circuit Judge in the High Court, but also an outstanding and loyal member of the Old Millhillian Club. He regularly attended events and dinners where his wry humour and infectious enthusiasm were always much enjoyed. He served as our President with great distinction in 1990-91, was a member of the Old Millhillian Lodge and some recall his fully committed play for the rugby Extra C XV, typical of whole-hearted approach to every aspect of his life. He will be remembered with great affection.

## OM Deaths since 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010

Peter	Banfield	18/12/2010	School House	1946	1950
John	Butler	29/12/2010	Winterstoke	1945	1950
Andreas	Fiandaca	16/02/2011	Murray	1987	1992
Edward	Gordon-Smith	19/06/2011	School House	1931	1934
Brian	Hedley	31/01/2011	Collinson	1949	1954
John	Kirk	05/05/2011	Murray	1936	1939
Cyril	Ornadel	22/6/2011	School House	1937	1940
Philip	Robinson	09/02/2011	Winterstoke	1960	1964
Anthony	Vint	16/04/2011	Burton Bank	1940	1944
Brian	Buckingham	03/01/2011	Burton Bank	1953	1956
David	Fowell	28/02/2011	Scrutton	1958	1963
Alfred	Goldman	01/09/2010	Winterstoke	1934	1937
David	Harrison	08/02/2011	Scrutton	1965	1970
Adrian	Johnson	18/01/2011	Winterstoke	1948	1953
Esyr	Lewis	25/03/2011	Ridgeway	1939	1944
Michael	Lewis	30/12/2010	Ridgeway	1943	1948
Kurt	Metzer	20/05/2011	Scrutton	1946	1950
Michael B	Peterson	16/06/2011	Winterstoke	1940	1943
John	Purkis	07/04/2011	Weymouth	1934	1938
Donald	Salinger	27/02/2011	School House	1928	1932
Gordon	Stannard	14/01/2011	Burton Bank	1940	1945

# SPORT



## Old Millhillians Rugby

Kieran Walsh, Captain of the 1st XV, reported on an excellent season for the 1st XV, who won 19 consecutive games and consequently the Herts-Middlesex Division 2 League securing promotion to Division 1. Kieran was delighted that a number of youngsters such as Alex Bates, Michael James and Barry Murphy were now coming through, and showing both

commitment and talent. Sean Hardy has been a great influence as player coach.

The Second XV also enjoyed a good season finishing fourth in its Middlesex Merit table and many thanks to their Captain Gideon Felton. Sadly Vice-Captain Jamie Monaghan, who has in recent times been such a vital link with

pupils leaving the School, is off to teach in South Korea (and yes, the joke about a great 'career' move has been cracked a thousand times). Many thanks for all his efforts.

The Club is in great heart and it is hoped that a 3rd/Veterans XV can run next year. Do sign up even if you think your playing days are over.

## Totteridge Millhillians Cricket Club

The highlight to date is undoubtedly the 1st XI's position at the top of Division 1: it has been mostly plain sailing with crushing victories over almost all opponents bar one defeat, but perhaps the most rewarding win will have been the team digging deep to win by just 1 wicket against Radlett. Skipper Shaun O'Brien and New Zealand international James Marshall have of course been performing well, particularly with the ball (18 wickets at 17.61 and 13 wickets at 15.31 respectively), and they have been more than ably supported in the field by Vishal Bhimjiyani, Hassan Mahmood and Asif Sutaria. With the bat the ever-classy Justin LeFort has again been in form (155 runs with a 51.67 average), with Shaun (245 at 40.83) and James (185 at 26.43) both notching 2 half-centuries each. 1st XI new boy Rakesh Venugopal has settled in well at the top of the order and Asif is increasingly demonstrating his ability with the bat, his 81 against Hitchin the highest 1st XI score to date.

