



# The Hawk

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## Hawks and Ospreys at Portugal Place?

*Residents of the Hawks' and Ospreys' have voted overwhelmingly to give the Ospreys occupation in the Clubhouse. We are now seeking views of our alumni on this exciting prospect.*

Sport in Cambridge is changing. Women playing at Twickenham and women rowing on the Thames are only the high profile signs of those changes. Perhaps less well known, women now shoot on an equal footing and in the same teams as men, mixed Lacrosse is a Varsity fixture, and when the Hockey Club comes into the Hawks' Club the women and the men come together as one club. These examples reflect a general coming together of, and mutual respect for, men's and women's sport. And this is in keeping with the University as a whole, where, in the quiet revolution that is being wrought by the Sports Review, the new Sports Board, and the Director of Sport, these issues are held as fundamental to the now improving support of sport by the University, including its Department of Alumni Relations.

It can come as no surprise therefore that the Hawks' Club and the Ospreys' Club have been coming closer together. It is a process highlighted by the Club to all alumni over the last 18 months and a core part of your Club's strategy to promote its future robust health and influence.

The two clubs have been cooperating in the production of the Charity Ball held in the Michaelmas term, and there has developed an increasing will to present a united front in the promotion of sport in the University. It has become increasingly clear that Sponsors are not willing to be associated with single sex clubs, and this view is replicated in our attempts to establish Reciprocal Rights with other clubs.

The Ospreys have, for some years now, and through no fault of their own, been without a clubhouse. Without having anywhere that they can even use as a fixed base for administration, they have been severely hampered. In the last few years the Hawks' have provided assistance in the form of acting as a poste-restante for the Ospreys, and more recently have offered them the facility to hold their committee meetings within the Clubhouse.

This brings us to recent events, where the possibility was broached that the Ospreys should become occupiers of the Clubhouse alongside the Hawks'. There is a precedent in that the Dining Rights Club has been doing just this since 1993, and it is a mixed gender club. The matter was, as you might expect, approached cautiously. It was abundantly clear that neither club wished to relinquish their own identity, so there was no question of membership becoming diluted by the other sex.

The advantages of co-occupation of the Clubhouse however became manifest. It would cement the relationship between the two clubs and send an unequivocal message that they were presenting a united leadership on elite sport within the University. From the Hawks' point of view it provides the potential for an uplift in income both by way of subscriptions and trading, which, in the context of the Hawks' Project and its ambitions to secure the financial footing of the Club, while boosting the development of the Charitable Trust, is fundamental. Simply, it would help free up alumni subscription income to be donated to the Trust directly, with the substantial gift aid benefits that generates for UK taxpayers. It would also be a major step forward in the presentation of the Club to the outside world of sponsorship and recruitment

It would give the Ospreys the base that they have so long been without, and

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## New structure agreed

*On 6th June, at a joint meeting of the Trustees of the Charitable Trust, the Directors of The Hawks' Company Limited, and the Development Committee, it was agreed that the restructuring of the organisation in Cambridge should proceed.*

This is a significant step forward towards the realisation of those plans developed and promoted over the last year.

The overall objective is to maximise income to the Charitable Trust.

### **The present system is untenable for the long term:**

At present The Hawks Company Limited owns the Clubhouse, and conducts all the trading therein. Historical losses in this organisation have averaged between £30,000 and £40,000 per year. As with any club the balance is made up by members' (alumni as well as residents) subscriptions. These subscriptions, payable into the Club, have been used to purchase shares in the Company, thereby transferring the necessary funds into the Company to defray the trading loss, while increasing the Club's ownership of the Company (currently 80%). The Charitable Trust gains no benefit from this structure, which, in any case is clearly not tenable for the long term.

### **The Development Committee has been driving change:**

Headed by John Pritchard, and driven by Jonathan Dickens, the Development Committee over the last 18 months has made a two-pronged attack, on the one hand encouraging all Hawks to support the Charitable Trust, while on the other seeking additional sources of trading revenue so as to minimise the losses. Since the launch of the campaign in early 2016 enormous advances have been achieved:

- A new website has been developed giving us a new look, with considerable added functionality, and masses of information.
- A new database has been developed to support the website, giving us previously undreamt of power to maintain our membership's details, to enable Hawks to stay in touch, and to enable us to target information to our members by various categories. We are now, for example, able to invite specific year groups to functions.
- The Events function in the website enables members to make their own bookings, and for Event Managers to easily see how bookings are progressing.
- The website has a merchandising function, enabling members to purchase items of clothing and memorabilia, while adding to the trading account for the Company.
- A number of events have been successfully organised, highlighted by the hugely successful Sports Lecture at Lords. This enables Hawks to have more reasons to celebrate being a Hawk than the, albeit much celebrated, once-a-year London Dinner that has hitherto been the case. The profits on such events also contribute to the trading account.

### **The structure issue:**

The objective is clear: how to get the Charitable Trust better integrated with the Hawks' Club as a whole, and how to maximise income to it so that many future generations of aspiring sports men and women can be given a helping hand in pursuit of their targets.

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enable them to develop the involvement of their alumni in a way that they have been unable to do.

Consequently the Presidents of the two Clubs, Jamie Giddins (Real Tennis, Squash, Rackets, and Golf) and Freddie Hampel (Hockey), and their respective committees got together to thrash out a detailed proposal, the fundamental of which was that the Ospreys would pay equal subs to the Hawks in exchange for the right to use the Clubhouse. There were a number of other provisions, including equalisation (though separate) of election procedures, access and communication arrangements, and dispute resolution procedures.

The proposal envisages a one year trial of the arrangement, so that if either side find themselves uncomfortable with the deal at the end of that year it can be cancelled or adapted (should certain operational provisions not be appropriate). The proposal was submitted to the Hawks' Company Ltd Board, who accepted that there was no issue that affected the ownership of the building, and that it satisfied the need for protecting the assets afforded to the club when the Portugal Place Clubhouse was established, and opened in 1992. Indeed, the proposal showed every indication of being good for its long term financial security. They therefore gave it their blessing.

