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Nicole Stott, with Chris, returns the OMS pin and tie to Rod Speed, Chairman, and John Davies, Secretary

And how did this all come about? Nicole, wife of Chris Stott (1982-88; Etonhurst), was one of the six astronauts, and Chris contacted the OMS to make the necessary arrangements. Nicole is one of NASA’s most experienced astronauts, a “mission specialist”, having flown well over 100 days in space. We are most grateful to both of them.

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EDITORIAL

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A Letter from the Chairman

Rod Speed (1964-66; Day)

It is a poignant moment for me as I write my last report for “Chronicle” as Chairman of the Old Millfieldian Society. I have thoroughly enjoyed my three years which have been very eventful and great fun.

We have adjusted our constitution so that the changeover from myself to John Graveney (1961*-67; Hollies) as Chairman will now take place in March 2012 rather than September 2011. This will allow a seamless transition of the former Chairman of the OM Society onto the Millfield Board of Governors.

This last year has seen more Society activities than ever before and, apart from the numerous social events, it is

encouraging to record the formation of two new OM sports clubs, cricket and golf, with the formation of a gun club very close to fruition, as well as a tennis club to participate in the D’Abernon Cup in 2012. We are also working very closely with Ian McLean, the School’s new Director of Development and the Millfield Governors to support Millfield Foundation which we believe is so vital for the future of the School.

Getting advertising for the Chronicle this year has been a real challenge in these difficult economic times and my sincere thanks go to those OMs who have continued to support us. I think

that most of you will agree that the quality of the Chronicle is improving all the time, but this is only possible with support from advertisers.

On 30th March 2012, Olympic Year, the School will be hosting a major dinner in London celebrating Millfield’s Olympians. The event, being chaired once again by Laurence Davis (1974-77; Hollies) and in support of Millfield Foundation, promises to be another memorable evening, so book early and let’s make it another sell-out event. Full details are set out in this magazine. See you there!

Millfield Governors

Sir John Reith, KCB, CBE,
Chairman

Wim J Bushell (1971-73; Walton)

Richard J R Clark

Professor Robert K F Clark
(1960-65; Etonhurst)

Clare Cripps (née Swindall)
(1965-68; Ashcott)

Christobel Flood

Christopher H Hirst

John H Jackson

Atul Patel (1962-67; Shapwick)

Michael W Roulston, MBE

Anabel Sexton (née Lewis)
(1980*-87; Oaklands)
Deputy Chair of Governors

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Oliver R Tant

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Former Headmaster,
Millfield Prep School

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David Williamson

Mark Suddaby, Bursar, Secretary and Clerk to the Governors

Secretary's Report

John Davies



OMS Office Staff: Roger Parsons, John Davies, Dick Shilton, Louise Lang, Marion O'Neill and Michelle Edwards

Twenty years ago, I became Secretary of the OM Society, which for a great many years had been embarrassingly poorly funded, the office relying on part-time staff and voluntary help. Furthermore, the organisation was virtually unrecognised by the Headmaster and Governors. As a result, the small Committee was dispirited, with not much being organised in the way of reunion events. Critically, the annual "Chronicle" magazine was a single-stapled series of mimeographed sheets, describing in the main, current pupils' various achievements.

How things have changed!

Proper funding arrangements are in place. The Society benefits from wholehearted support from Headmaster and Governors and even enjoys representation on the governing body. The OMS Office, under the admirable efficiency of Manager Marion O'Neill, is well staffed and expanding as the range of services to OMs and events organised increases regularly and on a great many fronts. Our OMS Board and Advisory Committee are invigorated and extremely active. The only factor that has remained the same is the fundamental objective of

the Society: to support in every possible way Millfield School.

This is all immensely heartening and I am so pleased to have played a small part in this remarkable Society Renaissance.

This year's "Chronicle" describes Society activities and news of OMs in 2011, a significant milestone in the history of the School. I do hope that you enjoy reading it.

OMS Board and Advisory Committee

Board

Judith Balding
(1970-73; Southfield)

Robert Clark
(1960-65; Etonhurst)
Governor Representative

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Headmaster

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Former Staff
Secretary

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(1974-77; Hollies)

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(1962-67; Hollies)
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(1966*-74; Day)

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(1964-66; Day)
Chairman

Advisory Committee

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(1961-65; Millfield)

Sarah Champion
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(1974-76; Day)

Stuart Crawford
(1972-73; Day)
Chairman, Scottish Branch

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(1974-77, Hollies)

Nikki Della Valle (née Dennett)
(1986*-94; Day)

Vince Douglas
(1975-81; Day)

Duncan Goodhew
(1970-75; Walton)

Kate Griggs (née Alexander)
(1974*-79; Day)

Anabel Sexton (née Lewis)
(1980*-87; Oaklands)
Deputy Chair of Governors

Amy Taylor (née Groves)
(1992*-99; Oaklands)
Chair, London Branch

Hayley Thompson
(1997*-2005; Warner)



News from the Headmaster

Craig Considine

The start of the 2011/12 School year has been and gone with much to report on. This is, of course, an exciting time with the Olympics taking place at the end of the academic year. Millfield has much to celebrate with regard to the Olympics and I am sure this is reported elsewhere in this version of Chronicle.

There have been a number of different developments through the year. We have worked hard to develop a Campus Master Plan to establish priorities for the years to come. We have utilised 2035 as our end point; this is the School's centenary and we hope to build a wonderful road map that will sustain the Millfield community in its planning and development.

Key current developments include additional staff housing; this has been approved by Governors and will allow us, in the short term, to accommodate four or five more staff on campus. This is a central plank in improving our commitment to boarding as it is critical to have adults in close proximity to young people. The development of these positive and supportive relationships is the key component of a boarding education. Increasing the number of staff also allows us to utilise our facilities more fully. It will be wonderful in the future to see our Library, Design and Technology, Art, Music and other facilities open and used in the evening with young people applying independent learning skills... an expression of Millfield as a learning community.

We are committed to day pupils and their wellbeing at Millfield. We are currently in the process of transferring the English as an Additional Language (EAL) Department into the Cottage and moving the day girls to more purpose-built accommodation on the Butleigh Road side of the campus. This will ensure The Lakes and Overleigh have their own identity and also provide

appropriate changing facilities and common areas for the girls. This was achieved last year for the boys in Mill and Great House and we look forward to this being completed over the summer break.

Looking to larger projects, Governors have given approval for the development of teaching and learning spaces. The first phase will accommodate the Economics, Business Studies, ICT and Accounting departments in one building on the current footprint of the Business Studies and ICT network buildings. This will provide contemporary learning facilities enabling us to further develop each of these academic disciplines, as well as developing a framework around entrepreneurship, business and internationalism. Preparing our young people for the uncertain world beyond the School is a critical component of a Millfield education. This will require significant fundraising from within the Millfield community and we would certainly be interested to hear from any Old Millfieldians who might like to discuss this matter further.

In the world of education at present there is clearly a desire to ensure that young people understand the world of work. Many conversations are currently taking place around the value of a university education. Gaining a place at university has never been harder (or more expensive) and pupils must now exhibit their drive and commitment by augmenting classroom skills with knowledge of, and interest in, work. With this in mind the sixth form programme is providing more opportunities for work experience and internships and we hope that these can span the UK and international destinations.

Development of an indoor cricket and golf centre has also been approved. We will be looking to fund this jointly from School funds and from members

of the Millfield community. Millfield cricket and golf have been at the top of secondary school sport for some time and, with ongoing input from excellent coaches, we expect our cricketers and golfers to remain at the top of their games for the years to come.

Finally, a pavilion has been earmarked for Millfield Preparatory School. The Prep has wonderful playing fields, but at present it is difficult to service changing needs and accommodate adults, both to watch games and for match teas and hosting visitors. This is an important part of our provision and this project is important for the future of the Preparatory School.

These activities all require significant levels of community support. The School generates a good surplus and this continues to be invested in various capital projects around the School. We look to Millfield continuing as a dynamic organisation that provides a contemporary learning environment well into the future.

Any members of the Millfield community who would like to talk further about any of the projects that have been mentioned please feel free to contact me. I am happy to provide information about how we can all work towards continuing to provide outstanding facilities for the young people that attend this amazing School. It is also important to observe that we continue to be a focal point for the broader Street community and for sport in the South West. We are in a very privileged position and need to ensure we offer broader access via our scholarships and bursaries as well as providing reasonable levels of access to local groups.

I know you will enjoy reading about Millfieldians young and old in this publication and look forward to seeing you when you next visit the School or at an Old Millfieldian function.

Dates for Your Diary 2012

February

Wednesday 22nd

Sir John Standing (1949-52; Kingweston) performs Cole Porter at Millfield
London Branch Reunion, Bunga Bunga

Thursday 23rd

Reunions in Costa del Sol and Madrid, Spain*



March

Friday 2nd

Launch of Midlands Branch
Class of 2007 Reunion, Hotel Russell, London

Friday 23rd

Saturday 24th

Joan's Kitchen House Reunion
Millfield Olympian Dinner, InterContinental Park Lane, London

Friday 30th

May

Wednesday 9th

OMS Over 60s Reunion at Millfield
South West Branch evening of summer jazz at Glastonbury Abbey

Saturday 12th

OM Society Presentation to School Leavers

Thursday 31st



June

Saturday 9th

"70s Hop", Lorenzo Fuoriporta, London
OMS Tassie Foursomes at The Berkshire
OMS Major Summer Reunion at Millfield
OMS Careers Convention at Millfield

Monday 11th

Saturday 16th

London Branch Reunion*



July

Sunday 22nd

OMS Summer BBQ, Green Olive, Chobham
OMCC Six-Day Festival at Millfield*

October

Friday 5th

OMS Inaugural Annual Dinner in London
OMS 18th Annual Golf Day

Friday 26th

Cambridge University Reunion Dinner*

November

Friday 16th

Old Millfieldian of the Year Awards 2012
South West Branch Annual Dinner in Bath

Saturday 17th

London Branch Reunion*



*Note: Some of the above dates are still to be confirmed and several other proposed events are under consideration

OM of the Year 2011

Tom Parsons, Publicity Assistant



From left: John Davies (Secretary, OMS), Jeremy Gilley, Tom Alexander, Duncan Goodhew, Sharon Hendry, Craig Considine (HM), Rod Speed (Chairman, OMS)

A packed Johnson Hall witnessed the 12th OM of the Year Awards Ceremony on 4th November as four remarkable Old Millfieldians were recognised for their achievements. The audience watched in amazement as they listened to anecdotes from Tom Alexander, Jeremy Gilley, Duncan Goodhew and Sharon Hendry about their time at Millfield and their careers beyond. It had been a long time since the four left the School and, since then, each had made a lasting impression in their field.

As Secretary of the OM Society, John Davies remarked: “When these four OMs left Millfield, they may have been uncertain about what the future held. In fact, each of them, in their different ways, has achieved remarkable things. And if they’d sat here and watched an award ceremony when they were pupils here, I wonder whether, in their wildest dreams, they’d have imagined themselves in the future, in front of the School and staff, being honoured for their achievements.”



Tom Alexander (1971-75; Day)

had recently retired after enjoying decades of success in the business industry. Before announcing his retirement, Tom was the chief executive of mobile phone company Orange, where he masterminded the tie-up with T-Mobile UK, a merger that created the leading mobile operator in the country.

He came to Millfield from a local school in 1971 and the initial assessment concluded that he was very dyslexic and lacking in confidence. The School concentrated on addressing these issues and, according to his reports, he made conscientious efforts, had a sense of responsibility and responded well to

challenges. What Tom did excel at was karting. After quickly becoming established as the best karter at the School, he went on to represent Great Britain and was, at one point, ranked 7th in the world.

He recalled: “I remember my father turning up at school to take me to the World Championships. As we pulled away from the car park, all my mates were wishing me luck. And that’s a very happy and vivid memory I have from my time here.

“My biggest achievement at Millfield was finding myself. What I loved about the School was the scale. It had fantastic facilities and wonderful opportunities.

“My career has been influenced hugely from my schooldays. I was quite dyslexic and that spurred me on to actually use the skills I had. It taught me to think creatively and to find ways round problems.”

After receiving his award, he said: “What a lovely award to win. It really means a lot to me. When I was a young boy at Millfield I never thought I’d be stood back here in front of everybody receiving this award – it’s absolutely fabulous. I’d like to thank my mum and dad for paying the School fees – they were well worth it.”



Jeremy Gilley
(1983-84; Etonhurst)

came to Millfield in 1983 and had already played the lead role in *Bugsy Malone* in the West End. His intention was to get O-levels so that he could be accepted into the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts in London. He did indeed go on to become an actor for 10 years after joining the Royal Shakespeare Company when he was 17. Then, after a successful film and television acting career, Jeremy began making his own films.

In 1999 he founded the non-profit film project *Peace One Day* to document his own efforts to establish the first ever annual day of global ceasefire and non-violence with a fixed date. It was established two years later to coincide with the UN International Day of Peace on 21st September.

Jeremy explained: “Peace One Day was created because I was concerned and frightened about what was going on in the world and I wanted to make a difference. I decided to use the film camera to see if I could establish the first ever day of peace on the planet supported by every head of state in the world with a fixed calendar date and I’m delighted that, after years of work, that was achieved.”

Speaking of his time at Millfield, Jeremy said: “My fondest memory of Millfield is working with my pottery teacher Mr Bundle. He was an incredible man and we did some great work together. He was very inspiring. I also remember the sport and the friends I made here. It was a very special time.”

“Millfield is a place to be a little unconventional, a place to invent oneself”



Duncan Goodhew
(1970-75; Walton)

shot to international stardom after he won a gold medal in the 100m breaststroke at the 1980 Moscow Olympics. He also won a bronze medal in the 4x100m medley. After leaving Millfield, Duncan studied business management in America, combining his studies with a strict training regime. Before his Olympic success, he had already won medals at European and World Championships and the Commonwealth Games.

Like Tom Alexander, Duncan also suffered from dyslexia and lacked confidence when he arrived at the School. But Duncan developed a close relationship with swimming coach Paddy Garratt. During his interview, he was asked to showcase his swimming talent. When Jack ‘Boss’ Meyer subsequently asked if he would swim for the School, Paddy’s response came as a huge surprise. Duncan reminisced: “I was very interested to hear the answer to this question and was amazed when Paddy replied: ‘Yes he’ll swim for the School. And he’ll also swim for the county, the district and the country. And he’ll probably go beyond that.’ I could feel my parents glowing with pride. But it left me wondering – what’s beyond your country?”

Duncan was awarded an MBE in 1981 for services to sport. He is now President of the BT Swimathon scheme, which has raised over £35 million for worthwhile causes. He is also the Chairman of Millfield Foundation, which was set up in 2007 to raise funds for scholarships and bursaries.

He said: “For me to be able to put something back is really important. When I was asked to be Chairman of Millfield Foundation I was honoured. If I hadn’t been given a scholarship I wouldn’t have won a gold medal and my life would have been very different. So I’m eternally grateful to those that made it possible. There’s not a day that goes past in which my life hasn’t been enriched, changed and built by what happened in this fine school. All of you who do what you do, keep it up, it’s fantastic. Thank you very much for this stunning award.”



Sharon Hendry
(1987-93; Day)

has enjoyed a long and successful career in journalism. She currently holds the title of Senior Feature Editor at *The Sun*. After leaving Millfield, Sharon pursued her love of English Literature by studying the subject at the University of Southampton. This was swiftly followed by a post-graduate diploma in journalism. A job on a local Buckinghamshire broadsheet then beckoned, allowing Sharon to hone her talents in the traditional way before making the big leap to the bright lights of Fleet Street just one year later.

Sharon worked for the *News of the World* and the *Daily Mail* before *The Sun* came calling. In 2010 she wrote a book called *Radhika’s Story: Surviving Human Trafficking*. It tells the story of a child being sold into appalling slavery in Nepal and India.

Reflecting on life at Millfield, Sharon said: “Some of my happiest memories of being at Millfield are the English department. I came here and realised I was being exposed to some of the most fantastic teaching ever. There were three English teachers in particular who definitely went on to shape my career. The advice I would give to other pupils is never take what you have for granted. If you’re lucky enough to be here at Millfield, never lose sight of that and make the most of every moment.”

For the first time since the award was introduced, a class of MPS pupils attended the ceremony and they were all mesmerised by the winners’ stories and advice.

Headmaster Craig Considine concluded the ceremony by reflecting on the accomplishments of the four OMs. He said: “Millfield is a place to be a little unconventional, a place to invent oneself and a place where lessons are learnt that inspire people to achieve great things when they move on. In making their way in the world, Tom, Jeremy, Duncan and Sharon all embody characteristics we all aspire to. We congratulate them and thank them for sharing a small part of their lives with us today. On behalf of the Millfield community we wish them well for their continued success.”

Old Millfieldians of the Year

NAME		AWARD YEAR				
Lucy Bailey	1973	1978	Day	2000	West End Theatre Director	
William Louey	1972	1977	Chindit	2000	Founder of the William Louey Educational Foundation	
Dr Richardson Ajayi	1980	1983	Etonhurst	2001	Fertility Treatment Pioneer, Nigeria	
Matthew Perry	1988*	1995	Orchards	2001	England International Rugby Player	
Michael Ridpath	1973	1978	Mill House	2001	Author and Novelist	
Simon Luxmoore FRAS	1966	1969	Day	2002	President Messier-Dowty UK	
John Sergeant	1957	1962	Kingweston	2002	Journalist and Political Correspondent	
Robert Watson	1950	1954	Millfield	2002	Services to International Hockey	
Garth McGimpsey	1972	1974	St Anne's	2003	Captain of GB and Ireland Walker Cup Golf Team	
His Excellency Sheikh Nahayan bin Mubarak al Nahayan	1968*	1975	Kingweston	2003	Minister of Education, UAE	
Honorable Timothy Tsun-Ting Fok	1960	1965	Orchards	2004	Member of Hong Kong Government	
David Graveney	1965*	1971	Kingweston	2004	Chairman of England Cricket Selectors	
Timothy Lee	1969	1973	St Anne's	2004	Voluntary Work in the Gambia	
Wyndham Bailey	1938	1945	Millfield	2005	Founder Member, Chairman and Treasurer of the OM Society	
Meriel Rosser	1980*	1987	Day	2005	Medicins Sans Frontieres Senior Administrator	
Sarah Winckless	1990	1992	Orchard Leigh	2005	Olympic Bronze Medallist for Rowing 2004	
Vivienne Cox	1975	1977	Great House	2006	UK Businesswoman of the Year 2005	
Dominic Dromgoole	1976	1981	Day	2006	Director of the Globe Theatre	
Mark Foster	1983	1986	Millfield	2006	International Swimmer and five times Olympian	
Simon Jones	1995	1997	Georgian Cottage	2006	England Test Cricketer and Ashes Winner	
Marc Quinn	1978	1982	Ivythorn	2006	Sculptor	
Gareth Edwards MBE CBE	1964	1966	Millfield	2007	British Lions Rugby Player and Broadcaster	
Kate Griggs	1974*	1979	Day	2007	UK Campaigner of the Year for Xtraordinary People	
Jeremy Thomas	1962*	1967	Walton	2007	Film Producer and Oscar Winner	
Cleve West	1974	1977	Orchards	2007	Three times Gold Medal Winner at Chelsea Flower Show	
Stewart Copeland	1967	1969	Orchards	2008	"Police" Drummer and Film Composer	
Paul Davies	1981	1983	Hollies	2008	BBC Sports Executive Producer/Director	
Laurence Davis	1974	1977	Hollies	2008	Charity Work, mainly through the Variety Club	
Professor Keith McAdam	1963	1963	Millfield	2008	Director of Medical Institutes in Africa	
John McFall	1994	1997	Orchards	2008	Paralympic Bronze Medallist for T42 Sprinting 2008	
James Nathan	1986	1991	Keen's Elm	2008	BBC's "MasterChef of the Year"	
Paul Hutchins	1961	1963	Etonhurst	2009	Davis Cup Player. Just retired as LTA Head of Men's Tennis.	
David Luckes	1980*	1987	Day	2009	Triple Hockey Olympian. Key member of British Olympic bid, now head of Sport Competition for London 2012 Organising Committee	
Barbara Mensah	1975	1977	Kernick	2009	First Circuit Judge of African origin	
Sir Roger Gibbs	1952	1953	Kingweston	2009	Lifetime Achievement Award: Chairman of the Wellcome Trust	
Richard Caring	1962	1966	Millfield	2010	Successful entrepreneur/businessman and philanthropist	
Julie Dibens (née Ricketts)	1986*	1993	Warner	2010	Olympic triathlete, now XTERRA World Champion	
David Heath	1963*	1972	Day	2010	MP for Somerton and Frome; Deputy Leader of House of Commons	
Simon Mawer	1964	1967	Shapwick	2010	Critically acclaimed novelist	
Tom Alexander	1971	1975	Day	2011	Former Chief Executive of Orange UK	
Jeremy Gilley	1983	1984	Etonhurst	2011	Founder and Chairman of Peace One Day	
Duncan Goodhew	1970	1975	Walton	2011	Olympic Gold Medallist 1980	
Sharon Hendry	1987	1993	Day	2011	Investigative Journalist and Author	

*Edgarley

“IN THE SUMMER OF 1979
I FAILED TO GET THE
LAST WORD WITH
JOHN DAVIES
SPEAKING AT MY FINAL
PARENTS DAY LUNCH
AT HOLMCROFT



SO 33 YEARS LATER I AM DELIGHTED
TO TAKE THIS AD OUT
AND SALUTE JOHN'S INDEFATIGABLE
ENERGY AND UNSTINTING
COMMITMENT TO MILLFIELD AND THE
OMS CHRONICLE

—AND FINALLY GET THE LAST WORD! ”

Roland Rudd (1970*-79; Holmcroft)

Roland see pages 63 and 64

John see page 5

Distinguished Old Millfieldians

ACADEMIC

Professor John Bell PhD, 1958-61
Professor of Philosophy,
University of Western Ontario, Canada

Professor John Dunn, 1957-58
Professor of Political Theory,
Cambridge University

Dr John Humble, 1948-52
Professor of Physics, University of Tasmania

Patrick W Jordan, 1975*-85
Vice President of International
Mobile Communications Company;
Nierenberg Professor of Design, Carnegie Mellon
University; Scientific Author and Lecturer

Dr Hannah Mortimer (née Robinson), 1967-69
Educational Psychologist and Professional

His Excellency Sheikh Nahayan bin Mubarak al Nahayan, 1968*-75
Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research;
Chancellor of UAE University
and Higher Colleges of Technology,
President of Zayed University, Chairman of Union
National Bank, UAE, OM of the Year 2003

Professor Sue Owen, 1969-73
Hon Professor of English Literature,
Sheffield University and Author

Dr Hazel Rossotti (née Marsh), 1947-48
Fellow and Tutor in Chemistry, St. Annes' College,
Oxford; Member of Hebdomadal Council, University
of Oxford; Science Writer

Professor Colin Sparrow, 1967*-71
Head of Department, Mathematics
Institute, University of Warwick

Dr Peter M Warner, 1962-65
Dean of Homerton College,
Cambridge and Author

Professor Christopher J Wickham, 1961*-67
Professor of History, Oxford University

BUSINESS

Aftab Adamjee, 1978-83
Chairman of Indus Mass Transit Co, Pakistan

Richardson Ajayi, 1980-83
Director, Bridge Clinic, Lagos,
Nigeria; OM of the Year 2001

Tom Alexander, 1971-75
Chief Executive Officer Orange UK,
OM of the Year 2011

Diraar Alghanim, 1960-61
President and Chief Executive
Officer, Alghanim International Corporation

Behdad Alizadeh, 1975-79
Investment Banker, New York

Damian Aspinall, 1972-77
Casino and Zoo Owner and Conservationist

Marc Asquith, 1972-77
Chairman of the Royal Aero Club of the UK

John Calvert-Jones, 1953-55
Vice Chairman, Stock Exchange of
Melbourne; President, Bionic Ear Institute;
Director, the Australian Ballet;
Winner of the Fastnet Race

Richard Caring, 1962-66
Retail Entrepreneur; Owner and Chairman of Wentworth
Golf Club, OM of the Year 2010

Victor Chandler, 1966-69
Offshore Independent Bookmaker

Michael Cohen, 1968-70
Founder and Chief Executive,
MPC Entertainment

Vivienne Cox, 1975-77
Veuve Clicquot Businesswoman
of the Year 2006, OM of the Year 2006

Judith Derbyshire, 1968-73
Company Solicitor Clarks Shoes
and Chairman of Governors

Mark Fenwick, 1962-66
Chairman, Fenwick Department Stores

Sir Roger Gibbs, 1952-53
Chairman, The Wellcome Trust,
OM of the Year 2009

Fazle Husain, 1981-83
General Partner, Morgan Stanley
Venture Capital, USA

Dato Andrew Kam, 1979-81
Developer, Economist and Philanthropist, Malaysia

Tan Sri Dato' Lim Yan Hai, 1955-59
Financier/Industrialist/Developer, Malaysia

William Louey, 1972-79
Executive Director, Kowloon Motor Bus Company, and
Philanthropist, Hong Kong;
OM of the Year 2000

Dato Teik Loy, 1978-80
Chief Executive Officer
of largest finance company in Malaysia

Simon Luxmoore, 1966-69
Chief Executive of the Royal
Aeronautical Society; OM of the Year 2002

John and James Martin, 1957-62
Directors, Martin-Baker Aircraft Co

Damian Miller PhD, 1987-89
Director of Rural Operations, Shell Solar

Nicholas D R Milligan, 1970*-79
Sky Media Managing Director

Max Mosley, 1955-56
President of the World Federation
Internationale de Automobile

Arjun Oberoi, 1975*-86
International Hotelier

Dr Adesegun A Akin-Olugbade, 1978-80
General Counsel and Director, Legal Services
of the African Development Bank

Dimitri Panayotopoulos, 1963*-71
Vice Chairman-Global Household Care,
Proctor and Gamble Company

Atul Patel, 1962-67
Director, Barclays Bank; OM of the Year 2001

Ronald C Y Poon, 1959-60
President of HK Institute of Architects

Patience Purdy, 1947-48
President of the National Council
of Women of Great Britain

David Rigg, 1964-67
Communications Director, Camelot
Group (National Lottery); Senior Partner,
Project Associates

Anabel Sexton, 1980*-87
European Brands Communications
Director, Taylor Made/Adidas

Ajit Singh, 1957-59
Industrialist, India

M K Tan, 1952-55
Senior Partner, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu,
Hong Kong

Beng-Tat Tan, 1960-62
Property Developer; Council Member of Singapore
Chinese Chamber of Industry

Claire Walker, 1976-79
Managing Director Firefly Communications

Jonathan Warburton, 1971-76
Chairman Warburtons Ltd, Family Bakers
Community Work

Laurence Davis, 1974-77
Variety Club Charity Work; OM of the Year 2008

Kate Griggs (née Alexander), 1974*-80
Downing Street Award for 'Campaigner of the Year' for
work with Xtraordinary People; OM of the Year 2007

Timothy Lee, 1969-73
Service to a rural community in The Gambia;
OM of the Year 2004

MEDICAL/HEALTH

Richardson Ajayi, 1980-83
Fertility Treatment Pioneer, Nigeria;
OM of the Year 2001

Professor Mohammed Al-Ibrahim, 1957-62
Professor of Medicine and Associate Dean,
University of Maryland School of Medicine;
Executive Chief of Staff, VA Maryland Health
Care System

Professor Robert Clark, 1960-65
Professor of Prosthetic Dentistry

Paul R Davies, 1978-79
Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon

Andrew Foster, 1965*-73
Director of Human Resources, NHS

Dato Paduka Dr Hj Johar bin Dato, 1955-61
Former Minister of Health, Brunei

Dr Kai Kermani, 1958-60
Scientist, Holistic General Practitioner, Healer, Stress
Management Consultant, Artist,
Author, Poet, International Lecturer

Professor Keith McAdam, 1963
Wellcome Professor of Tropical Medicine,
London University; Director of the Medical Institutes in
Africa; OM of the Year 2008

Professor Peter Openshaw, 1967-71
Head, Section of Respiratory Infections,
Imperial College London; Fellow of
Academy of Medical Services; Professor
of Experimental Medicine

Dr Paul Richardson, 1973*-80
Associate Professor of Oncology,
Harvard University

Meriel Rosser, 1980*-87
Médecins Sans Frontières Senior
Administrator; OM of the Year 2005

Katrina Wood (née Herbert) PhD, 1969-73
Psychologist and Author; Proprietor of Therapy
Centres in Los Angeles

MILITARY

Major General Michael Charlton-Weedy, CBE, 1963*-68
Chief Executive of the Cabinet Office Emergency Planning
College

Brigadier Mark Milligan, 1969*-78

Major General Stephen Stopford, CB, MBE, AIMIEE 1950-52
Director General for Fighting Vehicles and Engineer
Equipment; Defence Consultant

POLITICAL/LEGAL

Aftab Adamjee, 1978-83
Chairman of Indus Mass Transit Co, Pakistan

Dr Adesegun A Akin-Olugbade, 1978-80
General Counsel and Director,
Legal Services of the African Development Bank

Alistair Ainslie, 1959-62
High Sheriff, East Sussex

Sultan Ghalib al-Qu'aiti, 1962-66
Sultan of the Qu'aiti State of Hadhramaut

Plkdr Pengiran Bahrin, 1960-65
Former Attorney-General and
Minister of Law, Brunei

Roger Bird, 1950-56
Author, Judge, President of the Association
of District Judges

Lord Brougham and Vaux, CBE, 1952-57
President, Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents;
Deputy Speaker House of Lords; Deputy Chairman of
Committee

Professor Rose D'Sa, 1974-76
Authority on European Law; Member of the Economic
and Social Committee of the EC

William Flynn, 1964-69
Member of 50th State Parliament,
Queensland, Australia

David Heath, CBE, MP 1963*-72
MP for Somerton and Frome; Deputy Leader of the House
of Commons, OM of the Year 2010

Richard Hickmet, 1963-66
Barrister and formerly MP for Glandford
and Scunthorpe

Margot James, MP, 1970-75
MP for Stourbridge

Ruth Kelly, 1979*-81
MP for Bolton, former Sec of State for Transport

Sir Peter Kemp, 1947-49
Senior Civil Servant

WJ "Bill" Le Breton, MBE, 1967-70
Political and Strategic Adviser to the Liberal Democrat Party

Charlotte Leslie, MP, 1995-96
MP for Bristol North West

Ian Liddell-Grainger, MP, 1972-77
MP for Bridgwater

Barbara Mensah, 1975-77
First Circuit Judge of African Origin;
OM of the Year 2009

Clare Montgomery QC, 1969-75
Barrister in Grays Inn; Deputy High Court Judge; English
International Fencer

Adnan Noon, 1988-90
Member of Pakistan Parliament

Nippon Promphan, 1969-70
Secretary-General to Prime Minister of Thailand

Dato Haji Selamat bin Munap, 1958-63
Former Deputy Minister of Finance, Brunei

Julian Smith, MP, 1987-89
MP for Skipton and Ripon

Awaal Tukur, 1981-84
Member of Nigerian Parliament

Ben Wallace MP, 1983-88
Conservative MP for Wyre and Preston North

Sheikh Sultan bin Zayed, 1968-72
Deputy Prime Minister, United Arab Emirates

Sultan Ghalib al-Qu'aiti, 1962-66
Sultan of the Qu'aiti State of Hadhramaut

Peter Wong, 1954*-57
Legislative Councillor and Founding Chairman
of Open University, Hong Kong

ROYALTY

HRH Prince Alwaid Bin Saud, 1970*-75

**Her Royal Highness Princess Alia bint
al Hussein, 1970-72**

HRH Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn, 1966-70
Crown Prince of Thailand

SPORTING

ATHLETICS

John McFall, 199 -97
Olympic Bronze Medal 100m T42;
OM of the Year 2008

Carl Myerscough, 1996-98
Commonwealth Games Bronze Medal
for England in Men's Shot Put
and UK Record Holder

