Old Millhillians Club
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NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Club's monthly newsletter where we will be sharing news and views about the Club and Old Millhillians. We do hope you will find it interesting and if you have anything you want to share please do get in touch, we'd love to hear from you.

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## Flagship Events

**Old Millhillian's Annual Dinner**
**30 September 2022**

Club President John Gallagher welcomes all Old Millhillians to join him at the 2022 Old Millhillian's Dinner to be held at the Honourable Artillery Companys' headquarters in the heart of the City of London. The party kicks off with a sparkling Prosecco reception to be followed by a delicious three-course-dinner served with wine, followed by petits fours and coffee. Aside from being a great night out, whether you are coming alone, with a friend or taking a table of 10, this event is an excellent opportunity to get back in touch with the Old Millhillian network. Non-Old Millhillian partners and spouses are also warmly invited to join the throng.

To book your place at the table click HERE .

## OMs in the News

**Ben Glassberg**
**(McClure 2007-2012)**

Hearty congratulations and jubilations are in order for Ben who is 'really looking forward to this new position' as the Principal Guest Conductor at the Vienna Volksope Opera House. Known as the 'people's opera house' it is the youngest member of Vienna's trio of opera houses and is most famous for performing operetta. Ben's first Season, starting this September, will see him conducting: *The Merry Wives of Windsor, The Flying Dutchman* and *The Wizard of Oz*. We caught up with him earlier in the week to hear how his time at Mill Hill helped him get started on his now burgeoning career: 'I'm so grateful to Mill Hill for supporting my first few concerts when I was still at school and by providing rehearsal and concert spaces, plus huge amounts of administrative support. All of this really helped me grow in confidence to take conducting further.'

To book tickets to Ben's performances click HERE

**Ben Bergman (Murray 2017-2022) and Luke Bodnar (McClure 2012-2015)**

*From left to right: MHS rugby coach and Team GB coach Aaron Liffchak front row first left; Ben Bergman, front row second from left; current MHS master Jack Goldberg back row second from left; Luke Bodnar, back row eighth from the right in baseball cap, all represented the UK in rugby at the 21st Maccabiah Games held in Israel in July*

The UK rugby team came home from Israel's 21st Maccabiah Games, held this July, with a silver medal having played against a stellar South African side in the final. Otherwise known as the 'Jewish Olympics' the games are open to Jewish athletes from around the world and to all Israeli citizens regardless of their religion. After the Olympics and the FIFA World Cup, the Maccabiah Games is the third-largest sporting event in the world with a staggering 10,000 athletes competing.

*Luke Bodnar with his silver medal!*

**Luke sums up what the School, rugby and the Maccabiah Games have meant to him:** 'after struggling to adapt to Mill Hill life after losing my dad, rugby was a sport in which I could zone out and be myself. From the first time I stepped out wearing the Mill Hill First XV shirt on to Top Field to representing my country at the Maccabiah Games I know my Dad has been with me on my journey every step of the way. Winning a silver medal at the games, was a proud moment for both my family and myself, the hard work paid off in the end! It made me realise everything I have achieved in life and where it all began and that was up there with the best moments for sure. Mill Hill taught me all the right values I needed to grow over the years, never give up and try, try again. I arrived a boy left a man.'

*Colour team photo: Ben can be seen here in the middle of the back row, staring directly at the camera; Black and white image: Luke and Ben enjoying post-match celebrations*

**Ben says of the event:** 'taking part in the 21st Maccabiah Games has been an unreal experience made all the better having Aaron Liffchak as head coach of the team after having him coach me throughout my time at Mill Hill. Playing alongside current teacher Jack Goldberg was also a very special experience given his rugby ability and links with the school. Playing for Mill Hill's first XV

prepared me to play such a high standard of rugby alongside and against professional players.  Coming home with a silver medal after a tough final against South Africa made the experience all the more memorable.'

