# OLD MILLFIELDIAN SOCIETY

Winter Newsletter 2025

We hope your festive season is off to a joyful start! We're excited to bring you the latest highlights from the OM community, including recent news and events from the past few months.

We are appreciative of our alumni's continuous engagement and support. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with us so that we may also celebrate your achievements, as we always enjoy hearing about them and sharing them with the community.

## OM Community News



### RUGBY HIGHLIGHTS

It has been an outstanding period for our rugby community, with several OMs achieving major success on the international and domestic stage.

Huw Jones (Keens Elm; 2007-2012) featured in the first Test of the Lions Tour against Australia, a significant milestone in his continued international career.

Gabriel Oghre (The Grange; 2014-2016) earned a call-up for England's fixture against the USA and marked his Test debut in style by scoring a try.

Lewis Evans (Butleigh; 2018-2020) helped lead Leicester Tigers to victory in the 2025 GB Wheelchair Rugby Premiership, going unbeaten across all four matches to secure the title.

Max Denmark (Holmcroft; 2015-2017) and Matthew Rickard (Joans Kitchen; 2018-2023) were part of the Hong Kong, China men's sevens squad that made history by winning the nation's first-ever rugby sevens gold medal at the 15th National Games of the People's Republic of China.

Lia Green (Overleigh; 2020-2022) proudly represented the England U20 squad in the Six Nations Summer Series, continuing her impressive rise in the game.

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Ewan Richards (Mill; 2018-2020) made his England A debut in Valladolid against Spain on 15th November.

These accomplishments reflect the remarkable talent and dedication of OMs across the sport. Congratulations to all!




## MATT FEATHERSTONE OBE

A huge congratulations to Matt Featherstone (Butleigh; 1983–88) on being awarded an OBE for his outstanding services to cricket. After a professional career with Kent, Matt moved to Brazil where he played for - and eventually captained - the national cricket team. He went on to found Cricket Brazil, which now engages over 5,000 children and has transformed the sport's presence across the country. His commitment has opened up life-changing opportunities through both sport and education.

Read the full story here.

## ROSE LESLIE

Rose Leslie (Warner; 2000-2005) has had an exceptionally busy year. Earlier on, she made her Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC) debut, taking on the lead role in the bold new adaptation of The Constant Wife.

More recently, she appeared in ITV's seven-part drama The Hack, starring alongside well-known names including David Tennant. In the series, Rose played the role of lawyer Charlotte Harris.





## CHRIS ROBSHAW

Chris Robshaw (MPS; 1997-1999, Butleigh; 1999-2004) hung up his boots, and popped on his dancing shoes, as he took to the Strictly Come Dancing stage. Partnered with professional dancer Nadiya Bychkova, Chris made it to week 4. He admitted he felt more nervous on the dance floor than he ever did on the rugby pitch. Well done, Chris! What a challenge to take on.

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## LANDO NORRIS

We are thrilled to congratulate OM Lando Norris (MPS; 2006-2013, Great; 2013-2015), who won his first Formula 1 World Drivers' Championship in a dramatic finale at the 2025 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix! At just 26 years old, Lando became Britain's 11th F1 champion, narrowly edging out Max Verstappen by just two points (423–421) in the final standings. His victory marked McLaren's first drivers' title since Lewis Hamilton in 2008. The 2025 season was a masterclass in consistency: Lando secured seven race wins, 18 podiums (a McLaren record for a single season), and seven pole positions. Having spent eight years at Millfield, from Year 2 to Year 10, Lando remains a hugely inspiring figure for our community. We couldn't be prouder of his incredible achievements.



# OM Events




## 90 YEARS OF BRILLIANCE

On 23 May, we marked Millfield's 90th anniversary with an unforgettable evening of celebration alongside OMs, current and former parents, and staff at Millfield Senior School.

The evening honoured our OM of the Year winners - Amanda Cromhout, Anna Kimber, Daphne Schrager, and Rory Gibbs. You can read more about their incredible achievements by clicking here.

We were delighted to have the talented OMs Ross Westgate and Pamela Cookey host the evening, who brought energy, warmth, and a wonderful sense of fun to the evening. It was a night to remember, honouring Millfield's legacy and the remarkable people who make up our community. View the full photo album here.

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## THE LONDON 90TH HOP

On 2 October, we had a blast at the London 90th Hop as we celebrated Millfield's 90th Anniversary over some drinks, pizza, and dancing to 80s hits! It was wonderful catching up with so many OMs from across the years - thank you all for making the effort to join us and for helping create such an amazing atmosphere. A special shout-out to OM DJ Beastie, who kept the energy high all night long, and to Tory Manuel and Rachele Hayman for their incredible support in organising and hosting another fantastic OM Society event.

View the full photo album here.




