



Giving something back ...

When the fundraising initiative was announced on 1st March 2007 there was a clear intention to create a "21st Century Middlesex Scheme", to replicate the opportunities provided under this and its successor the Assisted Places Scheme. Old Millhillians who attended the School between 1946 and 2002 may be aware of contemporaries who benefitted from these schemes. It is wonderful that some of them are now leading the way in enabling others to enjoy similar opportunities and indeed encouraging others to do the same.

Top Terracer and 1807 Society member Stewart Wernham came to Mill Hill in 1974 from Orange Hill Junior School.

"The award of a Middlesex Scholarship to enable me to attend Mill Hill School has been the most life-changing event I have experienced. My parents having recently divorced, the Scholarship Scheme was my only hope of being accepted. As well as a sound education enabling me to go on to university and then professional examinations leading to a career at the Bar, I have made, and continue to make, great friends amongst Old Millhillians through the many activities the School and the Club organise. My years at Mill Hill have enriched my life in a way that I am convinced would not have occurred had I not been fortunate enough to receive funding."



A successful property career has enabled Graham Drake (Ridgeway 1957-62) to fund the inaugural ABC Bursary with his great friend and Ridgeway contemporary Robin Mills.



"I have been very lucky. I had the chance to come to Mill Hill as a result of the Middlesex Scheme; there is no way my parents could have afforded the fees. School gave me lifelong friends, guided me into a professional career and gave me a network of contacts which has been invaluable. When I was introduced to the idea

of becoming a Top Terracer and creating the ABC Bursary I was keen to do so. I know that there is a pupil in the Foundation now who is, like me, getting a chance he/she might not otherwise have had."

Peter Wakeham joined Burton Bank in 1960 as a Middlesex Scholar and has gone on to pursue a varied and very successful career. Co-Founder and currently Chief Executive Officer of WILink Plc, an investor relations and investment services group, Peter has previously held senior management positions at Mars Inc, PepsiCo Inc and McKinsey & Co. He was also a Director of Saracens Rugby Club. Peter has been a great supporter of the Foundation Appeal from its inception and last year became Chairman of the Appeal Board.

"Supporting the Appeal with time and money gives me enormous pleasure and satisfaction. I think the Foundation Schools are all in great shape and enjoy the strong, broad based leadership necessary to deliver the "all round" education that I personally benefited from and value highly. It is fantastic to be in a position to help make this educational opportunity available to talented children whose parents cannot afford to."



The Poon Nature Reserve



The Poon Nature Reserve is a wonderful addition to science teaching and all kinds of environmental studies as well as a stimulating and exciting wildlife habitat. It was made possible by the generosity of Mr and Mrs Patrick Poon and their son, Philip, who left Belmont in 2008.

Bursary fundraising - the future

The broad objective to create funding for bursaries has now been crystallised and given some clear and specific guidelines.

ABC Bursaries

These bursaries are funded on a "pay-as-you-go" basis: the commitment is made by the donors for the duration of the beneficiary's time at school but the fees are paid by termly or yearly donations. The first ABC Bursary was funded by two Ridgeway Leavers from 1962, the second by a current parent. Over the next five years efforts are to be made to encourage and facilitate individuals or groups (with close affinity through house, year, sport, business, etc.) to create new full-fee or part-fee ABC Bursaries. Individuals leading this process will be reaching out to their networks of contacts to lead this process in the near future. We look forward to there being 10 then 20 and indeed maybe more ABC Bursaries.

Bursary Endowment Fund

The objective is to build an endowment fund of sufficient size that will enable a number of bursaries to be funded each year in perpetuity from the interest generated. This requires a large fund (especially with current low interest rates): the initial target is £5 million. The Fund has already been started as a result of benefactions in the past. A number of Millhillians who have left in the last few years have benefitted from this. A number of generous pledges have been made to add to this fund. It is hoped that more will be made in the future through gifts of cash or perhaps through legacies.