## OM Reunions

**Peter Mensah (Ridgeway 1980-1985) visiting from Auckland, New Zealand**

*Mike Peskin (Burton Bank 1980-1984), fourth from the left in the back row, organised a gathering on the 16 June 22 at the Porterhouse, Maiden Lane, in Covent Garden to connect Peter Mensah (Ridgeway 1980-1985) second from the right, who was visiting from Auckland, New Zealand with some of his many friends.* Attendees left to right*: James Carson (Winterstoke 1985-1990), Trevor Chilton - former MHS Master, Paul Challinor - former Harlequins/England a team mate of Pete Mensah, Teertha (McClure 1980-1985), Emma Krygier (McClure 1980-1985) -  Mike Peskin, Vik Gudenian (School 1968-1973), Tim Corbett - former MHS Master, Lee Adamson, Saracens/OMRFC player coach, John Cicale (McClure 1980-1985), Rezaul Khan (McClure 1979-1985), David Kelly (Ridgeway 1974-1981), Chris Kelly - former MHS Master, Peter Mensah (Ridgeway 1980-1985), Nick Smith (McClure 1978-1983). Also attended but not in the photo-Austin Vince (Collinson 1978-1983), Mike Solomons (Murray 1979-1984), Oni Akpofure (Burton Bank 1980-1986), Siavash Mirfendereski (Murray 1980-1985). The evening culminated with the five last standing having a Chinese at Chris Kelly's favourite haunt in Chinatown, before he hailed a rickshaw for himself back to his regular Central London residence, the East India Club! As always, a great time was had by all*

**Nick How-Smith (McClure 1978-1983) back in the UK from New Zealand**

*This summer also saw Nick How-Smith (McClure 1978-1983) second from the right, back in the UK from his home in New Zealand and yet again Mike Peskin, seen on the far left, organised a gathering of various OMs and former MHS masters to catch up with him on 28 July 2022 at The Gatehouse Pub in Highgate Village. The eclectic group mainly comprised Nick's ex-OMRFC team mates.  Attendees from left to right: Mike Peskin (Burton Bank 1980-1984), Nick Mann (School 1977-1980), Bill Stephens (1978-1983), Austin Vince (Collinson 1978-1983), David Woodrow - former MHS Master, Jon Rosswick (McClure 1978-1984), Charlie Miller (Burton Bank 1977-1983), Tim Dingle former MHS Master, Nick Smith (McClure 1978-1983), James Stephens (Winterstoke 1980-1985)*

**Young Old Millhillians (YOMs) 2017 Leavers' Reunion**

The 2017 leavers reunion was organised by YOMs ambassadors Ted Holland (McClure 2012-2017), Ted Macdonald (Priestley 2011-2016) and the Club Office. Held at the Adam and Eve pub on The Ridgeway it turned out to be a resounding success as the 60 odd attendees soon took over the lower ground floor. The noisy exchange of chatter drifted out into the garden where the YOMs shared stories, laughter and plenty of hugs!

The full picture story will be published in the next issue of Marlet, to receive your free copy be sure to check you are a member of the club, if not, join HERE.

**Totteridge Millhillians Cricket Club**
**(TMCC) reunion lunch**

*Attendees at the reunion to celebrate Totteridge Mill Hill Cricket CLub (TMCC) 30th anniversary 1992 win of the Hertfordshire Cup. Attendees from left to right: Paul Robin (McClure, 1976-1982), Charles Low, Giles White, Lars Smith (Murray, 1977-1982), Nigel Wray (Ridgeway 1961-1966), John Brady (Burton Bank 1976-1980), Jan Smith (Murray 1987-92), Phil Ridout (McClure 1972-1977), Stephen Wright and Stewart Wernham (Collinson1974-1979)*

A lunch was held on 22 July 2022 at 144 Fleet Street to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Totteridge Millhillians' Cricket Club's record-breaking win of the Hertfordshire Cup. Paul Robin, the skipper of the first club outside the premier division to win the event, organised the get together. In lieu of its success, a WhatsApp group has been established to coordinate future events. Twenty-nine people have already signed up so, if you are a contemporary and would like to join the group please text Phil Ridout on 07940 968195.

