



OLD MILLFIELDIAN SOCIETY

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WISHING YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS



ANDREW COOK

As the Autumn Term comes to a close at Millfield with our annual Carol Concert in Wells Cathedral, we welcome those who left Millfield in the summer to their first OM Newsletter and look back on 2023 with enormous pride at all that has been achieved within the OM community. There is much to be excited about as we look forward to 2024, from broadening the range of events on offer to OMs both in the UK and overseas to developing further our Industry and International branches, as well as hosting our OM of the Year Awards at our annual Brilliance Dinner on 24 May 2024.

FORMER HEADMASTER PUBLISHES 2ND BOOK



Former Millfield Headmaster Peter Johnson has released his second novel, 'Plot One', with all proceeds dedicated to the Millfield Foundation, his commitment supporting the foundation's mission to assist students with limited financial means. Peter shares that his novel draws from his experiences leading schools and explores the challenges of retirement. Purchase the book and read the full synopsis [here](#).



OM OF THE YEAR 2024

The OM of the Year Award was instituted in 2000 to celebrate the achievements of OMs in a wide range of fields, not only in the UK but worldwide.

After a wonderful year celebrating our four winners; James Hildreth, Steve Batchelor, Kate Prior and Rob Wade, we are excited to announce we are taking nominations for OM of the Year 2024!

Our 2024 OM of the Year winners will be celebrated at our annual Brilliance Dinner Awards evening which will be taking place at Millfield on Friday 24 May 2024. Tickets will be available early in the New Year and as we look to grow the event from 600 to 800, we would be delighted for more OMs to join us, so save the date and look out for more information early in the New Year as we announce tickets going on sale.

Please [click here](#) to submit your nomination for the 2024 OM of the Year.

OM EVENTS

This year, we've had an exciting calendar of events, ranging from reunions to industry networking events, to our over 60's Nissen Club Lunch and whole school Brilliance Dinner. These events are shaped around the requests of our alumni. As always, we are keen to hear any new suggestions for events or ways we can support your ideas.



2024 UK Events - Save the Date

As we rapidly approach the new year, we are eager to share with you some of our events that will be taking place during the first few months of 2024:

- Thursday 8 February - Bristol Location Drinks event
- Friday 23 February - Bath Theatre
- Tuesday 12 March - Holmcroft Social Reunion
- Saturday 20 April - OM Sports Day
- Thursday 25 April - Public Sector Networking event
- Friday 24 May - Brilliance Dinner

Keep an eye on our [OM Society events page](#) as we update event information in the coming weeks.

2024 International Events

With our 90th Anniversary fast approaching in 2025, our aim is to be visiting several countries in the next 12 months, whilst reinvigorating our International Branches to develop wider networks and connections around the world. Please do get in touch via cook.a@millfieldschool.com if you are potentially interested in working with the OM office and representing the OM Society on the ground in your part of the world.

In the meantime, make sure we have your up to date contact details, as they will enable us to tailor communications based on your location, occupation, and more. Keep us updated here omoffice@millfieldschool.com so that you don't miss out on any relevant updates.

OM NEWS

After setting a new world record rowing across the Atlantic, OM Jessica Oliver, along with teammate Charlotte, will be taking on the Pacific in June 2024!

Considered 'the world's toughest row', the race will take place in June with up to 20 teams participating from around the World. The annual edition of this race sees teams starting from the historic harbour of Monterey, California, following the path of many adventurers and explorers of yester year.



With a new year comes new stories, achievements, endeavours and opportunities, and we're so excited to hear about YOURS!

Our OM community is a global family, and we want to know what's happening in your corner of the world. Whether it's a fresh career move, a personal milestone, an exciting project you're working on, or simply a fun moment in your life that's been shared with other OMs, we're all ears and can't wait to hear!

Drop us a message so we can celebrate, share your accomplishments and stay connected whilst doing so!

Additionally this is YOUR Society, and we remain committed to making it as beneficial as we can to all OMs, so get in touch and let us know what type of events, careers support or OM branches we can provide to ensure the OM Society is relevant for you.

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