Forthcoming events

Saturday 3rd October 2009

Old Millhillians North American Dinner
Cellini's Restaurant, 65 East 54th Street, New York
6.00 pm for cocktails; 7.30 pm for dinner
(There will be a presentation about the Foundation Appeal immediately prior to dinner)
Contact: Donald Haigh. haighsf@comcast.net or (415) 225 8306

Saturday 28th November 2009

Mill Hill School Foundation Dinner in Hong Kong.
(venue to be confirmed)
7.00 pm Reception and presentation about the Foundation Appeal
8.00 pm Dinner
Contact: Sanjay Mahtani. sanjay@mantraintl.com

May 2010

1807 Society Lunch

June 2010

Top Terracers Reception

New Houses for Old

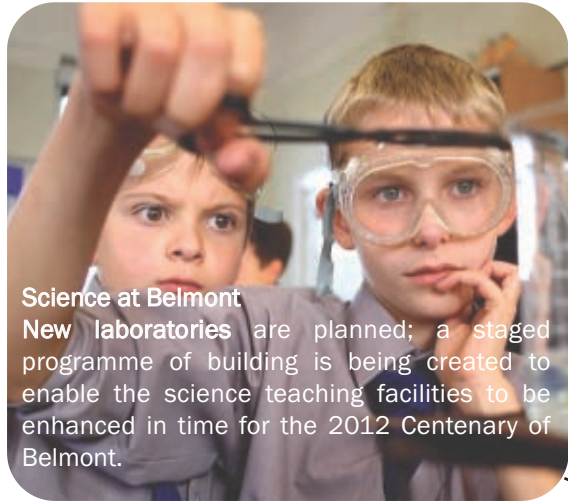
School House is at the heart of the iconic 1825 Tite building, made possible through fundraising amongst the then Life Governors. It has seen many changes and much work since then but the refurbishment which has taken place over the last few months has been as significant as any single project in the past. Much of this work is visible - the beautiful Quiet Room and the stairs in School House colours - but much is not - rewiring and making good the floors. All this has been possible thanks to the generosity of a major donor.

School House Housemaster, Jamie Monaghan, pictured in the new School House Quiet Room



Murray House, the first day house founded in 1933, is in its third location. Like all buildings the heavy usage by pupils on a daily basis in all weathers had taken its toll on the current building. This has received a complete facelift and reorganisation thanks to another generous donation. "I am delighted that we have been able to do so much to improve Murray and its facilities" says Mr Hick Hodgson, Housemaster, "The members of the House are lucky and should appreciate the donor's generosity."

Both donors have asked to remain anonymous. The Foundation has recognised their kindness privately and we are pleased to be able to thank them publicly here too. Such donations make an immediate and tangible difference to the lives of current Millhillians and pupils in the future.



Science at Belmont
New laboratories are planned; a staged programme of building is being created to enable the science teaching facilities to be enhanced in time for the 2012 Centenary of Belmont.



Sport
The Sports Hall will be reconfigured to optimise its use. Consideration is being given to develop the **Golf Academy facilities (£35,000)** to capitalise on the fantastic achievements of the golfers recently and to improve the **provision for tennis and netball and for basketball**, which is extremely popular amongst boarders.

It has been noted elsewhere that bursary fundraising has been given more specific objectives; fundraising for building and other capital projects has received the same treatment. These offer varied opportunities for support from £15,000 to £1 million.

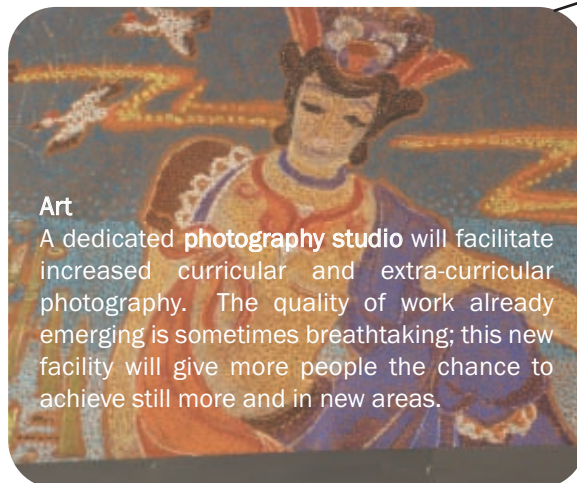
There are many ways in which these projects can be supported and that support recognised: it is possible for a benefactor to have his/her name linked in perpetuity to an entire project or a part of it as has happened in the past (e.g. the Marnham Building, the Winterstoke Library, both funded by gifts from Old Millhillians).



