OLD MILLFIELDIAN SOCIETY

Summer Newsletter 2026

As another academic year comes to a close and we prepare to welcome the newest cohort of Old Millfieldians into our alumni community, we are delighted to share the latest edition of the OM Newsletter.

Inside, you'll find highlights from across the Old Millfieldian network, including community news, recent and upcoming events, and celebrations of the many achievements of our alumni around the world.

We always enjoy hearing what our Old Millfieldians have been up to, so if you have news, milestones, or successes to share, please do get in touch. We would love the opportunity to celebrate your achievements with the wider OM community.

The 90th Anniversary Appeal

Can you help us open the doors of opportunity for future generations of Millfield students?

For 90 years, scholarships and bursaries at Millfield have helped preserve the diverse community known as the 'Millfield Mix' by providing talented young people from a wide range backgrounds with the opportunity of a transformative education. This unique mix of students enriches the experience of every student. It expands worldviews and challenges perceptions, whilst building life-long friendships and global networks.



Millfield School is launching its 90th Anniversary Fundraising Appeal this month, raising funds for scholarships and bursaries. Every gift makes a difference, and today we are inviting you to be the difference. The generosity of our supporters plays a crucial role in sustaining Millfield's world-leading education. Make your donation today by clicking here.

OM PAST EVENTS



KENNEDY CUP - 18TH APRIL 2026

In memory of Cian Kennedy (2013–2017; St Anne's), a beloved Old Millfieldian, teammate and friend who sadly passed away in 2022 at just 24, and is remembered for his passion for rugby, the Millfield Old Boys Rugby Team came together once again for the annual Kennedy Cup.

This fixture remains a special way to honour his life, bringing together all those who knew him through the sport he loved.
Played under clear blue skies, it was an exciting match, with the Kennedy XV securing a 61–53 victory over MOBRFC in the second half.

The day continued off the pitch, with many gathering to raise a glass to Cian at The Loft in Street.

All proceeds from the day were donated to The Heart Foundation.



NISSEN SUMMER LUNCH - 1ST MAY

On a beautiful sunny day in Somerset, the Nissen Club Summer Lunch took place. Held on Friday, 1 May, the day brought together Old Millfieldians aged 60 years old and above along with their partners.

We were delighted to welcome 40 OMs and guests to the event, which coincided with the annual cricket fixture between the MCC and the Meyers XI. Attendees represented leaving years spanning from 1956 to 1980, inclusive of some Edgarley OMs.

For many, it was their first visit back to campus in decades. Guests were delighted to find many familiar buildings still standing, sparking fond memories and lively conversations. The day provided a wonderful opportunity for old friends to reconnect and for many to discover just how often their paths may have crossed during their school days all those years ago.

OM PAST EVENTS



MILLFIELD IN CALIFORNIA - 2-3rd May

We had a wonderful response to our California gatherings and would like to thank everyone who joined us in both Northern and Southern California.

It was a pleasure to bring together members of the OM community on 2 May at Casa Madrona in Sausalito and on 3 May at St Felix in Hollywood. The events provided a fantastic opportunity for the OM community in California and surrounding areas to connect.

We are deeply grateful to our West Coast North Branch Chair, Liz Monnet (The Grange; 1967–70), and West Coast South Branch Chair, OM Katrina Wood (Johnsons; 1969–73), for their kindness, generosity, and dedication in helping to make these gatherings such a success. ph text



SIR GARETH EDWARDS RUGBY DINNER - 8TH MAY

It was great to celebrate Millfield's outstanding achievements in rugby over the past 90 years at the Sir Gareth Edwards Rugby Dinner in London.

The dinner marked the Sir Gareth Edwards Rugby Scholarship Fund Appeal going live, which provides talented young rugby players from diverse backgrounds with the opportunity of a transformative Millfield education.

Rugby at Millfield across the decades has led the way in fostering talent in young people from a variety of backgrounds.

You can learn more about the fund, and donate, by clicking here.