Mary Toomey Reese (née Bignal), 1953-58
Olympic Gold Medalist 1964

Kirsty Wade (née McDermott) 1978-80
Triple Commonwealth Gold Medalist (Athletics)

Sarah Winckless, 1990-92
Great Britain Rowing Team 1990;
OM of the Year 2005; Chairman of the
BOA Athletes' Commission

CRICKET

Dean Cosker, 1996-96
England A Cricket International

David Graveney, 1965*-71
Chairman, England Cricket Selectors;
OM of the Year 2004

Ben Hollioake, 1989*-92
England Cricket International

Simon Jones, 1995-97
English Cricket International;
OM of the Year 2006

Ana Punchihewa, 1967-71
President Board of Control for Cricket, Sri Lanka

Peter Roebuck, 1968-73
Captain Somerset CCC,
Sunday Times Cricket Correspondent

Paul Terry, 1972-77
England Cricket International

Ian Ward, 1986-91
England Cricket International

GOLF

Brian Barnes, 1959-63
Ryder and World Cup Golfer
and Captain of Britain

Michael King, 1964-68
Member of British Walker and
Ryder Cup Golf Teams

Garth McGimpsey, 1972-74
Victorious Captain of the Great Britain and Ireland
Walker Cup Team; OM of the Year 2003

HOCKEY

Stephen Batchelor, 1975-79
Olympic Gold Medal, Hockey

Tom Bertram, 1987*-95
Great Britain Olympic and
England Hockey Teams

J E Cemlyn Foulkes, 1963-68
Great Britain Hockey Team and Welsh Captain

Jerome Goudie, 1993-95
Great Britain Hockey and
Hong Kong Squash International

Robert Hill, 1981-86,
Great Britain Olympic and England, Hockey

Jason Laslett, 1982-87
Great Britain Olympic and England
Hockey Captain

Steven Long, 1967-70
Great Britain Olympic Hockey Team

David Luckes, 1980*-87
Great Britain Triple Olympian and Bronze Medal Hockey;
OM of the Year 2009

Richard Mantell, 1992*-99
Great Britain Olympic and England
Hockey Teams

Simon Mantell, 1995*-02
Great Britain Olympic and England
Hockey Teams

Robert J Watson, 1950-54
President of the Great Britain Olympic Hockey Board;
OM of the Year 2002

RUGBY

Anthony Allen, 2003-05
England Rugby International

Gareth Edwards, OBE, 1964-66
British Lions and Wales Rugby Captain; Member of
Millfield Schools' Board of Governors; OM of the
Year 2007

Richard Harding, 1968-71
England Rugby Captain

John Mallett, 1983-88
England Rugby International

Olly Morgan, 1999-04
England Rugby International

Chris Oti, 1982-83
England Rugby International

Matthew Perry, 1988*-95
British Lions and England Rugby International.
OM of the Year 2001

Dr J P R Williams, MBE, 1966-67
British Lions and Wales Rugby Captain; Consultant
Orthopaedic Surgeon; Consultant in Radiology

SWIMMING

Joanna Fergus, 1992*-97
GB Olympic Swimmer and Commonwealth
Gold and Silver Medalist

Mark Foster, 1983-86
Great Britain 5x Olympic Swimmer
and World Champion; OM of the Year 2006

Duncan Goodhew, MBE, 1970-75
Olympic Gold Medal, Swimming,
OM of the Year 2011

Neil Harper, 1979-84
Great Britain Olympic Swimming Finalist; Olympic Team
Captain; Coach of South African Olympic Team

Paul Howe, 1983-86
Olympic Bronze Medal, Swimming

TENNIS

Andrew Castle, 1976-79
British Davis Cup player; Former British no 1; Sky Sports
Presenter

Charlotte Cornwallis, 1988-90
Ladies Real Tennis Champion

Mark Cox, MBE, 1958-62
British Davis Cup Player and Coach;
Television Tennis Commentator

Paul Hutchins, 1961-63
Davis Cup Player; Former Head of Men's Tennis LTA;
OM of the Year 2009

Andrew Jarrett, 1969*-75
Davis Cup Player; Wimbledon
Championships Referee

Purav Raja, 1998-03
India Tennis Singles Champion 2006

Nigel Sears, 1973-75
International Tennis Player and Coach;
Great Britain Federation Cup Captain

OTHER

Ian Balding, LVO, 1957-59
Racehorse Trainer to the Queen

Joey Barrington, 1985 -97
England Squash International

Sam Bird, 2003-05
Formula GP2 Racing Driver

Julie Dibens (née Ricketts), 1986*-93
Olympic triathlete 2004.; Four times World Champion
Xterra, OM of the Year 2010

Jane Fisher, 1983-85
World Indoor Rowing Champion

Hon Timothy Tsun-Ting Fok, 1960-65
President of Sports Federation and Olympic Committee
of Hong Kong; President of Hong Kong Football
Association; Member of Hong Kong Government;
OM of the Year 2004

Stephen Hamer, 1967-69
Managing Director National Sporting Club,
Chairman of Swansea City Football Club

Major Dick Hern, CBE 1939-40
Racehorse Trainer to the Queen

Shelly Jory, 1987-89
GB Powerboat Racing Representative;
2nd in British Nationals 2003

Chris Law, 1966-71
4 x Great Britain Olympic and
World Champion, Sailing

Dominic Mahony, 1977-82
Modern Pentathlon Olympic and World Championship
Bronze Medalist

Warren Marston, 1984-87
National Hunt Jockey

Peter Marshall, 1986-87
Finalist in the World Squash Open Championships

Keith Power, 1982-84
Great Britain Bobsleigh Team and National Coach

James Ross MBE, 1977-82
Great Britain International Canoeist

Amanda Stretton, 1986-87
Motorsport and Travel TV Presenter;
ASCA Racing Driver

Claire Tomlinson (née Lucas), 1960-62
England Ladies Polo International

MEDIA/ARTS

ART

Guy Bennett, 1987-89
Senior Vice President, Head of Impressionist
and Modern Art Department, Christie's

Peter Curling, 1970-72
Irish Sporting Artist

Marc Quinn, 1978-82
International Sculptor; OM of the Year 2006

FASHION

Jenny Brunt, 1979*-85 International Fashion Model
Sophie Dahl, 1988*-90 International Fashion Model

FILM/TELEVISION

Benita Allen-Hones, 1972-76
Film Producer, California

Rick Allen, 1965-71
Television Producer "Friends",
Warner Brothers, California

Ed Bye, 1969-74
BBC Television Producer/Director

Jason Connery, 1974*-77
Actor and Film Director

Paul S Davies, 1981-82
BBC Sports Executive Producer/Director;
OM of the Year 2008

Jeremy Edwards, 1982*-89 Actor

Sheelagh Ferrell, 1976*-84 Film Producer

Martin Hughes-Games, 1970-75 BBC Television Producer

Sir John Leon, Bart (John Standing), 1949-53 Actor

Wayne Michaels, 1972-77 Stuntman:
winner of "Best Movie Stunt of All Time" poll for
James Bond's bungee jump from a dam in "Golden Eye"

Jonathan Mills, 1964-68
Film and Television Producer, Scriptwriter and Author

James Nathan, 1986-91
TV MasterChef winner 2008; OM of the Year 2008

Anthony Shang, 1966-70
Television Producer, Hong Kong

Jeremy Thomas, 1962*-67
Chairman, the British Film Institute;
Film Producer "The Last Emperor" (9 Oscars);
Director, "Crash"; OM of the Year 2007

Terri Wakeham (née Davies), 1975*-83
Senior Vice President, Sony Pictures

LITERATURE/JOURNALISM

Isabella Burrell (née Tree), 1980-81
Sunday Times Travel Writer and Author

Rupert Christiansen FRSL, 1968-72
Cultural, Historian and Opera Critic

Victoria Glendinning, CBE, 1954-55
Biographer, Novelist and Book Critic

Kaveh Golestan, 1965-67
Award-winning Photo-Journalist

Patrick Lane, 1972*-81
Finance Editor of The Economist

Simon Mawer, 1964-67
Author, OM of the Year 2010

Maxwell Milligan, 1974*-84
Photographic Travel Journalist, Lecturer and Writer

Martin Page, 1956-57
Foreign Correspondent; Founder of "Business
Traveller" Magazine; Author; active campaigner
for Rights of the Blind

Roland Rudd, 1970*-79
Journalist; Financier

John Sergeant, 1957-62
BBC Chief Political Correspondent; OM of the Year 2002

MUSIC

Tony Blackburn, 1956-59 Disc Jockey

Claire Briggs, 1979-84
Principal Horn, City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra

Stewart Copeland, 1967-69
Founder of "The Police" pop group; Film Composer;
International Polo Player; OM of the Year 2008

Susanna Eastburn, 1985-87
Artistic Director of the Huddersfield
Contemporary Music Festival

Patrick Kiernan, 1975-80
Leader of the Brindisi String Quartet

Abi Kuku, 1987-90 Soul-jazz Singer

Jonathan Morris, 1972-76
Opera Singer

THEATRE

Lucy Bailey, 1973-78
Theatre Director; OM of the Year 2000

Nicholas Blackburn, 1958-63
Director of Really Useful Theatres Ltd; Chairman
of Queens Park Rangers Football Club

Dominic Dromgoole, 1976-81
Artistic Director of Globe Theatre; OM of the Year 2006

OTHER

Wyndham Bailey, 1939-45
Founder Member, Chairman and Treasurer of the OM
Society; OM of the Year 2005

Charles Burton, 1955*-60
First to circumnavigate the earth on foot from Pole to Pole

Hugh Lindsay, 1967-71
Equerry to Her Majesty the Queen

Cleve West, 1974-77
Garden Designer and Writer; three times Gold Medal
Winner at Chelsea; OM of the Year 2007

A Lasting Connection with Old Millfieldians

Ian McLean, Director of Development

Maintaining long-lasting connections with OMs is crucial for Millfield. Auctioneer and former pupil, Guy Bennett (1987-89; St Anne's) – whom many of you will recognise as our auctioneer at the 75th – has recently established a Scholarship for the Arts at the School, ensuring pupils will benefit for many years to come.

Millfield will always have a need for fundraising. It has no endowment, unlike some of the other traditional public schools, but has managed its finances prudently over the past decade and is proud to have developed a campus with excellent facilities and a limited provision for scholarships.

In support of School founder Jack Meyer's ethos, providing funding to support talented pupils who may not otherwise be able to afford a Millfield education remains a priority. Millfield Foundation exists as a separate charitable foundation to do just this; to raise money for scholarships and to maintain the distinctive 'Millfield Mix'. Therefore it was a delight when Guy, who has sold some of the world's most famous (and expensive!) pieces of art whilst enjoying an impressive 12-year career at Christie's, was inspired by the warmth and generosity of fellow OMs, to donate a substantial sum to provide for a Millfield Scholarship for the Arts in perpetuity.

Starting his career at Christie's in 1997 as a specialist in 20th Century art, Guy joined the Impressionist and Modern Art department in 2001. He quickly progressed to become Head of the department's Evening Sales, and just three years later, International Head of the department in 2006.

Guy earned his place in the art market history books when he headed up the most valuable sale ever in the

history of art auctioneering, at the 2006 Impressionist and Modern Art Evening Sale, which netted over half a billion dollars.

Before becoming an auctioneer, the New York based father of two earned a degree in the History of Arts at the University of California, Berkeley in 1995, and completed his post-graduate degree at Oxford University a year later.

In July 2009 he formed Pelham Holdings, a trading company based in New York. In its first two years

and now understand that the ideals established during my time at Millfield are a fundamental reason for my success.

'I am thrilled to be involved with the School, and it is my hope that the recipients of this scholarship will also share similar positive experiences so that they, too, can build upon their own successes in the future.'

And, true to his word, Guy will also be supporting the School and Millfield Foundation once again as he reprises his role as auctioneer at



Guy with wife Rachel, and their children, Finn and Electra

of operation, it has allocated funds in all principal markets including international real estate, finance and art.

Guy's interest and generosity goes beyond simply providing a lump sum for scholarships. He intends to take a personal interest in the selection process of the candidate and will follow the pupil's progress through their days at Millfield and beyond.

Guy is passionate about his career in the art world, and values highly the experiences that Millfield provided him as a young man. He said: 'I have worked hard throughout my career

this year's Olympian Dinner. With his unique blend of charisma, humour and eagle-eyed observation, he will lead the main auction, which hopes to raise thousands of pounds for scholarships and bursaries.

Whether in support of talented pupils or for a capital project, the support from OMs plays a major role in the School's future. Of course not everyone can help at the same time or at the same level, but by sharing progress and by engaging with and involving OMs in the School's vision, we look forward to maintaining a school of which we are immensely proud.

Millfield Olympian Dinner

Louise Lang (née Gillett 1995-97; Day), Event Coordinator

Friday 30th March



Mary Bignal (1953-58; Day)



Duncan Goodhew (1970-75; Walton)



John McFall (1994-97; Orchards)

An ‘Olympian’ celebration to rival that of the 75th – make sure the date’s in your diary!

Those of you who attended the 75th Anniversary Gala Dinner at the London Hilton will know what a spectacular night it was. A joint venture organised by the School and Millfield Foundation, it was groundbreaking for two reasons: it brought together record numbers of the Millfield Community from all over the world – it was lovely to see so many international OMs – and most importantly, it showcased Millfield generosity of spirit in action, raising over £100,000 for scholarships.

So having had a year off, this year, the year of ‘London 2012’, we felt compelled to acknowledge Millfield’s Olympic achievements, of which there are many: 53 Olympians,

representing eight different countries, in over 14 disciplines. Oh, and not forgetting the cache of 15 medals picked up along the way! But that’s not all. We also want to celebrate the high level of coaching, teaching and support which helped our sporting elite to achieve; and the spirit of aspiration and ambition to succeed, which Millfield instils so strongly in all of its talented pupils – whether in sports, the arts, music, business or academia come to that. Although I admit to not having carried out extensive research, I do not believe that any other school has such an Olympic pedigree; or certainly not one of which it is so proud!

This event will therefore be one of a kind, and we hope that you will be able to join us. It is taking place on Friday 30th March (the end of term, for those of you who are also OM parents) at the London

InterContinental. Our hosts for the evening will be Gold Medallists Duncan Goodhew MBE, Chairman of Millfield Foundation, and Lord Coe, Chairman of the London Olympic Organising Committee. Joining us will be many more Millfield Olympians – past, present and future. Tickets are from £150 per person to include a champagne reception, four-course dinner with wine and entertainment. For further information and to book, please visit www.omsociety.com/events or contact Louise Lang, Event Coordinator: louiselang@millfieldschool.com + 44 (0)1458 444517

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to pay by card, or
book on-line via Paypal at:
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Arabian Peninsula Branch

In November 2010, the Queen and Prince Philip visited Abu Dhabi at the start of her five-day tour of the Gulf. As part of their visit, Prince Philip met his Excellency Sheikh Nahayan bin Mubarak al Nahayan (1968*-75; Kingweston), when the Prince signed a memorandum of understanding between Cambridge University Judge Business School and the University of the UAE. Sheikh Nahayan is the UAE Minister for Higher Education and Scientific Research. As part of the tour, His Excellency The Sheikh also met Tony Blair.



Hong Kong Branch

Last April, Headmaster, Craig Considine, his wife, Penny, Ian McLean, Development Director and John Davies visited Hong Kong before going on to Bangkok. On Friday 8th April, just about 50 OMs and partners met at the Hong Kong Football Club, where we were tidily sequestered in the open air in a

cosy spot adjacent to the Sportsman's Bar, on a balmy evening, in itself just about worth the trip from Millfield. Everyone enjoyed excellent buffet food and drink though the key to the event, as with all Millfield reunions, was re-engaged camaraderie and fond reminiscences of 'the good old days'. Craig and John spoke about current

happenings at Millfield/plans for the future and OM Society developments respectively and the party went on into the late evening.

At 4.00pm the next day Millfield hosted afternoon tea at the uniquely charming library of the China Club. This occasion was solely for current parents, 35 of whom attended what proved to be a most convivial few hours. Craig and Ian spoke, Ian explaining his new role at the School and outlining his ideas to involve parents and OMs in Hong Kong, and keeping the School's good name in the public eye via a series of social events.

For our visit, OM hospitality was quite outstanding, notably by: William Louey (1972-77; Chindit) Branch Chairman, Tommy Ho (1982-86; Holmcroft) Secretary and Peter Wong (1954-57; Edgarley) – all much appreciated.



Headmaster addresses current parents at the China Club

Singapore Branch – and Visit to Delhi Branch for Polo

Last March, Singapore Alumni led by Ben Tan (1967-69; Etonhurst) Chairman, and joined by Sylvia Fones (1989-90; Chindit), Michael Sampoerna and Rizvan Baig (1988-90; Georgian Cottage), Secretary, went to New Delhi on a visit to Sheyna Baig (1981-86; Grange) who was having the opening of her art show in New Delhi. They were hosted by Vinu and Abbas Ali Baig (former parents) and the photo (right) was taken at the Samaira Polo Cup. Ness Wadia (1987-89; Holmcroft) from Mumbai also joined the festivities.



Nicola Shaw, Sylvia Lim, Sheyna Baig, Bruce Merivale-Austin, Abbas Ali Baig, Tungku Faisal Amir, Vinu Baig, Michael Sampoerna and Rizvan Baig

Sri Lanka Branch – Beach Party Reunion in Colombo

On Wednesday 29th December 2010, a party of 15, including several Millfieldians and John and Fran Davies, assembled with sand underfoot on Colombo's Mount Lavinia beach, around a table at the Lavinia Breeze restaurant. The seafood was superb and it was a wonderful setting, the weather just perfect, the sort of barbeque evening that one gets once or twice a year in England. With his customary sharp humour, Branch Chairman Ana

Punchihewa (1967-71; Kingweston) spoke warmly about Millfield and 'the good old days', welcoming back John and Fran. John responded with School and Society news, observing how fortunate the group was in that former Head of School, Captain of First Team Cricket and Rugby and Most Popular Boy at Millfield (all this very tongue in cheek!) Simon Lourensz (1984-86; Etonhurst) was able to be present. Simon declined the opportunity to reply. However,

later in the evening, it appeared to be jointly proposed by Ana and Simon that, on the occasion of the next reunion, they would look forward to hosting the event and providing the transport to a new venue at Kalpitiya. We all look forward to that. The evening concluded with a graciously worded vote of thanks by Rohena Johnstone to the Old Millfieldian Society who hosted the event.

Thailand Branch

Craig and Penny Considine, Ian McLean and John Davies visited Bangkok in April, after attending reunions in Hong Kong. Instead of the traditional buffet-dinner get-together, a new formula of two consecutive evening cocktail receptions was organised. It was most pleasing to welcome 35 OMs and current parents, leading to a thoroughly enjoyable Millfield event. On the next evening considerably less people attended, but, on balance, our visit proved very worthwhile and a thoroughly good time was had by all.

Thailand Branch Secretary Greg Pitt (1968-71;Rotherslade)deservesspecial

thanks for his tireless enthusiasm and hard work in continuing to promote the School's image in Thailand, through the organisation of various events, vigorously encouraging OMs to attend, and for his warm hospitality.

The photo (right) shows Jack Meyer, Headmaster, and his wife Joyce, welcoming new boy Majidol Vajiralongkom (1966-70; Millfield) and his parents, the King and Queen of Thailand, to Millfield. Majidol is now HRH The Crown Prince of Thailand, and is the President of our Thailand Branch.



UK Branch Reports

London Branch

Amy Taylor (née Groves)
(1992*-99; Oaklands) Chair

General

The London Branch has had a great events schedule. We have had the privilege of using some fabulous venues in the heart of London courtesy of Duncan (1992*-99; Etonhurst) and Max (1998*-2003; Holmcroft) Stirling and Lisa (2003-05; Abbey) and Mark (1996-98; Millfield) Hladnik. Our events have attracted all age ranges from 19 to 90 years old, which has made every event immense fun. Our numbers have grown from strength to strength, reaching over 100 people per event and we hope that this will continue to grow. The excellent venues, better communication via Facebook and friends telling friends how great these occasions are, make these events so popular and successful. It has been a great privilege to be involved with the Society over the last few years and I am excited about the future of the London Branch. Keep following the event dates that are publicised via email from the Old Millfieldian Society and also from the Facebook alerts. You will only get these alert dates if you are a member of the Old Millfieldian Society Facebook page. Join now, if you haven't already, by logging on to the Old Millfieldian Society group page. We are looking forward to seeing many more of you at future events in London, even if you aren't a Londoner. Partners always welcome! Watch this space!!

... and a few brief reports

"Maggies" Reunion

Simon Power (1991-94; Etonhurst)

For those of us living in London, we are lucky that we live so close to at

least 100 venues to choose from on a Thursday night. Not many of them have a permanent queue outside come rain or shine which underlines how lucky we are that we have the support of Duncan and Max Stirling who, in November 2010, provided for us a venue as excellent as Maggie's on Chelsea's Fulham Road, a very appreciated and generous gesture. We had some 70-plus attendees, not including the club's eclectic staff who served us all and kept the post-work hunger at bay, whilst we concentrated on catching up with old friends, making new contacts and enjoying cocktails that Del Boy would be proud of. This was a very successful event. I congratulate Amy Taylor for taking over as Chairman of the London Branch after the great work of Richard Chudzynski (1988*-96; Keen's Elm) though I am still not sure that her persuading us all to sing "Jerusalem" was a good idea!

"Bond 24" Reunion

Amy Taylor

On 17th March we held another fantastic London Branch reunion at Club Bond on Kingley Street. The venue was extremely classy and we

were lucky that Lisa Hladnick was able to give it to us for the whole evening. We had over 100 OMs attend over the course of the evening with a wide cross-section of ages. Everyone had a wonderful time and I was pleased to see so many new faces. I believe these events will become more popular and look forward to welcoming young and old to London for even bigger and better reunions.

"Barts" Reunion

Amy Taylor

There was another wonderful reunion on 16th June and thank you again so much Duncan for such a great venue. The cocktails and food were fantastic, with wonderful service from the excellent staff. We welcomed over 100 OMs over the course of the evening and there were so many new faces. It is such a splendid feeling when you watch 'the oldies' hooking up with mates they haven't seen for years!

"Bunga Bunga" Reunion

Duncan Stirling's latest club, where a reunion took place on 17th November (too late for a detailed report).



South West Branch

Louise Lang (née Gillett)
(1995-97; Day) Chair

The South West Branch, under the auspices of its new committee, has had an exciting (if slightly challenging!) first year. Revved up and raring to go, we had a list of events planned, some of which we were able to execute and others which we hope to stage in the following 12 months.



Nikki Della Valle, Mark Lang, Jules Douglas, Louise Lang, Fran Della Valle and Vince Douglas at Dartmouth

After a very low key launch in November 2010, in which we invited South West OMs to come to the School to enjoy an afternoon of sport, we had great South West attendance at the Summer Reunion in June 2011, and welcomed Sharon Hendry (1987-93; Day), Sun journalist, author and screenwriter, as the event's guest speaker.

Late summer was due to have seen a family day out and picnic at Stourhead, organised by Committee member Sarah Bailey, but sadly this event – which had fantastic support as an initiative which welcomed 'little' family members too – fell foul of the weather, and we decided to cancel. However, we hope to resurrect this day in Spring 2012 – date to be confirmed.

We did, however, succeed in holding the Branch's inaugural dinner, at Restaurant Angelique in Dartmouth in November. This was a fantastic evening of fine dining and great company, and brought together OMs from all generations. We were very privileged

to have as our guests not one but two Millfield Headmasters: current Head Craig Considine and his wife Penny, and former Head Peter Johnson and wife Chrissie, who are now Devon-based. And having canvassed opinion on the night, we are looking forward to staging next year's dinner in Bath, and hope that even more OMs will be able to join us. Recommendations as to possible venues and locations, gratefully received!

Planning is now well under way for this year's events, including a trip to

Stratford to see Lucy Bailey's direction of *The Taming of the Shrew*, and we hope to join the School's Music Department for a BBQ and evening of summer jazz at Glastonbury Abbey on 12th May 2012.



Furthermore, Sir John Standing will be bringing his West End production of Cole Porter songs and stories to Millfield on the night of Wednesday 22nd February,

to which all OMs are very welcome. For further information on any of the events listed, please contact Louise Lang 01458 444517 or email louiselang@millfieldschool.com.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the hard-working South West Committee: Sarah Bailey (1974-76; Day), Sarah Champion (Former Head, MPS), Nikki Della Valle (née Dennett) (1986*-94; Day) and Vince Douglas (1975-81; Day).

Oxford University Reunion Dinner

Izzy Westbury (2006-08; Martin's),
Oxford Union President, Michaelmas 2011

Thursday 10th November saw the 'Oxford Old Millfieldians' gather together for a dinner at the Oxford Union, right in the heart of the city. With two universities based around the city, we got a dozen or so to turn up from both Oxford University and our counterparts up the road at Oxford Brookes. The evening was hosted by the Headmaster, Mr Considine, despite the fact that the city's notorious one-way system meant his arrival was slightly delayed.

Nevertheless, there was a good mix from across the undergraduate years with the majority of us having left Millfield within the last three or so years – although we did have an Oxford don in the form of Professor Jotun Hein (1970; Manor Farm) to keep us all in check. After Mr Speed's initial insistence that we take the compulsory 'team photo' before we were allowed to tuck in, we were able to enjoy a delicious meal and importantly for the students among us, free-flowing wine throughout!

It was a great occasion with new acquaintances made from both universities and many past tales and anecdotes shared around the dinner table – both from the students' perspective and that of the teachers' to surprise us all. Thanks must go to Mr Considine, Mr Speed and Dr Burton for making the journey and for a very entertaining evening.



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OMS Careers Convention

Paul Kelly (Former Head of Careers and Higher Education)

The highly successful fourth Lower Sixth Old Millfieldian Careers Convention took place in June with the participation of some 30 Old Millfieldians who had generously given up their weekend to return to give presentations on a whole range of careers.

The students were able to choose from such diverse areas as Architecture and Estate Agency led by William Hulbert (1971*-77; Day) and Jack Holman (2003-05; Keen's Elm), Engineering explained by Elizabeth Fielder (1986-92; Johnson's) and Matthew Frampton (1995*-2005; Day), Diplomacy demystified by Harriet King (née Lewis) (1992-97; Warner), Psychiatry illuminated by Gianetta Rands (1971-73; Day), and the uses of IT considered by Chris Meads (1994*-2004; Shapwick) and Graham Stoddart-Stones (1962-67; Walton), who made his fourth successive appearance. The OMs imparted a little of their valuable experience in imaginative ways: Piers Doggart (1983-87; Millfield), also making his fourth appearance and using his trade mark Jaffa Cakes to explain a VAT ruling, was assisted in Law this year by Nicholas Ames (1997-2002; Orchards). Oliver Thomas (1997*-2004; Day) Emma Berryman (1999-2004; Day) invited potential medical students to guess the possible uses of a range of tubes. Sarah Gibbings (1972-74; Great House) surprised budding journalists by the modest salaries on offer, whilst their attempts to write copy on 'phoning chimps' was subject to professional criticism. In one art studio Ruth Pell (née Posnett) (1981-83; Kernick) invited a group of students to try their hand at designing body wear, whilst Anthony Dickens (1984*-93; Keen's Elm) showed the varying uses of materials and their association in another. Laura Zaky (1977*-83; Oaklands) demonstrated the commercial uses of photography and creative careers were completed by Harry Cowell (1973-76; Butleigh) and

Sandy Strallen (1969-71; St Anne's) describing the realities of the music business and dance.

The importance of hard work and self-belief were stressed by David Ruthven-Stuart (1974-79; Shapwick). Peter Jewell (1962-66; Portway) Chris Lord Smith (1966*-73; Old Rectory High Ham) fielded questions on the value of a degree and the usefulness of different subjects. John Mallett (1983-88; Orchards) stressed the importance of an agent and a comprehensive contract in professional sport, whilst Ben Little (1995-2000; Shapwick) offered some valuable work experience in his advertising and marketing consultancy. Other aspects of marketing were considered by Patrick Jordan (1975*-85; Day), with Duncan Wilde (1988*-99; Holmcroft) and Beth Morgan (1986-91; Portway) demonstrating life in the media. Daniel Driscoll (1997-2001; Day) gave an overview of the financial world whilst

entrepreneurs Andrew Foyle (1984-89; Keen's Elm) and Michael Hayman (1983-88; Joan's Kitchen) inspired students to seize any opportunity they find.

The enthusiasm of the OMs for this event and their desire to give something back to Millfield is striking. The chance meeting with Rory Chaplin (1995-2000; Joan's Kitchen) in an Oxford pub and his agreement to give a presentation on Event Management is an illustration of the way in which this convention has developed. I am grateful for all the offers made and have thoroughly enjoyed meeting all the OMs over the past four years. It is something I shall miss as I took up a new post at Wycombe Abbey in September. Gary Shayler will be running this year's convention which will be on Saturday 16th June. Please contact him at gts@millfieldschool.com or 01458 444338 if you are interested in taking part.



Front row (from left): Paul Kelly; Ben Little; Ruth Pell; Rupert Radcliffe-Genge; Andrew Foyle; Beth Morgan; Patrick Jordan; Karen Potts; Laura Zaky; Piers Doggart; Daniel Driscoll; Giles Neeve; Anthony Dickens; Duncan Wilde; Craig Considine, Headmaster

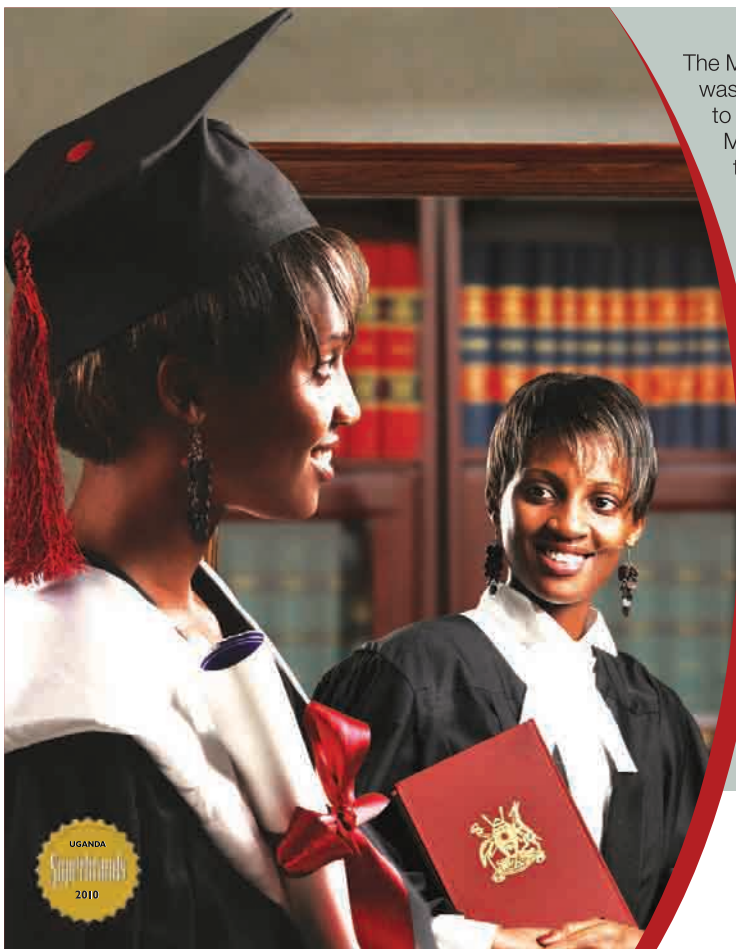
Back row (from left): Steven Statham; John Mallett; Chris Lord Smith; Harry Cowell; Pascal Rouprich

On the steps (from top): Gary Shayler; Peter Jewell; William Hulbert; Emma Berryman; Oliver Thomas; Jack Holman; David Ruthven Stuart; Nicholas Ames; Sarah Gibbings; Matthew Frampton; Elizabeth Fielder; Christopher Meads; Harriet King; Graham Stoddart-Stones; Gianetta Rands

OM Society Presentation to School Leavers

Louise Lang (née Gillett) (1995-97; Day)

The Society was delighted to address school leavers at a special presentation on 24th May. Over 200 pupils attended the evening, eager to learn how the Society could help them when they left Millfield. Introduced by the Chairman, Rod Speed, Amy Taylor (née Groves) (1992*-99; Oaklands), Chair of the London Branch, gave a passionate speech explaining why she chose to be an active member of the Society, extolling the advantages of membership of such an exclusive lifelong club and explaining what it had done to help her and her career.