## EDGARLEY AT 80

On 4 October, we were delighted to welcome a fantastic turnout for the Edgarley at 80 Anniversary celebration. EOMs spanning an incredible range of leaving years - from those who joined in 1953 to recent leavers from 2023 - returned to reconnect, reminisce, and share their memories of Edgarley and Millfield Prep School. Despite the blustery weather, guests enjoyed touring their former school before gathering in the Pavilion for refreshments and the chance to catch up with old friends. We were especially pleased to welcome back former Heads George Marsh, Tim Taylor and Kevin Cheney, along with long-serving members of staff who dedicated over two decades to the school.

View the full photo album here.

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## MILLFIELD IN KENYA

On 19 June, we were delighted to reconnect with our OM and parent community in Kenya at our 90th Anniversary Dinner in Nairobi. Held in the beautiful and elegant surroundings of the Muthaiga Country Club, the evening brought together OMs from the Class of 1972 through to 2025, a remarkable span of generations all celebrating their shared Millfield experience. We left feeling truly grateful for such a positive, supportive, and generous community in Kenya.



## MILLFIELD IN SYDNEY

On 23-24 August, the OM Sydney community came together for a truly spectacular few days, with OMs, their partners, and friends of the school travelling from across the globe to join the celebrations. A special highlight was the unforgettable Starship Dinner Cruise, where guests enjoyed a magical evening on the water against the backdrop of Sydney's iconic skyline. A huge thank you to OM Clive Waring and his Sydney branch team for all their hard work in organising such a fantastic event, and everyone who attended.

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## MILLFIELD REUNION SEASON ROUND-UP

This autumn saw a fantastic series of OM reunions, bringing together hundreds of alumni across multiple year groups.

We began on 12 September, with a wonderful evening at The East India Club in London to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Classes of 1974, 1975, and 1976. It was a heart warming occasion filled with long-awaited reunions, new connections, and stories spanning five decades.

On 10 October, over 150 OMs reunited at Paloma Chelsea to celebrate 5 and 10 years since leaving Millfield. The evening was full of energy, laughter, and nostalgia as recent leavers caught up and reconnected.

The celebrations continued on 11 October, when around 60 OMs gathered to mark 20 years since leaving Millfield. Hosted at Smoke & Salt, guests enjoyed a vibrant atmosphere and exceptional canapés prepared by OM Remi Williams, who also generously hosted the evening.

We rounded off the season on 15 November, welcoming the Classes of 2000–2002 back to campus for their 25-year reunion as they missed their 20-year celebration due to Covid. After refreshments and a warm welcome from Headmaster Gavin Horgan, OMs enjoyed campus tours to see how Millfield has evolved. The celebrations continued at The Loft in Street, where even more OMs joined for dinner, drinks, and plenty of laughter.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended these events and helped make this reunion season truly special.

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# Millfield News



## THE ARABELLAS

With the blessing of Jackie Mander, youngest daughter of our founder Jack (Boss) Meyer, Millfield's Girls' 2XI hockey team has been proudly renamed 'The Arabellas'. This new name honours Boss's mother, Arabella, whose support and influence played a significant role in the early founding of Millfield School.



## GOODBYE CLAIRE LOW

This month in the OM Office, we say farewell to Claire as she steps into her new role as Deputy Director of Admissions. Claire has been a fantastic member of the OM team, and many of you will have come to know and appreciate her friendly, bubbly presence. We are incredibly grateful for everything she has contributed and wish her every success in this exciting new chapter. You may still see Claire at some of our upcoming events, so be sure to wish her well when you do.

## OM SURVEY 2025

We are undertaking a survey to inform and guide the future development of our OM communications, events and programs. We would greatly appreciate your support by completing the survey here. Your participation is helping us ensure that the Old Millfieldians Society continues to strengthen ties between OMs and Millfield. Thank you!

# Welcome 2025 Leavers

We are delighted to welcome the newest members to our alumni community, the 2025 leavers. Your journey has just begun, and we are excited to see how you will continue to grow and make an impact in the world. As you embark on your new chapters, remember that you are part of a vibrant and supportive network. We encourage you to stay connected, share your experiences, and take advantage of the resources available to you. Don't forget to keep your details updated with us here.

# Careers




## OM GUEST SPEAKERS

We would like to express a huge public 'Thank you' to all the OMs who have attended careers talks since our last E-News:

James Boyce
Peter Jewell
Elise Thorner
Ollie Thorner

Your input and insights are invaluable. If you want to get involved and attend a careers talk for the 25/26 academic year, please contact omoffice@millfieldschool.com.

## OM LINKEDIN

Did you know? We have a private LinkedIn group that has been created exclusively for OMs to network. While there are restrictions on our other social platforms, you can utilise this platform for business advertisements and seeking career opportunities. Request to join today by clicking here.

# Obituaries

Click here for obituaries

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