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Message from the Principal

Hartley College has once again found its prestigious place in the world news, by Saravanamuttu Mylvaganam, an exemplary past pupil, being conferred as a Member of the British Empire, by her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. This act of very rare and extreme honour makes every past and present pupil of Hartley College to be very proud of.

“Myla” as Saravanamuttu Mylvaganam is popularly known and addressed, absolutely deserved to be conferred as a Member of the British Empire by all his acts and deeds which were exclusive and outstanding.

Right throughout his life, from his tender age to adulthood, he had excelled in his studies, sports-especially in “cricket”, public relations etc. Being a pioneer, his endeavours in promoting cricket amongst the youngsters in London proved to be a great success and was commended by all.

He has been a loving husband to his wife, an affectionate father to his children and a good citizen to his motherland and to his country of residence.

I wish on behalf of the Staff and Students, of Hartley College being its Principal that the services of SARAVANAMUTTU MYLVAGANAM; M.B.E should continue for many more years to come and also for a long life to him, and to his beloved family.

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Principal
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His team members remember for him for his high level of professionalism and his generosity when it came to the matter of cakes – the tea table was never empty and nor was our stomachs. There are many stories we could tell you but his wife is here!

Myla is part a generation of civil servant who are now are a rarity, long serving, dedicated and unflinching.



Man of Action

Saravanamuttu Mylvaganam M.B.E

Malaysian born Saravanamuttu Mylvaganam, returned to Sri Lanka in his early childhood along with his parents, sisters and brother and lived at Atchuvelly a well-known agricultural centre in the Jaffna District. He had his education at Hartley college Point Pedro and stayed in the hostel throughout his secondary education. He was a popular student in school as well as in the hostel. He was a very smart and handsome boy in the sixties and always did things with smiling face. He took things very seriously and I always saw him working hard in the afternoon with many exercises to build up his physique to participate in sports activities. He was a very popular personality in to 60s' but couldn't catch a girlfriend probably because of the strict discipline enforced in and outside the school by our most respected late principal Mr. Pooranampillai. The same plight to all of us in that era.

Mylvaganam - 'Myla' as all of us affectionately call him remains a unique personality to date. He excelled as an outstanding sportsman and leader and walked the corridors of power in several capacities – particularly at work as a strategic unit Network manager, for the Department of Business innovation and skills and his versatile approaches and his services to the Tamil community in the UK and in Sri Lanka. Pride is alien to his noble nature.

Though he migrated to London in his early 20s' (1960s') he has always ensured that sports and social service will go hand in hand which is a vital aspect for a successful career. He is so disciplined that he kept his focus in both and remains a "Star" and as a well-known cricket coach in UK.

He regularly attended practise and physical training on time and adhered to the instructions of the coaches or trainers with acceptance and respect. In batting there was no shot that he couldn't play. He was a very good opening batsman and one of the best Hartley college has ever produced in cricket. A very slow starter, but with perfect techniques to play cricket all round with many strokes. His style of batting and smile is still in my sub- census memory.

His wall like solidarity in defence and skilful manipulation made all of us see the ball screening to the fence, his exquisite batting his timing and getting in line with the ball rewarded him with many resolute innings. To quote one match.....

A glorious win for Hartley College (Daily News March 6th 1965) Nadarajasundaram & Mylvaganam unbroken partnership of 183 runs Mahajana college, Tellippalai Who had bagged four consecutive wins for the season suffered her first setback when Hartley with renewed vigour and enterprise in the second outing outclassed their opponents by eight wickets. Mahajana taking first lease of the wicket were bundled out for 88. Hartley in reply were in very bad plight when they had lost their first six wickets cheaply for 40.

But a determined knock of 40 by skipper Nadarajasundaram saw them soon top Mahajana's score to collect 102. Mahajana in their second essay appeared to play serious cricket and hit up a very decent 201 Sathiyathan 55 and Kailasaratnam 30, were the main contributors. Set to make 187 for an outright win, Hartley lost her twin wickets for a paltry 6.