Accordingly the two clubs went to their resident members for a ballot on the matter. The Hawks voted 85% in favour, with 65% of Residents voting, while the Ospreys voted 89.4% in favour (113 voting). It seems clear that the will here in Cambridge is to put this into effect, and to do so from the beginning of next academic year. We are now consulting with you, our alumni, to seek your views on the matter: if you wish to comment, please do so here [opinion@hawksclub.co.uk](mailto:opinion@hawksclub.co.uk). In addition to this message you may find the detailed proposal at [www.hawksclub.co.uk/members/publications](http://www.hawksclub.co.uk/members/publications). We will consider all responses received by Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. At that point the Board will take the decision to recommend to the Residents' Committee to proceed for the first year, or not. That decision will be announced clearly on the website at that point. We should emphasise, and the proposal makes clear, that this involves no modification of the Hawks' Club constitution, and vitally, no change in the ownership of the Clubhouse. We who are involved with the Club at Cambridge believe most strongly that this is right for the Club, right for the Clubhouse, and right for sport in the University.

Jamie Giddins (President 2016-17, CURTC, CUSRC, CURC, CUGC)

Sebastian Tullie (President 2017-18, CURUFC)

Stuart Laing (Chairman of the Board, Trustee, Master of Corpus Christi)

John Pritchard (Chairman of the Development Committee, Director, President 1985-6, CUBC)

Jonathan Dickens (Project Manager of the Development Committee, CURUFC)

Anthony Hyde (Club Trustee, CUAC, CUPWC, CUCC)

Okeoghene Odudu (Club Trustee, CUAC)

Andrew Muston (Director, Trustee, CUBC)

Robert Harle (Director, CURUFC)

Peter Southwick (Director, President 1976-7, CUGC)

Peter Tingley (Director, President DRC)

Oliver Slack (London Dinner Secretary, Director, President 1998-9, CURUFC, CUABC)

Tim Ellis (Director, Trustee, CURA)

Alastair Cotton (Legal Advisor Hawks' Development Committee, CUHC)

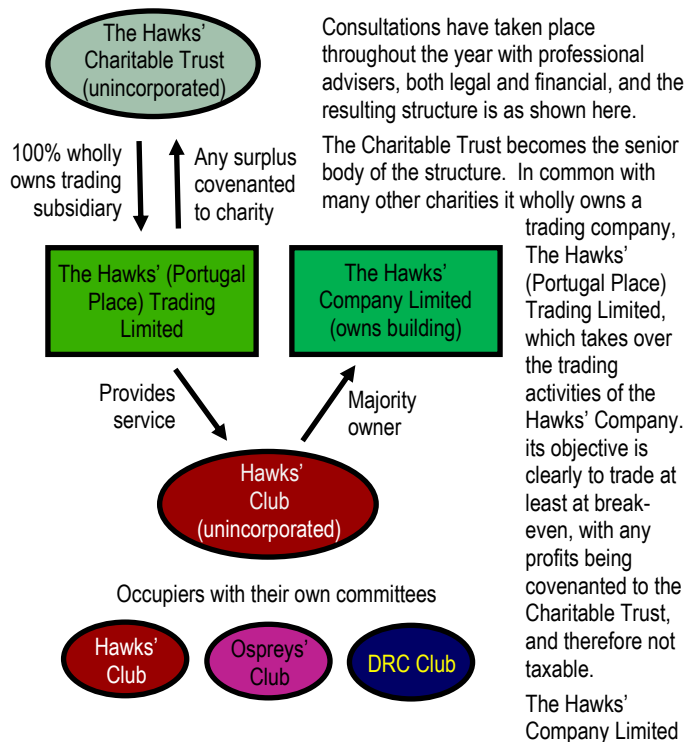
## Tomi has to leave us



Sadly, after only one year in post, Tomi is having to leave us. Her husband, a vicar, has been appointed to the church in Highgate, London, and vicar's families must go where the vicar goes.

After a difficult start Tomi began to get on top of the myriad things that the Club, Company and Trust required of the role, and started to straighten things out. Bearing in mind that we were struggling with a new website, a new database, and several new functions (events and merchandise) she managed admirably, and charmed all who came into contact with her into the bargain. She will be much missed, and we wish her every success in the big smoke!

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(the existing organisation) continues to own the building, and therefore, the Hawks' Club, by dint of its majority shareholding, also continues to own it. To transfer the building would break that important link, and would incur a very substantial taxable capital gain.

Our gratitude for the support of those alumni whose subscriptions over the years have kept the business in balance is immense. They will be delighted to learn that our objective is to make that contribution unnecessary, thereby enabling us to convert those subscriptions to the Charitable Trust, with the consequent 25% increase in value that the gift aid can deliver. Of course there remain many details to be considered, and no doubt wrinkles to be ironed out. It won't all happen at once, but you will all be kept up to date both via The Hawk, and by direct communications from the Development Committee.

## The Charitable Trust continues to grow

The beginning of this year saw a £50,000 donation from the Trust established by Roy Calvocoressi (Magdalene, Real Tennis) - see his obituary in the Easter 2013 Hawk. This, plus some good shepherding by the fund managers has moved the capital value of the Fund to over £850,000 as at end March.

As is usual in the Lent Term we called for applications for awards, and received 245 of them, 41% of them from women. With the growth in the fund the Trustees agreed to disburse a total of £28,000, and in the process to create 2 additional headline (£750) awards, one named for Roy Calvocoressi and the other for Christopher Pratt without whose hard work in setting it up, the Trust would simply not exist. 149 awards were made covering 30 different colleges and 40 different sports.

The headline awards were:

David Jennens Award - Salman Khan - powerlifting

Bob Barber Award - Jerry Ganendra - tennis

Sir Arthur Marshall Award - Fergus Flanagan - rifle shooting, hockey

Sir Adrian Cadbury Award - Laurence Peplow - fencing.

Roy Calvocoressi Award - Jamie Giddins - real tennis, squash, rackets, golf

Christopher Pratt Award - Claire Lambe - rowing.

All of these are, or are close to becoming, internationals.

The Bill Downey endowment enabled 8 members of Emmanuel to receive awards, the leading one of which was presented to Edmund Kay - real tennis, rugby fives, rackets.

As is usual we analyse the applications in order to demonstrate that playing elite sport does not stand in the way of elite academic performance - to wit: 14% first class at tripos, 45% 2:1, and 35% post-graduates (Mphils, Phds, Medics, Vets, etc).

## Why you should give to the Hawks' Charitable Trust

Over the last 10 years (2008-17) the Trust has disbursed some £225,000 to 1,188 applicants. This is by far and away the biggest single source of sporting bursaries in the University, and is a record that the Hawks' Club can be rightly proud of.

However, over that same period there have been 1,650 applicants, so 462 of them got nothing. And even within those that got something, the Trustees are always only too well aware that these contributions to the expenses that these young people incur is often a drop in the ocean of need.