The Muljibhai Madhvani Foundation is a charitable trust that was set up in 1962 on the eve of Uganda's Independence to honour the vision of the late Muljibhai Prabhudas Madhvani (14th May 1894 – 11th July 1958), the founder of the Madhvani Group, which has been one of Uganda's largest companies with investments ranging from agriculture, floriculture, packaging, steel, construction and insurance.

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OMS NEWS DIRECTORY 2011

1940-1950

SNEYD BUTCHER Elizabeth
(1943-45; The Cottage)

She had one of the earliest sponsored places at the School and has the best of memories of it. In the 50s she drove to India with three young children and taught French at Poona, and 20 years later she set up Penultimate Picture Palace with her son in Oxford.

1950-1960

BROWN Nicholas
(1958-61; Shapwick)

Married with two children and five grandsons, he practised as a Chartered Accountant, becoming senior partner at the Bath office of Moore Stephens. Now retired, he is involved with charities, golf, travel, and some work still.

PELL Rodney
(1952-54; Orchards)

Rodney is still very involved with historic ships. Not only has he been appointed as the 'Ambassador' to the Thames Estuary by National Historic Ships, a non-departmental authority which comes under the Department of Culture, Media and Sport, but he is now also the Honorary Port Officer for the Royal Harbour of Ramsgate for The Little Ship Club, assisting members sailing into Ramsgate or around the area of East Kent. Rodney would gladly welcome fellow OM boating enthusiasts aboard his vessel Sheemaun, the 2010 Flagship of the UK Historic Fleet, which is moored at Ramsgate.

VENN Malcolm
(1956-58; Joan's Kitchen)

He and his wife now live in Singleton, Western Australia close to their son, Calum: Malcolm is president of the local cricket club for which his son plays. Both he and his wife are also members of the local bowling club.

1960-1970

BALDWIN James
(1969-70; Hornblotton)

Having worked in the shipping industry for many years, both in the UK and in West Africa, he now owns a collection of companies in Africa, ranging from hotels to travel agents.

KNIGHT John
(1965-66; Millfield)

Now Professor of History at the Kennebec Valley Community College, Maine, USA, he has written in to say that although he only spent a year at Millfield it was a 'transformation time' in his life and is thankful for the memories and the education. A few years ago he was in the area and couldn't recognise the place for all the changes, including the old Quonset huts!

LARDER Peter
(1961-63; Chindit)

Peter retired in 2009 as Managing Director of the AMS Group (British Virgin Islands) and now works part-time as a trust consultant. He has three grown-up children and a grandson. He enjoys cycling and golf, and divides his year between his mountain home in South Carolina and Lymington, Hampshire.

MONNET Elizabeth (née French)
(1967-70; Grange)

After practising International Law for 30 years, she retired in 2009. She lives in Sausalito, California, with her American husband, Bill, and is writing a novel about her profession – she would welcome contact with other US-based OMs.

ROADNIGHT Bill
(1962-68; Millfield)

He has kept himself busy since retiring a few years ago by studying with the Open University and taking on the Chairmanship of the Grampian Transport Museum: he lives in Aberdeen.

1970-1979

ALLAN Elizabeth (Dr)
(1973-76; Oaklands)

She is a Consultant Radiologist in Wolverhampton.

ASTON James
(1971-73; Chindit)

He is an IT Consultant for Astonishing GmbH and has spent the past 20 years designing database systems for Swiss Financial Institutions – he lives in St. Gallen, Switzerland.

BARNES Nicola (née Townson)
(1968*-75; Great)

Still single since Tony (Barney) died in 1995, she is living happily in Devon with her two sons. She became self-employed and bought a house last year.

ELLIS H James
(1974-79; Walton)

He has written to say that he and his brothers, Robert and William, who were all at Walton under Mr Lloyd Williams in his final year, all work for the family wine business, Ellis of Richmond. His younger sister, Elizabeth, is now Mrs Thompson.

GARD David
(1969-74; Butleigh)

While teaching he started Website Design, where he specialises in online shops and business systems using a network of freelance developers. With more flexible holidays, he can enjoy tandem riding with Janet from their home in Cornwall as well as sailing and skiing; he has three children.

GILYARD Helen
(1977-79; Portway)

A qualified swimming teacher, she has retired from the police force and lives in Bradford, West Yorkshire.

SHAUL Gay (née Williams)
(1969*-76; Ashcott)

Currently living in Christchurch, Dorset, with husband, Richard, she has worked for the NHS for the past 12 years. Two daughters have flown the nest, enabling her to sail and swim the odd charity event at sea.

TAYLOR Mark
(1977-78; Day)

After four years he has finished the renovation work on the lovely house he bought in Devizes with his girlfriend. Now married to her, he has also inherited three teenagers. He works as a sales assistant.

WALLIS Simon
(1975-79; Day)

After graduating in Geology at Oxford, he did research in Germany before returning to Oxford to obtain his doctorate, thence to Japan, where he has worked in banking and academia, publishing work in German, Japanese and English. Simon was recently made a full Professor of Geology at Nagoya University and he has also been working as an adviser to the Japanese Foreign Ministry on their application to the UN for an extended continental shelf. Whilst at Oxford he became British Universities Champion in Judo, a sport he continues to practise and in which he was awarded his 4th degree black belt in 2006.

YOUNG Peter
(1970-76; Kingweston)

He continues to work for Oval Insurance Broking, a growing business in the City. His younger daughter, Stephanie, also works in the City, having graduated from Edinburgh, whilst his eldest daughter, Natalie, married Matt last year. He has recently developed a love of sailing laser dinghies, to the detriment of his golf!

1980-1989

MAJOR Dominic
(1979-85; Millfield House)

He played rugby for London Welsh, Lydney, and Aberavon before injury forced him to retire. An operations director for a plastics compounding company in Chepstow at the time, he now lives in Llandudno, North Wales,

with his second wife, Carole, where he runs a guest house with her and works as a HSE Manager for a civil engineering company in Anglesey.

MANCHAM Richard
(1977*-83; Butleigh)

He recently got in touch with Sarah Champion to share the good news that, having married Annette in 2009, he is now the proud father of a daughter, Jessica. Their family home is at Kingaroy, Queensland, where he works in the hospitality business. In Richard's words, he has never been happier. Richard is also the proud son of Sir James Mancham, former President of the Seychelles, who has recently received the 2011 Gusi Peace Prize in recognition of his statesmanship and his untiring work in promoting international peace and reconciliation.

PELL Ruth (née Posnett)
(1981-83; Kernick)

The mother of four children, the eldest at university, she is a teacher of Product Design at a secondary school in South East London.

SANDYS-LUMSDAINE Stephen
(1982-87; Walton)

He continues to work in the tea industry for McLeod Russel India Ltd, still enjoys it, and lives in Hungerford with his three beautiful children.

1990-1999

BATLEY James
(1994*-2005; Day)

The big news is that he has finally hung up his goggles, after four years of collegiate swimming at the University of Kentucky. He was due to complete his Masters degree in Public Administration in 2011 and has been working with student athletes, currently with Kentucky Basketball, the Manchester United of college basketball.

CORBY James
(1993-98; Kingweston)

After graduating in Geography at Southampton, he qualified as an accountant in 2004 and the following year moved to Bermuda. He works there as finance manager for Digicel, is still an avid, 5 handicap golfer, and has represented Bermuda at hockey.

FREEDMAN Thomas
(1995-2000; Day)

Having taken a degree at Exeter on an Army bursary, he went on to Sandhurst, and was commissioned into the Royal Greenjackets, serving for six years. His final posting was as Equerry to HRH Duchess of Cornwall, working out of Clarence House. He now works as a private banker at Kleinwort Benson. He married opera singer, Alexandra Kennedy, in August. Tom's sister, Lucy, (1995*-2002; Day) has her own design business.
www.lucyfreedmaninteriors.com

HARIBOWO Stanislaus
(1995-97; Keen's Elm)

He took his Bachelor's degree in Accounting & Finance at the University of Manchester then went to work for PricewaterhouseCoopers in Jakarta. After graduating with an MBA in Finance from the Thunderbird School of Global Management in Glendale, Arizona, in 2004, he spent the next seven years with KPMG's Risk Advisory Services group in their Phoenix, Vancouver and Singapore offices. He has recently taken up a new position as Regional Manager of Internal Audit Asia for Louis Dreyfus Commodities in Singapore.

HAWKINS Rob
(1994*-99; Day)

For eight seasons he played professional rugby for Bath after joining them from university. He signed for Leicester Tigers in 2010, is married to Sally, and has two beautiful children, Polly and Jack.

HICKSON Kerry (Dr)
(1989*-95; Warner)

After graduating at LSE, she went on to complete her Masters and her doctorate there in 2006, and is currently a lecturer in Economics at York University. She lives in London.

LOVE Mark
(1991-96; St Anne's)

Into tennis coaching since university, he set up his own company in 2002 and currently runs eight tennis venues in Surrey; he also coaches at Woldingham Girls' School. Recently he has gone into partnership to set up "My New Racket", selling top branded tennis attire. He was married in 2011, with an OM his best man.

MABERLY Clare
(1982-84; Edgarley)

She is a Chartered Occupational Psychologist in London.

MARKE Nadine (née Burton)
(1987*-96; Day)

She moved five years ago to Perth, Australia, where she is a Corporate Finance Consultant for RSM Bird Cameron. She and her husband are currently awaiting the birth of their first child.

SEERY Estefania
(1996-98; Day)

She worked briefly for the Ministry of Education in Argentina before becoming a freelance interpreter; she received her graduate diploma in Educational Policy in 2010. She has three children and lives in Capital Federal, Argentina.

SMITH Hannah (Dr)
(1997-2002; Southfields)

Following medical studies at Nottingham, and a year working and travelling in Australia, she is now a doctor at Homerton University Hospital, where she has commenced Acute Care Training.

TACK Joe
(1992-94; Keen's Elm)

Since 2001 he has lived happily in Sydney, where he currently works for a private equity firm focusing on real estate investment and development.

2000-2010

DALTON Alice
(2005-07; Witt)

After Millfield, she became a ski instructor in Canada, gaining CS1A level 1 and 2. Having graduated from the Royal Agricultural College, she intends to return to the slopes and work for an exclusive chalet business.

LOFTUS Olivia
(2006-09; Abbey)

She has moved to Wellington, New Zealand, and started her course at Victoria University in 2011.

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TRUST FUND REPORT

The OM Society has a small fund to assist young OMs, fundamentally those seeking 'to do good deeds' in third world countries or elsewhere under the auspices of responsible organisations. It is not available for extension of educational studies.

Operation Wallacea in Indonesia

Rachel Crowdy (1999-2001; Edgarley)

On the 21st June 2010, I flew out from Gatwick airport towards Buton Island, off the south-east coast of Sulawesi in Indonesia, for what would be the most awe-inspiring, enchanting and fascinating six weeks of my life. I was going on an expedition with Operation Wallacea, an organisation which runs projects in remote locations across the world, designed with specific wildlife conservation aims in mind, such as identifying areas needing protection and implementing and assessing conservation management programmes.

After four days of travelling I arrived in the village of Labundo-Bundo, the forest site, where I would spend the next two weeks. Having been introduced to the village and our Indonesian families with whom we would be living, we were informed that our first week would be focused on Jungle Training. So my group left the comfort of the village at 6.30am the next day. We waded through rivers and scrambled through the tangle of roots and vines for four hours before arriving at our 'camp' for that night, soaked to the bone and in need of a good rest. We had each been equipped with a hammock and tarpaulin and were instructed on how to rig these up between two trees. Day two was much better (no rain!). We climbed to the highest point on the island, up a fast-flowing river and almost vertical muddy paths to reach our second camp. For the remainder of the week, we were taught about the endemic and diverse species populations found in the area and the importance of managing conservation strategies and data collection techniques. My second week and final week in Labundo-Bundo was taken at a much slower pace. I was enrolled in the Wallacea Culture and Community course where we had the chance to learn about the heritage of the area and the livelihoods of the people. I then left Labundo-Bundo and made my way to Hoga, an island approximately

one mile long in the Wakatobi National Park island chain, around 15 kilometres off the coast of Buton Island. Upon arrival on Hoga, tired after the 14-hour overnight boat ride on what had become affectionately known as 'the slaveship', I was introduced to the other five people with whom I would be spending the next week. Shortly after, we were ushered onto a smaller

intimate and spiritual relationship with the sea and have incredible knowledge of its species and how to use them. The Bajo people do not speak Indonesian, but 'Bajonese', and are not Muslim like most of the people on Kaledupa (and Sulawesi as a whole) but have their own traditional Bajo religion. As such, they are a marginalised community and have tenuous relationships with



boat and taken to the neighbouring, and much larger island of Kaledupa. Unlike Hoga, which is uninhabited for 40 weeks of the year outside the OpWall season, Kaledupa has a thriving population of warm, welcoming rural-living Indonesians, making it the perfect location for the 'Wakatobi Culture, Community and Environment' course. This week's course included some of the most incredible experiences of the trip, and quite possibly, my life. Staying with a family in the small fishing village of Ambeua, I had a unique insight into rural Indonesian life on remote islands. Over the week the six of us experienced what it is like to work on a local farm, how to fish in a dugout canoe and how to prepare Indonesian food. The highlight of the week, however, came at the beginning of the week, with a trip to the Bajo village of Sampela. Bajo communities, or 'sea gypsies', live in houses built on stilts in the middle of the sea, devoid of contact with any land. They have an

the Kaledupans. The day I spent with these people flooded me with such a multitude of feelings and emotions that I had not expected, I was quite blown away. I will certainly never forget that day.

At the end of the week on Kaledupa, we said our sad farewells to our host families and were taxied back to Hoga. Staying in one of the many OpWall huts on the island, my time that week was filled with the Coral Reef Ecology course. The final week there was the least eventful of my time with OpWall due to some tropical bacteria preventing me from doing much. The time I spent in Indonesia with Operation Wallacea was absolutely incredible and the experiences I have had will last me my lifetime. I would like to say the biggest thank you possible as without the generous donation from the OM Society, this honestly would not have been possible. So thank you very, very much.

Obituaries

by Barry Hobson (Former Tutor and Archivist)

It is with deep regret that we report the deaths of the following Old Millfieldians and former members of staff.

Peter E Bush (1941-42; Millfield)

Peter F Coburn (1954-58; Millfield)

Mrs Anne M A Duncan (1948-80;
Former Staff)

Charles C H Eyles (1967*-73;
Kingweston)

Desmond J V Fitzgerald, Knight of
Glin (1950-51; Millfield)

W B "Bill" Flynn (1964-69;
Glaston Tor)

Mrs M Yo Hill (1958-87;
Former Staff)

Mrs A Cleo Jackson (1965-93;
Former Staff)

R A G Jackson (1949-53;
Kingweston)

Mrs E Gwen Laver (1959-75;
Former Staff)

James D Lewis (2001-03; Shapwick)

Miss Brenda Ludgate (1954*-56 and
1962-65; Day and 1968-71; Former
Staff)

Miss Ruth Ludgate (1962; Day)

Ibrahim Makele (1982-84;
Etonhurst)

Ian D Martin (1953-54; Kingweston)

**The Hon H Jane McClintock-
Bunbury** (1959-60; Wraxleigh)

John Miskin (1941-46; Millfield)

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Alexander O Mosley (1955-56;
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R M "Bob" Nicholls (1945-46;
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Peter M Roebuck (1968-73; Day)

S Brian Smart (1950-52;
Kingweston)

Ryan J Southgate (1990*-97; Day)

Paul Stamp (1996*-2002;
Joan's Kitchen)

Allen Synge (1944-48; Millfield)

Graham Turner (1981-94;
Former Staff)

C Eric Westwell (1980-88;
Former Staff)

Mrs Joan E Westwell (1980-88;
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Mrs Jean A Wilkinson (1966-2002;
Former Staff)

Peter E Bush (1941-42; Millfield) came to Millfield to gain his School Certificate, which he did, after attending Repton 1937-39, and Clifton College 1939-40. His son, Simon, informed us that his father died of cancer on 9th June 2011, and his funeral was held at St Adeline's Church, Little Sodbury, Gloucestershire. He had reached his 87th birthday on 25th April.

Peter F Coburn (1954-58; Millfield) was among the first of the leading Millfield amateur golfers, captaining the School team in 1958-59, which included two future Ryder Cup players, Malcolm Gregson and Brian Barnes, as well as fellow prefect, David Brown, also to become a professional player. Peter was a good cricketer as well, batting no 1 and skippering the Senior Colts, before choosing full-time golf. Moving on, he trained as an insurance

broker in Manchester. Transferring to London he met and married his wife, Anne, in 1974. While living in Leicestershire he captained Rothley Park Golf Club and played for the county, as well as organising the Old Millfieldian team for competitions. Finally he and Anne made their family home at Hurstpierpoint with their two daughters. Peter died, aged 70, after a period in hospital, in November 2010, tragically four days before Anne's death. We thank OM Mike Birchall and his wife Julie for giving this sad news.

Mrs Anne M A Duncan (1948-80; Former Staff) was an outstanding member of the English Department for 34 years. She had wanted to train as an architect but her father would only support her through Oxford University if she read History. RJOM persuaded her to use her talents at Millfield where it

was most needed in 1948. Her husband, Dugal, also joined the teaching staff but left in 1956 to start his own school in Wells. From then on Anne made her way to Street on the local bus, being well-known for correcting pupils' work during the journey, and never teaching in first period in the morning. She was admired also for her pupils' reports, especially those at half-term; for the latter each pupil had a printed form with spaces for the various subjects. English was at the top and Anne frequently spread down into the lower sections, Divinity and History suffering most. As a most engaging communicator she was able to disarm protestors with ease. She was Mayoress of Wells beside her husband and after his death she continued to live alone in their home, Beaumont House, a large Georgian mansion. This led to her researching

the history of the Beaumont family which she hoped to get into print. As she had left Millfield before the founder of the 21 Club relented and permitted women to join, it was not until 1992 that the Committee realised that she had never been invited to the annual Christmas Dinner. Thus she became the oldest member and enjoyed joining the diners at the feast and other events. She continued to look after herself until a comparatively short time before her death, aged 96, on 30th June 2011. She had planned her own funeral service at St Cuthbert's Church, Wells, using the old English form of words and splendid choir.

Charles C H Eyles (1967*-73; Kingweston), perhaps better remembered as Charlie, was a dedicated golfer from the time he joined Edgarley, becoming the Preparatory Schools Champion in each of the two years he was there. Moving to Millfield he found a place in the School team with his elder brother, Richard, who was to become captain in 1971. The following year Charlie directly succeeded to the captaincy, the year in which the team won the English section of the Aer Lingus Championships. Again, following Richard, he was selected for the Public Schools team to tour the USA. Although golf was the centre of his life, he was an all-round athlete, representing Kingweston at most games, and a house prefect. His brother Richard informed us of Charlie's death in 2011.

Desmond J V Fitzgerald, Knight of Glin (1950-51; Millfield) had not been accepted by Eton at the age of 13, but a year later, with a skilful nudge from Millfield, he joined Stowe. Unhappy there, he moved to Canada, to complete his schooling and to read English and Literature at the University of British Columbia. His interests in art and architecture led to an appointment at the Victoria and Albert Museum and presidency of the Irish Georgian Society. He was awarded with an honorary doctorate by Trinity College, Dublin. He was diagnosed with throat cancer in 2010 and died on 15th September 2011.

W B "Bill" Flynn (1964-69; Glaston Tor) joined the police force in 1978 and, after six years' service in Britain, transferred to the Queensland force in 1986, becoming an Australian

citizen. After 15 further years' service he was awarded the National Medal. Deciding to try his hand in politics, he was selected by the One Nation Party to stand for election to the Queensland Legislative Assembly. He was duly successful. Sadly we have been told that Bill died on 23rd April 2011.

Mrs M Yo Hill (1958-87; Former Staff) from Morrision, South Wales, came to Somerset with her science teacher husband, Sid, in 1950. Living at first in Edgarley Mews they moved to a large house, "Rotherslade", on Somerton Road, where they were joined at first by Yo's mother, Mrs Harris, and sister, Moira. Soon it was suggested that they could "billet" some boys, and Yo gained experience of sharing her home with other than family. More were to follow. In 1959 she and Sid were asked to take on "Joan's Kitchen", which had been bought from Joan Cox.



Plans were already made in high places to continue to board boys there while using its large dining room and kitchen facilities to provide daily lunch for some of the more distant boys' houses, thus saving the cost of sending the boys to and from by coach. It would end when the new central dining hall was built. The latter opened in 1972, Yo having run the JK lunch club for 10 years, and brought up her two children, Nigel and Verity. Sid was nominally in charge, even after the boarding element ceased, but his teaching and his commission to improve the School rugby fixture list gave him little opportunity to interfere in the catering. He came into his own again with the return to normality as a boarders' school house. It grew in size with the gift by a grateful parent of the next door house, but Yo had more time to follow her own interests, especially in local drama and music. With their combined retirement in 1987, Yo and Sid moved to their own house and were fortunate to have their children close by. Sadly after many happy years Sid's health broke down so that he needed

nursing in a care home and Yo was diagnosed as having lung cancer in 2008. After a long struggle against it she died on 14th September 2011, five days short of her 83rd birthday.

Mrs A Cleo Jackson's (1965-93; Former Staff) husband, a Cambridge University athletics "blue" who changed direction from farming to teaching and applied for a job at Millfield and brought his wife along for the interview with Boss, who engaged her as well. Cleone, her real name, was a science graduate from University College, Bangor and was a research student in Agriculture at Cambridge when they met. She became an invaluable member of the science team, with particular skills in helping those pupils with interests in gaining entry to agricultural colleges. With the steady growth of the Young Ladies Community, the YLC, later to be "The Girls", there was need for a day house, which became so large that it was divided in two, one of which Cleo became Housemistress in 1975, running it expertly for 15 years. She had two OM daughters of her own. In retirement she lived on in her home at West Pennard, attending OM and 21 Club functions regularly. Unhappily she died, after a fall, on 3rd August 2011, aged 82.

R A G Jackson's (1949-53; Kingweston) widow Marsha told us that he had excelled only at sport while he was at Millfield. Our rather sketchy records of that period show that Robin was rewarded with 2nd XI colours at both cricket and hockey, that he represented his house, Kingweston, at fencing along with J R Leon, aka John Standing, the well known actor, gained a goodly number of O-levels and he passed the Certificate A Exam in the CCF, which at that time was an asset when one was about to be called for National Service. It can be no surprise that he had a very successful career.

Peter S Jones (1959-63; Portway) elder son of Millfield's greatest supporter in Wales, Dr Jones of Llanelli, was one of those remarkable people categorised as an all-rounder. Determination took him first to the front row of the 1st XV scrum, and, when required moved to the back row. His batsmanship gained him 2nd XI colours, while his skill with the foil found him a place in a good fencing team. He was selected to be

No 2 Prefect in Portway when it first opened, and a lot of hard work found him rewarded with a place at Trinity Hall, Cambridge. Peter's death was reported by his son, Oliver.

Mrs E Gwen Laver (1959-75; Former Staff) was a member of the administrative staff throughout the period of Millfield's main expansion, when changes in organisation were a regular feature of school life. She had a splendid reputation for imperturbable efficiency in all situations. Connected by marriage to the School, her mother-in-law was Mme Laver, teacher of French at Edgarley, while husband, Tony, ran the School's accredited taxi firm, meant she had a wide inside knowledge of what made Millfield tick. Gwen died on 18th June 2011, aged 83.

James D Lewis (2001-03; Shapwick) sadly died as the result of a nocturnal epileptic fit on 27th May 2011.

Miss Brenda Ludgate (1954*-56 and 1962-65; Day and 1968-71; Former Staff) aged 8, arrived with her family in Glastonbury in 1954 and was a pupil at Edgarley for two years. Her mother was teaching there and housing some boys from the School while her father became Head of Religious Studies at Millfield. In 1956 Brenda joined her elder sister, Ruth, at Bruton School for Girls. In 1962, they both moved to Millfield, Ruth for two terms only, while Brenda who had already passed English A-level and numerous O-levels, continued her studies, adding A-level French and Art to her tally. This took her to Edinburgh University where she graduated with a General MA in 1968. Millfield called and she joined the English department, teaching to O-level before studying for an Educational Diploma at St John's College, York in 1971-72. Moving into the state system she taught in London for four years before answering another call, this time from RJOM himself, who wanted her to help him set up a companion school in Athens and, subsequently, four years later, St Lawrence College, where she became Deputy Head. When Boss became too ill to continue his work, it was Brenda who handed the school over to its new managers. Returning to England she joined Bryanston School and set up a new family home with her mother in Dorset. After a long, distinguished

service to the school she died in July 2011.

Miss Ruth Ludgate (1962; Day) died just before Christmas 2010. Like her younger sister, Brenda, she was born in Egypt. Her father and mother decided to leave and return to Britain when Colonel Nasser led a successful revolution.

Ibrahim Makele (1982-84; Etonhurst) whose father was a federal minister in Nigeria, and an administrator at the University of Lagos, was sent to Millfield to complete his schooling. Colin Atkinson, then Headmaster, had made a number of visits to Nigeria and had been made an honorary education adviser to the government, and as a result a number of excellent scholars had been recruited. Joining Etonhurst, Ibrahim first made his mark as a footballer, keeping goal for the 2nd XI. In his second year he was promoted to prefect while he



gained entrance to Sussex University to read Law. Graduating in 1988 he followed this with a Masters at Bristol in 1990 and, subsequently, a call to the English Bar. He then gained a second Masters in Madrid. He worked as an in-house lawyer at GEC Wintarthur and AXA. Sadly he died, aged just 44, on 21st June 2010.

Ian D Martin (1953-54; Kingweston) joined Millfield from his home in Uruguay for one year. He played rugby, notably for his house. After leaving Millfield, he worked on farms in the UK, Uruguay, Argentina, and ended up as general farm manager for Brooke Bond Liebigs in Paraguay, with large scale beef, dairy and cropping activities. He retired to Uruguay in 1997. His wife, June, kindly informed us that Ian had died at home on 13th July 2011, after a long battle with lung disease.

The Hon H Jane McClintock-Bunbury (1959-60; Wraxleigh) who was married to Callum MacLeod, died after a short battle with cancer in

Auckland, New Zealand, on 1st June 2011. She had joined Millfield at a time when the School polo team's excellent performances were being publicised in the national press. As a member of an Irish family steeped in racing history she was soon involved in Captain Hern's ménage. Its contacts with hunting and point-to-point racing may well have affected her decision to aim for a career in horse-racing and breeding thoroughbreds in particular. Success came first in New Zealand after she had made her way initially to Australia as a groom in 1962. She worked for several bloodstock agencies, before becoming an independent breeder and owner.

John Miskin (1941-46; Millfield) who died in October 2010, was one of Millfield's early outstanding successes. RJOM was convinced that it was important for young people suffering from impairments of one sort or another to enter schools where they might mix with everyone else so that they would not feel rejected. John, who suffered from cerebral palsy, wrote later about the influence, Mrs Elmith Sankey, RJOM's aunt, had upon him. "She was a marvellous teacher. It was she who kindled in me the aspiration to learn, a desire to explore. She had the rare ability to inspire a sense of wonder and poetry in us. For her, art was never an isolated discipline: it involved history, science, mathematics, literature and religion. I, for one, will never forget the debt that I owe to her for opening my mind." John became a successful and recognised artist. His widow, Yvonne, kindly informed us of his passing.

Mrs Moira Mogford (1988-93; Former Staff) much loved Houseparent of Chestnut House, Edgarley, from 1988 to 1993, died on 19th July 2011, from a heart attack. She had suffered from poor health for a long time. We send sympathy and good wishes to husband, Julian, and their two OM children Andrew and Victoria.

Alexander O Mosley (1955-56; Orchards) was the elder of two brothers who came to Millfield at the same time, and who was a house prefect. We heard from Michael Dent that Alexander died from cancer in September 2005.

R M "Bob" Nicholls (1945-46; Millfield), a Bristolian, was educated in Tiverton before transferring to Millfield which had a wide reputation for helping

potential entrants to the Royal Navy. He joined Dartmouth as a cadet in 1945, the start of a career which took him to the Palestine Conflict in 1946, the Korean War, 1950, and the Malayan Emergency. He was sent by the Navy to the School of Oriental and African Languages in London to be followed by intelligence work. In 1968 he transferred to the Royal Australian Navy where his knowledge of Chinese was of supreme importance. Bob subsequently moved to the Joint Intelligence Organisation, retiring as Lieutenant Commander in 1984. He died on 10th March 2011, aged 83.

Stephen P Parry (1971-74) came with his elder brother, Edwin to Millfield. His main interests were in country pursuits, farming and riding in particular. He became vice-captain of riding and had a number of successes. He was also a house prefect.

Peter M Roebuck (1968-73; Day) Peter's untimely death led to outpourings of press sorrow and speculation regarding the loss to cricket of its finest writer. To Millfield he is a legend, a boy of 14 tucked on the end of the 1969 1st XI photograph and 16



years later Captain of Somerset. His parents, teachers in Bath, recognised Peter had special ability and wrote to Boss about him joining Edgarley in 1967. Eventually he moved straight to Millfield in 1968, accompanied by his parents, who joined the staff. Peter excelled as a bowler, but "lost it" and developed his batting. He became the regular "opener" for School, Cambridge University and Somerset. At Cambridge he scored a century in his first Varsity match and gained First-Class Honours in Law. Leaving the county game in 1988, he developed as a cricket critic, but returned to lead Devon to four Minor Counties Championships. Becoming Australian he continued to write and broadcast wherever cricket was played.

S Brian Smart (1950-52; Kingweston)

son of a well-known St Ives artist, Borlase Smart, came to Millfield after completing his National Service in the Royal Air Force. A keen rugby player he was a skilful wing-forward and an invaluable member of the 1951 Millfield 1st XV which won 14 of its 15 matches. Subsequently he set up a building company based in Leicester, but on retirement he returned to his native Cornwall. Brian died in Penzance on New Year's Eve, 2010.

Ryan J Southgate (1990*-97; Day) died on 11th February 2011, after a long battle with cancer.

Paul Stamp (1996*-2002; Joan's Kitchen) died in Bangkok on 5th July 2011. His brother, Alex, informed us of this sad news.

Allen Synge (1944-48; Millfield) came to Millfield to pass the entry exam to Stowe, but, having failed, stayed on to gain excellent results. A good games player, he captained the cricket XI in 1948. We have been told recently that he died in March 2007, after a stroke.

Graham Turner (1981-94; Former Staff) was a History teacher at Edgarley Hall for 13 years and a keen hockey coach. He settled in Martock where he was a very active member of the community. A memorial service was held in the beautiful All Saints Church on 20th June 2011.