**Euen Black (Winterstoke 1960-1964) visits ex-master and Ridgeway Housemaster (1973-1979) Paul Hodgson** *'I was very fond of Hodgson at Mill Hill and apart from coaching me for cricket, rugby and hockey he got me through my Politics A Level!'*

**Euen tells us about his visit:** 'Paul is currently 91 years 'young' and lives in Somerset in a very neat and tidy house. He still has a wicked sense of humour with a twinkle in his eye and with the aid of a stick he is still mobile. I showed him all my old team photographs and he remembered nearly every single name. We chatted for over an hour and I am extremely grateful I made the trip.'

*Ridgeway House 1974 - Housemaster Paul Hodgson sits centre stage*

## Sports

### Totteridge Millhillians Cricket Club (TMCC)

**Please join Totteridge Millhillians for their end of season summer party!**

The TMCC's end of season party will be hosted at the cricket ground. Inside the themed marquee tables of up to 10 people are available for booking and will guarantee your dinner companions, otherwise it's a free seated event. The evening will begin with a glass of Prosecco followed by a scrumptious BBQ and an evening of live music. Other entertainment includes a raffle and auction, an outside cocktail bar and a Pimms tent.

Dress code: Hawaiian theme shirts and skirts or brightly coloured summer clothes

If you have any queries please email: secretary@tmcc.london

**Click** HERE for TICKETS

## OM Hockey (OMHC)

**Old Millhillians Hockey Club celebrate their unbeaten season in style**

After a season of highs, the unbeaten hockey girls were invited by the Old Millhillians Club for drinks and dinner at no.1 Blackfriars so we could celebrate their success together. it turned out to be the perfect evening to spend sipping Prosecco 32 floors up looking out across spectacular views of London and the River Thames. Whatever your experience the OMHC are keen to recruit new members to join their lively club which they are keen to stress is not all hockey and keep fit but meeting old friends at their regular socials. If you are interested in joining please contact Layken Senior (Cedars 2005-2010) by email: omlhc01@gmail.com

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## Save the Date

**NEW YORK REUNION – 12 October 2022**

All US based OMs, OMs visiting in the country at the time of the event and their partners are warmly invited to join the 2022 New York City reunion which the Club has made every effort to make particularly special whilst keeping it affordable. Andy Froomberg (McClure 1977-1983) who is the club's Overseas Ambassador for North American OMs shares details of the event:

'Thanks to the generosity and cuisine network of a friend of the Club, the NYC OM event will be held at a private house on Lower East Side on Avenue A (Houston and Essex). The property is regularly rented out for special events, including private dinners held by the USA President when in New York! There's more! Pierre Magnolini, Chef de Cuisine at Frevo (48 W 8th) and protegé of Alain Ducasse of the iconic Paris restaurant, Le Meurice, will provide canapés and a take-away dessert! The opportunity to socialise in this property and taste Pierre's canapés make this reunion a one-off, unrepeatable event that's too good to miss. We want to encourage maximum attendance by OMs and their partners.

Chris Kelly former teacher and McClure Housemaster and our 2022/23 President will be attending this event with the Club's Chair, Peter Wakeham (Burton Bank 1960-1964), who is also bringing his wife, Anita. We are not sure yet whether a school representative will be attending, but if not Chris and Peter will be able to update us on all that's going on at the School and the Club.'

To book this event please contact Andrew Froomberg on: andyfroomberg@gmail.com.