So what are the costs of which we speak? Well let's start simply with the cost of just being at Cambridge. As any parent of the current generation of students will be only too well aware, the cost of being at University is enormous, and for those not fortunate enough to be able to live off the bottomless pockets of their parents, will result in a drop into a debt that will hang over them for years to come. As soon as they join a sports club, they will have club fees, and if they get to play representative sport they will incur the cost of the strip and equipment, quite apart from whatever the sport itself costs to undertake - from running shoes to ammunition there is a constant drain on resources. If you get selected for a tour, or simply to go on a training camp, more expense! Travelling to fixtures - more expense!

Some cynics from a bygone era have suggested that the awards are effectively beer money. Nothing could be further from the truth. Today's athletes take their fitness very, very seriously - indeed the general abstinence from alcohol in the months before the Varsity match poses a severe problem to the finances of the Clubhouse! And these terribly fit young bodies take a battering - so the next major expense is physiotherapy.

So the need is indisputable. Now we, who have enjoyed playing sport at the highest level ourselves, and who are now in the earning (or perhaps post-earning) period of our lives can make some contribution, whether large or small, to help the next generation excel, and no doubt they will do the same when they get to that stage of their lives too. Let us all become part of a great cycle of renewal that will stretch out into the future.

So herewith some case histories:

### Lawrence Peplow



Since joining Cambridge in October 2014, I have competed for the Men's Blues and GBR. In 2016/17 captained the Blues to a record breaking unbeaten season, which included winning an away Varsity and the BUCS Team Championships. I played a leading role in Cambridge's victories at Varsity with the top indicator of +10.

Individually, I have represented GBR at several U17/U20 World and European Championships, with a highlight of placing 19th at Moscow.

Through recent strong domestic performances - including a 2nd place at the British Championships - I obtained a top 10 GBR Men's Senior rankings. As a result, I have been selected to the Senior GBR team for the World Cup internationals for this season. My aim is to achieve L64 results at these internationals and secure a top four GBR ranking by the end of this season. I also won BUCS individual Championships, winning the final 15-5.

One of the major obstacles to my fencing is the high cost of competing internationally. Despite being selected the GBR Senior team, I have not been able to compete abroad this season due to the high costs of competitions. In 2014-15, I was funded by a TASS award, however, this scheme was stopped for fencing in 2015. To achieve my sporting goals for this season I need to compete regularly abroad. The Hawks award will make a substantial difference in helping me to achieve this.



*Lawrence estimated his annual expenses to be around £5,500 per year.*

### Claire Lambe



I came to Cambridge to study for a one year MPhil in Engineering for Sustainable Development in September 2016. The month previous, I competed at the Olympic Games in Rio for Ireland in the lightweight double scull. There, myself and my partner, finished in 6th place. Although happy with the achievement of making the final, being the first Irish female crew to do so, I did not fulfil my ambition of winning an Olympic medal. I plan to continue in the sport to achieve this ambition in 2020. Whilst aiming to achieve these sporting goals, I recognise the importance of developing academically and

personally. I have been lucky to have the opportunity to come to Cambridge to study and also compete in the famous Boat Race. The experience I have gained here training as part of such a professional and successful team, will stand to me as I continue to race internationally. As a full time MPhil student at Cambridge, balancing studies and sporting ambitions is a difficult task. I not only face physical and time constraints but financial constraints also. I have been required to travel back to Ireland for national trials and competition in order to still compete for Ireland in the future. The Hawks fund has eased the burden of the financial strain for these travel expenses as well as helping me cover some of the Cambridge Boat Club training costs, such as membership fees and training camp costs.

The financial support will of course be very beneficial but also, I can't undervalue the support gained from the recognition of what I am trying to achieve by the Hawks' Charitable Trust. I am extremely grateful of this support and it will go a long way in supporting me to achieve both my academic and sporting ambitions.

*Claire reckoned her annual costs to be £1,560.*



### Sebastian Tullie



*Seb has been elected Hawks' President 2017-18. He estimated his annual costs at £1,800, and received one of the Bill Downey awards. He wrote the following letter of thanks to Mrs Downey, Bill's widow:*

I'm one of the Emmanuel sportsmen lucky enough to have benefited from your kind donation left to the Hawks' Club trustees in the name of your husband Bill Downey. I just wanted to contact you to thank you personally.

I understand not only was Bill an Emmanuel student but also the captain of CURUFC - my own club. I always find it incredibly special to find out some more of the history of not only the rugby club, but also the Emmanuel members that have played in it throughout the years. Emmanuel really is a true home for me as I am coming to the end of my 5th year of studying Medicine there. In this time I have been part of a Cuppers winning side and finally managed to achieve the elusive Varsity Match win this year at my 4th time of asking. Alongside me on both teams was Michael Phillips, another Emmanuel Medic, who also received your generous donation via the trust. With another two members of Emmanuel pressing for university honours this coming year, not only is Emmanuel still a strong college sporting side but its students have a presence in the university set-up that hopefully emulates something of Bill's time here.

Once again, thank you for your- and Bill's- help in pursuing our sport at the highest level the university has to offer. For instance, it has enabled me to afford to commute to and from my hospital placements in the surrounding East Anglia area, without which I would not have been able to train or play with CURUFC. For this I will always be most grateful.

## Events

The Development Committee has been true to their promise to create more events that Hawks alumni can attend throughout the year, starting with a Cambridge lunch in September last year, followed by another in February. Since then we have had the very special Sports Lecture at Lords in March, the Wildernesse Golf Day in April, a Newmarket lunch also in April, and a Liberal Club lunch in May.

Keep your eyes on the website where notification of new Events will appear first. Coming up:

1 September - Dalzell's famous Worlington Golf Day. Register your interest with Roger on [roger@questonline.co.uk](mailto:roger@questonline.co.uk).

24 September - Autumn Buffet lunch & Drinks in the Clubhouse. Knockdown prices for a Knockout event.

19 October - House of Lords Reception. Booking now open.

22 November - Steele Bodgers - the 70th anniversary of this event. Now the networking event of the year for Cambridge town and gown. Come to Cambridge and be part of the buzz.

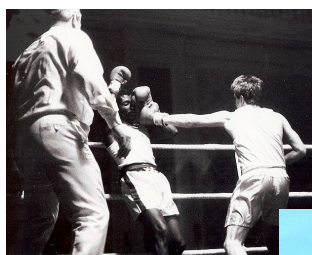
6 December - the London Dinner. The event of the year, at the Savoy as ever.