But thereafter when skipper Nadarajasundaram joined Mylvaganam the entire complexion of the game was changed. They set about the task in cavalier fashion chasing and hammering the ball to all corners of the field. The Mahajanas' tried every trick to dislodge this gallant pair, but failed, for they soon were seen in a **brilliant unbeaten third wicket partnership 183 runs to effect glorious win, Nadarajasundaram was unbeaten with a hectic 122 his third century in school cricket this season and Mylvaganam being 53 not out.**

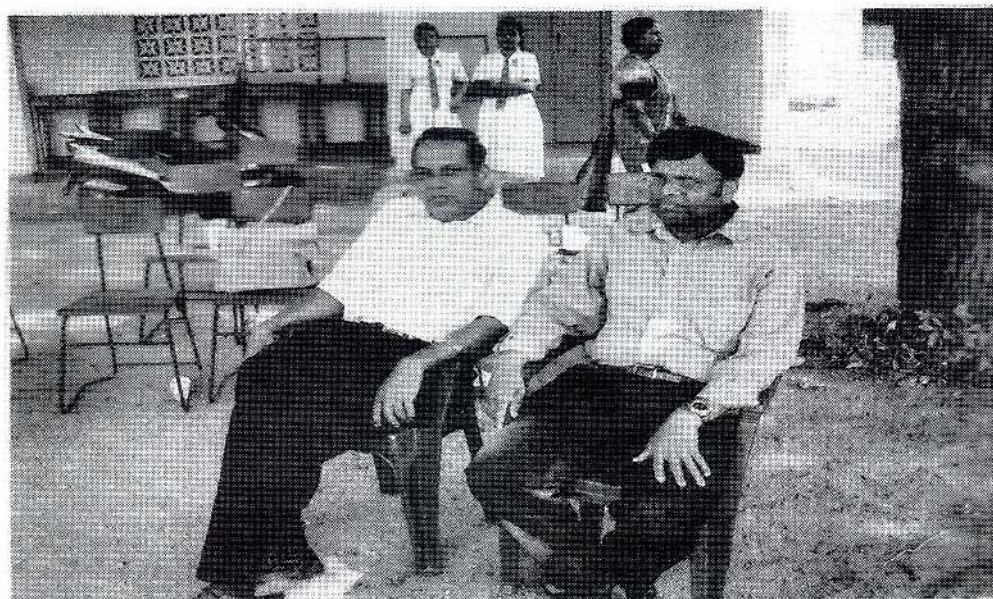
It must be remembered that shortly after joining Hartley, Myla lost his father and so it was his beloved mather who raised him, supported him and nurtured his sporting ability. This coupled with love and support of his wife Devi and children have helped shape the man we see before us today. I wish to place them in records for his achievements.

I wish him good luck for many more achievements in the years to come.

Well done Myla.

Prof.M.Nadarajasundaram.

Chairman,
Ramanathan Academy of Fine Arts,
University of Jaffna.





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Myla - A Loyal and Dedicated Member

It is with great pleasure that we send a message of good wishes on the felicitation dinner to honour Mr. Saravanamuttu Mylvaganam on receiving the prestigious award of Member of the order of British Empire from Her Majesty, the Queen in recognition for many years of public and community service. Kingston Tamil School is proud to be part of the organising committee to honour Mr. Mylvaganam, Myla as he is popularly known.

Institute of Tamil Culture is celebrating its' 30th anniversary this year and Mr. Mylvaganam and his family have been very much part of this history of the organisation. Having joined in the early years, they have contributed significantly to the growth and development of the organisation. The key to the success of an organisation is the commitment, dedication and the loyalty of its members. Myla and Devi are seen as positive role models of these characteristics. There is a saying that there is a woman behind every man's success and it is very true with Myla and Devi as they support each other in their service to the community.

Having been a famous cricketer in Sri Lanka during his school days and later playing competitive club cricket in England, Myla wanted to pass on his skills and experience to the next generation. He played a key role in setting up our 'KITC youth sports club' to engage and involve young people in sports activities. He encouraged participation, healthy competition, team work and discipline among youngsters. Myla was instrumental in setting up two cricket teams for the ages of under 15 & 13 and providing regular coaching sessions. As one of the manager and a coach of the KITC cricket teams, he spent his weekends coaching, taking players to the matches and ensure they return home safely. Some players developed into good cricketers playing for their schools and were selected to play for Surrey and London borough junior teams. The highlight was the success of 'under 15 KITC team' in the Mid Surrey League cup competition, winning the tournament in 2001 cricket season. He earned the respect and admiration of the young people who looked up to him as a fatherly figure. One of the young player wrote in our sports day brochure that 'Myla uncle' instilled team spirit, sense of commitment, motivation and positive attitude which enabled them to dig out of bad situations.