OM PAST EVENTS



LONDON SUMMER DRINKS - 4TH JUNE

The annual London Summer Drinks took place on Thursday 4 June at The Sydney Arms in Chelsea, with OMs and their partners gathering for an enjoyable evening of catching up over drinks and nibbles.

As always, the event was open to all OMs, and it was great to see such a wide range of year groups represented, from recent leavers through to OMs who left in 1968. The mix of generations made for a lively evening, with plenty of stories shared and new connections made.

Many thanks to our London Branch Leads, Tory Manuel and Rachele Hayman, for hosting another successful event and bringing together members of the Millfield community in London.



OM CRICKETER CUP - 14TH JUNE

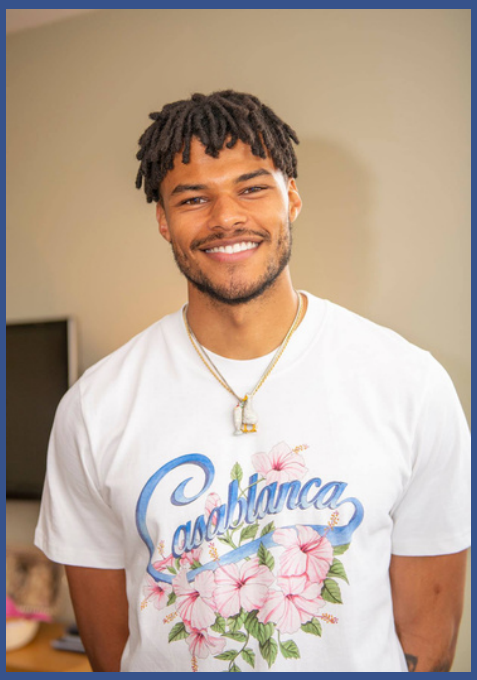
The Cricketer Cup got underway on 14 June, with the Old Millfieldians hosting the Old Hurst Johnians at the Wilson Pavilion.

In a closely contested and entertaining match, the Old Hurst Johnians posted 195 in 38 overs, before the Old Millfieldians successfully chased down the target, reaching 196-9 in 45.2 overs to secure a thrilling one wicket victory.

Played in glorious sunshine, it was a fantastic day of cricket and an excellent start to the competition.

To ensure you are receiving location specific events invitations, please be sure to update your details with us here.

OM COMMUNITY NEWS



TYRONE MINGS

Congratulations to OM Tyrone Mings, whose Aston Villa side claimed the UEFA Europa League title with a 3–0 victory over SC Freiburg in the final.

Tyrone played an important role in Villa's successful European campaign, helping the club secure its first major trophy in 30 years and its first European title since 1982. The season was made even more memorable as Aston Villa also secured qualification for next season's UEFA Champions League.

JAMI SCHLUETER

OM Jami Schlueter recently became the first Nigerian athlete in history to attain over 8000 points in the Decathlon, recording a personal best of 8024 points at the Texas Great Athlete meet.

This is Jami's third national record of 2026, and he recorded personal bests in six of the 10 events in the process.



COMMONWEALTH GAMES



We have received 16 selections for this year's Commonwealth Games, so far. These include six current students, eight Old Millfieldians (OMs), a former Performance Swimming Squad member and one member of staff.

The 23rd Commonwealth Games will take place in Glasgow from 23 July to 2 August 2026, bringing together some of the world's finest athletes.

Read the full story by clicking here.

OM COMMUNITY NEWS

HENRY CROW

Amateur jockey, OM Henry Crow, enjoyed a season to remember, guiding Barton Snow to victories in both the Hunters' Chase at Cheltenham and the Foxhunters' Open Hunters' Chase at Aintree. Completing the coveted Cheltenham–Aintree double, the pair cemented their place among the standout success stories of the hunter chase season.





TED HOWARD-JONES

A massive well done to OM Ted Howard-Jones who was part of The Hawkstone Farmers Choir who won Britain's Got Talent 2026.