Music
Expanded opportunities for curricular and extra-curricular music will be available through the **provision of recording facilities (£15,000)**, **IT equipment** and the **refurbishment of the McClure Music School**.



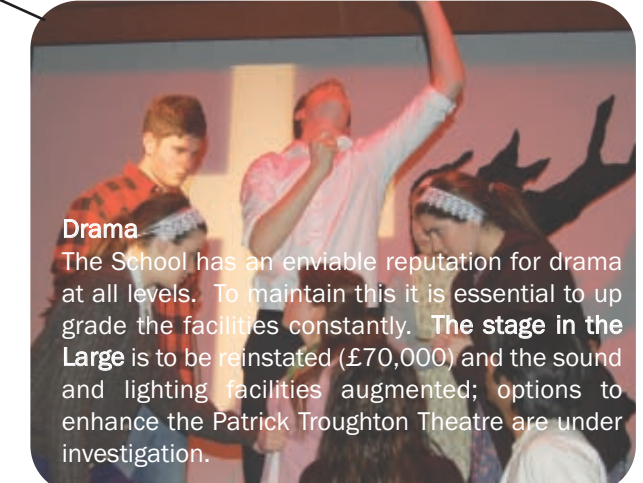
Science at Mill Hill School
Mill Hill educated Sir Francis Crick (of DNA fame) and many others who have pursued successful and enterprising careers in the sciences. The 1924 Science Building is scheduled for a **complete refurbishment** in a multi-million pound project which is to be tackled in a number of phases (from £50,000) to enable work to start as soon as possible.



Art
A dedicated **photography studio** will facilitate increased curricular and extra-curricular photography. The quality of work already emerging is sometimes breathtaking; this new facility will give more people the chance to achieve still more and in new areas.



Annual Fund
Further information about the forthcoming projects included in the Annual Fund are detailed on the back of this publication.



Drama
The School has an enviable reputation for drama at all levels. To maintain this it is essential to upgrade the facilities constantly. **The stage in the Large** is to be reinstated (£70,000) and the sound and lighting facilities augmented; options to enhance the Patrick Troughton Theatre are under investigation.

Message from Dr Dominic Lockett

The Mill Hill School Foundation has a long and distinguished past. I am delighted to report that, as it moves beyond its Bicentenary, its pupils continue to enjoy exceptional success in all of their many endeavours. We are, of course, living in a challenging world and the global economic downturn has inevitably had an impact upon us all. However, thanks to the efforts of our current pupils, staff and supporters, I can say with great confidence that Mill Hill is looking towards an extremely bright future.

One thing which adds to my sense of optimism is the support that the Foundation continues to enjoy from the many Old Millhillians, Old Belmontians, current and past parents and others who have contributed to the Foundation Appeal. Those who have given have already made a significant contribution towards allowing us to realise our vision for the School. They have helped us further to develop our outstanding facilities and have enabled us to open our doors to even more talented young people who, without the bursaries that they have been awarded, would simply not be able to enjoy the life-changing experience of a Mill Hill education.

Our vision for the coming years was recently set out in the Foundation's Five Year Development Plan, 2008-13, which

can be found on the School website (www.millhill.org.uk). Among its main features are strategies for further improving the academic standards we enjoy in order to ensure that every boy and every girl, of whatever age, fulfils their true intellectual potential. One of the key elements in achieving this is the drive to ensure that all of teaching, all of the time, is stimulating, exciting, thought-provoking and challenging. Our efforts are equally firmly rooted in my firm conviction that pupils will achieve far more if they are encouraged to have high expectations of themselves. Alongside this work, we will be doing much to build upon our existing strengths, notably our commitment to providing a broad and balanced education underpinned by exceptional pastoral care. Thus, within the Foundation of the future, as in the Mill Hill of the past, pupils will be supported in achieving excellence in sport, music, drama and art whilst building strong and lasting relationships within a caring and safe environment.