Myla also played a major role in organising KITC's annual sports day. He is involved in the preparation and in dividing the children into houses, age groups and then the smooth running of all the track and field events on the day. He will come early and stay till the end to ensure that event goes well as planned. Myla

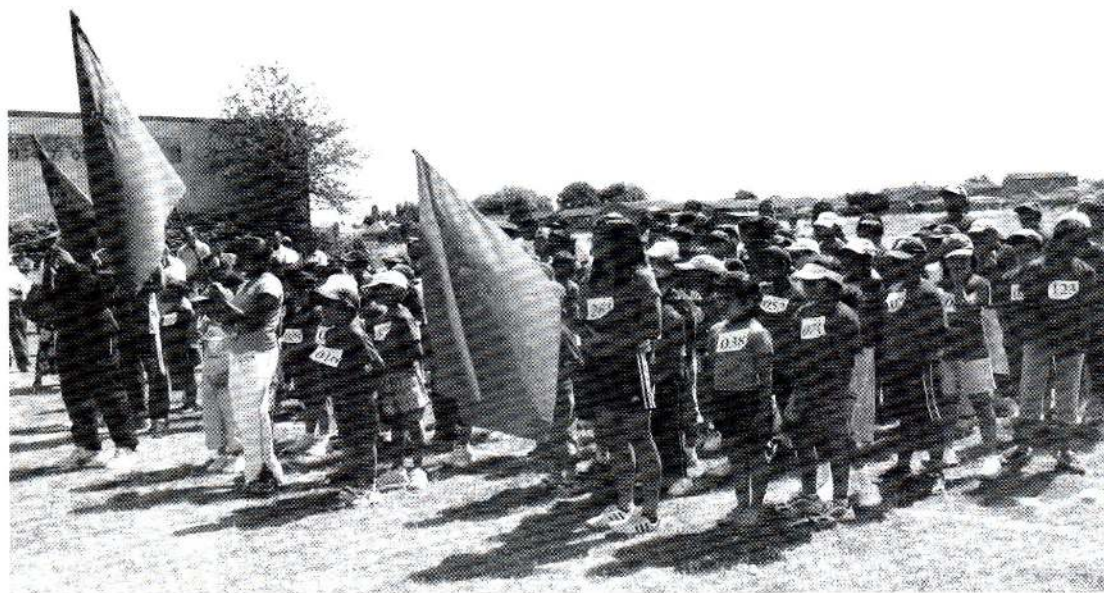
He is not shy to dirty his hands. He always stays behind to help out in cleaning after an event. He still carries on even with a bad knee and angle against doctors advice.

Myla never looked for position or status in the committee but always worked hard as a team member with enthusiasm for the betterment of the organization. He did not want to be something but wanted to do something for the community and make a difference to the quality of life of people.

Myla; We would like to take this opportunity to add our congratulations and appreciation for the years of selfless service to the Institute of Tamil Culture in particular and the community in general. You have been recognised with a well deserved award which has made us all proud. Each and everyone is delighted as if they got the award, We always admired your hard work, loyalty, commitment and passion for the voluntary service to the community. You have been part of the ITC family and have been through thick and thin, sharing good and bad times. Your loyalty, support and commitment to the organisation during the difficult times and your effort in resolving the issues are very commendable.

Thank you for your continuous unrelenting support. Our sincere thanks are also due to Devi, Shromi and Roshni for being very supportive in Myla's endeavours.

Myla, You are a true loyal and dedicated member of ITC family.



The Life of a Sports lover and a Champion of the Tamil Community

Saravanamuttu Mylvaganam, MBE

Mr. Saravanamuttu MYLVAGANAM, fondly known as **Myla** to his friends and the wider Tamil Community in this country (UK) was recognised in the last New Year Honours list by the Queen for his achievement in public service and services to the Tamil Community in the UK and in Sri Lanka. He was awarded the title MBE (Member of the Order of the British Empire)

Born in Malaysia, to Ceylon Tamil parents, originally from the native village of Pathamany, Atchuvely, in Ceylon (now Sri Lanka), Myla had his primary education in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and moved to Ceylon at the formative age of 6, when his parents decided to return to live in Ceylon after his father retired as the Chief Accountant with the then (British) Malaysian Railways. On arrival in Ceylon, Myla continued with his studies, at Atchuvely St Theresa's Convent School and then Atchuvely Christian College, before moving on to Hartley College, Point Pedro. During his study at Hartley College from 1960 to 1965, he was boarded at the college hostel

Right from his early years, Myla demonstrated an affinity to athletics and it was at Hartley College his excellence in sports came to prominence. He was a good sprinter, who won the championship of the 110 yards (100m) sprinting event for 3 consecutive years. At school he rose up progressively as a good player through the three elevens (3rd, 2nd and 1st) of both the Football and the Cricket Teams playing against the Regional Schools at inter-school events. He also played for the Jaffna Combined School Cricket XI for 2 years. During this time he also held the position of Athletic Captain of Abraham House. Myla's fame as a cricketer at Hartley was always intertwined with the success of an all-time Cricket legend of Hartley and now an academic – Professor Nadarajasundaram (Nada). There are many memorable anecdotes that exist even to this day, linking the two as great partners in Cricket at Hartley. In Nada's own words "Myla was a born cricketer who would very stylishly block every difficult ball and anchor him to his end of the pitch, whilst I will attack every ball and score high. We were a great partnership in Cricket" Below is one of those memorable partnerships narrated by a mutual friend and a fellow Hartleyite – S. Surendranathan :-