7 December - the Varsity Match, Twickenham. Keep an eye out for the Blues Tent.

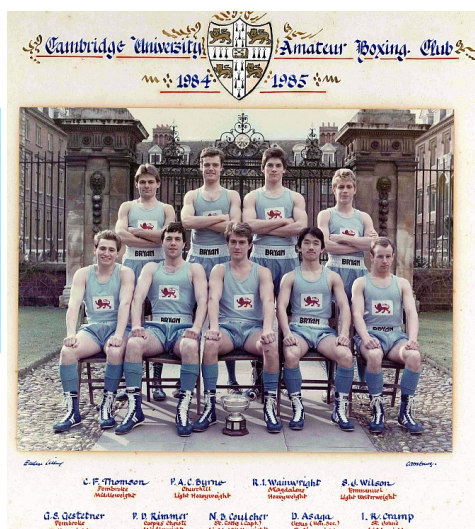
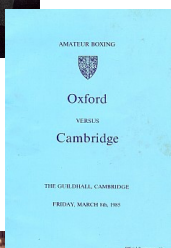
## What we really need is an Events Organiser!

Arranging these events is a major job for those who are already busy with other responsibilities in the Club, or Development Committee. Ideally suit a retired Hawk who could spend time spear-heading this task. If you think you're the man please get in touch.

## Blane Coulcher's Boxing photos



Blane Coulcher, St Catharine's 1982-85, has sent in a raft of photos of his time spent boxing (with apparent success) at Cambridge. Many thanks, Blane, for this addition to our archive.



## Welsh Hawks

*Stephen Whitehead, CURUFC., ever more lyrical with each passing year, contributes the following:*

The 'Welsh Hawks Dinner' continues to attract Cambridge sporting reprobates from both sides of "Offa's"; the English Channel; and, indeed, worldwide, by land, sea and air. The event has grown, latterly at pace, since its inception in 1975. Indeed, led by H. Hugh Thomas (Christ's), one of the original eight 'Founding Fathers', who has been present at every dinner since; those Hawks enjoying the 42 year old initiative have numbered over a hundred in the last ten years.

Whilst 'sportsman' is, perhaps, too generous a description to apply now, in the main, to those attending the 2017 Dinner, (although the word generous might be appropriate to some of the waistlines!) a number of Hawks present are still 'disgustingly' fit and both active and ranking in their sports at national level. In total ten sports and over 40 years of matriculation, were represented by the 48 dining this year, and some, thankfully, still possess the wit and eloquence befitting the benefit of what lecture hall they once, perhaps, attended, with once being the appropriate word in some cases!

The traditions of the Welsh dinner are entrenched in a 'black (or club) tie INformality !!' but one of the customs is for the oldest Hawk to take up the gavel, being careful not to knock over the Port, and ask those 'virgin' to the event to give a brief address centering on their time at Cambridge. So it was that, after both the Welsh Rarebit, and the Loyal Toast; Russell Jenkins (Queen's 1957) called on Dick Greenwood (Emmanuel 1960). Dick brilliantly made it clear to us all how captaining the Blues rugby side and coaching England had prepared him for the highlight of his career as both mentor to Rhyl and Will (being Rhyl Under 13s XV and his son, the International!) Sadly, for him, his sage judgement had also included dropping Dennis Gethin just before the Twickenham match!

Jonathan Dickins (Corpus Christi 1971), set out to contribute a modicum of London class to the proceedings. Starting most eloquently, he described the part Her Majesty had at his Varsity Match experience before descending in quality from his great height, amongst pithy comments from the surrounding tables, some, evidently, involved more 'pith' being taken than others! He is rumoured to have claimed afterwards that the third of him that is Welsh had had a bearing!

Mark Rosser, (Queen's 1971) retained style, dignity and flow in his short talk as befitting the splendid outside-half that he was in his "follicularly less challenged" University days. Doubtless, this and the humour therein, owed as much to the 'gift of an Irish gab' as to his legal practice and holidays in Pontypool with his Welsh Grandmother!

Rob Heginbotham (St. John's, 1982), magnificent in voice and girth, was simply the legend of Rob Heginbotham, that we had all heard about!

We promise any Hawks willing to make the pilgrimage to The Cardiff & County Club for the next dinner on JANUARY 19, 2018, an equally respectful and convivial welcome; magnificent food; and the companionship that only one Hawk can bring to another.

Please contact Steve Whitehead 07725702499 ; [whiteheads@hotmail.com](mailto:whiteheads@hotmail.com)

## And here's a Committee to identify



A very fine Committee photograph - clearly mid-80's, but exactly which year?

If you know, please let us know - administrator [@hawkclub.co.uk](mailto:@hawkclub.co.uk).

If you can identify everyone in the photo, even better.

## A Hawk's eye view of the Olympics

At the London Dinner 2015, on learning that Gordon Wilson (Jesus 1986) was intending to go to the Rio Olympics, I challenged him to write "A Hawk's eye view". His entertaining and atmospheric piece, constituting almost an autobiography, was too long for this paper, but can be found on the website at <https://www.hawksclub.co.uk/members/publications/>. This cut down version conveys something of the experience of this global event.

The day after we arrived saw the quarter finals of the men's 7-a-side tournament and as the athletic programme had not started, we took the opportunity of watching some rugby at the later stages of the event, which, in its shortened form had only just returned to the Olympic fold. We had to travel the recommended route by train from the Central Station a long way out to the west of the city and bizarrely walk back again towards the city a considerable way, only partly alleviated by a bus departing at indeterminate times to cover a small part of the route, in order to get to the stadium, which appeared to have its own adjacent station at which the train did not stop. The only good point about this was that on our walk we passed military barracks and the route was heaving with armed soldiers, some of them mounted. This was good for our morale and my wife was much reassured. In fact the whole city was crawling with police and military patrols and all police cars, whether underway or stopped beside the road, had all their lights flashing non-stop, advertising both their presence and their great numbers. As a consequence there was not one security problem throughout the whole Games period. The only incident was caused by a member of the USA swimming team who had claimed to have been robbed. On investigation it turned out that the claim was totally unjustified as he was drunk and had abused the taxi driver who had returned him to his hotel. He suffered justified retribution in that he was castigated in the most extreme terms by all the media when he returned home.