C Eric Westwell (1980-88; Former Staff) carried out his National Service in the Royal Navy, teaching sailors to use radar, before going to University College, Oxford, to read Science. After graduating he went back to teaching, this time in different circumstances at Radley College. His next move was more dramatic, for he went by ship to Kenya to teach Physics at the Prince of Wales School near Nairobi at about the time that the Mau Mau emergency was starting. After three years he transferred to another boarding school, The Duke of York's, to be Deputy Headmaster and Housemaster. He held these posts, as well as teaching and coaching games for the next 25 years. He was a very good games player himself, representing Kenya at rugby football alongside the late Peter Mills of Ashcott House. He enjoyed cricket too, but golf, of course, was his metier. Having to retire from overseas service at the age of 55 he followed the lead of several former colleagues and

applied to Millfield, fortuitously just at the time that Kingweston needed a new housemaster. Eric and Jean gladly accepted the offer and settled in for a rewarding eight years. Not surprisingly, Eric found time to take charge of school golf and to play a few rounds himself with the staff golf society. Retiring for the second time in 1988 they stayed in Somerset and kept in touch with the School and with other old Kenyan "hands" in the area. After some 20 years both Jean and Eric had to face serious decline, and in January 2011, died within a fortnight of each other.



Mrs Joan E Westwell (1980-88; Former Staff) moved directly from Nairobi to Kingweston when she and her husband, Eric, were appointed as houseparents by Colin Atkinson. Fortunately she had long experience of running a boys' boarding house, though the conditions were startlingly different. Millfield had long practice at welcoming teachers and their families from Kenya, so the experience was not too traumatic. Kingweston was a happy place under her care. After some years of retirement in South Somerset, Joan's health began to fail and, after a spell in care, she moved to Surrey where she died on 4th January 2011.

Mrs Jean A Wilkinson (1966-2002; Former Staff) was busy bringing up her three children and carrying out the duties of a Methodist minister's wife when her husband, Tom, joined Millfield as a part-time tutor in 1962. She cannot have ever thought that they would themselves, four years later, be in charge of some 60 boys at Kingweston where it was not long before her care and understanding of their needs found both boys and domestic servants consulting her for advice on their individual problems. In spite of its distance from the main school, and some lack of facilities, it continued to be a popular house and

it was with great sadness that they decided, as Tom had not been well, to retire from Kingweston after 12 years in 1978. They set up a new home in Ashcott village where Jean could prevent Tom from overworking, which he was liable to do as School Chaplain and Head of Religious Studies. He was having to accept that his beloved golf course was no longer outside the front door. After two years it was not entirely surprising that when Jean was asked by Colin Atkinson if she would consider opening and running a new house for girls, Acacia, that she accepted, with Tom's full approval. Eight happy years followed in the

centre of Millfield life and Jean became even more involved when a vacancy appeared for a trained nurse to run the School surgery. Leaving Acacia she returned to her original profession, sharing the duties with a close friend and colleague, another SRN, Margaret Ford. Tom retired first in 1994, but was persuaded to become Acting Chaplain at Edgarley for some years, and they created another new home in Street where Jean could still keep an eye on Millfield and Tom. The latter was extremely difficult as he was showered with requests for help from local churches and from Old Millfieldians, for whom he was virtually Ambassador

to the Gulf States. Tragically his earlier heart problem returned and, when offered a risky operation, he accepted and died shortly afterwards. This was in December 2008 and Jean was devastated as she had not wanted the operation to go ahead. The wonderful partnership was broken. Her solace came in working for other people and she chose to help in the Brunel Care Home in Glastonbury where she already knew some of the patients as old friends. She herself fell ill and had to give up her final calling. Jean died a few weeks later on 25th February 2011, aged 78.

Tree Planting Ceremony in Memory of **Jean Wilkinson**

Rod Speed (1964-66; Day), former Kingweston Housemaster



On Friday 9th September, around 50 people, including the Headmaster, family, friends and OMs, gathered in front of Kingweston House to witness the planting of an Acacia tree in memory of Jean Wilkinson, a larger than life figure who, along with her late husband Tom, played such a prominent role in the life of Millfield; see obituary above.

Many present travelled from far afield, Richard Smith (1970-76; Kingweston) even coming all the way from Dubai. Gwynne Brindley reminded us all of the legend that was Jean with some lovely reminiscences in a speech that encapsulated all of her wonderful qualities. Her son, Paul (1968*-77; Kingweston), formally planted the tree in a prominent position in front

of Kingweston House. Everyone then retired to the house dining room to enjoy refreshments provided by one of Jean's greatest fans, Martin Craigs (1969-74; Kingweston). It was a memorable occasion and fitting that the sun shone on us and the rain clouds kept away.

Launch of the Old Millfieldian Property Club

Louise Lang (née Gillett) (1995-97; Day)

Thursday 8th December 2011 saw the launch of the OM Property Club at an inaugural luncheon held at 86 St James in London. Over 50 property professionals came together for this event – including developers, investors, estate agents and architects – and enjoyed a session of valuable business networking and reminiscing; the perfect package!

The aim of the Club is to bring together like-minded OM property professionals and those in complementary services, to stimulate business, conversation and opportunity, and to create a convivial networking group of Millfield School alumni.

Ed Finlay (1993-97; Butleigh), Steven Thomas (1982*-89; St Anne's) and Simon Whitehead (1984*-93; Keen's Elm), the enthusiastic OMs spearheading the group, look forward to holding two to three seasonal 'gala' events per year, supported by regular

London-based networking breakfasts.

'It is hoped that the group evolves a more regular networking "power" breakfast', explains co-organiser Steven. 'This will be perfect for those wanting to really advertise and seek out new business.'

The group also has a LinkedIn profile, and any OM working in the world of property is encouraged to join, 'chat' and keep connected. Having a virtual profile is important, allowing the Club to keep current and maintain communications with its international members, of which there are many.

Engaging with our professional OMs is vital and not only allows us to find out what OMs are doing and how we can help them, but also how they can help the School and young members of the Society in terms of career advice, work experience and internship opportunities. Helping to link up talented recent leavers with OM businesses and employers is a

win-win service that the Society looks to facilitate. With the support and vision of the Development Office, we look forward to developing more industry-specific networking groups, ranging from finance and law, to medicine and the arts. Anyone interested in helping to establish a group, or be involved at some level, should contact Louise Lang 01458 444517 louiselang@millfieldschool.com

Thanks to Ed, Steven and Simon for helping the Society and Development Office to organise this event, and to their respective companies Maple and Black, CLP Structured Finance and Simon Whitehead Architects for sponsoring the welcome drinks.

For details of future events, please join the OM Property Club mailing list by contacting Louise Lang. Join the LinkedIn Property Group at: http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=4127041&trk=hb_side_g



OMS Online

Hayley Thompson (1997*-2005; Warner)

facebook

New member requests have come in throughout the year for the **Old Millfieldian Society Facebook Group**, bringing the current number of members to over 3,000. OMs have been utilising ‘the wall’ to post their comments and questions to the group, with topics ranging from work to Millfield memories.

Photo albums have allowed for Facebook users to see developments taking place on the School grounds and view highlights of OM Society events and activities happening throughout the year. Also of benefit, is the opportunity to keep abreast of upcoming OM Society events, with updates sent to users ahead of time, and follow-up made possible post-event.

How to join the Old Millfieldian Society Facebook Group, if you’re not already a member:

Three easy steps:

1. Create a Facebook account and profile.
2. Search ‘Old Millfieldian Society’.
3. Once found, click button on group page ‘join’.

You’ll find yourself connected in no time at all!



LinkedIn

Also of interest to the computer savvy, is the **Millfield School Alumni Group** on the popular professional networking site called LinkedIn. This site allows you to create a profile, highlighting your work experience and interests, while also searching and connecting with others.

As one would expect, there is no ‘typical’ OM, so the professions and industries represented, as well as the parts of the world that group members cover, are vast and interesting. As well as viewing other people’s profiles on LinkedIn, you can also post comments on the group page and send messages to individuals. Recently, we’ve noticed that this group has increasingly acted as a discussion platform for OMs moving to another part of the UK, or the world, to connect with OMs in that area.

Members of the **Millfield School Alumni Group on LinkedIn** currently total almost 700, with the group expected to grow, as the site continues to expand and connect professionals worldwide.

How to join the Millfield School Alumni Group on LinkedIn, if you’re not already tapping into the network:

Three easy steps:

1. Create a LinkedIn account and profile.
2. Search under groups for ‘Millfield School Alumni’.
3. Once found, click button ‘join group’.

Connect away!

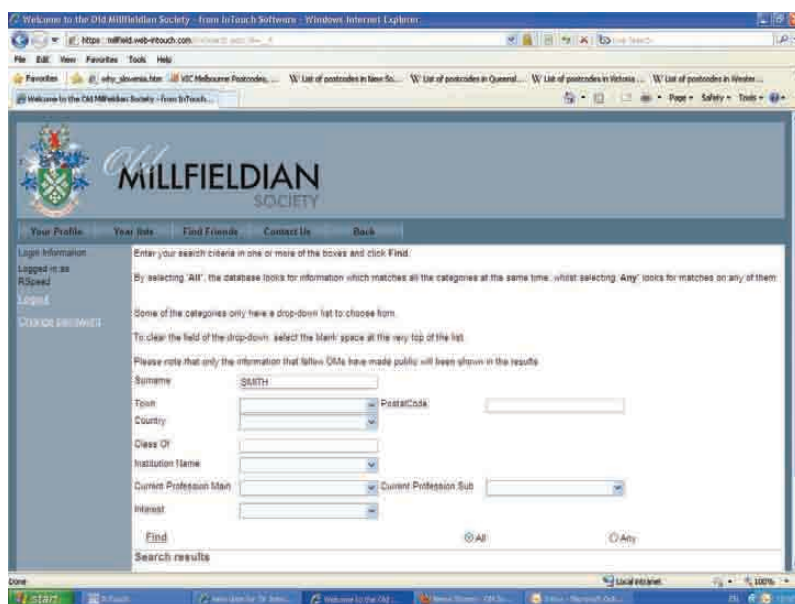


OMS Website

making it work for you

Lost touch with an old school friend called John Smith? No problem! Here's a step-by-step guide to putting that right:

1. Log on to the OMS website www.omsociety.com
2. Click on the MY SOCIETY link at the top of the page.
3. Enter your Username and Password in the boxes on the left of the page and click 'log in' underneath (if you don't know your username or password, just email the OMS office).
4. Click the YOUR PROFILE tab to check that your own details are correct and up to date. Please use EDIT so that you can tick a box which allows your email address and any other details to be seen by others!
5. Click on the FIND FRIENDS tab, type SMITH in the surname box, press FIND and wait for the results table to appear. If the SMITH you are searching for has a box with an envelope icon, it indicates that he has, like you,



6. If Mr Smith has not made his address public, the Society Office will be happy to send him an email on your behalf.
- You can of course use other criteria for searches – you can even search for OMs in your TOWN or COUNTRY or a certain PROFESSION, as long as they have released that information. So please tick that DISCLOSE box on your own record as much as possible!

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It is our aim to significantly reduce our number of paper mailings this year, and to enable us to do this, we need your help. Please contact us with your up to date email address, so that we can send things electronically to you, thus cutting down on paper usage and reducing our carbon footprint.

Don't worry, it is still our intention to send you your annual Chronicle as a hard copy magazine unless you specify otherwise and, of course, Chronicle can be viewed online at www.omsociety.com



All other notices, updates and invitations to events will be sent via email, so it is very important that we have your current email address. We will endeavour to target mailings to interest groups, so if you want to add a few words about what you're doing now and what interests and excites you, this will help us build accurate profiles and ensure you receive relevant mailings.

Please therefore email us at office@omsociety.com – we're looking forward to hearing from you!

Two Schools' News

Kate Rance Publicity Officer



Millfield Preparatory School had an excellent year in 2010-11 which saw Shirley Shayler, the School's new Headmistress, settle in and become well established as part of the School community. Mrs Shayler is no stranger to Millfield, having previously taught Biology at the Senior School from 1989 until 2002. Her husband, Gary Shayler, is Head of Careers at the Senior School.

There have been many outstanding academic achievements by our pupils this year. The UK Junior Maths Challenge saw Year 4 pupil Max French achieve a Silver Standard four years ahead of his age group and Year 8 pupil Yuu Kurihara win a Gold certificate. Year 5 pupils won their heat in the National Science Inter-School Quiz Championship and the School

were overall winners at the IAPS Chess Championships.

A further highlight of the year was a visit from the NASA STS-133 Space Shuttle Crew, made possible by a connection with Chris Stott (1982-88; Etonhurst), an OM whose wife was one of the Crew. Our pupils were enthralled to meet real life astronauts and asked them many questions, including: Why do you wear orange suits? How do you spend your free time up there? And what is the food like?

Millfield continues to instil in pupils the importance of being part of a friendly and caring school. In 2011 Prep pupils adopted a giant panda called Zhu Xiong and raised a staggering £10,732 for a variety of local and national causes including the Red Cross Pakistan Appeal and Guide

Dogs for the Blind.

Drama, music, art and design and technology continue to be key areas that the School flourishes in. Millfield Prep pupils joined forces with Millfield to perform a Joint Choral Concert which was the first joint music performance of its kind for the School. The Drama department created many of their own productions and performed Honk!, a modern twist on the Ugly Duckling story and in Art, Pre-Prep pupils visited the Atkinson Gallery to view the work of portraitist Adam Birtwhistle and then created their own portraits in his style.

Sport at the Prep School has seen a terrific year. At the National Athletics Finals, 18 pupils qualified and three gained medals in javelin, 800m and shot. In Cricket, Millfield Prep had 15

Somerset County age-group players and the Under-11 Eight-a-Side team won both their County and Regional competitions before coming third in the National event. Luke Hammond won the AEGON U12 British Junior National Tennis Championships and is ranked no.1 in the country at under 12 level. The Swimming team became the overall top school at the National IAPS Swimming Finals, with the Girls team winning for the 26th consecutive year.

Finally, a thank you must go to three retiring members of staff who have given a total of 66 years to Millfield Prep: Mr Tim Harris, Mrs Caroline Saunders and Mrs Jenny Jones.

Millfield Senior School has seen another excellent year in 2010-11. Pupils have been at the forefront of everything we do and it is impossible to encapsulate in one article all the outstanding academic, co-curricular and community achievements that have taken place at the School during the year.

Exam results have been strong with the A-Level pass rate reaching 99.38%. 243 pupils took a range of 34 different subjects with 71% of pupils gaining entry into their first choice of university with a further 13% gaining entry to second choices. Millfield pupils typically go on to a diverse range of universities and colleges. This year has been no exception with pupils accepting places at 60 UK institutions and 13 US universities, amongst others. GCSE results were also strong with over 91% of all entries (GCSE and IGCSE) graded A* - C. Particularly pleasing was the number of A* grades which increased to over 18%; 34 pupils achieved 10 or more A* - A grades. 55% of BTEC Art pupils achieved a triple distinction – the top grade with pupils securing highly-competitive places at leading Art institutions. Notably Joren Heise enrolled to study architecture at Sheffield University and Poppy Pritchard-Barrett has accepted a place at London College of Fashion to study footwear design.

There have been many new initiatives this year including the successful implementation of a Year 9 programme. This has given the Year 9s an opportunity to form closer bonds as a year group, develop their own character through a camping experience and programme of personal and social educational workshops. We have also seen the successful transition of day boys into two houses (there were three) with their own physical 'house', once again recognising the needs of this very

important group in our community.

The Millfield Activities Programme (MAP) continues to offer the unusual combination of the traditional and unique experiences for our pupils. The Dirac Club, open to our most able Lower Sixth Physics pupils, has challenged beyond the confines of an A-level syllabus, developing ideas on theoretical physics as well as experiments and engineering.

In another new MAP, pupils



spent over 100 hours putting their engineering skills to the test by assembling a Caterham sports car kit (pictured above). This MAP has been such a triumph that a new car has been ordered for September so a whole new crew can apply lessons learnt this year.

We endeavour to ensure that our pupils develop resilience, hopefulness and positive belief in their own ability and the community around them. This year, pupils have raised over £12,000 for The Teenage Cancer Trust. There has been a fantastic pupil and staff response to this year's Charity appeal as the Teenage Cancer Trust has struck a chord with many and the committee members' capacity to rally their peers has been motivating.

270 musicians from across all three Millfield Schools joined forces for the performance of Mozart's Requiem. The singers gave a powerful and moving performance with a professional orchestra made up almost entirely of Millfield Staff. This was but one of 46 concerts which were held at Millfield during the year including the inaugural concert by Millfield's newly appointed String Consultant So-Ock Kim in the International Artists Series.

This year saw Millfield named as Independent School of the Year by School Sports Magazine. This was recognition not just of our elite teams' performances but of the overall standing

and ethos of sport in the School.

Continuing Millfield's proud sporting tradition, our Junior Cricketers were absolutely outstanding at the start of the year in winning the Tavernors U15 Championship as well as the National One Day competition for their age group. Our swimmers achieved 5th place overall at the National Youth and National Age Championships and our golfers won the World Schools Challenge for the third time in succession.

Four of our U16 Rugby players achieved selection for England as did two of the 1st XV. 2010 was a pioneering year for Millfield as six pupils were invited to join the first British youth Bobsleigh team for the inaugural 2012 Winter Youth Olympics in Austria in January 2012 and in a fantastic celebration of sport throughout the School, the year saw the initiation of the Millfield Sports Awards. Laura Myers was recognised for the most prestigious award as the 'Spirit of Millfield Sports Pupil of the Year'.

We have had several staff leaving after many years' service, all of whom have made a huge contribution to life at Millfield School. Of particular note are Mr John Hill and Mr John Rix, retiring from the teaching staff after 31 and 21 years of service respectively. We owe them a huge debt of gratitude for their excellence in teaching, coaching and caring for the Millfieldians they have come into contact with. Professor Norman Golding also retires from his post as Director of Fencing after 30 years at Millfield. Paul Kelly's 23 years at Millfield belie his youthful looks and David Hacker, former Olympian, Head of Boys' Hockey and Houseparent leaves us after 13 years of outstanding service.

Chairman's Summer BBQ at the Green Olive, Chobham

Louise Lang (née Gillett) (1995-97; Day)

On Sunday 24th July over 50 OMs gathered for the annual Old Millfieldian Society Chairman's Summer BBQ – thanks to the generosity of Leo Charmantas (1972-76; Mill House) and his wife Annalise.

A beautiful sunny day allowed us to enjoy welcome drinks followed by a sumptuous Grecian feast on the restaurant's terrace. Last year our attempts at alfresco dining were sadly thwarted, but this year the weather gods were smiling, as we indulged in sun-ripened olives, homemade hummus, aromatic spit-roasted lamb, fresh red berries and honey-drizzled pastries. This was all washed down with a selection of fine wines and fizz of course; an important



Mark Moulard, John Khodayeki, David Lewis, JHD, Leo Charmantas, David Fairchild, Chris Dacey

component of any OM reunion!

The day was one of relaxed reminiscence, and especially so for our esteemed Secretary, John Davies, who in a previous life, was also Houseparent of Mill House. He was delighted to reunite with several 'Old Millhousians',

(see photo), some of whom he had not seen since the day they left.

Thanks once again to Leo for hosting this event in the Chobham Green Olive. Please do visit www.green-olive.co.uk for further information on his trio of establishments.

Polo Reunion at Guards Polo Club

Louise Lang (née Gillett) (1995-97; Day)



Despite Millfield being one of the first ever UK schools to have its own Polo Team, it has taken the Society a little longer to organise its first Polo Day... but it was well worth the wait! Thanks to the inspiration and hard work of Board member and organiser Judith Balding (1970-73; Southfield), over 50 Society members, together with the Headmaster and his wife, Penny, enjoyed a fabulous day out at the exclusive Guards Polo Club, Windsor Great Park on Sunday 22nd May.

After an arrival Pimm's, members indulged in an excellent three-course

lunch in the private Stick Room, before venturing onto the stands for the first match. Although there were a few regular polo-goers amongst us, Judith wisely gave a quick run-through of the rules, ensuring that even the uninitiated were able to follow the basics of the game... and what a game it was!

After the match, and as tradition dictates, spectators were encouraged to 'tread in' the divots; the closest most of us will ever get to being on a polo field! However, during the course of the afternoon it came to light that we did indeed have a former Millfield polo player in our midst, Vince Douglas (1975-81; Day) seated front right in the photograph, who remembered fondly his days on horseback on the fields at Kingweston. Although admitting to it being a schoolboy enthusiasm as opposed to a professional career aim, his understanding of the game and his sharp and witty commentary served to delight and amuse those around him.

Retiring for afternoon tea before the commencement of the last match,

everyone spoke enthusiastically of the day, saying how much they enjoyed it. As with all Society events, it was also the perfect opportunity to meet with fellow OMs to re-connect, reminisce and in some cases, make new friends.



Sincere thanks to Judith for organising such an exciting and enjoyable day. Speaking with her a few days prior, she secretly admitted that she had booked under her own name, merely telling the Club that it was a school reunion, unsure how a group of OMs would behave in such illustrious surroundings! However, I hope that she will agree that we did her proud, and, with her membership still intact, will agree to organise another day out for us next year.

Major Summer Reunion at Millfield

Talia Findlay (née McGerr) (1983*-90; Day)

It may have been Midsummer Night but Shakespeare would more likely have been inspired to write the *Tempest* on the 22nd June as this heralded the beginning of an incredibly wet summer across the UK. However, this certainly didn't dampen any of the spirits of a bunch of determined OMs who had ventured back to the West Country to revisit old haunts and enjoy each other's company at the Major Summer Reunion, on 18th June.

The afternoon started with a tour of the School to showcase some of the more recent developments such as the Theatre, Concert Hall and the very impressive Dining Room overlooking the Rugby Pitch and Stables. Certainly a far cry from the rows of huts where we all spent so many hours of our school lives. There was a good turnout in the afternoon with many people taking their own stroll around the grounds and sharing their experiences with old friends and new. I am fortunate enough to be living close to school with two boys currently enjoying the Millfield experience, so a band of OMs with children currently at Millfield Prep decided that it was high time to head over to the "Big School" and join in some reunion fun. Unfortunately, we missed some of the earlier part of the day because there were Saturday matches to support but our party arrived in time for the evening's entertainment.

As dusk fell, along with the continuing rain, over 60 of us with our partners, guests and tutors past and present, were welcomed into the Sixth Form Bar (which had much nicer decor than I remember the Street Inn having). Here we enjoyed pre-dinner drinks where it was a delight to unexpectedly bump into a few of my peers and meet OMs from different eras and share our experiences. To meet and talk with people who had been at the School in the 40s was fascinating, and I was particularly pleased to meet Colonel Tingey's daughter which prompted a few of us to share fond memories of life at Edgarley Hall and in particular the



Barry Hobson welcomes a guest at the reunion

memorable Geography lessons. And of course there were the familiar faces of Sarah Champion, Barry Hobson, the Shiltons and the Speeds who amazed me by still remembering so many of us after so many years.

After some mingling which went by far too quickly we adjourned to the Dining Room to be greeted by a rousing welcome from John Davies. We enjoyed a three-course meal with plenty of wine (or was that just my table!) and the enjoyment in the room was palpable as the energetic chatter resonated around. With people attending from all over the world and the ease with which people mixed and chatted I was struck by what an experience having attended Millfield was and how it is only at such events that you have an opportunity to pause and appreciate its part in your own journey.

This was emphasised by Sharon Hendry (1987-93; Day), who was our after-dinner speaker. Sharon, a journalist for *The Sun*, talked to us about how her experience at Millfield had had such an impact on her early life and shaped her love for literature and good writing. After leaving school Sharon went on to become a journalist and soon was working at the top in Fleet Street. Not one to sit on the side lines she became involved in investigative journalism and it was during the course of her work that

she had the opportunity to travel the world and it was during this part of her life that she came across Radhika and encountered first-hand the horrors of human trafficking. Although I see Sharon frequently it was incredibly humbling to hear her talk about her experiences. You could hear the proverbial pin drop as Sharon talked through the harrowing and intense story of Radhika and her son and how Sharon felt compelled to bring this story to the public attention through her book *Radhika's Story*. Her speech was a poignant and heartfelt moment in the evening's proceedings giving us all a chance to pause for thought on our own experiences.

The evening then continued with Prof. Bob Clark former Chairman of the OM Society and a current Governor, who talked about the Ten Quid a Month Club and shared the aims of the RJOM Scholarship Fund which is set up to benefit the children of OMs. And finally, there were a few last words from John Davies with suitable heckling from the floor. After cheese and coffee and a further chance to catch up, our taxis finally arrived and we headed off home, with new contacts logged on mobiles, friend requests on facebook and promises to not leave it so long next time. All in all it was a thoroughly enjoyable evening which I am sure to attend again – look forward to seeing you there!

Over 60s Luncheons

John Davies



The Headmaster addresses the Over 60s at the East India Club

This year for the first time ever, we have held reunions for those over 60 years of age, in the main for those leaving Millfield prior to 1968, and they've been wonderfully successful, so much so that, due to demand, a third will be held towards the end of the year. All present were RJO Meyer's pupils, and fond anecdotes about the Founder Headmaster – some apocryphal and bordering on the sensational (but all quite believable!) – abounded at both venues with toasts “To Boss!” being drunk.

The first was at Millfield on Wednesday 9th March, the luncheon being held in the Gaskell Room, with drinks beforehand. Just about 30 attended and, for a few of them, it was the first time that they'd returned to the School since they'd left rather

more years ago than it was wise to reflect upon. The conversation was lively and sentimental and Rod Speed's subsequent campus-tour left several with jaws dropping open in disbelief at extraordinary building developments that had obliterated the iconic Nissen huts from the scene. These days, the campus is more aligned with what one would expect at universities rather than at schools.

The London reunion at the East India Club on Monday 9th May, built upon the foundations laid at the Millfield event and this was clearly illustrated by the fact that 10 people had been at the inaugural luncheon in Somerset. Altogether, 53 of us enjoyed the comforts of the Club, with, again, drinks beforehand followed by a modest repast in the Luncheon Room. And there really is not much

more to tell other than the fact that it was a repeat performance of the reminiscence-soaked atmosphere of the get-together at Millfield, even down to the same fact that a fair few were attending a Millfield reunion for the very first time since they left the School over 40 years previously. Ian McLean, Development Director, introduced himself and explained his role and the Headmaster, Craig Considine, spoke wittily and passionately about current developments at the School and plans for the future, with Rod Speed, OM Society Chairman, concluding the formal (but, really, extremely informal) part of the day. David Browne proposed the toast to Boss. It looks as though the ‘Millfield Over Sixties Club’ may well take root!

Class of 2006 Reunion

Samantha Cookson (1995*-2006; Day)



An event which most of us were apprehensive about yet eager to attend, the Class of 2006 Reunion at Hotel Russell in Central London, was a gathering that exceeded most people's expectations. The evening was a great chance to be reunited with those with whom you had lost touch, and a perfect occasion to re-establish friendships. From the moment people arrived, questions started bouncing across the room in attempts to catch up on five years of university gossip, travelling adventures and exciting job opportunities. There was a real diversity of day-to-day life, with some finishing their Masters, others involved with various graduate schemes and a few individuals focusing on starting their own businesses. Once conversations had overcome the initial classic remarks such as "wow you haven't changed" and "this is so strange seeing

everyone", it was incredible to see the efforts individuals had gone to in order to attend. New York, Singapore and Holland were just a few places from which friends had travelled in order to attend the reunion and it certainly didn't disappoint!

Taking a glance around the room during the champagne reception was a chance to spot all those familiar faces and members of staff who had travelled from Somerset to catch up with OMs whom they had taught from a young age. It was unfortunate not more staff could attend but was a perfect occasion to find out about the current activities taking place at Millfield and the most recent success stories.

After several difficult attempts by Mr Speed and John Davies to catch our attention in a room buzzing with people engrossed in conversation, we were finally shifted through to dinner.

A buffet-style meal was an excellent way to allow everyone to continue to mix and mingle with a lot of table-hopping occurring after every course and sometimes in between.

And of course the night did not end there. As the evening came to a close at Hotel Russell some continued their five-year catch-ups at various venues across London with an exchanging of numbers and a determination not to leave it another five years before the next mass gathering.

The Class of 2007 Reunion will be held on Friday 23rd March 2012 at Hotel Russell, London. To book your place please visit www.omsociety.com and click on the Events tab.

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Millfield 21 Club

Dick Ransley (Former Tutor, Chairman 2010 -11)



The course through the years of the 21 Club (for full-time members of Millfield Staff who have served over 21 years) has been described as a stately meander. At the end of my year of office, I see no reason to disagree. Our three regular events have been very well supported this year and at each of them there has been great conviviality and, I suspect, an element of celebration that so many of us have survived this long.

The Christmas Dinner, hosted by the new MPS Headmistress, Shirley Shayler (former Senior School tutor), was again held at Edgarley in mid-December. 109 members and partners enjoyed the excellent meal, after which the Chairman welcomed, as new members, Caroline Byrne, David Carr, Stuart Coates, Steven

Cole, Dave Hill, Mark Lewis-Williams, Christine Martin, David Trevis and Bridget Wood. Shirley Shayler and Mark Suddaby, the Bursar, were made Honorary Members. Sadly, the Chairman had to record the deaths of several members since the last meeting. They were Pru Langlands, Fred Townsend and Madge Dickens. Not 21 Club members but, nevertheless, long serving members of staff; Len Broad and Pauline Gillian (née Penny) had also passed away during the year. After the formalities, we sat back and enjoyed an engaging series of recollections of curious Millfield folk and incidents, presented with verve by Bruce McLean, retired English/ Communication Studies tutor, sometime editor of The Windmill and founder editor of The Millfield Newspaper.

The summer was kind to us on the day of the Sunday lunchtime drinks party at Springbok, hosted by Craig and Penny Considine, for we were able to enjoy the occasion in their sunny garden. Such was the warmth, that the shade afforded by the trees was welcome to some. Away from the jollity, the Chairman had to record the passing of Eric Westwell and Jean Wilkinson since Christmas.

The final event of the year was the well attended buffet-luncheon, held for the first time at Mullions, in Street on 30th August. During proceedings it was noted with great regret that Cleone Jackson had also recently died. To conclude, the outgoing incumbent welcomed Bruce McLean as the new Chairman of the Millfield 21 Club.

17TH Annual Golf Day

The Richard Caring Wentworth Shotgun

Ian Cole (1974-78; Day)



Practice on the Wentworth putting green before the shotgun start

The 2011 golf calendar had seen some extraordinary spectacles during the year: McIlroy's victory in the Masters; Darren Clarke's emotional first Major win at Royal St Georges; GB and Ireland amateurs defeating the US in the Walker Cup; the US PGA triumph of Keegan Bradley – an American Rookie winning in his first Major start! Perhaps it was the last of these victories that was most apt for those about to play in this year's Golf Day... many players being rookies with little or no experience of the Championship West Course at Wentworth.

All sorts of records are held at this historic club which had just completed a £6.5m course refurbishment and enhancement programme under Ernie Els, initiated by Wentworth Chairman Richard Caring (1962-66; Millfield). It was of course Richard who had gifted Old Millfieldians the chance to play again at this magnificent facility and those attending the registration briefing were reminded, by Chris, the club pro, of the daunting prospect of playing this course but also the elation associated with the West Course; such as the infamous circumstances surrounding Robert Karlson's course record of 62 and Luke Donald's European PGA match win in May 2011 to become the new World

Ranking Number 1. So, no pressure on OMs to enjoy and return a decent score on a sunny, calm autumn day within the celebrated surroundings of the signature course of the European tour. Our own records would more likely include the most number of balls lost in the woods or most water hazards hit during 18 holes!