"Now I wish to tell you about an exciting cricket match Myla played. The year was 1965. We were playing Mahajana at their home grounds. It was Lunch on the second day. We were 2 wickets down for 6 runs. Defeat was staring at our faces. We had to score another 181 runs for victory. Vinayagamoorthy was bowling at a hostile pace and unplayable. In the first innings Vinayagamoorthy had helped his team to skittle Hartley for 102. The crowd started to fill the Grounds in anticipation of a Mahajana Victory, before Tea. Myla was batting from the start and Nada joined him. They had other ideas.

They started to build a partnership. Nada started to attack the bowling, while Myla was anchored at the other end and helped to win the match after Tea. Nada was unbeaten on 122 & Myla was unbeaten on 53.”

Following this match, Myla left Hartley and joined Mahajana, where he spent just under one year playing for them before joining Stafford College, Maradana in Colombo to complete his Senior School Certificate (SSC). After completing his SSC, Myla set his heart in establishing a carrier with the then Ceylon Royal Airforce and it came to light that as he had a Malaysian Birth Certificate, he was not eligible for selection. Myla believes that this was a godsend turning point in his life, as he first discovered his right of abode in the UK as a child born in Malaysia to Ceylonese national working in a British Colony. Within a fortnight of discovering this fact, helped by a family friend, Myla completed all necessary paperwork and arrived in the UK, in September 1967

After his arrival in the UK, Myla joined the Kingston College of Further Education to pursue a degree course in Engineering but soon realised that he could not continue as a student without a steady income and joined the British Aerospace. His eagerness in developing IT skills for a carrier and his continued hard work coupled with a few changes in jobs landed him a post at the Dti (Department of Trade and Industry) which over the years earned him the position and status he held at retirement last year. Myla married Devi (Kokillamathy), from his native Atchuvely in 1975 and they have two grown up daughters, Shromi and Roshini doing well in their own lives.

Myla's commitment to work and the professionalism he demonstrated at work are summarised below, in his own words, by Atha Elahi, a colleague of Myla at work:-

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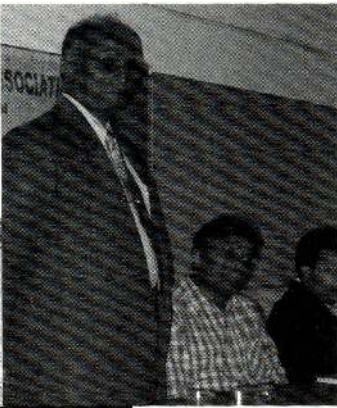
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Throughout his life, Myla has been a lover of sports and this has led him to champion the promotion of sports among fellow Tamils at community level both in the UK and in Sri Lanka. In the mid-80s, Myla started to get involved in the social activities organised by the Kingston Tamil Community and took on the challenge of introducing sports as a social event to the Kingston Tamil youths via the Kingston Institute of Tamil Culture (KITC - Kingston Tamil School) and the Surbiton Sports Cricket Club (SSC). SSC, founded by some of his closest friends, has now grown to be a popular Tamil Cricket Club that plays inter-community matches. Myla, joined by some of his likeminded friends in this country, founded the JSSA-UK (Jaffna Schools Sports Association – UK) in 1992, which was later renamed as TSSA – UK (Tamil Schools Sports Association – UK). Under the banner of TSSA – UK, nearly 60 Old Students Association of their parent schools in Sri Lanka, come together on a bi-annual basis to organise sports festival, which has now become a routine social event in the life of Tamils living in this country

In his many years of service to the Tamil Community in UK and in Sri Lanka, Myla has held many positions at committee levels of many of the organisations that were involved in the welfare of the Tamil people. To mention a few, he held the positions of Secretary and Chairman respectively of SSC for a number of years and Captained the SSC Cricket XI. He has been a committee member, and Sports Organiser of TSSA – UK for a number of years, since it was founded and served as its President in 2005. As president of TSSA-UK he, along with some of his committee members, went out of the way, to travel to Sri Lanka to organise a friendly Netball Tournament between members of TSSA-UK Team and the various local School Teams in Sri Lanka .He also served as a committee member of the old boys association of his own school, Hartley College Past Pupils Association – UK (HCPPA-UK) and held the position of its President in 2011..