The venue for the rugby was in a small stadium which would have done justice to a middle category team in the English Rugby Championship (in effect the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division of English rugby) and the accompanying steady rain made the similarity even more evident. The Southern Hemisphere Commonwealth twangs of speech were very evident among the spectators, supplemented by quite a lot of Brit and French supporters and masses of Argentinians, it being virtually a local trip for them. GB played a mighty match against Argentina, taking an early lead, but being hauled back by their opponents around half time until the scores were level and there they remained until the final whistle, resulting in unlimited extra-time to play for the sudden death golden try, which GB managed after 54 seconds, to the huge disappointment of the massed Argentine contingent. Of the other matches South Africa beat Australia, but the big surprise was that Japan beat France, while Fiji beat New Zealand, which was not such a surprise as the former had a magnificent team of gifted players who hammered team GB in the final the next day. Nevertheless the British 7s team did wonderfully well to win



the silver medal, reflecting overall the peaking of performance by British teams and individuals at just the right time to produce their optimum result. The GB team, incidentally, was coached by Simon Amor (Hawks', St Edmunds 2000), while the Fijians were coached by Ben Ryan (Homerton 1995).

The following day was given over to sightseeing, including the Olympic boulevard, which we found a little disappointing. It was new and glistening and had a rock band playing (why not Bossa Nova?) on a big stage inside the entrance, but it seemed very spread out with a few food outlets, but not much else. Maybe we should have pushed further in, but distances were great and the rewards of doing so seemed somewhat speculative and we opted out of that one as there were still a lot of other things and sights to see.

Friday 12 August, the first day of the athletic events, dawned at last and fortified by watching in the morning Helen Glover and Heather Stanning retain the title



they won in London, as also did the men's Coxless Four, who included George Nash (Hawks', St Catharine's 2008), and also by a magnificent late lunch we set off for the Stadium. The section on the main-line train was much shorter than on the journey out to the

rugby venue and there was a very jolly light-hearted atmosphere on board with time enough to talk to the passengers who were mainly putative spectators from all sorts of countries, but also locals, sometimes even businessmen, returning to home in the suburbs. When we got out at the station we walked down a ramp from the station straight into the section of entry gates, all a far cry from the previous experience, albeit the crowds around the gates were huge, accentuated by the very slow passage through the baggage check area. However, here we found another bit of good fortune. People of a certain age are very well looked after, even respected, in Brazil and so as we approached the swelling mass of people we were guided down a special passageway which took us right through the crowds until we reached the very front of the crowd. I think they thought that my wife was my nurse! Subsequently on our daily train trips to and from the stadium I was more often than not offered a seat by a young person, but must have slightly spoiled it for the person concerned by immediately giving it to my wife. I am 75, but very fit and active, and am very happy to stand and don't think I act my age at all, but I must face up to the fact that, from the perspective of these young people, I am old! So we slipped easily through gates, although no food or drink was allowed in, not even a banana or water, over which I had a major altercation, much to my wife's embarrassment, on day one, but subsequently conformed, although you were allowed to take in plastic water bottles to be filled from water fountains inside the stadium. These are the most draconian rules I've ever experienced at an Olympics, designed to protect the sponsoring food and drink suppliers' interests from competition. Unlike other stadia, the rules were applied with total inflexibility – no bombs, yes, but no banana or apple for sustenance? That's ridiculous.

Having entered the precincts with time to spare, one entered a wide space, open, except for picnic tables and some stalls selling snacks and drinks at over inflated prices, but there was the opportunity to meet the world, in the form of total strangers and have a dynamic exchange of ideas and experiences. We were also entertained by a microcosm of the Carnival in the form of a relatively small group of statuesque samba dancers in wonderfully sequined, and skimpy, costumes and huge feather head-dresses accompanied by musicians shuffling rhythmically across the tarmac, so that one had just a little flavour of one of Rio's great art forms.

We then moved into the stadium, to be shocked to see that it was only about one third full, a state of affairs which never really got much better over the course of the evening. The other major disappointment was to appreciate that the women's 10,000 m., normally the highlight of the first evening, had been run in the morning session. Not only that, but Ethiopia's Almaz Ayana in only her second race at the distance had won in a world record time of 29:17.45, beating the previous time by a phenomenal 14 seconds, and with the first four women finishing inside 30 minutes – an incredible race. Actually one had a sneaking feeling of admiration for the programme planners who had decided that the morning spectators needed an exciting break, away from the mind-numbing prospect of interminable men's 100m. Heats!

From the British point of view it was a good evening. Greg Rutherford, the defending long jump champion, looked out of sorts in the preliminary event and slipped back to be out of contention for going on into the final the following day. However, he produced the goods in his last jump, a gritty performance, if ever there was one and reflecting his incredible determination. There was much better news of our other defending champion, Jess Enness-Hill, in the heptathlon as she was in the lead at the end of day one, with her compatriot Katrina Johnson-Thompson in fourth place, only 7 points behind. The latter had put in a fantastic performance in the high jump to clear 1.98 metres, together with the Belgian Thiam, a new British record, which put her in the lead, but her shot putt

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was very poor and she slipped back to fourth. On the wider scene the American Michelle Carter with her last throw prevented the great New Zealander Valerie Adams from winning her third successive Olympic title.

Rowing again set the tone before the second day of athletics with the women's eight winning silver, to be followed by a magisterial performance by the men's eight, leading all the way to get the gold medal. This crew included Tom Ransley



(Hughes Hall, 2008). The Olympic Stadium again was sparsely attended and I could sit anywhere I wanted in the back straight stand. In the final of the long jump Greg Rutherford was never at his best and was briefly in a medal position before slipping out of contention, but with one mighty effort on his last jump he got himself the bronze medal, a truly gritty performance fighting until the very last.

The second day of the heptathlon produced a terrific competition between our Jess and the Belgian Nafissatou Thiam, who had a significant 7 metres more than the former in the javelin. Johnson-Thompson had a really poor throw in the javelin which put her out of contention for a medal. By the last event Thiam had a lead of 142 points, worth nearly ten seconds in the tables. In the event Jess finished first in the 800 metres, but Thiam ran her fifth lifetime best of the event and finished just seven and three quarters of a second behind to win the gold by just 35 points ahead of Jessica.