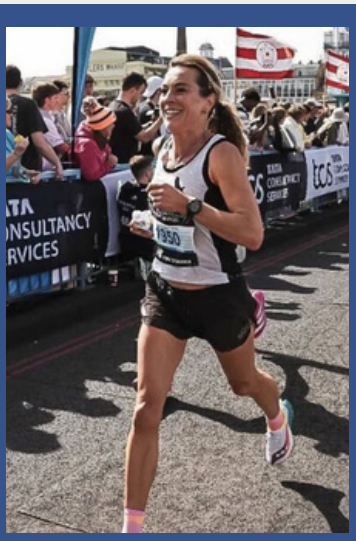
The choir includes a 34-strong group of agricultural workers from across the UK. It was originally formed for a beer advertisement campaign, and quickly evolved into a vital support network. The group is dedicated to raising awareness for mental health and suicide prevention in an industry often defined by isolation and intense financial pressure. The choir have pledged to donate a significant portion of the £250,000 grand prize to mental health charities supporting the farming community.

Ted, who is a farmer in Buckinghamshire, said "This has been the most wonderful experience. It all started when I developed a love of singing in the choir at Millfield, and have always been in amateur choirs of various types, but to get on a stage with nationwide TV exposure and for such a good cause has been surreal! The support we have had has been amazing."

ALICE BRAHAM

Huge congratulations to OM Alice Braham on an outstanding performance at the London Marathon! At 50, she stormed to a phenomenal 2:36:25, smashing the previous British over-50 women's best by nearly nine minutes.

She recorded a chip time of 2:36:25 - the time from when she crossed the start line to the finish - but as official records are based on gun time (measured from the starting gun for all runners), her official record stands at 2:36:50.



OM COMMUNITY NEWS

RUGBY NEWS



Several OMs have enjoyed notable success across the rugby world this year.

Matthew Rickard made his Hong Kong China Sevens debut at the prestigious Hong Kong Sevens tournament, fulfilling a long-held ambition by representing his country on one of the sport's biggest stages.

Meanwhile, Sam Harris has secured a move to Exeter Chiefs, joining the Premiership club on a two-year contract ahead of the 2026/27 season.

In Wales, Steffan Emanuel continued his impressive progress by signing a long-term contract with Cardiff Rugby and co-captaining Wales U20 during the Six Nations. Fellow OM Evan Morris was also part of the Wales U20 squad, representing his country at age-group level and contributing to the team's efforts throughout the tournament.

At senior international level, OMs Huw Jones, Josh Bayliss and Adam Hastings were all named in Scotland's Six Nations squad, highlighting Millfield's continued presence on the international rugby stage.

MAKENZY BEARD



Congratulations to OM Makenzy Beard on being named Young Leader at the Child of Wales 2025 Awards. The award recognises young people who demonstrate exceptional leadership and make a positive impact in their communities.
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An accomplished artist and athlete, Makenzy represented Wales U21 Hockey, captained Millfield's 1st XI and served as Head Girl. Throughout her time at Millfield, she led with integrity, kindness and a strong commitment to supporting others.

As a bursary recipient herself, Makenzy generously donated her artwork to help raise funds for future bursaries and scholarships, ensuring that other young people can benefit from the same opportunities she received. Her selflessness, leadership and dedication to giving back make her a truly deserving recipient of this award and an outstanding role model for the Millfield community.

OM COMMUNITY NEWS

IZZY GLAISHER



Former Millfield student and ex-international athlete Izzy Glaisher was diagnosed with breast cancer at just 26. Izzy, who was in Warner House between 2013–2015, has since launched a unique and inspiring fundraising challenge in support of Axminster and Lyme Cancer Support, a charity that provided her with immense support throughout her cancer journey.

In Izzy's own words: "In 2023 I lost both my boobs to breast cancer - so what could be a better challenge than to walk up breast-shaped mountains in aid of the fantastic charity, Axminster and Lyme Cancer Support!"

To learn more about Izzy's story and support her fundraiser, please click here.



OM PADEL

Millfield O50 Alumni Padel team won the UK Padel O50 Alumni Championship and lifted the Jarvis Cup Trophy. The victory completed an impressive double following Millfield's Open Age Championship win last October.