Notwithstanding his contribution to the UK Civil Service, the Queen's award is really a fitting tribute to Myla for his services to the Tamil Community in the UK & in Sri Lanka and this function marks the endorsement of that award by the UK Tamil Community

Finally, a piece of history for your record. As a native of the village of Pathamany, in Atchuvely, Sri Lanka, Myla is only the 2nd in line to receive an award from a British Monarch in as many as 65 years. The first one was the late Sir Sitampalam Gardiner who was knighted by the father of the current monarch in 1951. On behalf of the natives of the village of Pathamany, Atchuvely, thanks Myla, for putting Pathamany on the Common Wealth map again. You are their born again hero. May you live long and serve your Community

By a Friend and a fellow Hartleyite– **Varithamby Santhalingam**



Myla...

A sincere friend of Surbiton Sports Club.

Mr Saravanamuttu Mylvaganam, affectionately known as 'Myla' has been one of the pillars of our club, Surbiton Sports Club. He has been an active member of this club from its inception in 1985. He has played cricket for the club for more than 15 years. Prior to this he had played for Worcester Park Cricket Club. He was a very talented all rounder and captained the Cricket Team for four years. Needless to say that the Surbiton Sports Cricket team flourished during this period.

In 1985, when youngsters arrived in London fleeing from Srilanka, Myla and a few other members of Surbiton Sports Club had helped them and worked with them with a view to integrating them into the community. While doing so, he was able to recruit a few cricketers to the club. These young men not only brought in their expertise but also made good friendships with other members which was beneficial to both parties.

In 1990, Myla, supported by other football loving members of the Club, introduced Football for the first time and organised the very first Surbiton Sports Club Football Challenge Shield Tournament. Although our club failed to win the cup on this occasion, they snatched it the following year.

Myla has been instrumental in the progress of our club. He was the Chairman of the club for four years from 2007. Prior to this he was a Secretary, Trustee and served as a Committee member as well. He continues to be actively involved and the club benefits from his constructive remarks and advice.

Myla is very passionate about Cricket and has helped in the development of Cricket in our community. He has coached young boys regularly to give them a solid foundation and to improve their cricket skills as well as discipline. He has been a very good mentor and has the skill to motivate them to remain focused. He involved their parents as well and most of these parents became members of our club subsequently. Myla has been very generous with his time and this has reflected in the development of these young cricketers.

Myla has been a good ambassador for our club. He brought in good leadership with strategic vision for the club's development. Our club is now a family orientated one offering something for everyone. He has always found time for the club although he had been involved with several other organisations and had a full time occupation in the Civil Service.

At every event of the club, Myla would be the first one to come to the venue and the last one to leave. He makes sure everything is in place for a successful outcome. He is ever ready to face any challenge and willing to intervene should there be any issues. He is very courteous and handles even a very critical issue with utmost calm and resolves it successfully. He is a very devoted member and we are grateful for his contributions to the club.

Myla has always encouraged his family to actively participate in the Club events. Both of his daughters, Shiromi and Roshini, have played Netball and Badminton for our club. Both of them had been Netball Captains of their teams. Myla's wife, Devi has been the Netball manager and held various positions in the Club's committee. At present Devi is our Assistant Secretary.

We are delighted that Myla has been recognised in the New Year's Honours list and been awarded an MBE. This is a very well deserved award for Myla and we are proud of his accomplishments. Our warmest congratulations to you, Myla. We would like to extend our congratulations and best wishes to Devi who has supported Myla wholeheartedly in all his endeavours. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Myla for his dedication and contribution to the community. We wish him success in all his future endeavours.

Dr T Nathan
Surbiton Sports Club

Proud for the Community

Saravanamuttu Mylvaganam – MBE

Our Community feels honoured that one of our eldest son's commitment and hard work towards the community's betterment is recognised by her Majesty. It is a jubilant time for the Tamil Schools Sports Association (TSSA), Surbiton Sports Club, Kingston Institute of Tamil Culture (KITC), and the whole Sri Lankan community.

Myla is from a town called Jaffna, north of Sri Lanka, and studied in the renowned school of Hartley College. His career began in the 1960's when he was selected to participate in district matches competing against teams from all schools in Northern Sri Lanka and with various selected teams visiting from India.

As a talented and stylish batsman at Hartley College, he always opened the batting line for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Cricket teams at his college. Representing Jaffna Schools Selected Cricket Teams he played and performed excellently against the Indian School Team in 1964. In addition, he obtained numerous honours when he played for the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Eleven Football teams for his college. From an early age he became a respected, well known and well loved sport personality during his time at his college and in Jaffna. After declining recruitment for the Ceylon Army, he travelled to England to continue with education, qualifying as a Network System Administrator for the DTI (Department of Trade and Industry), which has been his occupation for the last 40 years. Never the less he maintained his strong aptitude for cricket by playing for the DTI's Cricket Team in London.