The day started well with John Davies ("JHD"), for once only making the briefest of welcome announcements – timed at just 24 seconds – before passing across to the club expertise to deliver clockwork organisation for the day. The club website describes the course... "a stern test, but above all a fair test. It examines every department of a golfer's game and demands shots played with every club in the bag". It wasn't clear in our team when we set off that we actually had enough clubs between us for the challenge ahead, let alone the shots! Rest assured the day came with all the trimmings: breakfast rolls (thanks to sponsors Fidelius), complimentary trolleys and a 'forecaddy' assigned to each team. Our poor individual, despite having immense golfing knowledge and experience, was consigned to ball-spot, rake bunkers, tend flags and read putts but it could have been worse, with Graeme Wall attempting to load him up with all four sets of clubs. There was

even 4 x 4 vehicle transportation to the starting tee (which caused a number of arguments akin to a taxi queue) to ensure the mid-day shotgun start was not delayed. The day progressed with the two best stableford scores counting on each hole with both the team and individual trophies/prizes at stake. The course played superbly, the greens were true and the changes to the course were admirable, if not slightly intimidating. The dramatic contrast and upgrade in the changing facilities from those of our Millfield years was most apparent and, most fortunately, no towel flicking occurred after the match shower!

The post-match drinks were staged in the Masters Bar, accessed via the hall of fame and photo-galleried walls, thence into the magnificent ballroom for dinner. There were lots of friends to catch up with and old faces to see; some looking older and wiser, some looking irritatingly youthful still. Some now matured characters and some (like Andy Wall) still prepared to wear a houndstooth check jacket in such sumptuous surroundings.

JHD was ready to address the hall at 8.40, microphone in hand and notes resting on the lectern. Unfortunately, Richard Caring could not be present but, in his absence, Julian Small

(Managing Director of Wentworth Club) was introduced and proceeded to give all present some historical facts, reflecting on the rich heritage of this most famous club.

It was enthralling to think that every famous golfer over the years had graced the same course we had just played: Hogan, Snead, Palmer, Player, Nicklaus, Cotton, Ballesteros, Faldo, Woods etc, and the club had even hosted the Ryder Cup back in 1953. Julian's most impressive closing comments, however, were to include withdrawing a table napkin to reveal a very official looking trophy; the Ryder Cup no less.

JHD with microphone back in hand was probably going to struggle to trump that. He reminded us that this was the 17th consecutive annual event and he was determined to continue to

remain as host – in fact, if necessary, for as long as it took him to get it right! How pertinent that he should still be subscribing to the School motto!

In his usual composed manner he came back with a strong list of compliments for the club, the club staff in particular for their organisation in helping with the day's events. What could be any better for the reunion, a day's golf on one of the most famous courses in the world, salubrious surroundings and cannon of lamb to follow! He then reminded us of some 200 OMs who were unable to play due to the enormous popularity of the annual event. Thanks again went to Richard Caring and an anecdote followed of how Richard had most generously granted full use of the West Course and exclusive hospitality, at his initial meeting with him. It sounds, however, as if the

offer came with the caveat that JHD went nowhere near his restaurants!

JHD then made some introductions: current Headmaster, Craig Considine (now in his 4th year), who apparently had a majestic round and, JHD said, was readily available to all OMs present to negotiate a school fees discount for their respective offspring; Richard Champion for inaugurating his OM Golf Society and, Ian Cole (OM golf correspondent) who has, year after year, submitted accurate, interesting and often entertaining articles only to be then butchered by the editor in charge!

So, to prize giving, and the final introduction, with Jackie Mander-Wilson, daughter of the School founder Jack "Boss" Meyer, co-presenting with OM Chairman Rod Speed.

Results

Special Individual Winners

Richard Caring Ladies Cup: (best individual points)	Monica Newton née Bauman (1981-83; Warner)	32 points
Richard Caring Scratch Trophy: (best scratch result)	Nigel Tae (1974-79; Day)	75 (2 over par)

Individual Prizes

1st	Mark Tiarks (1973-76; Hollies) and winner of the Meyer Trophy	39 points
2nd	Rob Furlong (Current Staff)	36 points
3rd	David Tooze (1968-73; Kingweston)	36 points
4th	Chris Tae (1978*-86; Day)	36 points
5th	Matthew Condren (1993-98; Millfield)	35 points
6th	Jonathan Greener (1987-89; Kingweston)	35 points
7th	Daniel Needham (1997-02; Cookson)	35 points
8th	Giles Legg (1983-88; St Anne's)	35 points
9th	Alan Phillips (1983-87; Day)	34 points
10th	John Graveney (1961*-67; Hollies)	34 points

Team Prizes

1st	Alan Phillips (1983-87; Day), Robert Turner (1982-86; Day), Phil Stephenson (1983-86; Walton), Jonny Atkinson (1975*-86; Day) and winners of the Atkinson Cooler	88 points
2nd	Ed Matthews (1981-86; Joan's Kitchen), Chris Tae (1978*-86; Day), Samantha Williams née Donald (1982-84; Acacia), Jonathan Greener (1987-89; Kingweston)	85 points
3rd	Marc Simon (1971-75; Holmcroft), Tom Simon (1997-02; Holmcroft), Mark Tiarks (1973-76; Hollies), David Tooze (1968-73; Kingweston)	84 points
4th	Rob Randall (1968*-79; Kingweston), Alastair Westgate (1975-80; Butleigh), William Twigden, Nigel Tae (1974-79; Day)	83 points
5th	Keith Gadsen (Former Parent), Paul Gadsen (1990-93; Day), Keith McAdam (1963; Millfield), Penny McAdam née Spencer (1962-65; The Cottage)	83 points

Special Prizes

Nearest the Pin Ladies	Jill Evans née Marshall (1964-66; The Cottage)
Nearest the Pin Men	George Cooper (2009-11; Kingweston)
Longest Drive Ladies	Madeleine Winnett (1979-81; Oaklands)
Longest Drive Men	Kevin Marshall (1971-73; Chindit)

Tassie Foursomes

Julia Burton (née Gregory) (1970-74; Johnson's)



Jane Rees, Sandie Meacher, Margaret Hawker, Julia Burton, Liz McKay

The Tassie took place this year on Monday 20th June and was played at The Berkshire. The team was the same as last year and comprised sisters Jane Rees (née Evans; 1973-76; Day) and Sandie Meacher (née Evans; 1970-75; Day) as well as Julia Burton and Liz McKay (1972-74; Portway). We all met up the night before in a local hotel and spent the evening being inspired watching Rory McIlroy win the US Open – this was meant to be our secret weapon! The next day the weather was dull and cool with some drizzle in the air and as always we were one of the earliest teams on the tee at 8.00 am. Unfortunately a good start soon slipped away when the tricky greens and unforgiving heather got the better of both pairings leading

to disappointing scores over the first 18 holes. Lunch followed, which as always was the high point of the day, and then it was off to try and burn up the final nine holes and approximately 2,000 calories per person!

In the end, Millfield's score was 252 and we finished respectably in 6th place out of 33 teams in total. Sherborne won the event with 241. Both pairs felt slightly disappointed with their scoring but at the end of the day realised how tough it was; we had all competed well and thoroughly enjoyed the day. It was great to get together again with old school friends and also meet up with Mrs Hawker and Karen Nicholls, Director of Golf who kindly travelled all the way from Somerset to spectate. A big thanks goes to them both for their support!

It was great to catch up with these OMs again, even after 30+ years they still showed their same enthusiasm to put the name of Millfield on the trophy, and they so nearly did! Next year the competition is again at The Berkshire over 27 holes on 11th June. Please contact me margaret.hawker@talktalk.net if you are interested in playing – it's a wonderful course and a great way to catch up with old friends.

Margaret Hawker (Former Tutor)

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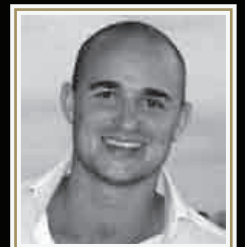


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Millfield

Golfing Society

Dick Ransley (Former Tutor, Captain 2011)



MGS v Old Millfieldians at Remedy Oak GC in June

The MGS, inaugurated in 1989 by the Headmaster, Colin Atkinson, and a group of colleagues, continues to uphold the spirit of light-hearted, sociable golf so dear to its founders' hearts.

The season started in early April with the 23rd Anniversary Spring Meeting, held on a sunny day at Oake Manor GC. The Meyer Salver went to Peter Klinkenberg (1972-77; Old Rectory High Ham), who returned an excellent 40 points (79 gross). The Current v Retired Staff match at Kingweston was followed by the very popular OMs match at Remedy Oak GC, a gloriously scenic course near Cranborne, in Dorset. We then had fixtures against The Isle of Wedmore GC, Marlborough College GC, Mendip GC Stragglers, Sherborne

GC, Colonials GC (at Exeter), and Orchardleigh Seniors. At the time of writing, the annual match against East Devon GC and our Winter Meeting are still to be played.

It will have been noted that no match results have been given. This is because it runs counter to the Society's ethos to be seen to be too keen to win. Suffice it to say that we lost some and we won some, in every case with enjoyment. The annual MGS Championship was held at Cumberwell Park, Bradford-on-Avon, on August 23rd. In benign conditions, there was a good turnout to compete for the three trophies: the CRM Atkinson Salver, the Rosebowl and the Claret Jug. Rob Furlong (Current Tutor) took the Salver with the best gross score (74, as I recall), David

Rosser won the trophy for the best stableford score, Marian Speed secured the Ladies' Trophy with 34 points, and John Davies won the Over 70's trophy, in an extremely small field! After the presentations, the President, David Rosser, chaired the commendably brief AGM. The regrettable loss of two of our long-held fixtures with Burnham and Berrow GC has prompted the Committee to replace them with Society Away Days. The first of these was held at Mendip Spring GC on August 10th, and was a success. We hope very much that these occasional events will become established in the MGS programme. We also plan to have our inaugural fixture against Richard Champion's (1977-82; Day) newly established Old Millfieldian Golfing Society in 2012.

OM Cricket Club

Nick Brothers (1994-2001; Shapwick), Honorary Secretary

2011 will forever be etched in the history of the Old Millfieldian Cricket Club as a hugely successful inaugural season, despite the results section reading: played 7, won 1, drawn 1, lost 5.

Without dwelling on the minor significance of the results themselves, an impressive standard of cricket was played throughout the summer and it was a pleasure to play alongside old contemporaries on some of the finest school grounds in the country. Ultimately, the season debrief suggested that our lack of victories was coupled with the fact that the opposition generally believed we would be fielding a first-class XI and therefore made their own side as strong as possible. This is clearly not the case and, if any cricketer, from first-class to village stalwart, is interested in playing please contact me on the details below.

Without doubt, the highlight of the season was the three-day cricket festival at the School in July. It was the perfect excuse for OMs to return to Somerset,



Back row: Thomas Dann, Sam Bhaumick, John Capper, Jack Waller, Neil Goodman, Ali Barrowman. Front row: James Elliot-Square, Martin Jones, Nick Brothers, Matthew Jamieson, David Standfield

socialise with old friends and play some cricket on the beautifully maintained school pitch. The level of enjoyment shown by OMs and opposition alike has encouraged us to extend the festival to a six-day event for 2012. We aim to create a welcoming atmosphere to all members, families and friends of the OM Society so please come along this year.

On the playing front, notable mentions must go to Neil Goodman

(1994-2001; Millfield) on becoming the club's maiden centurion and to David Standfield (1992-99; Keen's Elm) for his great performances with the ball and personifying every value of the club. Finally, we are also exploring the possibility of a winter tour to South Africa in December 2012 and an early indication of interest would be beneficial so please do get in touch. nick@nbcapital.co.uk

Old Millfieldian Golfing Society Tees Off

Richard Champion (1977-82; Day), Secretary

The OMGS was launched at the beginning of 2011, and has enjoyed a successful first year with a growing membership and staging two successful golfing events.

The first event was the Summer Meeting in June held at Walton Heath Golf Club in Surrey. Some 35 OMs enjoyed a fabulous day at Surrey's finest golf club. The OMs were joined by a few representatives of the Millfield golf team that had recently defended the World Schools Golf Championship in Stellenbosch, South Africa. There were scratch, handicap and team prizes for those on form. Everyone much enjoyed playing the prestigious Old Course and there was a most convivial lunch afterwards.

The second event was a match in October against the School Team held



The OM Golfing Society gathered outside the Walton Heath clubhouse

at Burnham and Berrow Golf Club in Somerset, the home club of the School. This was a 14-a-side event with the OMGS taking on the World Schools Golf Champions. The OMGS had a strong team, including three players playing off a handicap of +2. However, the School team narrowly scraped home by 4½ to 2½. The course at Burnham was magnificent on a fine sunny autumnal day, with enough

breeze to remind you what links golf is all about.

There will be a comprehensive programme of golfing events for 2012, including competitive golf, golf days, and matches also. If you are reading this magazine as both an OM and a golfer, then the OMGS is for you. Please do sign up and join the OMGS at www.omgs.co.uk or contact me secretary@omgs.co.uk

Millfield Old Boys Rugby Football Club 2011

Alan M Burns (Chairman)

Now in its 26th year, the OM's Rugby Club has experienced another testing year. The pressure to field a Vets side (over 35s) in the Amsterdam 10s Tournament, to partner our Academy 7s in May was intense. Not only were several of our long serving players unavailable, but "Dixy" (Richard Dix 1986-91; Shapwick) who was due to Captain this year's team, was hospitalised 24 hours before we were due to fly and missed the tournament. He was sorely missed but fortunately has made a full recovery and should be available for 2012.

The efforts by all concerned in the last minute recruitment and financial support of our non-Millfield players enabled the Club to be competitive in this popular International Tournament. We now have potential reinforcements from our 1995 leavers who newly qualify, and hope that they will make themselves available to strengthen the squad in May 2012.

We have competed well in all tournaments this year as one can see from the various reports by team managers. The efforts of the players and team managers who supported the

Club throughout the season is much appreciated. Special thanks must go to Mel Chalke and her family for the catering at various tournaments, and to the OM Society, Paul Hockedy for all the work he does, Mac Grant for the compilation of the Club's Accounts, Rod and Angela for their continued support and commitment. There will of course come a time when Angela and I will hang up our boots, so we do need to forward plan. If we can recruit a few enthusiasts to help manage the Club it would be an important step forward for the future.



Paul Hockedy, James Tiarks, Adam Clayton, Jack Bentall, Sam Showering, Tom Hockedy, Alex Nielsen, Rod Speed, Carlton Littlechild, Frederick Gabbitass, James Cromwell, Dominic Jones, Joe Shimizu, James Mullens

AMSTERDAM 7s

Rod Speed (1964-66; Day)

Day one brought us comfortable victories over TomTom (Netherlands) and UE Santboiana SEAT (Spain), but a disappointing defeat, 14-28 against Poland. A second defeat to Belgium on Sunday relegated us to the second tier competition for the Heineken Silver Boot, in which we won with something to spare against Amsterdam, Germany and Georgia to reach the final. We faced Gilbert Pups, a talented professional pick-up side, in what turned

out to be a memorable final, played before 6,000 loudly enthusiastic spectators. We played superbly to lead 17-12 before losing agonisingly to a fine last minute try. This was nevertheless a tremendous achievement for our young side, and confirmed Millfield as a firm favourite with the crowd here. Thanks go, as so often, to Alan and Angela, and to Paul Hockedy who assembled the squad.



Alistair Metcalf, Daniel Vander, Nick Buoy, Patrick Chenery, Charlie Openshaw, Henry Goodburn, Adam Vander, Rod Speed James Haste, Paul Spencer, Kevin Cayley, Doug O’Gorman (Capt), Geraint Evans, Simon Ewin, Giles Macey

AMSTERDAM VETS 10s

Douglas O’Gorman (1988-93; Joan’s Kitchen)

Despite losing Richard Dix (1986-91; Shapwick) through illness we brought a quality squad to Amsterdam. We faced Dutch teams in the first rounds, coming through initially with an undistinguished win, then with a much more fluid victory. Our final game of the day was another comfortable win, against a keen Italian side. We finished the day pleased to be injury free. Our quarter-final game was against the

same Madrid side we had faced at this stage last year. They started with an early score but we were able to snatch the win in the closing seconds. Sadly, in the semi-final we failed to turn possession into points against our old foes the Marauders, and this tough, experienced side proved too strong this time. We came away feeling frustrated but convinced that next year we will be able to go all the way.



OLD BOYS v RECENT LEAVERS

Paul Hockedy (Former Parent)

The squad of 2010 leavers duly assembled for this annual match on 27th March, thanks to Charles Incedon (2005-10; Kingweston) both for his energy in gathering the troops and for the colourful match shirts provided. In one of the most entertaining and close matches for many years the Leavers finally won against a valiant School team.

The Old Boys all contributed wholeheartedly, none more so than Matt Ward (2001*-10; Kingweston), Ben Moses (2005-10; Keen’s Elm), James Cromwell

(2008-10; Butleigh) and Marco Mama (2008-10; Kingweston). Dai Lakin (2008-10; Holmcroft) arrived saying he could only play for five minutes (saving himself for the Swansea v Cardiff Varsity match) and in the end played nearly the whole match!

John Mallett presented the Cup to the winning captain, Charles Incedon, and the match was followed by a fine lunch in the Gaskell Room.

MIDDLESEX CLUB 7s

Rod Speed (1964-66; Day)

This was a young and relatively inexperienced squad and, although they failed to win a game, they played some very good 7s and all their games were close affairs, as the scores show: 12-26 v The Army; 12-19 v Richmond; and 10-15 v Bristol University. We lacked the pace to finish off some very good passages of play and although we created lots of chances, the close support was not always there. No-one can doubt the commitment of the squad, led very ably by Freddie Chalke (1996*-07; Joan's Kitchen), and despite their lack of success they were a credit to the School.



Paul Hockedy, Freddie Chalke (Captain), Matt Ward, Sam Showering Dan Masters, James Tiarks, Charles Incedon, Joe Shimizu, Rod Speed Dan Venn, Dai Lakin, Jack Cooper, Kit Sheppard, Freddie Gabbitass



Squad: James Cromwell (Captain), Kit Sheppard, Sam Saunders, Demetri Sofocleous, Joe Ruston, Jake Parker, Lewis Jones, Henry Quinlan, Oliver Davies, Elliot Quirke, Luke Flower, Dan Cheers, Matt Ward, George Cooper, Christian Waite, Hamish Malone, Will Farrell, Harry Cox, Rob Spiers, Reis Buckland (Guest), Callum Bennett (Guest), Henry Bailey

CRONK-CUNIS U21s

Rod Speed (1964-66; Day)

As a result of the hard work put in by Paul Hockedy we arrived with a full squad and, not surprisingly, this proved our most successful year in the event. The boys played some attractive rugby right from the start and, apart from the first game which we won easily against King Edward VI, Southampton, the rest of the matches were hard fought affairs. Millfield played their usual brand of 15-man rugby and were not afraid to run the ball from almost anywhere, and we did enough to win through against Monmouth

and Pangbourne, 8-0 and 13-10 respectively.

In the semi-final both sides had chances to clinch the game but it was Peter Symonds College who crucially benefitted from a kind bounce after a kick ahead to score the deciding try. They went on to win the final. It was particularly helpful to have Trevor Greenhill with us as coach and manager this year, and we enjoyed the strong support of parents and friends, and of course, Mel Chalke's excellent refreshments.

WOODEN SPOON GOLF

Giles Legg (1983-88; St Anne's)

Ben Potheary (1982-87; Keen's Elm) (22), Kevin Cayley (1984-92; Butleigh) (15), Patrick Chenery (1980-86; Etonhurst) (22) and Giles Legg (1983-88; St Anne's) (1) assembled at Knole Park Golf Club and after a safari ride through the bracken, eventually got under way at 0900 from the 11th tee. Giles and Kevin both missed right on this very long par 3 but Patrick and Ben both struck magnificent irons to the heart of the green. Alas, three putts each resulted in just the four points. Some bright play in the middle of the round

was undone by two consecutive holes where we totalled a mere 3 points.

However, our finish was spectacular: Ben and Patrick both found the green in two on a difficult dogleg par 4 where they each had two shots. We completed the hole in net four for a massive eight Stableford points and boosted our total to a respectable 78 points.

We were treated to a fine meal at the presentation where we discovered the winning score was 86 points.

But for those two holes...



Giles Legg (Capt), Alan Burns, Kevin Cayley Patrick Chenery, Ben Potheary

OM Squash Club

Double Londonderry Cup Wins

Steve Illingworth (1978-80; Chindit), Captain



Joss Hargrave, Rhodri Hughes, Peter Marshall, Steve Illingworth, Theo Woodward, Matt Peakman and Tim Richards

It's been another great year for OM squash with two Londonderry Cup wins during 2011.

2009-10

At the start of the year in January it was third time lucky as we beat Norwich in the 2009-10 final. In the two previous years, we had reached the final only to miss out both times to a decent Norwich side, led by the experienced Cowie brothers, so it was good to get the better of them. Matt Peakman (1987*-95; Day) had come in to the team playing at no 5 and put us 1-0 up in the final with a solid 3-1 win in a match that probably proved the crucial win of the night. Joss Hargrave (1988-93; Millfield), playing at no 4, lost a tough match 1-3, before Tim Richards (1995-97; Day) put us 2-1 up with a convincing 3-0 win over Marcus Cowie at no 2. Theo Woodward (1998-2004; Day) played a very exciting match at no 3 which could have gone either way, but in the end just lost out 9-7 in the fifth. With the match balanced at 2-2, the deciding string was played by Peter Marshall (1986-87; Shapwick) (former world no 2). The match was never in doubt as Peter, in a different

class to his opponent Stuart Cowie, gave a commandingly good performance from the start. He won the match 3-0, to give us a well deserved overall victory 3-2.

2010-11

The 2010-11 tournament followed on straight away and was played during the summer. Wins in the early rounds against Wellington, Winchester and Harrow led to the final against Old Etonians at the RAC Club on a warm evening at the end of September. In a class performance by all the team we won the final without dropping a game. The core of the side was the same as the previous year, although Joss wasn't playing this year and Rhodri Hughes (1998-2003; Keen's Elm) came in to play at no 5 string. All matches were won comfortably, the most impressive effort being Tim's win at no 2 where he dropped just one point in the match. A very professional performance all round to put our name on one of the oldest trophies in squash for a second time.

Two Teams?

So we're now aiming for a hat-trick of wins, and, looking further ahead,

we're hoping to be able to enter two teams from next year. That raises the prospect of an all-Millfield final! To that end, it would be fantastic if we could build up our squad list, so if **anyone is at all interested or would like to know more** I'd be very happy to have a chat. Please drop me an email at stephen.illingworth@lawcol.co.uk with an indication of current standard.

Many thanks to all the team members for a great effort throughout all the season, including Tom Crosthwaite (2000-05; Keen's Elm) and Nick Brothers (1994*-2001; Shapwick) (now busy hockey training for the Olympics) who also played for the team this year and to Stuart Farrar (1978-81; Northfield) (England squash veteran) and Andrew Castle (1976-79; Day) (well known for his TV appearances and tennis shots!) who put in appearances last year. A special mention for England squash employee, Theo Woodward, who travelled down to London from Manchester on four occasions to play in matches – excellent commitment much appreciated by the skipper.

We're all very much looking forward to trying to make it three wins in a row.

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Archivist's Corner

Dick Shilton (Former Tutor, Millfield Archivist)

Elsewhere in this publication, there is information on the contribution Millfield has made over the years to the Olympic Games. Here I would like to highlight the medallists – so far! Let us hope there will be more in London 2012.

Mary Bignal (1953-58; Day) was the first OM to win a medal in Tokyo in 1964, and she is still the most successful with Gold (Long Jump), Silver (Pentathlon) and Bronze (Sprint Relay). Mary had previously competed in the 1960 Games in Rome.



In 1968 **Adrian Jardine** (1945*-52; Resteholme) won a Bronze medal for Sailing in the mixed 5.5m Class. Adrian, along with his twin brother Stuart, had already competed in the Rome and Tokyo Olympics. Our only photographs of Adrian at school are in the Rugby and Hockey 2nd teams.



We then had to wait until 1980 for **Duncan Goodhew** (1970-75; Walton) to strike Swimming Gold in Moscow in the 100m Butterfly. Duncan was one of our many Swimming representatives at the Olympics both before and since. Swimming remains the event most represented by OMs at the Olympics.



Paul Howe (1983-86; Shapwick) gained another Swimming medal, Bronze in the 4 × 200m freestyle relay in Los Angeles in 1984.



At the same games **Steve Batchelor** (1975-79; Butleigh) gained Bronze for Hockey, before going on to win Gold at Seoul in 1988.



Also at Seoul in 1988 **Dominic Mahoney** (1977-82; Holmcroft) won Bronze in the Modern Pentathlon.



Sarah Winckless (1990-92; Orchard Leigh) won Bronze for Rowing in the Double Sculls in Athens in 2004 before going on to win the World Championship in 2005. Sarah was another Millfieldian who only took up her Olympic Sport after leaving school. At Millfield she played Netball, Basketball and threw Shot and Discus. Sarah also competed at Beijing in 2008.



Our most recent medal winner was **John McFall** (1994-97; Orchards) who won Bronze in the 100m T42 in the Paralympics at Beijing in 2008.



Hobson's Choice

from Resteholme to Chindit

Barry Hobson (Former Tutor and Millfield Archivist)

I had the pleasure of having a fascinating conversation with Dennis Edwick (1944; Resteholme) during the OM Reunion weekend at Millfield in June. He is one of the original members of Resteholme, later re-named Chindit in honour of its first housemaster, Major Leonard Riches, and was able to recall very clearly the basic living quarters. He also recalled trying to teach a maladjusted boy, who lived in a different quarter of the house, how to play simple card games with little or no success. Having already written the story of the opening of Resteholme in my "History of Millfield" I decided the relevant chapter, which covers the start of Orchards and Edgarley Hall as well, would be my choice for "Chronicle". As well as recording just some of the problems faced in running an expanding school in wartime and in the immediate years following, there is due recognition of the part played by the ladies in providing the bedrock on which the Millfield Method was to flourish.

A School within a School!

In 1942 Mrs Barbara Thoresby, with a six-year old son, Henry, the youngest ever boy at Millfield, became Housekeeper. Her cheerfulness and skill made her very popular but family problems forced her to leave a year later. Her place was taken by Mrs Stella Johnston-Jones, already teaching English, who volunteered to do the job for the time being. That lasted for four years.

She had, in fact, made several attempts to escape the toils, the first time as early as April 1944, when Miss Catherine Gibson was appointed as Matron. The latter had just left a private establishment at Dolgellau in North Wales, The Bryn School for mentally retarded boys, where she had been for nine years in sole charge of the nursing, catering and domestic organisation. When engaging her for Millfield, Boss wrote: "I have seldom been happier about an appointment,



and I am quite sure we shall find in you the person for whom we have long been looking. You would, roughly speaking, be responsible for all the dormitories, and, in particular, for the junior dormitories and for the well-being of their occupants. We shall, I am sure be only too glad to make use of your talents in other ways, if you feel you are able to take on more."

Unfortunately for Mrs Johnston-Jones, it was soon apparent that Miss Gibson's talents could not be used, for she handed in her notice a month after her arrival on 31st March, giving as her reason 'quite unforeseen circumstances'.

These almost took Millfield off on another educational tack, for Boss very quickly recognised that the almost over-enthusiastic welcome he had given her was thoroughly justified by the way she went about her assignments in the house. Not wishing to lose her services, he set out to use 'the circumstances' to the School's advantage.

What had happened was that two pupils at The Bryn School had been so upset by Miss Gibson's departure that their parents had met and together had written to her, pleading that she take the boys back under her wing. This highly emotional approach had triggered her resignation as she decided she could not let the boys down, and was determined to start her own school for them.

By chance, or rather, by the desperate

need to find permanent residence for the swiftly increasing number of applicants, RJOM had made on 24th March his first offer to purchase the large family house, 'Resteholme', on Wells Road, Glastonbury. With the price agreed in the first week in April and some financial aid from the Bridgwater and West of England Permanent Building Society, he was able to suggest to Catherine Gibson that she should inaugurate the new annex to Millfield as its housemother and, when she felt ready for the challenge, start her own 'school within a school' on the premises. This 'lifeline' was quickly accepted and, in the second week of May, a handful of Millfield boys took up residence in conditions akin to camping. The exchange of legal and sale documents had not even been completed, while negotiations were still going on regarding the purchase of unwanted furniture in situ from the vendor. This included just four beds and wartime restrictions meant that others were almost unobtainable except at auction sales. The immediate plan of housing some 20 boys had to be abandoned and this led to a warning to Miss Gibson of possible prosecution in a letter written by the Assistant Food Executive Officer, Glastonbury Good Control Committee, on 5th June.

Using the figure supplied by RJOM, she had bought rationed food for the house on the understanding that the house would be filled. When she made

her first return of 'points' expended for the three weeks of May it was obvious that she had drawn more than twice the amount of rations to which she and the other residents were entitled. Each civilian was issued with a Ration Book containing 'points' which had to be cut out and surrendered to the shop where the food was purchased, whereas residential catering establishments, like schools and boarding-houses, held all the books and received additional allowances for casual meals, such as team teas. All these had to be recorded and returns sent to the Food Office at the end of each month, with the necessary points enclosed.

Miss Gibson had, however, other things on her mind, when the letter arrived, for three days earlier, on 3rd June, the two boys had been discharged to her care from Bryn School, under the Mental Deficiency Acts, 1913-1938. They were duly brought to Resteholme by their

parents where, in spite of the difficult conditions, she was able to restart their education which had been sadly lacking since she left Dolgellau in April. She realised immediately, that, in spite of RJOM's support, it would not be possible to carry out this task to which she had dedicated herself, that is to prove that her charges were not mentally defective, but were simply 'backward boys' as she described them in a letter, and, at the same time, run Resteholme efficiently. This was borne out by a further letter of complaint written by the Food Executive Officer himself on 29th August, this time to RJOM, pointing out that Miss Gibson had apparently ignored the warning of 5th June and continued to overdraw her points. Meanwhile, however, she had handed in her notice again as she had found a house, Jarmony in Barton St David, where she could live with and educate the boys, and moved there

on 11th September. Thus 'the school within a school' venture ended but Resteholme, later to be re-christened Chindit, was established as the first permanent Millfield boarding house other than the main school itself.

Orchards was bought from the Morland family in 1944 but could not be occupied for a year as it was still in use as a hostel for evacuee children. Only second-hand beds were available and RJOM had to visit furniture auctions in the area to equip the new houses. The house opened in October 1945, in the care of Captain Howell, with 15 boys.

Meanwhile Edgarley Hall had come on the market and was bought as a centre for senior boys, but an unexpected influx of juniors, needing tutoring for Common Entrance, had to be housed at short notice, so it opened as a Prep School in September 1945, with 50 youngsters.

Julian Grenville – Edgarley Legend

Roger Parsons (Former Tutor, Edgarley Archivist)

Julian Grenville was one of the reasons why Edgarley left behind the difficult post-war years in such a healthy state. This is something of an irony, for, had it not been for the war, this cultured and hugely talented man would not have graced this country at all with the intellect and humanity that made him such an outstanding teacher. Sadly, it was mainly as a result of his childhood deprivations that he met an early death mourned by so many colleagues and pupils.

One of three brothers, Julian was born in 1921, Julius Guhrauer, into a middle-class Jewish family living in Berlin, whose lives, like so many others, were made intolerable by the Nazis in the 1930s. Assigned to a 'Kindertransport' in March 1939, the brothers were taken to the station by their mother, whom they were never to see again. The children, doubtless relieved to be leaving Germany but not their families, were taken by train to Holland where they boarded a steamer to Harwich and to a life, for a few years at least, of no little hardship. However, within just two years and despite having to hold down a full-time job, Julian had educated himself sufficiently, as an external student with London



University, to become a languages teacher at a Prep School in Surrey. Two years later, having impressed Boss Meyer on paper and in person, he was appointed to Edgarley Hall.

Julian did not take long to show his ability both as teacher and administrator, and quickly assumed the mantle of Director of Studies, but over time a combination of his dedication to work and his childhood deprivations had a severe effect on his health. Tragically, unable to cope with the prospect of enforced retirement from teaching, Julian took his own life in December 1963. A stunned and saddened school crammed into St John's Church in Glastonbury for a memorial service two months later.