Elsewhere the 2s have made a very strong start, 4 wins and just one loss keeping them in contention for the promotion spots. Their push has also been slightly undermined by two 10-point No Results, but some solid all-round contributions with the bat (leading to three successful run chases already, after only one in the whole of last season). The 3rd XI have dropped away a little in the last couple of weeks, but a storming start should still give hope for a resurgence and a renewed push for promotion. Jeremy Book was the early standout performer with the bat before he moved up to the 2s, and great individual efforts

from skipper James Hutcheson, Jeremy Graves, Mike Pratt and of course Hilton Nathanson gave the 3s the early wins they deserved. In Charlie Low they have the club's leading bowler (28 !! at 16.89), but timeless Vice Chairman Steve Lyall (14 @ 22.14) has got his swing going several times this season at the other end. The 4ths are probably in a season of consolidation following their excellent 2010. That hasn't prevented a couple of great wins and two dominant draws, and the team sit solidly mid-table.

Away from men's league cricket, TMCC Ladies' XI has been enjoying great success with three wins out of six, including most recently a first-ever victory over a strong Hemel Hempstead outfit. The TMCC Colts teams have taken very well to their first year of competitive league cricket including a number of fabulous victories over far longer-established teams. We hope to have all the stats up on the website in the near future so you can all see first hand how the future stars of TMCC are shaping up!

And, of course, we also run a Sunday friendly team. If you haven't done so yet do make the effort to come up to Totteridge, watch the teams perform and enjoy a glass of beer.

**Alex Book, Club Captain**

# GOLF

## Old Millhillians Golfing Society; A glorious run in the Halford Hewitt Plate

Our first round 3-2 loss to St Paul's was a disappointment, though we were evenly matched, and indeed three of the games went to the 18th green. So we approached the Plate competition somewhat demoralized but what a remarkable sequence of events ensued. First a Friday win against King Edwards Birmingham was encouraging since we were the underdogs on paper.

We thought that we would then struggle in the second round to beat a very low handicap Aldenham team. First Anthony and Frank Ward lost to a lower than scratch pair, James Ellis and Jeremy Bohn won 3&2 and so it was down to Chris Alexander and James Kahan - 3 down on the 15th tee. James nobbled off the tee and MH found themselves 40 ft away in 4 with opponents on the green in 3 with a 20 foot birdie putt. It is fair to say that those of us who had been watching James so far had limited expectations but the putt of 40 foot was holed and Aldenham 3 putted - unbelievable and 2 down!! A poor bogey on the next but the opposition 3 putted again and it stayed at 2 down with 2 to play. A great 3 wood to the green from James on the 17th and the resulting 3 means dormy 1 down A full blooded 5 iron from the rough on the last from James to the back of the green, and a brilliant 60 foot putt to 2 foot from Chris and James means sudden death extra

These photos are of the new short game facility at the school, officially opened on the 8th June by BBC golf correspondent, Ian Carter, and author of a biography about Colin Montgomerie. Ian gave a stimulating talk and a fascinating insight into the world of golf.



holes. At the 19th we're in trouble in heavy rough for 2, James does well to get it to the green but the first putt is wide, leaving a nasty 7 footer for the half - he holes again! Two magnificent shots to the front of the par 5 20th, and it looks like we will win, but Chris's first bit of poor play in a while, leaves his putt 8 foot short and with a swinging left to right putt to come, they chip up just inside us. James holes again, they miss and we are through!!!

Cue frantic phone calls home and it's a powerful Wellington in the quarter finals. Nunn and Anthony Ward went up early on, but surely a combined handicap team of 17 could not beat a combined handicap of 2. Both teams had similar chips on the 17th with MH 1 up and Anthony played his difficult shot to within 3 foot and the Wellington player, realising he might lose, fluffed it, and a famous victory had been

won. Then in the third match a glorious drive by Ellis and a 4 iron by Bohn to about 10 foot secured the victory for Mill Hill on the 18th.

Sadly in the semi-finals we came up short against a very strong Canford team, who went on to win the final. But congratulations to Jeremy Bohn in winning all five of his matches and to James Ellis in winning four out of five. It was great that Chris Alexander, who left school last year, enjoyed such success: hopefully he'll have many more OMGS victories ahead.