While enjoying playing cricket he embarked on finding friends with a similar interest of establishing sporting organisations in the UK to train and organise sporting events to provide opportunity for young children to excel in their sporting abilities.

He established a coaching programme at a community school in New Malden in the name of KITC - Kingston Institute of Tamil Culture and entered the cricket team at the local league. He was inspirational and many trained by him became fine cricketers at their respective local schools in the Royal Borough of Kingston. Surbiton Sports Club was founded in 1985 with his cricketing friends in which he played for over 15 years for the club & became President in 2012 when the club celebrated it's first Jubilee. He currently plans and trains youths at the nets both winter and summer, manages the players and the club has won many prizes and made it to the top of the local league for many years.

His own back garden became a training pitch to train young children during weekdays and evenings.

Tamil School Sports Association (UK) - TSSA (UK) was founded in 1992 by Myla along with 11 others to organise One day, 7-A-Side Football Tournaments in May and Cricket and Netball Tournaments in August every year for young children of various age groups from under 14 to adults in the Community. Every year over 2000 children taking part in varies

sporting activities in TSSA events. TSSA is celebrating its first Jubilee this year (2016). He was elected as President for the TSSA (UK) in 2005 & 2006. He has always been a strong pillar for the organisation throughout its progress over its 25 years of activity.

Further more, Myla enrolled as president of Hartley College Past Student Association in the (UK) in 2009 and organised sporting and cultural events which generated mass funding to help the sporting activities for the young children in Sri Lanka.

Saravanamuttu Mylvaganam has tirelessly worked hard for the majority of his life to bring about thriving organisations in order to give young ones and older ones alike the opportunity to partake in sports and community activities and enhance their potential talents. It is no wonder that his charitable works has been rightly recognised and credited, a privilege which he surely deserves. He is an outstanding example and continuous inspiration to all who provide services willingly without anticipating something in return. Myla, we are proud of you...

S. Joypooranachandren.

President

Tamil Schools Sports Association (UK)



One Amazing Dad, from Two Proud Daughters

Our dad has always been someone with an incredible passion for sport and in particular – for his beloved cricket. If he wasn't talking about it then he was watching it, playing it, or founding a sports club that would promote it!

We learnt from a very young age that sport would play a significant role in our lives and we have often joked that dad had always been slightly disappointed to have two daughters instead of two sons! I suspect that is why he dedicated hours at the weekends teaching us how to bowl, bat and catch. This discipline almost certainly hailed from Appappa, Appamma and the time he spent at Hartley College - something he was keen to instil in us. His perseverance in the garden paid off and we went on to play competitive sports ranging from netball to badminton and table tennis both in and outside of school. It was very rare for dad to miss any of our important matches and he would always be on the sidelines willing us to do better, to train harder and to lose gracefully. We have no doubt that he will do the same for his grandchildren Rian and Kyla and he has already spoken of how he will coach Rian (now 4 years old) next year. With dad by his side, we expect great things from him!

Sportsmanship is something that is very important to dad and he has often spoken to us about what can be learnt from people by their character on the pitch, court or at the crease. Watching dad play sport has always been enjoyable because he is so incredibly animated. He is as hard on himself as he is his team mates and is incredibly passionate about every aspect of his game. A strong team player with a booming voice - he is certainly someone that you wouldn't miss, and we think this is probably a fair reflection of who he is in person.

Dad's passion and desire to help others is something that can be seen through his involvement with a number of organisations – many of whom were responsible for putting this evening together. He is an individual that will never refuse a friend and this inability to say no has kept him incredibly busy over the years. Amma often recounts the story of how dad was at a meeting when she was going into labour – a sign of his total dedication to the organisations he has worked with and a personality trait that even she wouldn't change!

We have spoken to many people who have worked with dad professionally, personally or played sport with him and we have been humbled by the stories we have heard. There have been new tales of closely fought cricket matches, records set in athletics and even stories of community work dad undertook before we were born. I don't think either of us were fully aware of the magnitude of work he has done for the Tamil community here and in Sri Lanka and we are incredibly proud of him.

Dad will of course attempt to skirt over his achievements and his modest temperament is something that makes him so deserving of this award. However, I'm sure he would want us to acknowledge that this honour is a symbol of a wider achievement. Something that has been earned by many individuals from numerous organisations over the years. His contribution is but a drop in the ocean in comparison and we are incredibly grateful for the support he has been given in all of his endeavours.

Dad has taught us many things, but above all, he has maintained that teamwork is the key to succeeding in any venture. We would like to congratulate him on his award and thank him from the bottom of our hearts for everything he has taught us.