Every gift we receive will help us to achieve our goals, and every donation will make a difference. I want to offer our pupils the best possible teaching, the widest range of opportunities and the highest quality facilities. And I want those pupils to come from a wide range of backgrounds, to learn to live and work together and to feel a sense of

engagement with, and commitment to, the world and its people. By doing these things, we will not only ensure that the Foundation maintains and extends its reputation as one of this country's greatest families of schools, but we will be equipping our pupils to go out into the world and make a real difference.

I am enormously grateful to all of those who have shown their support through donations large and small. Especially at this difficult time, there will be many calls upon your generosity. However, I hope that you will enjoy reading, in this publication, about the difference that has been made by the donations we have already received and of our ambitious plans for the future. I hope, too, that you will consider further supporting us in this work and thus helping us to make a difference to the future of our young people.

With very best wishes.

Donor acknowledgements

Top Terracers

Top Terracers are those who have committed £5,000 to the Appeal. The first phase of the Top Terracer initiative closes this autumn. Those who have committed by the end of September 2009 will be designated Founder Top Terracers and be accorded recognition for their generous support of the fundraising during its early stages. They will always be Founder Top Terracers and their names will be inscribed on a board to be mounted on the wall near to the Crick Room (formerly part of School House). This is close to names and pictures of Governors, reflecting the importance which is given to them.

Those who are already Founder Top Terracers are listed here; if you would like to be included, please contact Nick Priestnall on 020 8906 7925 as soon as possible. (£5,000 does not have to be paid in one sum; it can be made over up to 4 years on a schedule to suit each donor.)

Top Terracers are invited to an annual drinks reception and given priority invitations to Foundation events where space permits. The 2009 Reception was held on Saturday 27th June and was a lovely occasion marred only by the torrential thunderstorm which took place that afternoon and prevented quite a number from reaching Mill Hill.

Our Founder Top Terracers are:

Mr Terry Allan
Mr Matthew Baldwin
Dr Colin Barnes
Mr Peter Bolton
Mr Alan Bonner
British Schools and Universities Foundation

Brodie Grandchildren's Trust
Anthony & Consuelo Brooke
Mr David A B Brown
Mr Graham F Chase
Dr Asif Chato
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Mr John Cicale
Mr Ronny Cohn
Mr Patrick Connelly
Mr Michael Corby
Dr Russell Cowan
Canon John Deane
Mr Graham Drake
Mr Grahame Elliott CBE
Mr John C K Elliott MBE
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The late Mrs Elisabeth Grimsdell
Mr David Harrison
Miss Joyce Hearne
Mr John Hellinikakis
Mr Stuart Hibberdine
Mr William Hicklin
Mr Keith Hobbs
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Dr Arthur Holmes Pickering
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Mrs Rosemary Jakubowska
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Philip & Louise Keller
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Mr Geoffrey Vero
Peter & Anita Wakeham
The late Mr Dick Walker MBE
Anthony & Amanda Ward
Mr Stewart Wernham
Mr Adrian Williams
Mr William Winfield
Mr John Wright

with 8 additional anonymous donations

Supporters (2008/09)

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Mr Christopher Tew
Mr John Thompson
Mr John Watkiss
Mr Andrew Welch
David & Philippa Welch
Ben & Ruth Whitby
Mr Dave Wong

With 11 additional anonymous donations

1807 Society

Following the launch of the legacy campaign early in 2008, we now have more than £820,000 in known pledges although the majority of donors have not specified what they have left to the Foundation. Legacy bequests are amongst the most worthwhile and significant gifts made to the Mill Hill School Foundation and can help to enable talented young people to enjoy a Mill Hill education through scholarships or bursaries. They can also enhance the fabric and facilities of the Foundation.