However the hero and performer of the day was Mo Farah in the 10,000 metres. In past races one such as the 5,000m final in London, one had seen him trip in the close proximity of others and almost fall, but this time he really did go down with a heavy fall that turned him in the wrong direction. I didn't see it at the time as I was watching from the other side of the stadium and also may have been distracted by a field event at just that moment, but I would have feared for his chances had I done so, even though it was in the first third of the race because you can be really winded and hurt from such a fall. As far as I was concerned he made his steady progress first in the middle of the group and then slowly moving up. He suddenly lifted his pace with two and a half laps to go and moved easily to the front, where he really began to push for home. At the bell he was still in charge, but as he just came up to the beginning of the back straight the Kenyan Tenui passed him and led all the way down the back straight. In every race until this one when Mo had taken the lead he defended it against all attempts to pass him. Other runners might get slightly ahead, but he defended his position with such resolution, that they could never get far enough ahead to cut in front of him: they had to remain on the outside. So, this was a rather scary moment. One had never seen him in this situation before. Was he about to lose his Olympic crown? No. As they entered the home straight, he accelerated clear of Tenui, who had put everything into his push down the back straight and had nothing left as Mo swept to gold medal glory, roared on by every Brit in the crowd, though not at the London level due to the sparsely populated stadium, but it was a sublime moment.

When, on the last day of the Athletic programme Mo also won the 5,000m, many commented on the fact that he had reached the level of the only other man to have won gold medals in both races in two consecutive Olympiads, Lasse Viren at Munich in 1972 and in Montreal four years later. What I did not see recorded was the fact that Farah's achievement matched Viren's in another fascinating dimension in that he too fell in one of the 10,000m races, the only differences being that it was the first of all his races, it was roughly at the half-way point and he got up to break the World Record, largely because David Bedford had run the first 6,000 metres at World Record pace.

The next day, day 3 in the programme, we arrived to find the stadium virtually full, this being due to the fact that a certain Usain Bolt was running in the men's 100 metre semi-final and, one assumed, in the final a couple of hours later. I heard it said that the Brazilians didn't really understand athletics, but they did understand celebrity. I would add to this that the stadium would have been equally full had Marilyn Monroe been alive and decided to attend. Nonetheless he did not disappoint – he never does – and he dominated the field, not least the

silver medallist, Justin Gatland who had faster times than Bolt coming into the Games. His name was roundly booed by the spectators aware of his previous conviction for using drugs several years earlier.

However, for once Bolt did not have all the limelight because his final followed directly after one of the great Olympic performances of all time. The South African Wayde van Niekerk running in the outside lane of the 400m and only third fastest runner in the field behind the 2012 Olympic champion Kirani James and the American LaShawn Merritt, blasted out of the blocks and ran a perfect race with no-one ahead on whom to draw, smoothly accelerating further and further ahead down the home straight to win in the phenomenal time of 43.03, breaking Michael Johnson's world record of 43.18 set in 1999. It was a perfect race run alone from gun to tape, just as David Rudisha had done in the 800m in the London Olympics and an equally sublime moment. It was appropriate that David Rudisha himself, after a very troubled time overcoming injuries in the intervening years, was back in form and the next day won the 800m and retained his London title. This time he didn't run all the way from the front, but took the lead after 550 metres going smoothly and really strongly away from the field with total authority – a perfect 800m race.

Two days later the stadium was full again to watch Usain Bolt win the 200m final. He had only run one 200m race before the Games and was only 5<sup>th</sup> fastest in the list of times, but he soon established his mastery of the event. In his semi-final, the second of three races, over the last few yards he turned to chat to his nearest rival and sometime training partner Andre de Grasse. The subsequent photo shows him clearly smiling in the direction of de Grasse. In the final there was no such levity and he powered home on a cool night, which took its toll since his time was the same as that run in his very relaxed semi-final. Poor Adam Gemili, the young GB sprinter finished in the same time as the Frenchman, Christian LeMaitre, but was agonisingly given 4<sup>th</sup> place. The crowd also had the privilege of seeing Ashton Easton (USA) emulate Daley Thompson in retaining the title he had first won four years previously. He dominated his fellow decathletes. The crowd returned the next day to see Jamaica, anchored by Bolt winning his third gold of the Games. They won it easily, followed by Japan and the USA, who were later disqualified for a first change outside the permitted zone, letting in Canada for the bronze. On the same evening one also saw one of the biggest blow outs in the Games. The Ethiopian Ayana who had destroyed the field in setting a new world record in the women's 10,000m on the first day took over from where she had left off in the woman's 5,000m final, establishing a huge lead. But this time she had bitten off more than she could chew and with a kilometre to go she had run out of steam and was being caught by the chasing Kenyans, Cheruiyot and Obiri passed her for gold and silver, but Ayana just hung on for the bronze.

The next and final day saw Team GB win bronze in the women's 4 x 400m relay, the men's team having been inexplicably and controversially disqualified in the heats the day before. However the highlight of the day had to be Mo Farah's victory in the 5,000m. This time, after tracking in the middle of the field with no danger of a fall this time, he suddenly shot to the front with five and a half laps to go, way before his normal practice and pushed hard from there. Unlike in the 10,000m he resisted all attempts to overtake and, boy, did they all try their best as a string of them took him on: one feared that one of them would crack him after such a long time at the head of the field? His most persistent challenger was the ex-Kenyan, Paul Chelimo, now nationalised as an American, who looked to be closing fast as they entered the home straight, but he couldn't sustain it and Mo came across the line giving his Mobat symbol for his huge historic achievement of winning double gold in the long distance events in two successive Olympics – a wonderful way for us to finish our experience in being at the XXXI Olympiad.

Throughout our stay in Rio we had followed all team GB's results assiduously and were delighted to see us move up to second place in the medal table very early. We didn't expect it to last and thought we would be ground down by the Chinese, but it never happened and we went on winning medals left, right and centre. There was no doubt that morale in the camp was sky high and each new sport fed on the success of those who had competed earlier, probably illustrated best by the wonderful victory of the women's hockey team. All this made a huge impact on the rest of the world in the form of spectators, officials, competitors and the locals.

On a later trip, when an official came to look at my passport he said, "Hmm, British. Second overall. Beat the Chinese". It was a very good place to be a Brit then!

## Swimmers' 125th Varsity

This year, the Cambridge swimmers took on Oxford on home turf for the 125th Swimming Varsity Match. While the final result of Oxford 101-79 Cambridge wasn't what the team had hoped for, there were great swims throughout, with all the swimmers competing well and setting some very fast times. The women's team lost to Oxford 56 to 34, while the men's team managed to draw level on 45 to 45, thereby retaining the trophy from last year.



The gala started with strong performances from Oxford as they claimed the titles in the first five events, though Jordan Thornton managed a PB and earned a Full Blue in the Individual Medley with a superb 2:09.99.