Shromi & Roshini



Life & Achievements of 'Myla

In Sri Lanka, 80 % of population speaks Sinhalese language and most of them are Buddhist living all over Sri Lanka except North and East of the county. Less than 20% of the population speaks Tamil language and are Hindus and lives in the Northern and Eastern part of Sri Lanka. Myla is from Jaffna and studied in one of the famous school - Hartley College. In 1960's the sportsmen are selected from all the schools in the Northern part of Sri Lanka to have for combined Jaffna School Cricket and Foot Ball teams to go and play Inter district matches with other Combined School teams from other areas in Sri Lanka in addition they play Combined School teams visit from India.

As a talented and stylish batsman at Hartley College he always open the batting for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd Cricket teams at his college.

Represented Jaffna Schools Selected Cricket Team and played and performed well against Indian School Team in 1964.

Played and obtained honours when he played for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Eleven Foot ball teams for his college.

He represented Hartley College to compete Athletic meets between Schools at the Inter School Athletic Meets and won many prizes. He was respected, well known and well loved sport personality during his time at his college and in Jaffna.

Selected for Ceylon Army due to Sporting Talents but declined it and went to England to continue his education.

Qualified in the UK and working as Net work System Administrator for the last 40 years for DTI - Department of Trade and Industry and played for their Cricket Team in London.

His talent, experience and coaching skills together with his urge to train cricket made him to involve in many sporting organisations to help, train and organise sporting events in the UK. While enjoying playing cricket he embarked on finding friends with similar interest to establish sporting organisations in the UK to train and organise sporting events to provide stage young children.

He established a cricket coaching programme at a community school at New Malden in the name of KITC - Kingston Institute of Tamil Culture and entered the cricket team at the local league. He was inspirational and due to his cricket coaching, many trained by him became good cricketers at their respective local schools in the Royal Borough of Kingston. He always believes

that boys need to start learning cricket when they are 7 to 8 years old and encourage and coach them regularly. He get satisfaction in training cricket and take them to the matches during the week ends in his car.

Founded Surbiton Sports Club in 1985 with his Cricketing friends and played for over 15 years for the club & was President in 2012 when club celebrated it's Jubilee. He plans and trains at the nets during winter and during summer manage the players and made the club won many prizes and made the at the top of the local league for many years. His back garden at home become a training cricket pitch to train young children during week day evenings. There were always a waiting list to join his cricket coaching programme.

He coaches cricket for children from age 8 to 17 in and around Surrey - New Malden, Tolworth, Surbiton (using Surbiton Sports Club and KITC - Kingston Institute of Tamil Culture)

Founded Tamil School Sports Association (UK) - TSSA (UK) in 1992 with his cricketing friends to organise One day, 7-A-Side Foot Ball Festival in May and Cricket and net Ball Festival in August every year to give a stage to young children for various age groups from under 14 to adults in the Community and become the President for TSSA (UK) in 2005 & 2006

President of Hartley College Past Student Association in the (UK) in 2009 and organise sporting and cultural events which generate fund to help the sporting activities for the school children in Sri Lanka.

He also help in umpiring cricket matches and organise and manage cricket and other sporting festivals/events as a volunteer all over London with many differing sporting organisations.

A Thiruketheeswaran



அட்டைப்பட நாயகன்
பொதுவாழ்வுக்குப் பெருமைதரும் மனிதர்
திரு சரவணமுத்து மயில்வாகனம் MBE

‘மைலா’ என அறியப்பட்டு, அனைவராலும் அன்பாக அழைக்கப்படுகின்ற திரு சரவணமுத்து மயில்வாகனம் அவர்கள் மாட்சிமை தங்கிய மகாராணி எலிசபெத் அவர்களினால் 2016 புதுவருஷத்தில் MBE என்ற கௌரவம் வழங்கிக் கௌரவிக்கப்பட்டுள்ளார்.

இவரைக் கௌரவித்து அரசு வெளியிட்டுள்ள அறிவிப்பில், *“Saravanamuthu Mylvaganam – Lately Strategic Unit Network Manager, Department of Business, Innovation and skills. For Public Services and Services to the Tamil Community in the UK and Sri Lanka”* என்று குறிப்பிடப்பட்டுள்ளது.