Part of Julian's obituary in the Millfield Windmill of 1964 reads:

"Julian's devotion to the School and his capacity for hard work were extraordinary and in the building up of the reputation for good teaching and the 'good life' he has had a large share. He in his turn inspired great devotion in his colleagues and his pupils. His quick wit, genuine humility, his readiness to listen and his complete lack of pomposity were some of the qualities which enabled him to handle all manner of men with rare success, and to bring out of them a 'best' which often surprised them."

What a journey for the Jewish boy from Berlin.

With thanks to JEBG's brothers, the late Professor John Grenville and Walter Grenville, and Julian's nephew, George Grenville of Colorado.

A full version of this article can be found on the OMS website: www.omsociety.com

Millfield Memories

Cemlyn Foulkes (1963-68; Kingweston)

Fagging

Yes, we still had fagging when I was there and there were some right b****ds and some great guys amongst the prefects that we had to fag for. Two appear in the current “Distinguished Old Millfieldians” list. Some prefects expected their games kit washed, as well as shoes cleaned and toast made, and it was no surprise that we went on strike. My first industrial action resulted in a “Fag’s Charter” and restricted the duties to cleaning shoes and making morning toast. I was lucky because I had Brian Barnes in the Spring Term and Mike Truscott in the Summer Term (or vice versa). My only calamity was to clean and polish a beautiful (but huge) pair of Brian Barnes’s very wet black golf shoes and not realising they had started off brown. I remember Barnes had a very loud voice.



GBA Turner and Major Hyde-Upward

Lessons

Sorting out my timetable was a strange experience. I went into RAA2 which was the year before O-levels. The really clever clogs went straight into 4S. The form numbering system was bizarre, because when you got your O-levels you either went into 3 or 2. I presume it’s more logical now. Having received your basic timetable from your form tutor, you could then wander round filling in any gaps from a list of subjects that you fancied. I didn’t get any choice until after O-levels, but then I enjoyed history with Major Hyde-Upward who reputedly had fought in the Boer War.

Food

Kingweston food was variable to say the least, depending on the cook. I have never encountered soggy scrambled egg on toast, or better hot chocolate in a yellow mug. One term the food at the start was fantastic and it was rumoured that the new chef had been in a London hotel. But gradually it deteriorated, and when “Admiral” Nelson woke the house up shouting from the balcony above the front door, it was realised that enough time had elapsed for his home-brewed wine to become drinkable, and the reason for his departure from London (and KW) was apparent.

Integration

KW also had its own swimming pool which was dug out by the boys, fortunately just before my time, but I remember helping to finish off the surrounds. There was always a bit of rivalry to be the first into the pool each year, and it was common practice for the winner to have broken a hole in the ice. I remember doing my bronze and gold personal survival on the same summer afternoon, and it wasn’t very warm even then. It was a great facility however, and was a good excuse for the girls at the Grange to come over on a Sunday afternoon to “integrate”. This was followed by ballroom dancing classes (did we ever think it would get so popular?) and a hop! The striking thing about those times was the lack of fear that we had about going anywhere on our own. After my first term arrival, I was expected at 13 to be able to get home by train to Southport via Bristol and a change of stations at Liverpool. The School train was rather different as it ran straight from Paddington to Castle Cary, but I’m not sure how many boarders these days would travel the country unaccompanied. Also, on Sunday afternoons, the house scattered all over the surrounding countryside on bikes without any supervision apart from the odd prefect trying to catch you smoking.

My artistic involvement was limited to the House Play competition where I played an American tourist Klipstein, in



The Kingweston Pool

“Sweeney Agonistes”. The utterly camp Chris Raphael stole the show from the immensely talented Angela Grigsby. I was roped into Dave Rigg’s debating team at number 5 (of 5) and remember spending the evening being driven around Wells by the exotic CR in a VW Karmann Ghia. My most enjoyable job was as photographer for the scurrilous Focus magazine, Millfield’s equivalent of the rag-mag. We only outraged a small selection of staff each issue, and, as they say, it had been passed by the management.

Mention must be made of cider and the Greyhound in Charlton Mackrell. In spite of the potential danger of Fred and Sheila Stephenson, our houseparents living round the corner, this was a comfortable cycle ride from KW, but a more challenging one back, with two pints of Taunton Cider off the wood inside you. I can remember deliberately losing skittle games against the locals with Ted Ellett, playing for half pints and still ending up in a ditch full of nettles being unable to stay upright on the bike.

There was also an annual point to point in the fields near Charlton Mackrell and it was usually raining. Some extra pocket money (or more likely to recoup your betting losses) could be obtained by helping to push cars out of the muddy car park. It wasn’t the poshest cars that gave the biggest tips, and that was a useful lesson as well.

A final reflection, another feature of Millfield was the absence of conflict, either between the rich and the poor, or between ethnic groups. The only tension that I recall was during the six Day War and that was entirely understandable at the time. Perhaps some tensions were released on the rugby field that October!

Millfield Memories

Hayley Thompson (1997*-2005; Warner)

I must have been about eight-years-old when I travelled to Millfield for the first time. The earliest memory I have of the School is of its 50m pool, where as an energetic child I did my best to compete at various swimming galas representing my local club from Bristol.

My grandma fondly recalls spectating at one of these competitions, when I turned around to her pleadingly and said something along the lines of, “gee nana, I’d love to come to a school like this.” At that time, neither of us had any idea what lay in store. Not too long later, scholarship awarded, I found myself in the swing of MPS/Edgarley Hall life as a pupil.

I think it’s fair to say that I never looked back. Life as a pupil at MPS was bliss. Even now I remember it being carefree and a whole lot of fun. Boarding life seemed like a sleepover with friends; we tried to stay up late and occupied ourselves with countless games and activities. I was often up at dawn running or swimming, and continued to be busy with and between classes all day long. There wasn’t any time to get bored.

In the three years I was at MPS, there were a couple of technical innovations that changed the way we interacted with each other on campus, and friends and family outside.

Mobile phones In year six, I used to arrive back at school each term with coin bags packed full of 10p pieces for making calls home. In the boarding houses there were payphones outside which we used to place calls, or run around trying to find housemates if one of them rang with someone calling in with a request to speak to a pupil.

It wasn’t uncommon after prep, to hear a series of calls along the lines of, “Rebecca... Rebecca... your mum’s on the phone,” or “Jackie... where are you? Jackie... your brother’s on the phone” being blurted around the house. Following the calls, a pitter patter of running feet could be heard. The payphone receiver was hurriedly picked up for a conversation and catch-up to ensue.

By year eight, however, I found myself with a slick new mobile phone, which would now be viewed as a ‘retro mobile’ – mustard coloured Erikson flip-phone with aerial antenna – in hand, calling friends and family. It didn’t take long before I was racking up hefty telephone bills. Typically, our phones were kept with our houseparents during the day, and we had access to them in the evening after prep, when we were permitted to make calls.



*Birthday celebration, Berewall 1997.
Back row: Aimee Waller, Indi Ganly-Boast,
Gabby Hay, Philip Wright Middle row:
Maddy Crew-Read, Rebecca Tremner,
Listy Blake, Cindy Cottrell,
Hayley Thompson, Georgia Killick,
Emma Eastwood, Rebecca Johnstone
Front row: Lynsey Wright, Zoe Downing*

Email came into full use when we were at MPS, and initially we were so taken by this new, rapid and useful form of communication that there was no separating us from it. At break times, I remember us running to the computer labs when the bell went to nestle in front of a computer screen and send emails to classmates, despite the sender and receiver being in close proximity, close enough often to have an actual face-to-face conversation; the novelty of technology wowed us.

Other memories from MPS relate to quad-biking on the weekends, celebrating birthdays in house with peers and scrumptious personalised cakes, climbing the Tor at all times of year, kayaking on the flooded levels in the winter months, school trips to local castles, Somerset cider farms, London museums, South Africa, Italy, etc, and travelling over to the Senior School for squash sessions and sports days.

Moving on to Millfield, there was a new set of unrivalled opportunities awaiting us. The academic programme became more rigorous, with the likes of GCSEs and A-levels, but I still remember our days being as action-packed and as much fun as MPS.

Our bedtimes got later, and the number and frequency of parties, going on to include alcoholic beverages, increased with the School bar and regular celebratory dinners. There was no doubt that life at school was very social.

I still kept active, going on runs in the morning and competing in team games during the day. Often on runs in the morning I would spot one of my fellow classmates up early – still in PJs and sleepy-eyed – driving shots on the golf course just outside Millfield House. I would stop for a few minutes to watch and admire, or have a mini-coaching session and try to pick up some golfing tips before running on.

Looking back, I can pick out talents and unique characteristics expressed by all my peers, now pursuing a wide variety of careers and living all over the world utilising their skills. We had the opportunity to try everything, and weren’t held back or discouraged from giving things a go. With MAP activities, I remember trying reflexology, watercolours, Zulu beadmaking and guitar making, in addition to the regular array of sports and activities. With the variety of sessions on offer, there was something for everyone.

When the time came to wrap things up at the end of Upper Sixth, and look towards life beyond Millfield, I felt ready and prepared. I knew I would always stay connected to the School, and the people there, past and present.

Special thanks to Mr Cole for preparing me for a grand US University experience, my houseparents over the years who put up with me, Mr and Mrs Wright, Mr and Mrs Maguire, Mr and Mrs Hallows, Helen Goadby (née Bewley) and Lynn Skirton my swim coaches at MPS, and Headteachers Sarah Champion and Peter Johnson, Head of Year Eric Jones, along with all the other staff we learned from along the way.

Other News...

THE ARTS

ART

"I just do what I want and I don't care if it sells"

This was the heading of an article by Natalie Haynes, a quote from her interview with Marc Quinn (1978-82; Ivythorn), published in the London Evening Standard in October. Her article starts: "Marc Quinn is spectrally pale. This is no surprise, considering he has been making new versions of Self, his most famous work, a frozen head cast from his own blood, every five years since 1991. Each one takes nine or ten pints of blood to construct, and he has to wait six weeks between taking each pint. The idea of an artist sacrificing himself for his art has never been more neatly illustrated."

The article goes on to explain that today he is so rich he can use extravagant materials such as gold and marble for his projects. Natalie asked what his dream project would be. Marc replied: "Well, hopefully it should be the next thing I'm doing, because I can do what I like, all the time. Once you can do what you want, it's about putting your energy in the right place and making sure that what you do is worth it."

Earlier in the year his painted bronze of the model Kate Moss sold for £738,000 at an auction in New York. This was a remarkable achievement although, apparently, other works by Marc have sold privately for more.

Venetia Has Exhibition in London

In September and October, Venetia Norris (1991*-99; Southfield) followed up her debut shows with "Pen to Paper", an exhibition of more than 20 mixed-media drawings at St. Martins-in-the-Fields crypt on Trafalgar Square. When she left Millfield, Venetia went on to study Costume at the London College of Fashion and Jewellery and Applied Arts at the Sir John Cass School.

LITERATURE



Michael Ridpath (1973-78; Mill House) "66 North"

In January 2009 there are demonstrations in the centre of Reykjavík, subsequently leading to the deaths of two bankers. As Icelandic detective Magnus begins to discover links between the deaths, it becomes clear that there is a conspiracy to kill the people whom Icelanders blame most for the economic crisis in their country. Magnus must nail the conspirators before they kill again. Meanwhile he makes uncomfortable discoveries about his Icelandic family going back several generations. Are these related to the death of his own father in Massachusetts when Magnus was a student? This is the second book in the "Fire and Ice" series featuring Magnus, also set in Iceland and was published in May 2011.

Hardback: pages 384
Publisher: Corvus
ISBN-10: 1848874006
ISBN-13: 978-1848874008
£16.99

Cleve West (1974-77; Orchards) "Our Plot"

His book is full of practical common sense, and a belief in the values of community and sustainable living. There is plenty of advice here for plot holders and plenty of inspiration too

in the creative ways that Cleve and his partner Christine make the most of their plot and enjoy the company of their fellow allotmenters. There are easy to follow sections on Vegetables and Herbs, Flowers and Fruit, with recipes and troubleshooting tips as well as chapters on Community, Creativity and Children.

Hardback: pages 192
Publisher: Frances Lincoln
ISBN-10: 0711232369
ISBN-13: 978-0711232365
£20.00

Old Millfieldians Launch Attica Books

In April, this e-book publishing company was launched from the website www.atticabooks.com. It is a family-run business launched by Eloise Aston (1993*-2003; Day), her brother Anselm (1995-99; Day) together with their mother. All three are either authors (Anselm writing his first book while still at Millfield, and it was published just after he left under the name Anselm Audley) or with experience in publishing or both. Do have a look at their site. We wish them all success.

John le Carré and the Man Booker International Prize Shortlist

In last year's 'Chronicle' we reported that Simon Mawer (1964-67; Shapwick) had been short-listed (for the 2nd time) for the prize in 2009, as a result of which we made him one of our 'Old Millfieldians of the Year'. Another Millfieldian, former Edgarley tutor, John Le Carré (his pen name – at Millfield he was David Cornwell), a highly regarded British novelist, was shortlisted for this prize in 2011. However, he asked to be taken off the list because, he said, he does not compete for awards. "I am enormously flattered", he said, "however, I do not compete for literary prizes and have therefore asked for my name to be withdrawn". The judging panel respectfully declined to delist him.

Anselm Audley (Aston)
(1995-99; Day)
The Aquasilva Trilogy

Anselm started writing his epic Aquasilva novels whilst at Millfield. He published his first novel at the age of 17. His Aquasilva Trilogy, "Heresy", "Inquisition" and "Crusade" has been translated into German, French, Italian, Spanish and Dutch, and are all available to buy online. Anselm is now reading Ancient and Modern History at Oxford University.

Natalie Campbell
(1985*-93; Oaklands)
"The Law of Unincorporated Associations"

Providing a clear and precise statement of the law and comprehensive practical guidance this book addresses the formation, administration, and financial management of unincorporated associations and the commonly occurring problems that arise. Natalie, a qualified barrister, has written this with two co-authors.

Hardback: pages 328
Publisher: Oxford University Press
ISBN: 9780199600397
£95.00

Michael Frith (1967-69; Joan's Kitchen)
"Yacht: A Handmade Book about Handmade Boats"

"Yacht" is a stunning limited edition of 1,000 signed pictures. It is a pictorial paean to the great age of sail. Michael's water colours capture the colour and drama of the classic yacht. With its coloured leather spine, gold-blocked title, and ribbon head and tail bands, even if you are not a sailor you cannot fail to appreciate the work that has gone into the prints. Michael is known worldwide for his beautiful water colours. For more information go to:

www.michaelfrith.com

Hardback: pages 160
Publisher: Spot Red Publishing
ISBN: 9780955626906
£400.00



Maha Kalaji
(1971-75; Ashcott)
"Journey of Confrontations"

This is the story of Maha's battle with, and determination to beat, breast cancer. The book records her experiences and reflects her courage to break all barriers to tell her story. There are plans to release an English version, and the proceeds of the book will be donated to the King Hussein Cancer Foundation.

Trypheyne McShane (née Lynes) (1967-70; Cheddar View) "The Intimacy of Death and Dying"

When someone we love dies suddenly, or after a serious illness, we're often left wondering if we could have done more. How prepared are we to care for loved ones, talk to children about death, deal with the death of young and old, and honour someone's life? This uplifting book has practical suggestions, and dozens of ways to make the death and dying of those you love everything you'd want it to be.

Trypheyne and two co-authors draw on their work and experiences around death and dying to bring readers an extraordinarily compassionate, practical, inspiring guide to this momentous time in our lives. She is an award-winning ecological artist, and has nursed a number of loved ones through dying.

Paperback: pages 264
Publisher: Allen & Unwin
ISBN: 9781741758948
£18.99

MUSIC

Lily Allen From Riches To Rags

This was the title of a March television programme, with three episodes, charting Lily's (1996-97*; Edgarley) abandonment of pop music and with her sister launching their own vintage clothing store 'Lucy in Disguise'. A television documentary crew followed her around for the previous year, recording much of her attempt to set up a luxury dress hire business.

David Follows In His Father's Footsteps

David Stewart (2003-07; Walton) is a singer/songwriter/producer who lives in London and is currently playing guitar for "Example" who had two top ten singles recently. Prior to that he was playing drums for English singer/songwriter Luke White. He has also toured in the last three years with Lily Allen (1996-97*; Edgarley), Faithless, Status Quo and Simply Red. He plays the piano, drums, guitar and bass and, under his own name, gigs around the majority of London's best venues. He is the son of veteran Scots entertainer Allan Stewart. To hear one of David's songs without charge, go to soundcloud.com/david-stewart.official/6am.



"The Ex-Police Man who Became an Opera God"

In his regular Arts section of the Daily Telegraph, in April, Rupert Christiansen (1968-72; Millfield) opera critic and arts columnist, wrote the above heading regarding a fellow OM Stewart Copeland (1967-69; Orchards), former Old Millfieldian of the Year and, of course, drummer in the rock group Police. Rupert wrote about Stewart's immense interest in opera, the classical version associated with traditional opera houses. He wrote his first two operas

in the mid-90s and is a keen fan of opera, always going to Covent Garden whenever he is in London away from his main residence in Los Angeles. His new one-act opera "The Tell-Tale Heart" was commissioned for the Linbury Studio Theatre and was performed in April; it is based upon the story by Edgar Allen Poe about a murderer, along the lines of Hannibal Lecter. His next opera will be entitled "The Ballad of Sarah Palin".

Ted's Group Wins A Brit Award

Last February's Brit Awards saw a move away from pop towards "quality music", with Mumford and Sons scooping a top award. Ted Dwane (1997-2002; Joan's Kitchen) was a member of this quartet. Mumford and Sons were nominated for Best New Artist and walked away with British Album of the Year for their Album "Sigh No More" despite little success in the preceding singles chart.

Sara Releases Debut Album

Sara Kempe (2000*-07; Kernick) released her debut album, "Let Me Fly" in March 2011. Classically trained at Millfield, Sara has taken that training and applied it to a collection of modern pop classics including Snow Patrol's 'Chasing Cars', Madonna's 'Frozen' and Sting's 'Field Of Gold' as well as nodding to that original training on 'Pie Jesu'. Have a look at www.sarakempe.com for more information. Sara returned to Millfield in September to help adjudicate the House Song Competition. Each house group had two choirs, a mass choir and a chamber choir, with every member of the house singing.



Sara on left with other song contest adjudicators

TELEVISION

"An Academy Tribute to Jeremy Thomas"

This was the title of a special evening in November 2010 at the Curzon, Soho, featuring film clips and personal

appearances in honour of Jeremy Thomas (1962*-67; Walton), "The Last Emperor", which he produced, won nine Academy Awards. The Academy celebrated the career of independent film producer Jeremy by bringing together distinguished members of the international film community to share their experiences working with his formidable talent.



This was a remarkable occasion to honour one of Britain's highest achieving film makers.

In the Daily Telegraph 'Seven' magazine of 27th February, in an 'Oscars Special' section, Jeremy described his winning experience: "It took hours to get to the ceremony in a limousine, which was even worse because the air con in our limo had broken down. There were a lot of us from the film, because we had nine nominations. I've been there since, but it was really special that year because you're nominated, you're in the club. If you're not nominated, you're not a player – you're a viewer. There was a strange sort of pleasure and pain involved in the whole situation. I'd written a speech to put in my tuxedo and was going to refer to it. But then the incredible emotion when you're called up on to the stage, some sort of magnet takes you up to the stage, I forgot that I even had a speech in my pocket. After I went backstage I realised I hadn't said thank you to anybody at all!"

MasterChef Progress

At the start of the 2011 BBC's MasterChef series, the Daily Telegraph printed an article explaining how the eight previous

winners had progressed since winning the title. James Nathan (1986-91; Keen's Elm) won his award in 2008. Following stints at Le Gavroche, Bentleys Oyster Bar in London and Michael Caine's Michelin-starred Bath Priory, James is now Chef de Partie at Rick Stein's seafood restaurant in Padstow, Cornwall.

New Bollywood Star

According to Adhyayan Suman's (2001-05; Holmcroft) official website, "he's talented, gorgeous and all of 22". He is the son of actor and television superstar Shekhar Suman, and he has been called the "face of young India". All this has come about because Adhyayan produced an outstanding performance in the biggest Indian box office hit of the year "Jashnn – The Music Within". Having left Millfield, Adhyayan studied film at the New York Film Academy. His website states that he has shed over 60kgs in a year to enable him to essay lead roles, in commercial Indian cinema. Do have a look at www.adhyayansuman.in

Becky Becomes A Waitress

In March, the latest Harvester television advertisement featured Becky Killick (2003-05; Warner) who is an actress, following drama school which she attended after she left Millfield. You can see her at www.harvester.co.uk

Alex Stars in "I Am Number Four"

The February Disney release of the young adults' science fiction bestseller about an alien astronaut hiding out on earth starred Alex Pettyfer (2003-04; Butleigh) in the lead. One review was rather unsympathetic, nonetheless Alex is now really establishing himself as a star – so do look out for reviews about his performances in the future.

Millie Stars in "Made In Chelsea"

Millie Mackintosh (2005-07; Kernick) is becoming famous as a cast member of E4's reality drama "Made in Chelsea", being the best friend of main character Caggie Dunlop. Now in its second series, this is a British reality soap opera set in the wealthy Chelsea district of London and is aired on Monday nights at 10.00 pm.

THEATRE

Lucy Co-founds a New London Theatre

In November 2010, a new theatre opened in West London's Notting Hill. "The Print Room" was co-founded by theatre director, Lucy Bailey (1973-78; Day). Having just directed "Macbeth" at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, Lucy directed the UK premiere of Italian film-maker Pier Paolo Pasolin's stage play "Fabrication" at this new theatre. See www.the-print-room.org

Dominic Pays Bible Royalties – and Brings Shakespeare to Cinemas

In January, Dominic Dromgoole (1976-81; Day) the Artistic Director of The Globe Theatre on the South Bank of The Thames, was astonished when he was told that he would have to pay the Queen royalties for his planned Easter performances of extracts from the King James Bible. The Daily Telegraph reported him as saying "I couldn't believe it, it is read out by priests in churches all over the country every Sunday, but I was told that the Queen owned the copyright, which is renewed after each accession. It is hard to believe that a copyright can be kept going for four centuries. If we had to pay Shakespeare's descendants they would be the richest family in Britain". Dominic returned to Somerset in April with a production of "Hamlet", at Street's Strode Theatre, where Dominic first trod the boards when he was a pupil at Millfield. In 2011 he also brought Shakespeare to cinemas in the UK and the United States, with the Shakespeare's Globe 2011 cinema series. Dominic said "with the advent of new technology it is now possible to see and hear theatrical productions in the cinema with a wonderful sharpness and clarity. We were delighted that these productions found new audiences who could experience Globe shows as if they were in the building." The programme proved immensely successful.

MISCELLANY

Two OMs on Same Virgin Flight Deck



The photo shows Captain Matthew Watts (1973*-80; Holmcroft) and Captain Bill Pryce (1961*-69; Kingweston) at work on a Virgin Atlantic A340-600 at 38,000 feet en route from Lagos to Heathrow. The A340-600 is the longest commercial airliner in the world and Virgin operate 25 A340s to routes all over the globe. It is unusual to have two Captains flying together and this was a photo opportunity to have two OMs on the flight deck. Bill is a Training Captain at Virgin where he has been for 20 years. Matthew has been at Virgin Atlantic for eleven years. Next time any OMs fly with Virgin, listen out for their names when they welcome passengers on board and go and say hello!

Bodenham Arboretum and Earth Centre

John David Binnian (1946*-50; Millfield) has just retired after 54 years work at Bodenham, as the founder and as a partner in the arboretum project. This 'secret garden' has been nurtured since 1973, an oasis of plantations, pools and avenues beautifully landscaped including over 3,000 species of trees and shrubs from all over the world. Situated near Kidderminster, it is well worth a visit. Look at www.bodenham-arboretum.co.uk.

"Britain's 50 Most Powerful Posh People under 30"

Last January, the journalist Polly Dunbar presented a Daily Mail definitive guide to the 'Posh and Proud' – the youngest and most influential of a class set to rule like never before. Included in the list was Chris Robshaw (1997*-2004; Butleigh) "Chris Robshaw, 24, England and Harlequins rugby player, was singled out for stardom at £9,340 a term Millfield School, where he was first-team captain. He was named Premiership player of the year in 2009".

Cover Girl Lara

Lara Harvey (2008-10; Portway) joined the Royal Northern College of Music in September as a mezzo soprano www.lara-harvey.com. She is photographed at Hatfield House where she gave a recital as part of the 400th anniversary celebrations in May.



Rob Narrowly Misses Becoming Law Undergraduate of the Year 2011



Rob Mortell (1999-2004; Day) was a whisker away from this honour after being named on the final shortlist of 10. He is currently studying Law at the University of Leicester and became a finalist in the competition after undergoing a vigorous selection process. The winner was announced in Canary Wharf on 15th April, where the finalists met former Cabinet Minister Michael Portillo. Rob said: "It was disappointing not to win but I have picked up so much knowledge that will help me with my ambition to become a barrister."

"Kings Without a Country"

In the run up to April's Royal Wedding, the Daily Express published an article with the above title. Crown Prince Alexander of Yugoslavia (1964-65; Chindit) was one king listed. The only child of Peter II, the last king of Yugoslavia, Alexander was born at Claridges Hotel in London, which was briefly declared to be part of Yugoslavia, thus enabling the baby prince to be born on Yugoslav territory. His godparents were King George VI and his daughter Princess (later Queen) Elizabeth. Yugoslavia was declared a republic when Alexander was only four months old. In 1947, his family was stripped of Yugoslav citizenship and all their property. He favours re-establishing a constitutional monarchy in Serbia but stays out of frontline politics.

Passing Out Parades

The Queen's Medal was awarded to Cadet Sergeant D J White (2000-01; Georgian Cottage), who is to commission into The Yorkshire Regiment. R J Butterfield (1997*-2005; Holmcroft) was granted a commission into the Imperial College, London Regiment.

"I Remember Miss Studley"

The news of Mrs Champion's retirement in June 2009 prompted huge numbers of tributes from parents, pupils and colleagues. We offer this one, from Matthew Showering (1971*-80; Day), which eloquently encapsulates the thoughts of many former Edgarley Old Millfieldians. "I count myself doubly fortunate. I was taught by Miss Studley and my children by Mrs Champion.

I arrived at Edgarley one year before Miss Studley. I must be among the first people she taught at the School. Back then she was akin to the modern, young, tracksuit-wearing gap student. I was a particularly annoying nine-year-old and she coped extremely well with the terrible job of teaching me. Even at that young age, she was an outstanding, kind and skilful teacher. She kept control without being unkind. She made boring subjects fun. She had confidence and made people feel good about themselves. 30 years later, when I sent my own children to Millfield Prep, I discovered how fortunate we all were to have



Sarah with Tim Taylor, Bryan Lobb and Dick Champion (her husband to be) in the Headmaster's Study

Mrs Champion. She must take much credit for the wonderful and nurturing place that is Millfield Prep." Sarah admits to the following occupations: member of the Old Millfieldian Society Advisory Committee, mediocre golfer (but Captain of Burnham and Berrow Golf Club, Ladies' Section), embryonic gardener, Vice President of St Margaret's Somerset Hospice, DIY – failed.

Britain's Oldest Ballet Dancer

Some of you may remember John Lowe who was Director of Art at Millfield between 1974 and 1979. Now 91, John has led a most interesting life. In the Army in the Second World War, he was captured in Malaya and imprisoned in the infamous Changi Camp. Much later he managed the Strode Theatre in Street, then became an art teacher at a military school in Germany before joining Millfield. At 91, he is surely Britain's oldest practising ballet dancer and in fact, enlivened by several photographs, received much publicity in last June's Daily Mail. John trains on a home-made trapeze at his bungalow, his mirrored exercise room having a ballet bar lining one wall and roller skates in the corner. John has three ballet classes each week and, in between, he practises every day. He is a very fit nonagenarian.

Roland Celebrates his 50th in Grand Style

Last June, the Somerset economy received a much-needed weekend boost when local taxis, security firms and caterers were booked out solidly for Roland Rudd's (1970*-79; Holmcroft) birthday celebrations at his home. Around 400 city leaders and friends were present, including James Murdoch, CBI president Sir Roger Carr, the Daily

Mail's Viscount Rothermere and Roland's friend Peter Mandelson. In a report by City AM, Roland's father revealed how his son had shown entrepreneurial flair at an early age, selling on Mars Bars to his fellow Millfield schoolboys at twice the going rate as they travelled back to the boarding school by train. "Roland used to leave Paddington skint and arrive at the School flush," he told the guests. The last year has seen Roland, who acts for more than a quarter of FTSE 100 companies, steer the London Stock Exchange's largest ever public offering, the £6bn sale of shares in commodities trader Glencore.

...and Following in Roland's Footsteps

In 1985, Roland became President of the Oxford Union, a term which was not without its debating problems, a debate with Cambridge University descending into chaos and another, resulting in much press coverage, with the Nicaraguan Vice President exiting the chamber before the US speaker could defend Central American policy in that country. Michaelmas 2011 at Oxford saw Izzy Westbury (2006-08; Martin's) become President of the Union, only

the second Old Millfieldian to hold this prestigious office. Izzy invited Roland to speak in November and David Heath (1963*-72; Day), Deputy Leader of the Commons and OM of the Year in 2010 early in 2012. We congratulate her upon her appointment and wish her a rewarding and trouble-free period of office.

And Now the Carpathian Forests

After 20 years in the furniture business, Paul Lister (1971*-77; Keinton), whose passion is the environment, conservation and education, founded and endowed The European National Trust (TENT) in 2001 and purchased the Alladale Wilderness Reserve in the Scottish Highlands – all 23,000 acres of it – in 2003. His vision for the reserve is a unique and pioneering ecological and social regeneration programme that benefits local wildlife, landscape and communities. The Reserve has received much coverage on television and in the press. Paul's longer-term vision for the Highlands is to see wolves, bears and possibly lynx living within a 50,000 acre fenced reserve allowing for natural processes rather like those which have evolved in South Africa. TENT has bestowed many grants on projects

designed to address the protection of the wilderness. Their recent, high profile co-venture was the production of "Wild Carpathia", a documentary highlighting Romania's beautiful yet deeply threatened landscapes and cultural heritage. Prince Charles was interviewed as part of the programme which was shown in 110 countries in 20 languages worldwide. Paul is a man on a conservation crusade and he deserves support. Do look at www.theeuropennaturetrust.com and www.alladale.com

Martin Fronts His Own Show

"Nature's Miracle Babies", was a series of BBC programmes about the plight of threatened species, presented by Martin Hughes-Games (1970-74; Etonhurst) who travelled the world to investigate and meet the babies born against the odds. For several years, Martin has been a co-presenter on Springwatch and Autumnwatch.

Chateau Dorking Makes the World's Best Rosé

Denbies Chalk Ridge Rosé 2010 defeated more than 360 challengers from 21 countries to claim the Still Rosé Gold Medal prize in the International Wine Challenge, the world's biggest

NATIONAL TRUST "TALKING BENCHES"

In June, the National Trust enlisted several celebrities to record monologues for the benches, which were set up at eight beauty spots, giving listeners a five-minute commentary inspired by their surroundings. The photograph shows John Sergeant (1957-62; Kingweston), former Old Millfieldian of the Year, on his bench at Petworth House, West Sussex.



Photo produced courtesy of Mischief

and most influential wine competition. This was a remarkable achievement as wine is not normally associated with Dorking, Surrey, in the London commuter belt. Denbies Vineyard is owned by the White family, all four sons having gone to Millfield; Christopher (1988*-95; St Anne's), being General Manager. He was reported in the Independent as saying "We have noticed a demand for premium still wines and this award reinforces the fact that English wine producers can and will continue to produce internationally recognised wine. Only 7,000 bottles have been produced, which sell for £11.99."