Backstrokers were similarly overwhelmed, and even Henry Choong's PB 58.91, making him Cambridge's only second ever Full Blue, was not enough when finding himself up against a former British backstroke record holder.

Cambridge fared better in the freestyle, with Cambridge men achieving a 1-2 in the 200m, while Katrina Heider knocked 5 seconds off her PB to achieve Full Blue standard, but could still only manage second.

The butterfly enabled the women to make up some much needed points, while the 400m freestyle enabled the men to claim another 1-2. The 100m breast stroke was again titled by Oxford, though Dominic Holloway broke his own Cambridge record while George Nikolakoudis, disappointed to find that he was 0.02 outside the Full Blue time, was then delighted to discover that he had achieved the Full Blue time for the first 50m.

The 100m freestyle was again dominated by Cambridge men, while Katrina Heider gained her revenge with a win for the women.

Finally the relays, and as expected from the earlier individual events, Oxford dominated the medley, and managed a win in the women's freestyle as well. The men however maintained their freestyle dominance, winning in a time of 3:27:03 to set a new Cambridge record and beat Oxford by 7.5 seconds.

## Men end Rugby famine

It was a memorable day for Will Briggs, the Cambridge prop, five times a loser in this fixture, and now, in his last Varsity match, a winner. In a game that ebbed and flowed it remained anyone's to win until Rory Triniman, twisted out of Strang's tackle to touch down a crucial try in the corner.

Before that, centre Mike Phillips, intercepting an Oxford pass, ran more than half the pitch to give Cambridge a half time lead.

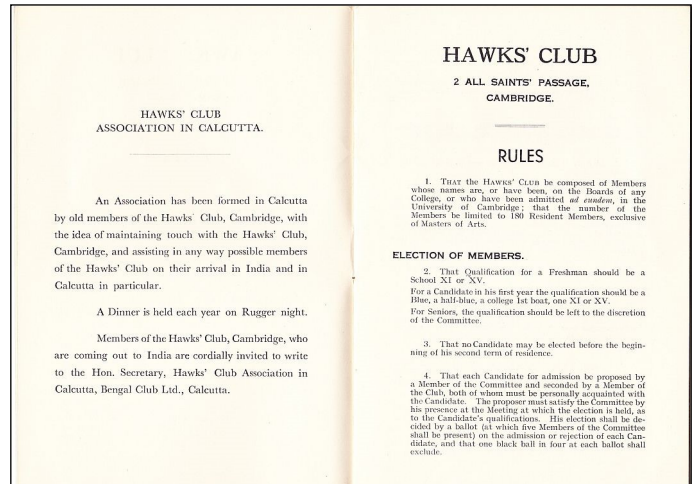


After the interval an Oxford try left the scores level at 13-13. But penalties by Gillies either side of Triniman's try left the game out of reach for Oxford, who scored a consolation try at the end. Final score 23-18 to Cambridge.

In a tough match dominated by resolute defence, the Cambridge women were unable to break through the Oxford ranks. Thus it was that an early penalty conversion by Oxford's Catherine Wilcock remained the only score of the game. Oxford 3, Cambridge 0.

## Hans Wilmersdoerffer's 1937 Rule Book

The widow of a Hawk who died in 1984, on clearing out some old papers came across his 1937 Hawks' Club Rule Book, together with the letter confirming his election to the Club. Happily she thought that we might be interested in seeing it, and got in contact.

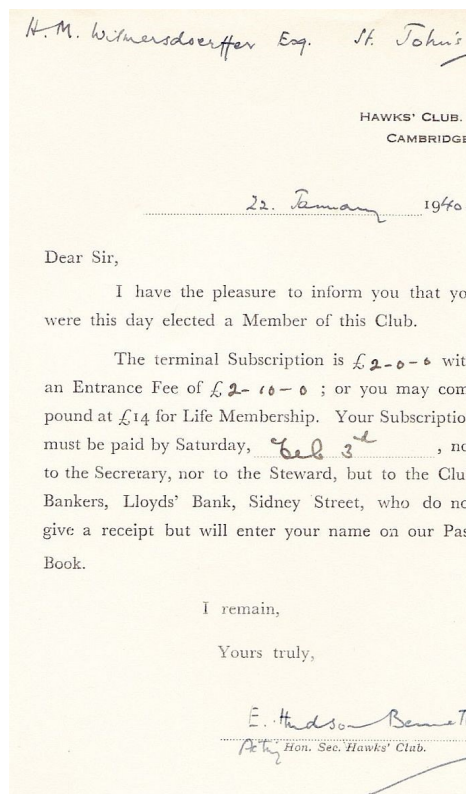


The cover is too dark to reproduce well, but the above is the first 2 pages.

The book dates to the period when the Club was based in All Saints Passage, and is therefore of particular interest, both in the light shed on the use of the premises, and on the way the Club conducted its affairs. The following clause demonstrates that the Club in residence has always considered that it, and it alone, should be in control of its own destiny:

"That a Committee, consisting of the President, Ex-Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer, together with seven other Members of the Club (any five of such Committee constituting a quorum) assemble together, as often as necessary, for the transaction of business, and have the exclusive disposal and management of the funds, and the determination of all questions affecting the interest of the Club, or relating to the interpretation of its laws."

For those who never had experience of that building it will be interesting to learn that in addition to the normal club room and dining room, there was a Smoking Room, Card Room, and Billiard Room, each of which had its own rules. For example a visitor (i.e. guest) may be permitted to use the Smoking and Billiard Rooms, but not the Card Room. Only certain games were allowed in the Card Room, consisting of whist, bridge, écarté and piquet. Throughout the Club last drinks were served at 10pm, though on weekdays the Club stayed open a further hour.



Hans' letter of election, reproduced here, shows the level of subscription then pertaining:

A very belated obituary for Hans is on the next page.

**Note to all Hawks:** this is an example of how an unconsidered trifle can be an illumination to a past era. As we have asked before, please let us have your old photographs, or any other memorabilia. We can always copy and return to you if they are of value to you.

## A big year for Rowing

Saturday 3rd December 2016 saw the culmination of a project that has taken eight years, and seen the raising of almost £5 million from over 450 alumni and friends of Cambridge rowing.

Attended by over 400 guests, alumni, and current rowers, the boat house was formally opened by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sir Leszek Borysiewicz.

The new facility, on a stretch of open river, half-a-mile downstream from the city of Ely brings together



the 3 clubs - the Boat Club, the Women's Boat Club, and the Lightweight. The latter have never had a base that they could call their own, while the women have shared the King's School's "shed", that bears more resemblance to an air-raid shelter than a boat-house. The men were little better off, with their own shed next door. No doubt these primitive facilities developed the spartan ethic, but could never be considered anything more than an impediment to crews training for the biggest competitions of their lives.