Representing Millfield were captain Stuart Farrar and JohnGotke who, despite having never met before the tournament, quickly formed a strong partnership. The pair progressed confidently through the competition, reaching the quarter-finals before recording straight sets wins over Ampleforth and Charterhouse to secure the title.

RUFUS ROWS



OM Rufus Lewis is taking on the World's Toughest Row – Atlantic: a solo, 3,000+ mile ocean crossing from Spain to Antigua this December! Alone at sea for weeks, rowing up to 18 hours a day, Rufus will rely on endurance, skill, and the discipline he credits to his time at Millfield.
Read more about the challenge and how Rufus explains the ways Millfield helped shape his mindset by clicking here.

OM COMMUNITY NEWS

CRICKET NEWS



Congratulations to OM Tom Moores, who was recently selected for the England Lions squad. Tom featured in all three T20 matches as the Lions completed a 3–0 series clean sweep over Pakistan Shaheens.

Meanwhile, Caleb Falconer enjoyed a memorable ICC Under-19 World Cup campaign, scoring a magnificent 115 from just 67 balls in the World Cup final against India. Although England were ultimately beaten, Caleb's century was one of the standout innings of the tournament and highlighted his immense talent and potential.

STEFAN DE ALWIS



Congratulations to OM Stefan de Alwis, who has been awarded Asia's Best Emerging Podcast Award 2025–26 for The 3i Show, the podcast he founded and hosts.

Through conversations with inspiring leaders, entrepreneurs, athletes and changemakers, The 3i Show aims to help listeners break barriers, achieve their goals and make a positive impact. The podcast has gained recognition for sharing powerful stories of resilience, leadership and success from across the globe.

Stefan is now keen to feature fellow Old Millfieldians who have excelled in their chosen fields, whether in sport, business or other professions. Interviews can be conducted virtually, making it easy for OMs around the world to take part.

If you would be interested in joining Stefan on the podcast, please get in touch with the OM Society and we would be delighted to put you in contact.

To share your achievements with us, please email
omoffice@millfieldschool.com
We would be delighted to share your news

OM SUPPORT



A huge shout out and thank you to OMs who have given careers talks since our last e-news:

Milly Tanner (Martins; 2013-17)
Ciaran Donoghue (MPS; 2011-16, Kingweston; 2016-21)
Maddy Barton (MPS; 2016-18, Overleigh; 2018-23)
Nicole De Pree (Overleigh; 2019-24)
Ryan Barker (Holmcroft; 2013-25)
Grace Stonehouse (Overleigh; 2015-20)
Oran Davies (Great; 2022-25)
Mahay Syedain (Warner; 2021-25)
Skye Kay (Warner; 2020-25)