All bequests benefit the Foundation as well as current and future generations of Millhillians. Benefactors are offered membership of the 1807 Society which has been established to recognise their commitment and we are delighted to acknowledge the following members:

Miss Rosemary Armstrong
Mr Nigel Baker
Mr Matthew Baldwin
Mr Vaclav Benes
Sir Michael Bishop CBE
Mr Graham Chase
Mr Richard Dean
Mr Grahame Elliott CBE
Mr Roger Graham
Dr Arthur Holmes Pickering
Mr Christopher Ousey
Mr Bill Skinner
Mr Geoffrey Vero
Mr Stewart Wernham
Mr Bill Yates

We have also received four pledges from donors who wish to remain anonymous.

Members of the 1807 Society are invited to an annual lunch. The 2009 lunch took place at Boodles thanks to the help of Peter Woodroffe. It was attended by 10 people who have made legacy bequests. It was an excellent occasion; plans are in hand for the 2010 event.

For further information about legacy and planned giving, please contact the Foundation Appeal Office on 020 8906 7925 or email appeal@millhill.org.uk.

How you can help

Leadership Gifts

The Foundation Appeal is inspired by Leadership Gifts. Such gifts are substantial, set examples and stimulate others to participate.

Top Terracers

Membership of the Top Terracers is guaranteed for those who commit to a gift of at least £5,000 and donors can select where to allocate their gift: people, places, Annual Fund projects or as an unrestricted donation.

Supporters

All members of the Foundation community should feel they can play a part in assuring its future through supporting the bursary funding or the building programme. One-off donations or regular giving at every level will make significant contributions to the Appeal; in due course gifts in kind and time will also have roles to play.

Legacy Giving

In a rapidly changing economic climate some people find it difficult to commit to a major gift during their lifetime. Charitable legacies are paid before inheritance tax is deducted and could potentially reduce the total amount of tax payable on an estate, thus benefiting both the Foundation Schools and the donors.

Tax Efficient Giving

- ☐ Gifts of stocks and shares are very tax efficient. All such donations made direct to a charity receive income tax relief of 100% of their value.
- ☐ The Foundation and generations of Millhillians have benefited from generous gifts of land and property.
- ☐ If you are US tax payer, a gift through the British Schools and Universities Foundation (BSUF) can be tax deductible.
- ☐ The Foundation will seek to maximise all gifts to the Foundation Appeal through Gift Aid. Gift Aid also has benefits for donors who are higher rate tax payers.

This has been a year of adjustment and re-focusing with the separation of the Friends of Mill Hill School Foundation from fundraising and the establishment of the Foundation Appeal as the long-term designation in succession to the Bicentennial Appeal.

The year began with the inaugural Appeal Annual Review Presentation on 17th September 2008 being moved from Lehman Brothers to ICAP at less than 48 hours notice.

Notwithstanding this, during the academic year 2008/09 the Foundation Appeal has raised over **£360,000** and the total in the Foundation Appeal now stands at over **£2m** pledged in both cash and legacies. There has been a significant increase in the number of legacies (although the majority do not specify the amount).

Many aspects of fundraising have been affected by the worldwide economic climate and it would be myopic to suggest independent schools will escape. However in discussion with fellow fundraisers it is encouraging to learn that the impact in this area has been less than anticipated. The reason for this is the generosity of **individuals**. Corporate donations and grants from charitable bodies have seen significant reductions; it is wonderful that some of those individuals who are able to do so have stepped in or indicated their intention to do so.

The cornerstone of the success of the Foundation Appeal in the short-term at least therefore is going to be gifts from

From the Foundation Appeal Office

individuals. I am delighted that the leaders of our community – Governors, Life Governors, Appeal Board members, Old Millhillians Club and Old Belmontian Association officers and Foundation senior executives – have seen fit to make financial commitments in addition to their gifts of time and enthusiasm. I would like to thank them most sincerely for their leadership and the encouragement they give to others.

I would also like to thank members of the Appeal Board for giving generously of their time to assist me over the last year and to express my appreciation to the Old Millhillians Club and Old Belmontian Association who have included me in many of their activities. Leaders of both organisations are increasingly pro-active in their advocacy of the fundraising activity. For the Old Millhillians Club, this is the epitome of the Club's motto, *Non Nobis Sed Scholae* (*Not us but the School*).