Cleve Does It Again!



*Photo originally published in RHS magazine, The Garden, April 2011
RHS The Garden/Neil Hepworth*

In last year's Chelsea Flower Show, Cleve West (1974-77; Orchards) won Best in Show, a remarkable achievement in that it was the third time that he had achieved this remarkable award. He designed the garden for the Daily Telegraph, a sunken garden with a prominent sculpture based on the

Roman ruins in Libya. In 2007 Cleve won the Old Millfieldian of the Year Award, for his two previous gold successes at Chelsea. Do have a look at www.clewest.com. Furthermore, Cleve has now published a book, "Our Plot" (see Authors' section in "Other News"), launched with a fanfare in September's Daily Telegraph.

Sir Benjamin's Campaign to Save Vandalised Dinosaur

Sir Benjamin Slade (1960-64; Chindit), the owner of a 20ft tall Tyrannosaurus Rex which, for a few years, had lurked in a field overlooking the M5 near Bridgwater, just down the road from Millfield, was vandalised in July, with a leg ripped off. Sir Benjamin said that he would not surrender to vandals, planning to get a new monster, specially made, with sharper teeth. Wikipedia describes Sir Benjamin as "a successful right-wing businessman and a notable self-publicist... looking for a male heir who has genetic similarity to one of his paternal ancestors, who will take an interest in running the estate and to whom he will leave it in trust." His family home, Maunsel House, is let out for weddings, conferences or out-of-town house parties. www.maunselhouse.co.uk

Boss of Ford in Britain to Retire After 39 Years

Nigel Sharp (1959-65; Kernick), the boss of Ford in Britain, retired in August after 39 years with the company, having been appointed to the top job in 2009. Nigel joined Ford in 1972 on a graduate scheme, and held a number of roles, including district manager for sales in Scotland and Northern Ireland and sales director, for Ford in Britain, before becoming MD. He has moved to Edinburgh where he is spending his time improving his golf, buying and doing up classic cars and indulging his hobby of collecting timepieces.



"Welcome To Our World"

This was the title of an article in September's Sunday Telegraph "Stella"

magazine, in which four "fashion-industry insiders" spoke about a recent week in their lives. Joanna Sykes (1991-96; Johnson's) is the Creative Director of the British clothing brand Aquascutum. This is part of her Monday entry: "Someone in the fabric team has just returned from Florence with a beautiful slinky textured beige viscose. Must find space for it in the new collection. Spend the day going through various materials – I have to confirm colours before the Italian mills close for August ..."

Best Alfresco Restaurant

September saw the Good Food Guide's Editors' Award winner of the above going to "The Vineyard Café", Ashprington. The guide described it as an abject lesson in how to deal with the vagaries of the British weather, with every climatic eventuality covered. It went on to say that head chef, Rosie Weston (1976-80; Great House) produces incredible food from a very small space, making the Vineyard Café a genuine hidden gem. The café provides alfresco-style eating on a small scale, with wonderful views overlooking the River Dart in Devon. Rosie was inspired to set up the restaurant by her mother, who set up the "Carved Angel" in Dartmouth (coincidentally where the OM Society South West Branch held its annual dinner in November). Do have a look at www.thevineyardcafe.co.uk

Bunga Bunga Opens to Acclaim

Duncan Stirling (1992*-99; Etonhurst) owns three nightclubs, "Kitts" in Sloane Square, "Maggie's" in Chelsea and "Barts" on Sloane Avenue. In September, he opened "Bunga Bunga" which immediately received a first-class restaurant review in the Telegraph, the 13th September review reporting: "At Bunga Bunga, the level of fun tends to nudge your expectations downwards in terms of the food you'll be getting. And then the food nudges your expectations right up again." See www.bungabunga-london.com Duncan has been extremely generous in hosting several London Branch reunions at all four of his clubs, the most successful one taking place at Bunga Bunga in November. We much appreciate his generosity.

The Chelsea Network

Deborah Walker (1984*-88; Day) has shown enormous enterprise in initiating and running her unique, highly successful social network called "The Chelsea Network", the group meeting up twice a month at present for drinks and/or dinner at various locations in Kensington and Chelsea. If you're interested, do have a look at www.thechelseanetwork.com (going live in February).

An "Epic Journey" Raises Money for Charity

On 16th September Matt Harris (1983*-90; Holmcroft), Johnny Bovell (1985-90; Holmcroft) and Dan Thompson (1985-90; Keen's Elm) canoed 10.5 miles down Lake Windermere, cycled 26 miles up Wrynose and Hardknott Passes then hiked up and down Scafell Pike, completing the course in a very respectable 9 hours 41 minutes, coming in 2nd overall of 20 teams, to raise money for the Wooden Spoon charity. www.woodenspoon.com

Running the New York Marathon

Damian Miller (1987-88; Holmcroft) completed the New York marathon in November in a time of 2:44:19. He was raising funds for Lewa Children's Home in Kenya. Follow the link to find out more <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LIzhsrYN5Q&feature=related>

Karin Dives to Guinness Recognition in 2012

Karin Sinniger (1980-83; Grange) is currently working as Vice-President of Legal Affairs for BP Angola but is always seeking new countries in which to scuba dive. Her aim is to do this in as many countries as possible. When we contacted her in November, she was in Cameroon: "I was shot at by troops wanting to make sure we weren't Nigerian pirates just as I was about to dive in the Atlantic on day one here. On day three, went to do a dive in a volcanic crater lake and spent 3.5 hours digging my four-wheel drive out of mud, another three hours paddling across the lake in a rickety pirogue to visit the chief and get his permission to dive, and one hour trekking with all my equipment to the lake. Cold shower and limited electricity when back at hotel."

She is used to this sort of thing! She expects to declare her record in May, diving the Great Wall of China (part of it is submerged), when she can prove that she has dived in 100 countries. Karin has done 105 but has to return to five of them as she didn't get proof at the time. It is a most unusual way to see the world. We look forward to hearing that she has reached her goal in 2012.

OM Entrepreneurs

Spencer Green

At Millfield, Spencer (1985-86; St Anne's) represented Wales Under 18s at Rugby and Tennis, going on to study Law at King's College. In 1993, he created GDS Publishing Ltd, specialising in industrial, government-led publications for the burgeoning Chinese market. In 1998, his company became GDS International and launched its first conference, Enterprise China. In 2000 GDS launched its first Senior Executive Summit, and, in 2011, GDS held over 70 summits for c-level executives from a wide range of industries across the globe.

Max Broadfield

Like Spencer, Max (2006-08; Kingweston), was a promising sportsman at Millfield, becoming Junior Wales Open champion in 2008. He went on to a golfing scholarship in America. This did not work out but Max has moved on to become the brain behind 'Crazyplay Ltd' which designs, develops and installs themed indoor and outdoor multi-storey interactive play structures. His business only began trading in April 2010 but turned over £500,000 by the end of the year. He now has a multi-million pound business plan. We wish him every success.



Paul Caplan

A dyslexic youngster at Millfield, Paul (1969-73; Chindit) enjoyed the School's sports facilities more than the classroom and left at 16 with few qualifications. A stint in France followed, where he learnt French and worked in an expensive Cannes boutique. Back in the UK, he founded 'Jeanery' a jeans shop which expanded considerably but ultimately failed leaving Paul bankrupt. Appropriately, he then started a new venture, 'Bankrupt Clothing' which was successful, Paul selling it in 1999. He now owns 'Go Outdoors' the outdoor goods chain which has 1,200 employees. He opened 10 shops in 2010 and is aiming for 10 more in 2011.

Nigel Felton

December 2010 was one of the coldest on record leading to the postponement of numerous sporting fixtures due to the extreme cold and heavy snowfall. However, several international and premiership rugby and FA Cup ties avoided postponement by having the pitch protection system provided by former professional cricketer Nigel Felton's (1977-79; Butleigh Wootton) innovative system. The system provides a lightweight, translucent membrane that is easily transportable and has an airflow component to provide warm air. The company provides services to the FA, the RFU and Premier Rugby.



"Victor Chandler the Gentleman's Bookie Will Stay One Step Ahead"

This was the title of an article about Victor (1966-69; Hollies) in a March Daily Telegraph. A lengthy piece, it described his enormous success in the betting world, where he became the first bookmaker to move off-shore to conduct his business for tax reasons. With skilful brand-building, he exploited his reputation as the "gentleman's bookie". The Sunday Times Rich List put Victor's wealth in 2010 at £160 million.

Businesswoman of The Year, A Poisoned Chalice?

To quote the Independent on 29th March, “It is not so much a poisoned chalice as a poisoned flute glass. Being named Veuve Clicquot Businesswoman of the Year might be the most sparkling accolade for women in industry, but all too often the fizz goes flat, with recipients resigning soon after they have been honoured”. Vivien Cox (1975-77; Great House), won the award in 2006 (becoming one of our Old Millfieldians of the Year in 2007), but stepped down as head of BP’s Alternative Energy Unit when it closed its London office last year. She is now

Chairman of Climate Change Capital Asset Management.

Michael Hayman

Michael (1983-88; Joan’s Kitchen), is co-founder of the public relations firm Seven Hills, and also co-founder of StartUp Britain, a national initiative for early stage enterprise supported by HM Government, which was recently launched by the Prime Minister, Chancellor and Secretary of State for Business. Michael is Chairman of Entrepreneurs at Coutts & Co, and was the 2011 Chairman for MADE: The Entrepreneurs Festival. He serves as Deputy Chairman of the Ministerial Ambassador Group for Global Entrepreneurship Week,

an initiative chaired by the Minister of State for Business and Enterprise. He is also a non-executive member of Festivals Edinburgh, is listed in Debrett’s People of Today and is an ambassador for the Courvoisier Future 500. He served as a non-executive director with the cities of Westminster, Sheffield and as a commissioner on the inquiry into The Future of Cities and Local Government Finance. Michael is a very busy young man who is ‘going places’.

Al Richardson

Professor Al Richardson (1964-66; Chindit) is Visiting Fellow in Entrepreneurship at the Cranfield School of Management.

SPORTS NEWS

OLYMPIC GAMES 2012

- OM athletes have represented nine different countries at the Olympics with swimming being the most represented sport.
- 56 OM athletes have competed at Olympic Games.
- 11 medals have been won by OM athletes.
- Mary Bignal-Rand (1953-58; Day) won a gold, silver and bronze at the 1964 Olympics.
- The most well-known victory was Duncan Goodhew’s (1970-75; Walton) gold in the 100m breaststroke at the 1980 Olympics.
- Mark Foster (1983-86; Millfield) swam at five Olympics.

Old Millfieldian 2012 Hopefuls

ATHLETICS Jemma Simpson (1997-2002; Portway) (800m) Nikki Hamblin (2004-06; Martin’s) (800m and 1500m)	Has competed at Commonwealth Games, European Championships, World Championships and the 2008 Olympics Commonwealth Games 2010, 800m and 1500m silver medallist
FENCING Men’s Foil Jamie Kenber (2000-05; Orchards) Rhys Melia (2006-07; Shapwick) Women’s Sabre Chrystall Nicoll (1999-2002; Grange) Katherine Kempe (1996*-2007; Kernick) Sophie Williams (2007-09; Martin’s)	Has represented England at Commonwealth Games and World Championships GB U20 Foil champion, nominated for BBC Young Sportsman of the Year 2009 Three-time senior national champion, the British no 1 picked up back-to-back World Cup bronze medals in 2010 Came third in the British Championships in 2008 Competed at the Junior European Championships and finished second in the Senior National Championships
HOCKEY Richard Mantell (1992*-99; Day) Simon Mantell (1994*-2002; Day) Nick Brothers (1994-2001; Shapwick)	Made his England debut in 2003. Part of the GB hockey squad which finished 5th at the 2008 Olympics and part of the England team which finished 4th at the 2010 Commonwealth Games. Has represented his country at 2006 and 2010 Commonwealth Games, 2006 World Cup and 2008 Olympics Made his England debut in 2005. Scored a hat-trick in England’s Commonwealth Games 2010 bronze medal defeat against New Zealand. Has represented his Country at 2006 and 2010 Commonwealth Games, 2006 World Cup and 2008 Olympics Goalkeeper – was part of the side which won gold at the European Championship in 2009 and silver at the Champions Trophy in 2010
ROWING Cameron Nichol (1994*-2005; Day) Helen Glover (2002-04; Martin’s)	Career highlights include silver medals in the men’s eight at the 2010 World Rowing Championships, the 2011 World Cup Series and the 2011 World Rowing Championships Career highlights include a gold medal in the women’s pairs event at the 2011 World Cup Series and a silver medal in the women’s pairs at the 2011 World Rowing Championships
CLAY SHOOTING Peter Wilson (2000-05; Holmcroft)	Won a silver medal at the World Cup in Chile in 2011
SWIMMING James Disney-May (2005-10; Butleigh) Robert Holderness (2001*-07; Cookson)	Was named in GB’s World Swimming Championships squad in 2011 Member of the GB Junior team for the European Junior Championships in 2007 and Welsh Junior record holder in 50m and 100m breaststroke
MODERN PENTATHLON Arthur Lanigan-O’Keeffe (2008-10; Holmcroft)	Won the men’s junior title at the British National Modern Pentathlon Championships in 2009 and has competed in Senior European Championships
TENNIS Connor Niland (1997-2000; Georgian Cottage)	Qualified for round one of Wimbledon and the US Open in 2011. In the latter tournament he lost to world number one Novak Djokovic

Old Millfieldians Olympic Representation

KEY: * = Gold + = Silver o = Bronze ISP = whilst still at school

Cortina	1956	Peter Torrens	1947-52; Resteholme	GB	Skiing
Rome	1960	Mary Bignal Michael F S Bullen Adrian Jardine Stuart Jardine Gordon Miller	1953-58; Day 1950-54; Millfield 1945*-52; Resteholme 1945*-52; Resteholme 1952-56; Walton	GB GB GB GB GB	Athletics Riding Sailing Sailing Athletics
Tokyo	1964	Mary Bignal-Rand Michael F S Bullen Adrian Jardine Stuart Jardine Giorgio Jegher Gordon Miller	1954-56; Millfield	GB GB GB GB Italy GB	Athletics*+o Riding Sailing Sailing Marathon Athletics
Mexico	1968	Adrian Jardine Stuart Jardine Yvonne Tobis	1966-67; Holmcroft	GB GB Israel	Sailing° Sailing Swimming
Munich	1972	Ford Dennis Nigel Johnson Sue Jones ISP Peter Marsh	1965-70; Millfield 1969-70; Day 1970-72 ; Day 1967-71; Kingweston	Liberia GB GB GB	Athletics Swimming Swimming Hockey
Montreal	1976	Joanne Atkinson ISP Robert Bruniges Duncan Goodhew Peter Lerpiniere ISP	1973-77; Johnson's 1974-75; Dower House 1970-75; Walton 1972-76; Orchards	GB GB GB GB	Swimming Fencing Swimming Swimming
Lake Placid	1980	David Cargill	1963-67; Shapwick	GB	Skiing
Moscow	1980	Robert Bruniges Duncan Goodhew		GB GB	Fencing Swimming*o
Los Angeles	1984	Stephen Batchelor Suki Brownsdon ISP Robert Bruniges Ian Collins Bill Davidson Neil Harper ISP Paul Howe ISP Chris Law Michael Mumford Amin Shahin	1975-79; Butleigh 1982-84; Acacia 1977-8 ; Holmcroft 1980-81; St Anne's 1979-84 ; Millfield 1983-86; Shapwick 1966-71; Rookery 1969-74; Hollies 1978-82; Holmcroft	GB GB GB GB USA GB GB GB GB Jordan	Hockey° Swimming Fencing Swimming Hockey Swimming Swimming° Sailing Modern Pentathlon Water Polo
Séoul	1988	Stephen Batchelor Helen Bewley Suki Brownsdon Andrew Castle Caroline Foot Mark Foster Neil Harper Paul Howe Dominic Mahony Leslie-Anne Skeete Kirsty Wade	1982-85 ; Day 1976-79; Day 1979-84; Day 1983-86; Millfield 1977-82; Holmcroft 1983-85; Johnson's 1978-80; Oaklands	GB GB GB GB GB GB GB GB GB GB GB	Hockey° Swimming Swimming Tennis Swimming Swimming Swimming Swimming Modern Pentathlon° Athletics Athletics
Barcelona	1992	Stephen Batchelor Martin Bettum Mark Foster Rob Hill Paul Howe Jason Laslett Hilary Wells (née Dresser)	1986-89; Kingweston 1981-86; Keen's Elm 1983-86; Shapwick 1982-87; Ivythorn 1981-86; Warner	GB Norway GB GB GB GB GB	Hockey° Boxing Swimming Hockey Swimming Hockey Canoeing
Atlanta	1996	Caroline Foot Mark Foster Jason Laslett David Luckes Nick Shackell	1980*-87; Day 1991-93; Georgian Cottage	GB GB GB GB GB	Swimming Swimming Hockey Hockey Swimming
Sydney	2000	Tom Bertram Sian Brice (née Pilling) Julie Dibens (née Ricketts) Joanna Fargus Mark Foster David Luckes Nick Shackell Ed Sinclair Sarah Winckless	1988*-95; Millfield 1985-88; Acacia 1986*-93; Warner 1992*-97; Warner 1994-99; Keen's Elm 1990-92; Orchard Leigh	GB GB GB GB GB GB GB GB GB	Hockey Athletics Athletics Swimming Swimming Hockey Swimming Swimming Rowing
Athens	2004	Tom Bertram Julie Dibens Amar Shah Ed Sinclair Sarah Winckless	2002-04; Keen's Elm	GB GB Kenya GB GB	Hockey Triathlon Swimming Swimming Rowing°
Beijing	2008	Jemma Simpson Richard Mantell Simon Mantell Euan Dale Mark Foster Andrew Hunter Julie Dibens (née Ricketts) John McFall	1997-2002; Portway 1992*-99; Day 1994*-2002; Day 1997*-2004; Keen's Elm 2002-04; Keen's Elm 1994-97; Orchards	GB GB GB GB GB GB GB Paralympic Athletics	Athletics Hockey Hockey Swimming Swimming Swimming Triathlon Sprint°

Athletics

Current OM Athletes

Gary Jennings, Master i/c Athletics

Kitty Eleyae (2006-10; Southfield)	Long Jump	2011 4th BUCS Championships; 6th GB U20 Championships; 5th South of England Senior Championships
Ashley Helsby (2006-08; Kernick)	100m Hurdler	2011 2nd English Senior Championships, 5th UK Championships and World Championship trials, North of England Champion
James Lelliott (2006-11; Etonhurst)	Long Jump	2011 2nd GB U20 Championships, 1st English Schools' Championships, 1st SW Schools' Championships
Carl Myerscough (1996-98; Georgian Cottage)	Shot/discus	2011 1st GB Championships (shot), 2nd (discus) World Championships – 2003 9q, 2005 12th, 2009 11th European Championships – 2006 7q Commonwealth Games – 2006 4th
Katie Sockett (2006-08; Warner)	400m Hurdles	2011 2nd Northern Championships, 7th BUCS Championships
Jimi Tele (2008-09; Etonhurst)	Triple Jump	2011 2nd Commonwealth Youth Games 2010 2nd Aviva Schools' International, Gold England U17 Outdoor Champion, Gold Aviva English Schools' Champion
Sophie Thomas (2005-07; Martin's)	Javelin/shot	2011 2nd BUCS Championships javelin, 4th indoor BUCS Championships shot, 5th England Senior Championships shot, 4th GB U23 Championships javelin
Chris Wakeford (2003-08; Etonhurst)	400m Hurdles	2010 7th BUCS Indoor Championships 60mH, 5th BUCS Outdoor Championships 400mH and 110mH, 1st SE Inter-Counties 400mH, 3rd South of England Championships 400mH, 5th U23 National Championships

David Still Holds the Record

Between 1972-73 David Hemery was Housemaster at Millfield House. Just before then, in October 1968, David won an Olympic Gold Medal in the 400m hurdles, with a time of 48.26 seconds. In November, Dai Greene won the same event at the World Athletics Championships, and now, is highly fancied to win a Gold at the forthcoming Olympics. However, David's world record of 48.26 seconds still stands. At the forthcoming Games it will be part of David's British Olympic Association duties to look after its invited overseas dignitaries. Make sure you watch the Olympic Men's 400m hurdles final on Monday 6th August!

In 2011 David launched an ambitious legacy project for British school children post-London 2012.

His educational charity has developed a schools' programme called "Be the Best You Can Be" aiming to have 80 per cent of UK secondary schools participating in the programme by 2016.

Modern Pentathlon

by Arthur Lanigan O'Keeffe (2008-10; Holmcroft)

"I came fourth in the Polish Open and then had my big breakthrough where I qualified for the final at the Senior European Championships, becoming the first Irish male to qualify for a major final where I held my own finishing 20th overall out of 36. On the way I beat the top 5 ranked modern pentathletes in the world. I then narrowly (5 seconds) missed out on the final of the Senior World Championships 2 weeks later. I believe

if all goes to plan I am in with every chance of qualifying for the London Olympics. Thank you, Millfield, for supporting me throughout my years at school."

Dominic Mahony

(1977-82; Holmcroft), Olympic Bronze medallist will be manager of Britain's Modern Pentathlon Team at next year's Games.

Bobsleigh Racing

Olly Biddulph (2007-11; Walton) is on the verge of being selected for Team GB as the driver in the two-man bob. Currently at Reading University, his aim is to represent his country in the Youth Winter Olympics being hosted by Austria in January 2012, with his ultimate goal being the next Winter Olympics in the Russian city of Sochi.

Three Millfieldians in the World's Toughest Race

TOBIAS MEWS (1990-95; Orchards) returned triumphant from the Sahara Desert, having come top British finisher and 21st overall in the 26th Marathon des Sables (MdS). This placed him in the history books as one of the highest ranked British competitors to have completed the race. Marketed as ‘the toughest footrace on earth’, the MdS is a six day, 156 miles self-supported endurance race across the Sahara Desert. That’s the equivalent of running six regular marathons – back to back! Competitors have to carry everything they need for the duration of the race – food, clothes, medical kit, sleeping bag – with water being rationed out at check points. The most crippling and worrying aspect of the race for any competitor, is the combination midday temperatures reaching 52 degree heat and miles of energy-sapping sand dunes. Oh and if this is not enough to put you off, competitors have to run a 52-mile stage on the 4th day. Having already completed numerous sub three-hour marathons, multi-stage ultra-marathons, Ironman triathlons and even the 125 miles Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race, Tobias was earmarked as a Top 50 finisher. But to have finished with



the top 20 elite runners exceeded even his expectations. So what next you may ask? Sponsorship deals, a monthly column in Triathlete’s World magazine, regular contributions to numerous running magazines, three subsequent Ironman races in the summer including the Norseman (‘the toughest Iron distance triathlon in the world’), to name but a few. He’s also launching a new website for amateur tri-athletes and runners: www.theweekendwarrior.tv Tobias is going to be a busy man!

The April MdS also had two other Millfieldians competing, Graham Bailey, a current tutor, as well as the quite remarkable Millfield gardener Bryan Shepherd, a man with big hair and an even bigger heart. You might remember him, as he joined the Grounds and Gardens Department in 1977 when he was only 15, so he’s been a full-time fixture at Millfield for 34 years. In May, ‘The Millfield Voice’ (the School’s in-house magazine for pupils) printed an interview with Bryan. Here are some extracts:

You’ve done it before: when was that, and what was it like?

I did it in 2001. I remember it being harder then, because this time I knew what was coming.

How was this time different?

This time I was more prepared mentally and practically, knowing what food to take and other small items of comfort. Moreover, it was not as hot this time, with temperatures ‘only’ reaching 52°C; and on day two there was no sun, only wind.

What was the most painful part of the run?

The sixth day was the most painful: I had constant back pain and had to take several pills to ease the suffering. My rucksack was too heavy at 11 kilogrammes.

What was the most painful part of your body?

My feet. I had several blisters and lost four toe nails.

What was the best aspect of the experience?

Knowing that, 10 years on, I can run faster than I did before.

Do you have any plans for more insane stunts in the future?

I want to go to Peru to do the Inca Trail, and would also like to bungee jump at Victoria Falls. I’d also like to try another ultra-running race.



Bryan Shepherd

Cricket

County Cricket Averages 2011

In the LV County Championship, 14 OMs were involved:

DERBYSHIRE								
Batting	Wes Durston (1988*-99; Day)							
	M	I	No	Runs	HS	Avg	100	50
	16	31	3	1138	151	40.64	3	6
	Luke Sutton (1988*-95; Holmcroft)							
	M	I	No	Runs	HS	Avg	100	50
	16	26	1	573	56	22.92	-	1
Bowling	Wes Durston (1988*-99; Day)							
	O	M	R	W	Avg	Best	5w	10w
	97.2	12	345	8	43.12	4-45	-	-
ESSEX								
Batting	Adam Wheater (2003-08; Shapwick)							
	M	I	No	Runs	HS	Avg	100	50
	11	20	1	804	164	42.31	2	4
	Aneurin Norman (2004-09; Walton)							
	M	I	No	Runs	HS	Avg	100	50
	1	1	0	34	34	34.00	-	-
	Dean Cosker (1991-96; Millfield)							
	M	I	No	Runs	HS	Avg	100	50
	16	24	4	314	39	15.70	-	-
	Chris Ashling (2005-07; Walton)							
	M	I	No	Runs	HS	Avg	100	50
	2	3	2	9	7	9.00	-	-
Bowling	Dean Cosker (1991-96; Millfield)							
	O	M	R	W	Avg	Best	5w	10w
	432	101	1128	51	22.11	5-93	1	-
	Chris Ashling (2005-07; Walton)							
	O	M	R	W	Avg	Best	5w	10w
	55.1	5	200	6	33.33	3-18	-	-
HAMPSHIRE								
Batting	Simon Jones (1995-97; Georgian Cottage)							
	M	I	No	Runs	HS	Avg	100	50
	1	1	0	0	0	0.00	-	-
Bowling	Simon Jones (1995-97; Georgian Cottage)							
	O	M	R	W	Avg	Best	5w	10w
	18.3	1	65	1	65.00	1-59	-	-
KENT								
Batting	Daniel Bell-Drummond (2004*-11; Orchards)							
	M	I	No	Runs	HS	Avg	100	50
	4	7	0	147	80	21.00	-	1
SOMERSET								
Batting	Craig Kieswetter (2006; Orchards)							
	M	I	No	Runs	HS	Avg	100	50
	9	14	0	572	164	40.85	2	3
	James Hildreth (1994*-2003; Shapwick)							
	M	I	No	Runs	HS	Avg	100	50
	16	25	1	923	186	38.45	2	4
	Arul Suppiah (1996-2001; Millfield)							
	M	I	No	Runs	HS	Avg	100	50
	17	31	3	961	156	34.32	1	6
	Max Waller (1995*-2006; Shapwick)							
	M	I	No	Runs	HS	Avg	100	50
Bowling	Max Waller (1995*-2006; Shapwick)							
	O	M	R	W	Avg	Best	5w	10w
	52	0	28	1	28.00	1-7	-	-
	Arul Suppiah (1996-2001; Millfield)							
	O	M	R	W	Avg	Best	5w	10w
	149.1		29	447	10	44.70	2-16	-
SURREY								
Batting	Tom Maynard (2002-07; Walton)							
	M	I	No	Runs	HS	Avg	100	50
	16	28	3	1022	141	40.88	3	3
	Rory Hamilton-Brown (2001-05; Kingweston)							
	M	I	No	Runs	HS	Avg	100	50
	16	30	2	1039	159	37.10	1	5
Bowling	Rory Hamilton-Brown (2001-05; Kingweston)							
	O	M	R	W	Avg	Best	5w	10w
	25.5	2	107	1	107.00	1-19	-	-
	Tom Maynard (2002-07; Walton)							
	O	M	R	W	Avg	Best	5w	10w
	2	0	7	0	-	-	-	-

England Lions Tour of the West Indies

This took place between January and March 2011 with James Hildreth (1994*-2003; Shapwick) and Craig Kieswetter (2006; Orchards), being selected as members of the squad, with James as Captain. The outstanding Millfield performance of the tour occurred when the Lions took on the Leeward Islands in a four-day competition. James scored an exceptional 149 runs while Craig scored 116 not out from just 102 balls. Coincidentally Kieran Powell (2004-06; Walton) was in the West Indies team and, in the first innings, he scored 131 runs. It was an outstanding achievement to have three OMs scoring centuries in the same first-class match. However, more exceptional successes were ahead.

A Sparkling Three Weeks' Cricket for the Millfield Trio

In early July, in the 2,313th Twenty20 match ever played, Arul Suppiah (1996-2001; Millfield) returned record-breaking figures of six for five in Somerset's win over Glamorgan. These were the best bowling figures ever recorded in that short form of the game. Born in Kuala Lumpur, Arul has been a fringe member of Somerset's limited overs teams for the last couple of seasons, mainly being used as an opener in the County Championships. He has now emerged as a real all-rounder.



1 Arul Suppiah.
2 James Hildreth.
3 Craig Kieswetter.

Shortly afterwards, and in a four-day match against Warwickshire at the County Ground at Taunton, James Hildreth and Craig Kieswetter in an unbroken fifth wicket stand, gained the record for Somerset against Warwickshire and also a new Championship partnership for the

county in putting on 450 runs, with James scoring 300 and Craig 150. James's 300 came from 338 balls and included 35 fours and 4 sixes, whilst Craig's 150 came off 238 balls and included 10 fours and 6 sixes. Quite an exceptional 21 days for the three Old Millfieldians!

James Extends His Stay with Somerset

At the beginning of the season, James Hildreth signed a new three-year deal with Somerset, the county that he had represented since his days with their Under-11 side. In the 2010 season, James scored 1,440 runs and was rewarded with the captaincy of England Lions on their tour to West Indies during the winter months. He first became a pupil at Millfield at the age of 10.

"Kieswetter Driven by Runs not Riches"

A full-page was given over to an article about Craig Kieswetter in the Sunday Telegraph. It covered his early, perhaps premature selection, for England's short-form side, his problems and his determination to succeed to gain full international honours. The article concluded with an interesting reminder about the strength of Millfield cricket: "... but he played in a remarkable team at Millfield. Opening the batting was Kieran Powell, who has since played for the West Indies, at No. 3 was Surrey's Tom Maynard, Kieswetter was at four and Essex's Adam Wheeler at five. The captain was Somerset's leg-spinner Max Waller and the opening bowler was Glamorgan's Chris Ashling."

Tom Joins Rory at Surrey

The 2010 season kicked off with Tom Maynard (2002-07; Walton) joining Surrey from Glamorgan and making a good start with some impressive scores. He moved to play under his Millfield 1st XI captain, Rory Hamilton-Brown, who himself had been the subject of much discussion in the press. Interest was especially focused on the fact that Rory is just 23 years old and in charge of an experienced Surrey team, many of whom were much older and especially Mark Ramprakash, former England cricketer, at 41. The Daily Telegraph printed a full-page interview with him

under the heading "I'd rather be plain old Rory Brown", outlining that Rory is the youngest captain of Surrey for 138 years, describing his recent sharing of a Melbourne flat with Danny Cipriani, "enfant terrible" of English rugby, and covering his background and cricket aspirations. In May and needing almost 400 to avoid the follow-on, Surrey made decent inroads with a 136-run first-wicket stand in 35 overs between Rory and Tom. It was the county's first century opening stand in almost two years.

"West Indian Influence Rubbing Off On Future Kent Ace"

This was the headline in "Your Canterbury" on 7th August regarding Daniel Bell-Drummond (2004*-11; Orchards): "The former Millfield school pupil showed why Kent's coaching staff rate him so highly with a spirited knock of 42 in just 30 balls on his senior debut against Worcestershire last weekend. It's unlikely to be the last time the opening batsman, who only turned 18 on Thursday, features this summer following a string of impressive displays for the second-team and the English under-19s." Clearly, Daniel has an extremely promising cricketing future ahead of him.