திரு மயில்வாகனம் அவர்கள் மலேசியாவில் பிறந்து சிறுவயதில் பெற்றோருடனும் சகோதரங்களுடனும் தங்களுடைய பூர்வீக மண்ணான அச்சுவேலியில் குடியேறினார்கள். ஹாட்லிக் கல்லூரியில் கல்விகற்ற இவர், கிரிக்கெட், உதைபந்தாட்டம், தடகளவியையாட்டுக்கள் என அனைத்திலும் சிறந்து விளங்கிக் கல்லூரிக்குப் பெருமை சேர்த்தார். 60பதுகளில் ஆரம்பத் துடுப்பாட்ட வீரனாக திரு நடராஜசுந்தரத்துடன் (பேராசிரியர்) இணைந்து விளையாடி, ஏற்படுத்திய சாதனைகள் ஏராளம். அவர்கள் இருவரும் 1963 – 65 காலப்பகுதியில் யாழ்மாவட்ட கிரிக்கெட் அணியில் விளையாடிய சாதனைக்கும் சொந்தக்காரர்கள். அன்றைய விளையாட்டு இரசிகர்களால், இன்றும் நடராஜசுந்தரம் - மயில்வாகனம் இரட்டையர்கள் என நினைவுகூரப் படுகின்றமை குறிப்பிடத்தக்கது.

அறுபதுகளின் இறுதியில் இங்கிலாந்துக்கு வந்த திரு மயில்வாகனம் கிரிக்கெட் விளையாட்டில் தொடர்ந்து அக்கறைபுடன் விளையாடியதுடன் சிறுவர்களுக்கு கிரிக்கெட்டை ஆர்வமுடன் பயிற்றுவிப்பவராகவும் விளங்கினார். **Surbiton Sports Club, Kingston Tamil School, Aarobana Children Chairity** என இங்கு செயற்படும் பலவேறு அமைப்புக்களுடன் தன்னை இணைத்துச் செயற்பட்டுவருகிறார். தனது பாடசாலையான ஹாட்லிக் கல்லூரிக்கு ஒரு பழைய மாணவர் சங்கத்தை இங்கு உருவாக்குவதிலும் அதனை நல்ல முறையில் நடாத்துவதிலும் இவருக்கு முக்கியமான பங்குண்டு. இதன் தலைவராகவும் செயற்பட்டு கல்லூரிக்கும் சங்கத்திற்கும் சிறந்த சேவையை வழங்கினார்.

1992ம் ஆண்டு விளையாட்டில் அக்கறைகொண்ட பன்னிரண்டு நண்பர்களுடன் இணைந்து ஆரம்பித்த தமிழ்ப்பாடசாலைகள் விளையாட்டுச் சங்கம் (TSSA – UK) இவருடைய சேவைகளிற்கெல்லாம் முத்தாரமானது. ஆரம்பத்தில் அதன் பொருளாளராகவும் 2005, 2006ம் ஆண்டுகளில் அதன் தலைவராகவும் செயற்பட்டு பல்வேறு வகைகளில் சங்கத்தின் வளர்ச்சிக்கும் இங்கும் இலங்கையிலும் சிறுவர்களின் விளையாட்டு முன்னேற்றத்துக்கும் ஆற்றிய பணி விதந்து குறிப்பிடத்தக்கது. தமிழ்பேசும் மக்கள் மத்தியில் ஒற்றுமையைப்பற்றி பேசுகின்ற அனைவரும் கவனிக்கவேண்டிய நிறுவனம் TSSA. கடந்த 25ஆண்டுகளாக ஜனநாயக முறைப்படியும் ஒற்றுமையாகவும் செயற்படுகின்ற இந்த அமைப்பின் முதுகெலும்பாகத் திகழ்பவர்களில் இவர் குறிப்பிடத்தக்கவர். கிளிநொச்சியில் நிறுவ முயற்சித்த விளையாட்டுக் கல்லூரித் திட்டத்தின் காரணகர்த்தாக்களில் **மைலாவும்** ஒருவர். விளையாட்டிலும் பொதுச் சேவையிலும் அக்கறை கொண்ட **தேவி** இவருடைய மனைவி. சிறந்த வலைப்பந்தாட்ட வீராங்கனைகளான சுறோமி, றோசினி என்ற பெண்களின் தந்தை. மனைவி, பிள்ளைகள், மருமக்கள், பேரக்குழந்தைகள் என நிறைவாக வாழ்ந்துவரும் திரு மயில்வாகனத்தின் வாழ்க்கையில் MBE ஒரு மைல்கல்லாகும். TSSAயின் வெள்ளி விழா ஆண்டில் திரு மயில்வாகனம் பெற்றுள்ள இந்த கௌரவம் சங்கத்திற்கும் பெருமையாகும் இத்தகைய புகழுக்குரிய திரு மைல்வாகனத்தின் படத்தினை அட்டையில் பிரசுரித்துக் கௌரவிப்பதில் **‘தமிழர் தகவல்’** பெருமைப்படுகிறது. (January 2016)

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