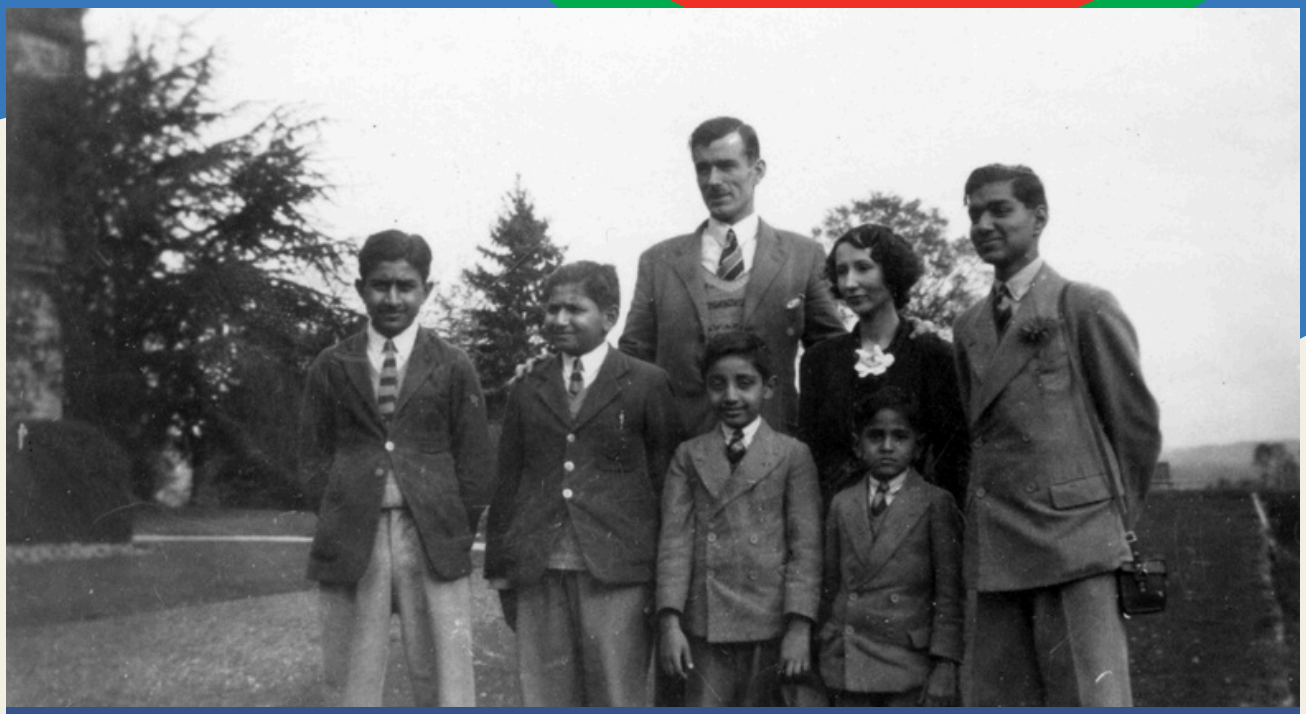
Willing to be a mentor, offer career support, or give a talk for the 26/27 academic year? We're looking for OMs from all career stages to share their experiences. Whether you're at university, building your career or well established in your profession, your insights could have a real impact on current Millfieldians.
If so, please get in touch with the OM Society at omoffice@millfieldschool.com

OM TOURS

It has been wonderful to welcome so many of you back to campus over the past few months for tours around the school. Many of you have returned to find your name on the honours boards, show your family where you grew up, or simply enjoy a nostalgic visit. It's been a real pleasure to see you all.

To help us make your visit as enjoyable and smooth as possible, we kindly ask that you book your tour in advance by emailing omoffice@millfieldschool.com provided below to avoid disappointment. This allows us to ensure staff availability and offer you the best possible experience. Please note that tours are only available during OM Office hours: Monday to Friday, 9am–5pm.

MILLFIELD ARCHIVES



To celebrate Millfield's rich history, we thought we would begin to share stories and moments from our extensive archives that have helped shape the school we know today.

Millfield was founded by Jack Meyer, also known by many now as 'Boss' in 1935 as an educational establishment, following his return from India with his wife, Joyce, their daughters, and seven Indian boys, six of whom were princes including: Harishchandra Singh R Ghala, Surendra Singh Ghala, Virendra Singh G Ghala, Dhamendra Singh G Ghala, Yuvraj Surendra Singh of Wadhwan and Maharaj Kumar Dharmendra Singhji, with a mission to act as tutor-guardians, and to provide a home from home for the boys throughout their time in England.

The princes travelled with Boss and Joyce on a three-week sea voyage to England. To break up the journey, they stopped in Egypt, where they visited the pyramids, pictured above. Upon arriving in England, their first glimpse of Millfield was the Lodge, now known as the Gatehouse, which remains the entrance to Millfield Senior School today.

SAVE THE DATE

25th September 2026

Class of 2016 & 2021
5 & 10 Year Reunion
Paloma Chelsea, London

26th September 2026

Class of 2006
20 Year Reunion
The Lillie Langtry, Fulham, London

20th November 2026

London Nissen Luncheon
The Bluebird, Chelsea, London

Careers



SCHOOL NEWS

Read the latest school news here.

Have you discovered The Millfield Way Podcast? This is Millfield School's official podcast where students, teachers, coaches and members of our community share insights into their day-to-day lives, as well as the latest developments in education and child development at Millfield School and Millfield Prep.

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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