Things are looking up for the future...

**Colin Nunn, OMGS Secretary**

## Old Millhillians Fives

*Old Millhillians nominated as Fives Club of the Year*

The Old Millhillians have been steadily improving over the past few seasons and this was their breakthrough year. They won Division 2 in great style, winning all eleven

matches and dropping only 2 points out of a possible 33. Well led off court by Chris Vincent and James Hutcheson and with a nucleus of young players including Vishal Bhimjiyani, Justin Lefort, Joe Coakley, Sunil Tailor and Jitesh Patel, these are exciting times for the OMs as they prepare to make the step up to Division 1 next

year. The strength in depth of the squad is shown by the fact that they have the numbers to expand and maintain a second team in Division 2 next season. As a consequence of their achievements they have been awarded the title 'The Club of the Year' by the Eton Fives Association.

Furthermore Paul Bowden (former teacher) was awarded the Unsung Hero of the Year Award by the ETA for his tireless work in enhancing links between Schools and the ETA as well as helping set up the Wycombe Fives Club, while Steve Plummer success in bringing on Fives players at the School and encouraging them to play for the Old Millhillians earned him a runners-up award.

**James Hutcheson**

## Quiz: The Second Eleven

These quizzes are intended to evoke a sense of history and pride and, at the suggestion of Tim Corbett, this Eleven concentrates on the Foundation itself rather than on OMs as individuals. Some answers will be easily forthcoming to older generations but what about the younger.....? Prize for first drawn correct solution sent to tim at the office (twc@millhill.org.uk)

1. In which garden was (and one hopes still is) an extremely rare "Chinese Handkerchief" tree to be found?

- a) The Lodge   b) The Grove   c) Ridgeway House

2. James Murray and David Franklin are two of only three non-OM masters to become Presidents of the Old Millhillians Club. Who was the third?

- a) William Grey   b) Henry Tucker   c) Victor Elliott

3. Mill Hill became officially co-educational in 1976 when its doors were opened to Vith Form girls. The first four duly arrived together and included Diana Kirkwood, Juliet Newport and Jo Anne Stanton. Who was the fourth?

- a) Denise Edwards   b) Clare Lewis   c) Nicola Moody

4. Single Handed Hockey, a game unique to Mill Hill, was sadly discontinued in the early seventies. Informally all could play but how many were there in a formal team?

- a) Seven   b) Nine   c) Eleven

5. Headmasters and their families have lived in The Grove for many years. But what was The Grove at the turn of the twentieth century?

- a) Stables   b) A Quaker Meeting House  
c) A Bakery and General Store

6. Years ago monitors could give twenty lines as a punishment. This was a "Monitor's Copy" and its standard format was "What makes life dreary is the want of ....."?

- a) Imagination   b) Occupation   c) Inspiration

7. What was the original name of the All Weather astro turf pitch?

- a) The Buckland Run   b) Carp Gears  
c) The Fishing Net

8. What year was Grimsdell opened?

- a) 1995   b) 1996   c) 1997

9. The School Motto "Et Virtutem et Musas" was also the motto of a college in ....?

- a) Hong Kong   b) Sydney   c) Tientsin

10. Who was the founder of The Mill Hill Magazine in 1873?

- a) Thomas Gurney   b) Howard Davenport  
c) Miles Burnyeat

11. Which former Headmaster wrote:

'Scintillate, scintillate, globule vivific.  
Fain would I fathom thy nature specific  
Loftily poised in the ether capacious,  
Strongly resembling a gem carbonaceous.'

- a) Sir John McClure   b) Maurice Jacks  
c) Roy Moore

And what is the first line in plain English?

Congratulations to Keith Armistead and Andrew Riddoch who both had only one incorrect answer in the 1st Eleven quiz in the last edition (see page 10).



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## News & Views

*We would like to hear your news and views. Feel free to contact the Club Office with news and photos about your achievements, interesting stories and anecdotes!*

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