More OM County Cricket Centurions

In August, in Derbyshire's four-day match against Kent, Wes Durston (1988*-99; Day), formerly of Somerset (and fairly recently having coached cricket at Millfield) scored 151, an outstanding performance. In the same Derbyshire team was wicket-keeper captain Luke Sutton (1988*-95; Holmcroft) who, previously, had played for Lancashire for several years. Wes capped an impressive season by being named Derbyshire's "Club Player of the Year". Furthermore, he became LV County Championship "Player of the Year" for his outstanding all-rounder.



Again in August, Adam Wheeler (2003-08; Shapwick) scored his maiden century, 135 batting at 5, for Essex against Gloucestershire at Colchester. Another fine prospect.



"Millfield 40 Final 2011"

Of course, it was the "Clydesdale Bank 40 Final"! However, it could well have been the above in that five of the 22 players on view were OMs and, in addition to that, one of the main commentators was Ian Ward (1986-91; St Anne's) former England cricketer. Alas (I am a Somerset supporter!), Surrey defeated Somerset by five wickets (D/L). Surrey's Rory Hamilton-Brown was the star of the show as he scored 78 runs before being run out. Three more Old Millfieldians then clashed as Tom Maynard, batting number 4, scored 17 runs before being caught by Craig Kieswetter off the bowling of Arul Suppiah. The fifth OM, James Hildreth, scored just three runs on another disappointing day for Somerset, who have now lost five finals in the last three years. After winning the toss and electing to bat, Somerset scored 214 all out. A 90-minute rain delay meant that Somerset then bowled only 30 overs instead of 40 and, with a reduced target, Surrey claimed victory with 189-5. Next year!

Fencing

Tristan Parris, Director of Fencing

2011 has been another great year for OMs fencing. As well as many OMs still participating very actively in the sport all around the world there has been a great deal of international representation for recent OMs. At Easter Sophie Williams (2007-09; Martin's), Jessica Davies (2007-09; Martin's) and Alice Watson (2007-09; Portway) represented GB at the World Under 20 Championships at the Dead Sea, Jordan. All three finished in the top 30 Women's Sabre, with Sophie being the best British result finishing 14th. At senior level, Jamie Kenber (2000-05; Orchards) (men's foil), Chrystall Nicoll (1999-2002; Grange) and Sophie (women's sabre), all represented GB at both the European Championships in Sheffield and the World Championships in Catania, Sicily. Jamie finished inside the top 30 both times and was the best British result on each occasion. Chrystall and Sophie both finished outside the top 50. However, they fared much better at the Europeans, with Sophie finishing 22nd and Chrystall 13th which was again the best British result. All three of these athletes have very realistic expectations of representing GB at London 2012.

Golf



Mark Mouland, Russell Fairchild
David Fairchild, John Davies

Mark Now Officially a Senior

When Mark Mouland (1973-76; Mill House) was at Millfield, he won the Carris Trophy, the British Boys' U18 Individual Championship at the age of 15, the youngest winner ever and this record still stands. Mark turned professional in 1981, his career record

including two European Tour wins. Just 50, he has now qualified for both the British and the American Senior Tours, having homes in both Kennilworth and Florida in order that he can compete in an extremely busy schedule.

At the beginning of October, Mark claimed his maiden European Senior Tour victory, and his first win in 23 years, after he came from four shots behind to snatch the Belas Clube de Campo Senior Open de Portugal title with a four under par closing round of 68. Mark's steady finish, after following up his opening round of 70 with a 69, was enough to seal a one-shot victory on nine under par after as many as five potential winners fell by the wayside. In the challenging final stretch at the course outside Lisbon, Mark birdied the 10th, 11th, 13th and 15th holes on his 32 back nine. His last victory in European golf came at the 1988 KLM Dutch Open. In his subsequent tournament, the Spanish Benahavis Senior Masters' event, Mark finished in 5th position with 4 under par. All in all, he has made a most encouraging start in his first year as a rookie senior.

www.markmouland.com

News of OM Golfers

Karen Nicholls, Director of Golf

In September, Harrison Greenberry (2007-10; Keen's Elm) won the 85th Boys' Amateur Championship, the final being played over 36 holes at Burnham and Berrow. Harrison secured victory at the first extra hole, becoming Millfield's first winner of the competition since Mark Grieve (1979-81; Millfield) in 1982 and, coincidentally, on the same course. Earlier in the summer, Jamie Clare (2010-11; Mill House) finished runner-up in the English Amateur Championships, losing 7 and 5 in the 36-hole matchplay final. Subsequently, he was one of two players selected to represent the EGU in the Junior Players Championship at Sawgrass in Florida in September. Bobby Leopold (1998-2003; Millfield) reached the quarter-final of the USA Amateur Championship.

Victory at Abu Dhabi Junior Golf Championships

In December 2010, Ben Taylor (2008-10; Butleigh) won the Abu Dhabi

Junior Golf Championships. He won with a three-round score of 13 under par. Ben was delighted with his two shot victory. He has been playing golf since the age of two and his ambition is to play in The Ryder Cup.



Sarah Continues To Do Well In The Golfing World

Sarah Stirk (1994-96; Warner) began her broadcasting career on MUTV, Manchester United's channel, also presenting on BBC's East Midlands Today. Then two years covering the PGA Golf Tour on the now defunct Setanta Golf, and going on to present sports news for the BBC, including on Sports Today. She has also reported on the Open Championship on radio for talkSport and, in 2010, was part of the team on Radio 5 Live's coverage of the PGA Championship and Scottish Open. Sarah contributes to several golfing publications, including Golf International and A Place in the Sun. She also runs her own sports company, Xclusive Golf, which specialises in bespoke golfing experiences around the world. www.sarahstirk.com

Joanna Gets Her Card

Last December, Joanna Klatten (2000-01; Southfield) played in the European Golf pre-qualifying school in a demanding four-round competition, the lead players going on to yet another eliminating competition at La Manga. As a result of this Joanna qualified to earn her full card for the 2011 Ladies European Tour.

Ben Does Well In Johannesburg

In January, on the Men's European Tour, Ben Evans (1992*-2000; Day) did extremely well in the Johannesburg Open Tournament, finishing in 13th place, scoring 66, 67, 67 and 76 a total of 276, and 8 under par.

Hockey

Chris Mantell, Head of Hockey

The highpoint of the OM Hockey calendar has been for many years the Vanda Steer Memorial Match held in July and happily this was reinstated into the Open Day programme this year. Our thanks must go to Josh Smith (1997-2002; Cookson) for organising this special event. In past years this has seen two OM men's sides demonstrating their skills and remarkable fitness in a fiercely contested match, much to the delight of the crowd; this year their opponents were the Millfield 1st XI and the contest was just as keen, the OMs finally running out as winners. It is always good to hear of so many Old Millfieldians being still involved in the game at whatever level or capacity. The list of players who are registered to play in the National League are but the tip of the iceberg.

On the international scene eight OMs represented their countries:

Nick Brothers	England, England Indoor & Great Britain
Richard Mantell	England, England Indoor & Great Britain
Simon Mantell	England, England Indoor & Great Britain
Rufus McNaught -Barrington	Wales
Maggs Rees	Wales
Alys Brooks	Wales
(2005-07; Acacia)	
Ian Haley	South Africa
Christina Schutze	Germany
(1999-2000)	

The international season 2010-11 saw some major tournaments involving OM players. At the Commonwealth Games in Delhi Wales (women) secured their best ever finish of 7th place even after losing out to Scotland on penalty

MENS' NATIONAL PREMIER LEAGUE

Alex Armstrong	2005-07; St Anne's	Beeston
Jordache Rawson	2000-02; Georgian Cottage	Hampstead and Westminster
Dominic Bowden	2002*-09; Great	Loughborough Students
Harry Gibson	2009-11; Keens Elm	Loughborough Students
Jerome Goudie	1993-95; Holmcroft	Loughborough Students
Tom Bertram	1988*-95; Millfield	Reading
Richard Mantell	1992*-99; Day	Reading
Simon Mantell	1994*-2002; Day	Reading
Nick Brothers	1994*-2001; Shapwick	Reading
Nick Page	1994*-2005; Day	Reading
Ian Haley	2001-02; Keens Elm	Exeter University
Chris Rea	2006-10; Orchards	Exeter University
Matthew Woods	1994*-2005; Day	Exeter University
Tom Woods	2004-08; Skinner	Exeter University (and Tilburg in Netherlands)

MEN'S NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUES

James Morris	2006-08; Millfield	Fareham
Will Blockley	1994*-2005; Orchards	Guildford
George Farrant	2005-10; Walton	Team Bath Buccaneers
Rufus McNaught-Barrington		1997*-2004; Etonhurst Team
		Bath Buccaneers
Adam Wheater	2003-08; Shapwick	Old Loughtonians
Tom Viney	1998-2003; Millfield	Whitchurch

LADIES NATIONAL PREMIER LEAGUE

Aileen Davis	2001-06; Acacia	Clifton
Laura Myers	2002*-11; The Lakes	Clifton
Lucy Brown	2003-05; Southfield	Leicester
Maggs Rees	1997-99; Acacia	Birmingham University
Sarah Page	1998*-2003; Witt	Birmingham University

LADIES NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE

Bethan Jenkins	1998-2003; Kernick	Surbiton
Eli Springett	2006-08; Kightley	Loughborough Students
Indi Ganley-Boast	1999-2004; Kernick	Springfields
Anna Cooper	1992*-99; Day	Barnes-Hounslow-Ealing
Kate Potts	1994*-2001; Acacia	Barnes-Hounslow-Ealing
Holly Simpson	2007-10; Overleigh	Firebrands
Anna Glyn-Davies	2003-08; Southfield	Isca University
Alice Woods	2007-11; Overleigh	Isca University

strokes, while England (men) missed out on bronze in a similar fashion. England (men) competed in the Indoor World Cup in Poland for the first time ever, achieving a creditable 5th place. Nick Brothers, Simon Mantell and Richard Mantell are members of the Great Britain training squad preparing for the Olympics next summer, while Ian Haley and Christina Schutze are involved in their respective Olympic training programmes. This year also saw Christina Schutze captaining Germany

in the European Championships and Richard Mantell being awarded his international "cap" for 100 England performances.

Finally, three Millfield players gained hockey scholarships to American universities last year:

Jess Orrett (2007-11; Overleigh)	Virginia
Caitlin Rea (2009-11; Acacia)	Harvard
Kirsty Crampton-Smith (2006-11; Martins)	North Eastern, Michigan



Vanda Steer Memorial Match, July 2011

Motor Racing

Zaamin Aims To Become a Formula 1 Driver

For two years, Zaamin Jaffer (1999*-2008; Butleigh) has raced in the single-seat Formula Ford Series. He joined Raysport in 2009 and finished the season 4th in the rookie standings. Last season he finished 16th out of 26. He now races in the British Automobile Racing Club's Formula Renault Championship, an obvious feeder to Formula 1, which is his ambition. We wish him well.

Sam Bird (2003-05; Kingweston)

"I have had a mixed year racing in the F1 feeder series, GP2 for British team iSport. It all started well, and I was leading the championship for the first three rounds, then after qualifying on pole at Monaco, things started to go downhill!



An overheating clutch, compounded by a slow forming grid cost me the win and probably fastest lap. After that we had a disappointing middle of the year, where the car just didn't seem to have the pace. I finished the season with two solid results at Monza to leave me sixth in the championship, which of course is not where I had hoped to be. However, I know that I have the pace and overtaking ability, and there are a lot of good things to take forward. I have had many other interesting experiences over the year. Working closely with the Mercedes Petronas GP Formula One team has been a wonderful experience. I spend a lot of time on their simulator at Brackley, and have travelled with them to Grand Prix in Montreal and Singapore, as well as all the European rounds. I have done some filming work for them as well as demonstration runs in the F1 car at the Goodwood Festival of Speed and in the streets of Rotterdam. As for the future, at the moment there are several options on the table and my management team and I will sit down soon to make some decisions. As always, we are seeking sponsorship to move forward. I will undertake some testing over the winter period in various categories and continue my work with Mercedes

and supporting the 'halow project', a charity which works to support young people with learning disabilities". www.halowproject.org.uk

Riding

Flora Harris – Badminton News

Flora Harris (2002-06; Kernick) competed in her first Badminton this year. Eventing involves the three disciplines of Dressage, Cross-Country and Show Jumping. Despite the pressure of such a high profile competition, Flora, riding Law Choice, performed a superb dressage test to put her in 19th place after the first phase. The following day despite being held mid-course for over 20 minutes, she posted a clear round cross country in an exceptionally good time. Sadly, on the final day Law Choice was unable to compete in the show jumping section due to a slight injury. Nevertheless, Flora put on an impressive performance, showing great promise for the future. Flora became interested in eventing at the age of 14 and developed her talent while at Millfield under the watchful eye of Danny Anholt (Director of Riding). She has enjoyed numerous triumphs over the last few years and we wish her every success in the future.

"Warren Hangs Up His Jump Jockey Boots"



On 25th April, Warren Marston (1984-87; St Anne's) retired from racing. On the next day, in The Times, racing correspondent Alan Lee wrote: "Warren Marston saw the red light yesterday and ended 23 years as a jump jockey, just like that. "I woke up this morning and it felt like the right thing to do," he said. "It's not something I've been thinking of or planned." Warren, 40, never rose to the same heights as Richard Johnson or Robert Thornton, his peers in the David Nicholson academy of that late 1980s, but he was wholehearted and popular. He is not the first to retire so abruptly, mind and limbs still in full working order, and he will hopefully not be the last. From this punishing profession, it is definitely the best way to go."

Rachel and Tony Lead the Racehorse Owners' Association

Recently, Rachel Hood (1970-71; The Cottage) has become President and Tony Hirschfeld (1960*-65; Portway) Vice President of the prestigious ROA



Council of 19 executives, with 7,100 members, the association promoting and protecting the interests of racehorse owners in Great Britain. It plays a central role in British racing politics and finance, last year launching a tariff to recommend minimum prize-money levels. A barrister, Rachel chaired the "Save Historic Newmarket Action Group", is a Trustee of the National Horseracing Museum and Director of the Horsemen's Group and Racing Enterprises Limited. She has been a racehorse owner for 22 years and is married to trainer John Gosden. Tony has been chairman of several businesses, including property and racing, has been an owner for 23 years and, also, a breeder being owner of Cheval Court Stud, which has had numerous successes with a range of good horses, in particular with Mont Etoile, winner of the 2006 Ribblesdale Stakes at Ascot. He is currently a Trustee of Retraining of Racehorses. Rachel holds a notable record at Millfield, that of being the first Head Girl to wear hot-pants!

Rowing

OM Medals in World Rowing Championships 2010

These were held in New Zealand in November 2010, Cameron Nichol (1994*-2005; Day) winning a silver medal as a member of the England Eights team, just pipped at the post by six-tenths of a second by Germany with Australia in third place, and Helen Glover (2002-04; Martins) also getting a silver medal, in the women's pairs. Cameron is in the final stages of his medical degree and will qualify as a doctor straight after the Olympics, hoping to pursue a career in surgery. Helen's talent for rowing was discovered just three years earlier via the UK Sport and English Institute of Sport talent recruitment drive 'Sporting Giants'. She was one of 4,800 original applicants. At the 2011 GB Rowing Team Senior Trials held in April, Cameron took third place in the men's pairs with Greg Searle. At the same time, Helen and her crewmate dominated the women's pairs final.

Rugby

OM Rugby Players Currently in the Professional Game 2011/12

compiled by Paul Hockedy, Former Parent

Anthony Allen	2003-05; Kingweston	Centre	Leicester Tigers	Aviva Premiership	England Saxons
James Bailey	1999-2001; Kingweston	Wing	Lyon	Top 14 France	
Jonny Barrett	1996-98; St Anne's	Flanker	Rosslyn Park	National League 1	
Jack Bentall	2000-05; Shapwick	Flanker	Gerxo Rugby Tablea, Bilbao	Spain	
Richard Birckett	1997-98; Georgian Cottage	Lock	Wasps	Aviva Premiership	
John Brake	1995*-2006; St Anne's	Scrum Half		The Championship	England Sevens England Counties
James Brown	1994-96; Keen's Elm	Fly Half	London Scottish		
Freddie Clarke	2006-11; Walton	No 8	London Irish Academy		
Darren Clayton	1997*-2004; Walton	Centre	Worthing	National League 2 South	
Chris Cook	2004-09; Joan's Kitchen	Scrum Half	Bath Academy + Esher	Aviva Premiership	England U20
James Currie	2006-08; Kingweston	Prop	Worcester Academy + Stourbridge	Aviva Premiership	
Tom Dann	1994-99; Millfield	Fly Half	Shelford	National League 2 South	
Freddie Gabbitass	2007-11; Joan's Kitchen	Fly Half	Bath Academy	Aviva Premiership	England U18
Jon Golding	1998-99; Walton	Prop	Newcastle Falcons	Aviva Premiership	
Will Harries	2000-05; Orchards	Wing/Full Back	Dragons	Rabo Direct Pro 12	Wales
Robert Hawkins	1994*-2001; Day	Hooker	Leicester Tigers	Aviva Premiership	
Tom Hockedy	1995*-2006; Day	Wing	Westcombe Park	National League 2 South	
David Howells	2001-06; Etonhurst	Wing	London Scottish	The Championship	England Counties
Charles Inledon	2005-10; Kingweston	Centre	Blaydon + Newcastle University	National League 1	
Ed Jackson	2002-07; Day	No 8	London Welsh	The Championship	
Jonathan Joseph	2007-09; St Anne's	Centre/Wing	London Irish	Aviva Premiership	England U20
J J Kilmartin	2006-11; St Anne's	Wing	Bath Academy + Clifton	Aviva Premiership	
Dai Lakin	2008-10; Holmcroft	Fly Half	Carmarthen Athletic + Swansea Uni	SWALEC League 1 West	
Richard Lane	2006-11; Keen's Elm	Wing	Bath Academy+ Clifton	Aviva Premiership	
Ollie Lindsay-Hague	2004-09; Kingweston	Wing/Full Back	Harlequins Academy+ Esher	Aviva Premiership	England Sevens (core squad)
John Malings	2000-05; Shapwick	Prop	Shelford	National League 2 South	England Sevens (training squad)
Miles Mantella	2005-10; Shapwick	Wing	Harlequins Academy+ Rosslyn Park	Aviva Premiership	
Dante Mama	2007-09; Shapwick	Centre/Wing	Loughborough Students, Leicester Tigers + Nottingham	National League 2 South	
Marco Mama	2007-09; Shapwick	Back Row	Bristol	The Championship	Zimbabwe U20
Anders Mogensen	2008-10; Shapwick	Wing	Northampton Saints Academy + Cambridge	Aviva Premiership	
Chris Morgan	1999-2001; Day	Flanker	Cornish Pirates	The Championship	
Olly Morgan	1999-2004; St Anne's	Full Back	Gloucester	Aviva Premiership	England Saxons
Richard Morton	1997-99; Georgian Cottage	Back Row	Preston	National League 2 South	
Ben Mosses	2005-10; Keen's Elm	Centre	Bath Academy	Aviva Premiership	
Alex Neilsen	2002-07; Keen's Elm	Wing	Worthing	National League 2 South	
Ian Newbury	2003-05; Joan's Kitchen	Wing	Glamorgan Wanderers	National League 2 South	
Mark Odejobi	2004-06; Kingweston	Utility	Currently injured	Principality Premiership	England Sevens
Laurence Ovens	2002-04; Kingweston	Prop	Rosslyn Park	National League 1	
Jake Parker	2007-09; Kingweston	Back Row	Loughborough Students	National League 2 South	
Tom Parker	2001-06; Kingweston	Scrum Half	Barking	National League 1	
Tom Powell	2002-04; Holmcroft	Back Row		National League 2 South	
Chris Robshaw	1997*-2004; Butleigh	Back Row	Harlequins	Aviva Premiership	England Sevens England Saxons Ireland Six Nations England Counties
Rhys Ruddock	2007-09; Butleigh	Back Row	Leinster	Rabo Direct Pro 12	
Tom Standfield	1994*-2005; Day	Hooker	London Scottish	The Championship	
James Stark	2005-07; Day	Centre/Wing			
Henry Thomas	2005-10; St Anne's	Prop	Sale	Aviva Premiership	England U20
Matthew Turner	2004-05; Kingweston	Centre/Wing			England Sevens
Mako Vampola	2007-09; Kingweston	Prop	Saracens	Aviva Premiership	England U20
Cameron Zeiss	2005-09; Walton	Prop	Leeds Carnegie + Otley	The Championship	

Charlie Becomes MD at Worcester Warriors RFC

In July, Charlie Little (1984*-94; Day) was promoted from General Manager to Managing Director at Worcester, just as the club celebrated its promotion back into the premiership for the 2011-12 season.

Millfield School Rugby 2011

John Mallett (1983-88; Orchards), 1st XV Coach

Millfield Rugby has enjoyed another successful and varied year in 2011. Over 400 boys have been playing throughout the School and these boys have enjoyed regular fixtures, tours and sevens competitions. 2011 was a busy year on the touring front with the 1st XV visiting South Africa and playing in the St John's College Festival. The team played three matches, beating the hosts St John's College and narrowly losing to South African powerhouses Paarl Boys and Daniel Pienaar School. The tour was a real taste of South Africa and their excellent schoolboy rugby. The team played in front of crowds of six thousand at the festival and television cameras. The tour shirts were kindly sponsored by Tim Griffiths (1979-82; Georgian Cottage). The U16 and U15 teams also enjoyed

European tours to Italy and Portugal, where both achieved success. A major U16 tour is planned for July 2013.

Millfield continues to be an excellent rugby school and as such we continue to seek the most competitive fixture list possible. This gives all the boys the opportunity to be challenged and exposed to the best opposition in their age group. Particularly competitive fixtures currently include RGS High Wycombe, Sedbergh, Sherborne and Bryanston schools. The senior teams also play Filton College, Ivybridge School and Coleg Sir Gar from Llanelli. These represent some of the best schools in the UK and the matches are an excellent standard. Fixtures can be found on the School website or on www.schoolsrugby.co.uk

Millfield rugby players have achieved extraordinary success with representative rugby over the last 12 months, including the following current pupils: Tom Ellis – England Under 16, Grant McConnell and Robbie Tait – England Under 16 A.

Sailing

Rodney Wears Two Hats

Rodney Pell (1952-54; Orchards) has recently been appointed as

“Ambassador” to the Thames Estuary Area with responsibility for assisting with issues relating to historic vessels. The Little Ship Club based in central London, has also appointed him as their Honorary Port Officer for The Royal Harbour of Ramsgate with remit to assist members who sail into Ramsgate or are cruising the area of Kent. Rodney explains that fellow OM boating enthusiasts would be welcome aboard his vessel ‘Sheemaun’ the 2010 flagship of the United Kingdom Historic Fleet. Do Google it.

Shooting

International Success for Peter

Peter Wilson (2000-05; Holmcroft) is becoming a strong presence in international shooting after winning the men's double trap at the ISSF World Cup in Slovenia in July. It was Peter's first Gold Medal in senior international competition. He then earned Great Britain an Olympic quota place in the men's double trap shooting event by winning World Cup Silver in Chile in September. “This puts me in line for the Olympics and there's nothing comparable, it's the high point,” he told BBC Sport. We hope that he goes on to gain Olympic selection.

Squash

Amazing OM Results at World Open Squash Championships

These took place in Rotterdam in November, with two OMs doing wonderfully well. Brothers Mohamed and Marwan El Shorbagy, representing Egypt, both reached the last 16, a terrific achievement in particular for unseeded Marwan (1985-90; Keen's Elm) who defeated number 12 seed in round 2. Seeded 9th in the world, Mohamed (2006-09; Great House) lost 2/3 to number 1 seed, Nick Matthew, an Englishman who went on to retain his world open title.

Swimming

OMs Making Waves

Euan Dale

(1997*-2004; Keen's Elm)

Seven OMs are hoping to represent Great Britain in the forthcoming Olympics:

James Disney-May

(2006-10; Butleigh)

James has continued to excel with his swimming over the past year. With some incredible performances last season, he has firmly put himself in the picture for the London 2012 swimming team. In 2011 he made his first international senior team attending the World Swimming Championships in Shanghai as part of the 4x100m freestyle relay team.

Robert Holderness

(2003-06; Great House)

Robert represented Great Britain at the European Junior Championships when he was at Millfield and has continued to progress through the ranks of international swimming. Originating from Wales, he managed to secure a 6th place finish in 2010 Commonwealth Games in the 200m Breaststroke. He has now returned to Millfield and joined the current swim squad and will complete his preparation for the Olympic Trials in March to secure a spot on the 2012 Olympic team.

Karl Botha

(2007-09; Millfield House)

Karl is the fastest swimmer we have ever had while at the School – still holding the School record for the 50m Freestyle. On leaving Millfield, Karl continued his

education and swimming career in the States attending Virginia Tech where he still studies. This past year, Karl managed to secure a 5th place finish at the highly competitive ACC Conference Championships in the 100m Butterfly.

Mark Foster

(1983-88; Shapwick House)

Mark has always been a superstar in the pool and has made his mark within the celebrity world as well. He competed at the 1988, 1992, 1996, 2000 and 2008 Olympic Games. There has been a rumour that Mark will make a return from retirement to try and have a crack at the London Olympics. See www.markfoster.co.uk

Andy Hunter

(2002-04; Keen's Elm)

Andy was a part of the British team from 2006 to 2010 where he competed at every single international competition. He won a silver medal at the Commonwealth, European and World Championship as a member of the 4x200m freestyle relay. He decided to retire from the sport after successfully winning a silver medal for Scotland at the recent Commonwealth Games in Delhi.

Matthew Shead

(2005-07; Orchards)

Along with Robert Holderness, Matthew also managed to achieve a scholarship to Florida State University. He came back from the States to try and secure selection for the British World Championships team only missing out by just over a second. He will be looking to find that second in the coming year so he can make his mark at the Olympics.

Tristan Slater

(2004*-11; Mill House)

Tristan is currently studying and swimming at the University of Tennessee. With the Olympic year ahead, Tristan will be looking to return to the UK for the Olympic Trials in March where he will get the chance to show his competitors in Britain what he has learned out in the States.

Other OMs

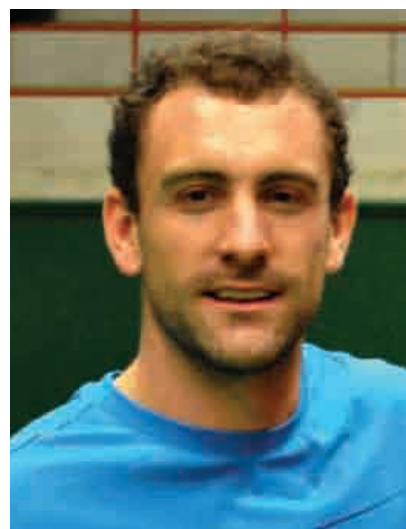
Recent OMs such as Sophie Allin (2004*-11; Overleigh), Abigail Lavallin (2008-11; Overleigh), Lucy Titchin (2007-11; Acacia), and Nick Lowe (2006-10; Great), have all accepted

scholarships to American universities. Sophie has gone to Savannah College of Art and Design, Abigail to the Georgia Southern University, Lucy to Fresno State University, and Nick Lowe to University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

Tennis

Conor Just Fails to Reach the Second Round at Wimbledon

There was agony for Conor Niland (1997-2000; Georgian Cottage) in the first round of last year's men's singles as he failed to take advantage of a 4-1 lead in the fifth and final set, losing 6-4, 4-6, 6-7, 6-4, 4-6 to French player Adrian Panatta. Had he won, he would have played against Roger Federer in the next round. He is ranked world number 184.



Ultimate Team Frisbee

Chris Baker Selected for Team GB

Chris Baker (1997*-2004; Day) was selected to represent Great Britain at the Ultimate European Championships in Slovenia in August, serving as a warm-up to the World Championships in 2012. Ultimate is played with a flying disc (or frisbee) and is played by over five million worldwide. Having played briefly at Millfield, he continued playing at university and has won the BUSA/BUCS Nationals four times. He plays for Clapham Ultimate, a club that has now won 10 UK National Championships in a row.

New OM Society Sports Clubs?

Hockey

An OM Hockey Club is under consideration. If you'd like to know more about this please contact office@omsociety.com

Shooting

If you'd like to become involved in this fledgling club then please do contact **Jason Walker** (1973-78; Kingweston) who will be pleased to give you chapter-and-verse on his ideas for the club, which will involve competitions, including some at Bisley. You can contact Jason by email at omgunclub@gmail.com

Tennis

The initial aim of our Tennis Club would be to gather a team which could compete in the 2012 D'Abernon Cup, a long-standing national knock-out competition between schools' old boys. **Kelly Tolman** (2003-05; Warner) has kindly agreed to try to organise a team. Please get in touch with her via the OM Society office.

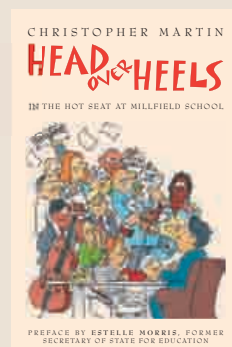


Girls 1st Team Tennis Squad – Summer Term 2005

*Back row: Kelly Tolman, Julie Sinkins (Coach), Aileen Davis,
Front row: Kimberley Webb, Megan Fudge, Caroline Mount, Francesca Jackson*

Read These Fascinating Books About Millfield!

“Millfield A School For All Seasons” and “Head over Heels” are both available from the OM Society www.omsociety.com. “Head over Heels” can be obtained direct from the publishers www.moonrisepress.co.uk and from most booksellers.



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**Have you visited
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The OMS photo gallery has been drawn from our collection of photographs from the earliest years of the School up to 1970, which we hope will stir up fond memories of old friends and places. To view go to www.omsociety.com click on the Old Millfieldians tab and then Gallery.



To order photographs go to the Shop tab and click on “Photos and Paintings” and follow the instructions on the “Millfield Photo Service” tab. The cost is £10.00 per photograph, and will be sent to you in JPEG form.



Photos are being added as time goes by, with the intention that within a few months' time the gallery will extend to the present day. We have a wide range of group photographs, including sports teams and Houses.

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Should you have any photos of your own that you think might be appropriate for display, do please send them in to us (jpeg form preferred).

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Old Millfieldian Society International Tie (based on 1st Team Colours Tie)	polyester mix		10.00	
School Colours Tie (specify house/colour name)	house colours		10.00	
Old Millfieldian Society Bow Tie	silk (traditional tie) silk reppe (ready tied)		20.00 12.00	
 OMS Mens Lightweight, Short Sleeved Sports Shirt	chest size: Small 38”, Medium 40”, Large 42”, X Large 44”		45.00	
 OMS Ladies Lightweight, Short Sleeved Sports Shirt	size; 10, 12 and 14		45.00	
Old Millfieldian Society Golf Cap	one size (navy blue with crest)		12.00	
Silver Hallmarked Bracelet with charm	charm engraved with school crest		60.00	
Shield (with crest and “Millfield” on a wooden base)			27.00	
Reproduction Paintings of Millfield House	23”x 16” 16”x 12”		20.00 10.00	
“Head Over Heels” – in the hot seat at Millfield School – Christopher Martin’s latest memoirs			20.00	
“Millfield: A School for All Seasons” written for OMs by OMs, compiled by former headmaster Christopher Martin			20.00	
“Victorian Edgarley: The Fall of the House of Porch” by Roger Parsons, Edgarley Archivist			5.00	
Millfield Leather Key Rings embossed with school crest	green or black		1.00	
Enamelled Millfield Unisex Lapel/Sweater Pin (as seen in Space on front cover)	windmill logo on school colours		5.00	
TOTAL COST £				

Return to: Old Millfieldian Society, Millfield School, Street, Somerset, BA16 0YD, England

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