**'Drop dead date for catering orders is 26 September'**

**Old Millhillians Rugby Football Club Dinner:** **23 November 2022**
Club President Chris Kelly is hosting this event at Merchant Taylors' Hall, 30 Threadneedle Street, London, EC2R 8JB

## Young Old Millhillians Club

### Upcoming Events 2022/23

**University Pop-up Drinks**
**November 2022** (tbc): Oxford University
**10 March 2023:** Nottingham University

**YOMs Christmas Drinks 2022**
**15 December:** Adam and Eve Pub, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill, London, NW7 1RL

**YOMs Reunions**
2022
**15 September:** 2012 leavers
**15 October:** 2006 & 2007 leavers
**If you are interested in attending please contact Edward Holland email:**
**eholland.edward@gmail.com**

2023
**21 April:** 2013 leavers
**10 May:** 2008 leavers
**22 October:** 2018 leavers

**To register for any of the events please contact Ted Mcdonald email:**
**t.henry.mac@gmail.com**

## OM Careers Network

A HUGE congratulations to all the OMs who graduated this year, some a year later than expected due to the pandemic. We are so proud of you all and hope to see some of you at our career networking events, Old Milhillians Day or our Annual Dinner this September.

**Micah Lazarus** · 1st
Graduate Master of Engineering from the University of Bath
2w ·

Very pleased to share that I'll be starting a new position as an Assistant Project Manager at Turner & Townsend, as part of their Graduate Development Program.

**Alex Davis** · 1st
Equity Sales Trader at J.P. Morgan
2w

Congratulate Alex for starting a new position as Equity Sales Trader at J.P. Morgan

**Hazel Lam** · 1st
Broker Support at CZM Investment Capital
2w

Congratulate Hazel for starting a new position as Loan Processor at Fundamental Business Finance

**Gaurav Thakker** • 1st
Product Management, Strategy & Execution - Securities Based Lending
2w

Congratulate Gaurav for starting a new position as Product Management, Strategy & Execution - Securities Based Lending at Wells Fargo

**Dr Helen Singh** • 1st
Foundation Year 2 Doctor
19h

Congratulate Dr Helen for starting a new position as Doctor at Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

**Will Kilbourn** • 1st
Modern Art Researcher at Interpret Art | Graduate in Modern Languages from the University of Oxford
2h

Congratulate Will for starting a new position as Barman, Barista and Waiter at The Wet Fish Cafe & Brasserie

**Samuel Levy** • 1st
Chartered Surveyor at CBRE
58m •

Delighted to share that I'm starting a new position as Chartered Surveyor at **CBRE**!

**Chantelle D** (She/Her) • 1st
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34m •

I'm happy to share that I'm starting a new position as Recruiting and Events Assistant at **Boston Consulting Group (BCG)**! After what was a wonderful time at **Next Station** as the Content Writer Intern, I'm thrilled to be continuing my journey here in Paris for the next few months with this terrific company.

**Harry Marlow** • 1st
LPC student
1mo •

I'm happy to share that I'm now an FA Registered Intermediary at **The Football Association**!

**Joely Weeks** (She/Her) • 1st
Finance Director at Zenith Global
3w

Congratulate Joely for starting a new position as Finance Director at Zenith

**Sophie Ward** (She/Her) • 1st
Brand Content Writer for Tropic Skincare
3w

Congratulate Sophie for starting a new position as Brand Content Writer at Tropic Skincare

**Alex Conn** • 1st
Teacher of Physical Education
3w

Congratulate Alex for starting a new position as Physical Education Teacher at The King Alfred School

**Charles Leslie** (He/Him) • 1st
VP & Global Business Lead, Panadol at GSK
1mo

Congratulate Charles for starting a new position as VP and Global Business Lead at Haleon

## From the Archive

**Each newsletter we will share images from our extraordinary archives dating back to the 1800s...**

**School Staff** c1945

*Thomas Jenner (Collinson 1942-1946), Francis Twogood (Burton Bank 1940-1945), Peter Woodroffe (Weymouth 1942-1945), Paul Davies (Burton Bank 1941-1945), Jim Hawes (Collinson 1941-1945), Gordon Stannard (Burton Bank 1940-1945)*

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