A few people are able to make large one-off gifts but many are not. This does not mean they cannot or should not contribute. The Foundation Appeal can be supported by **regular giving**, which means committing to monthly, quarterly or annual payments. The range of regular givers

is wide: from the person who gives £5 a year to those who give £104 per month to be Top Terracers. It is hoped that the number of people who commit to regular giving will increase significantly.

Our community is very diverse. In order to reach, inform and inspire the largest number of people I shall be meeting small groups of individuals during 2009/10 from different parts of this community. I hope through doing so to better understand how to communicate with their contemporaries and peers.

Finally, many thanks to all who have supported the Foundation Appeal over the last year and continue to do so. Your generosity is making a visible and tangible difference to the lives of current pupils across the Foundation. If you have not yet made a commitment and would like to do so, please do not hesitate to contact me. Whatever your gift, it will be appreciated.



The Appeal Worldwide

The activities of the Foundation Appeal office are by no means confined to the UK; indeed the support and interest from members of the Mill Hill community overseas has been tremendous. Considerable efforts are being made to encourage this.

On 3rd October there will be an Old Millhillians Dinner in New York. Nick Priestnall, Foundation Appeal Director, will provide attendees with an update on fundraising and specific information about British Schools and Universities

Foundation, to which the Foundation belongs, which facilitates tax efficient giving for US tax payers.

On 28th November the Headmaster and Foundation Appeal Director will be in Hong Kong to meet Old Millhillians and current parents to announce a specific initiative for Asia. We have already established a steering group in Hong Kong (similar to the Appeal Board here in the UK) and the first Top Terracer level gift has been received. Preliminary discussions have commenced with potential supporters in Hong Kong and China.

The first exploratory meeting has taken place to consider an initiative tailored to our East African connections. We have already identified 60 current and former pupils with such roots (and know there to be many more). Many of them have been very successful both while at Mill Hill and since. Those to whom we have spoken are keen to work with others of a common background to ensure that the link continues and grows. This would perhaps see a network develop to help with careers guidance and to fundraise to enable others from the region to enjoy a Mill Hill supported education.

Annual Fund 2008/09

The Annual Fund 2008/09 was an outstanding success with every project being funded and, in most cases, now in place.

Former pupils and current parents generously supported the projects enabling current pupils and future generations of Millhillians to enjoy equipment and facilities such as the science garden at Grimsdell, an electronic weather station and a new high jump mat at Belmont, a new rugby scrummage machine and the music recording environment at Mill Hill.

Replicas of the standard fuchsias that used to stand on Top Terrace many years ago have been reinstated and the young people at Alford House have a brand new digital camera to capture memorable moments.

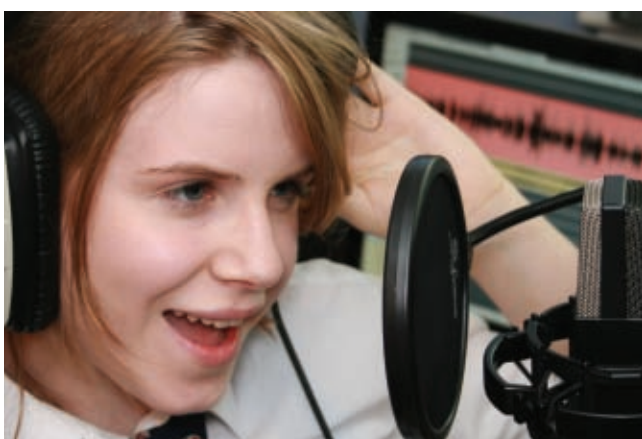
On the back of this success, we have a new and exciting list of projects for 2009/10, details of which can either be found in the Annual Fund 2009/10 booklet or on the website www.millhill.org.uk/appeal.

Many of our donors have wholly supported individual projects while others have made small, regular donations which, when combined with other similar gifts, have financed larger projects.

Plaques can be seen around the Foundation identifying each completed project.

We very much hope this demonstrates that a gift of any size will make a difference to our Schools. There is a significant impact on the quality of educational facilities we can provide our pupils with through relatively modest investment.

We trust that parents and former pupils will continue to give generously and support the Foundation Schools into the future. It is the aim of the Annual Fund 2009/10 to increase the numbers of participants significantly.



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