The project was driven throughout by Ewan Pearson (Jesus 1981), and the architect of what is an iconic building was Jerry Bailey (Jesus, 1975). CUBC Chairman, Roger Stephens (Emmanuel, 1979) led the fundraising initiative. The result, providing the full range of requirements from boat storage through fitness and training equipment, to domestic facilities (the luxury of hot water!) will revolutionise the lives of those who are based there.

And so to the spring of 2017, when, on 30th March, Cambridge began their campaign with the Lightweight at Henley. It looked as though we might be in trouble when the event started off with the Oxford alumnae comfortably beating Cambridge by 4 lengths. However the day was to be Cambridge's, with, first a win by the women's reserves, followed by both the blue boats racing to success - the men by 1¼ lengths, and the women by 3½ lengths.

Now for the Tideway, for a warm spring day, with a strong spring tide and very light wind, this promised to be ideal conditions for some excellent racing. First off was Goldie, not getting off to the best of starts, being 1½ minutes late, and getting an official warning from the race umpire. However they got off to a good start, and were soon a couple of seats up on Isis - but this was not to be their day. Isis looked the stronger, more assured crew, and by Harrods had exchanged Goldie's small lead for half a length of their own. From then on, although Goldie battled gamely, it was Isis all the way, winning by 2½ lengths.

First off from the start Blondie established an immediate lead over Osiris, which they merely extended throughout the race. The result was a win for the Cambridge reserve boat by 13 lengths, and a new ladies course record of 19:06.

Now it was the turn of the ladies Blue Boat - could they revenge the heavy defeat of the previous year, and indeed break the run of Oxford victories? Well, they got the break when Oxford no 4 caught a crab at the start, requiring their boat to do a restart. But Cambridge did more than simply capitalise. They extended the early lead throughout the race, establishing clearly that, accident or no accident, they were the superior crew, finishing with a win by 11 lengths, and breaking Blondie's course record with a fine time of 18:33.



Sadly the men were not to fair so well. In a superbly close race Oxford established an early but slender lead, and contrived to hang onto it for the whole race in spite of Cambridge's valiant efforts. The final margin was 1¼ lengths to Oxford - a mere 4 seconds!

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### Hans Wilmersdoerffer, Later John Wilmers QC (-1984)



Hans went to Leighton Park School, Reading, and went up to St John's in 1939. He played what in those days was simply called 'Rugger' for the College, and played occasional games for the University.

Initially, being German, he was interned, but by 1943 had got into the British Army, and was parachuted into France near Dieppe, subsequently escaping by boat. He was recruited into the SAS and dropped into the area around La Spezia in Italy to join the partisans. He met his wife, June, in Florence in 1944.

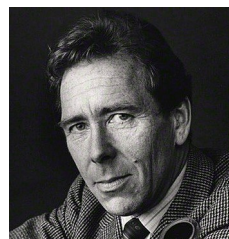
He changed his name to John Wilmers, and became a distinguished QC, specialising in shipping and commercial law, but taking on a wide range of other cases too. He was counsel for Distillers in the Thalidomide case, represented John Lydon (Johnny Rotten) of the Sex Pistols against their manager, and famously, and successfully, defended Willie Morgan in a libel action brought by Tommy Docherty when the former had called the latter "the worst football manager in the world".

Wilmers, noted for his incisive intelligence, also became a Recorder and a Judge of the Court of Appeal in Jersey and Guernsey.

Sadly he died of cancer in 1984. His widow still lives in Girtton. Her grandson, William Chisholm, is also a Hawk (Sidney Sussex, Rugby League).

*From information provided by his widow.*

### Anthony Armstrong-Jones, The Earl of Snowdon (1930-2017)



Forecasting a life less ordinary, his prep school's final report observed "This boy might have a talent for something, but it is not something we teach here."

Armstrong-Jones went to Eton, and then to Jesus to read Architecture, but left before taking his degree. He was known for a flamboyant disdain for the stuffer elements of the University, though, with his diminutive frame, he was ideally suited to the role of cox, and duly coxed the Blue Boat to victory in 1950.

He then took up photography, particularly the photography of personalities, in which his natural charm and relaxed cheerfulness was a great asset. He made an impact when he took members of the theatre out of their habitat and photographed them in the street as normal people.

His breakthrough with the Royal Family came when he wrote (out of the blue) to Princess Marina, Duchess of Kent, asking if he could photograph her son on his 21st birthday. His next commission was from the Queen herself to photograph Prince Charles on his 8th birthday, and a year later he was asked to take official portraits of the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh.

Now moving in royal circles, the courtship with Princess Margaret began. They had much in common - an irreverent sense of humour, a gift for mimicry, a love of the arts, and a liking for flamboyant recreation and late hours. The relationship was of course



frowned on by the hierarchy, but Armstrong-Jones' charm and good manners won over the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh, sharing with the latter an interest in gadgetry and design.

In 1960 the couple were duly married in Westminster Abbey in the most spectacular royal occasion since the Coronation. The couple had a son, Viscount Linley in 1961, and 3 years later a daughter Sarah Armstrong-Jones.

Now the Earl of Snowdon, he continued his photography, worked for the Sunday Times, and also became a consultant with the Council of Industrial Design. He designed "The Bird Cage" at London Zoo, a landmark of the London skyline, which pushed the boundaries of architectural design at the time.

In 1963 he was appointed Constable of Caernarvon Castle, in which capacity he had to work alongside the Earl Marshall, the Duke of Norfolk, on the Investiture of the Prince of Wales which took place in 1969.

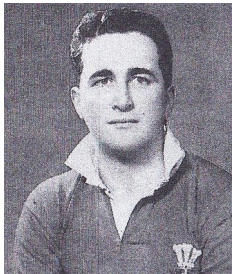
As a 16 year old he had contracted polio, and although he recovered to the extent of being left with nothing worse than a limp, he became a huge champion of the disabled. He designed the Snowdon Chair Trolley, a motorised platform for wheelchairs, and fought a successful campaign against British Rail on behalf of wheelchair passengers.

With a series of infidelities on both sides, the marriage with Princess Margaret was doomed, and in 1976 the couple separated and the divorce followed in 1978. Snowdon however remained on good terms with the Queen and Queen Mother, and was regularly asked to take official family photographs. Although still working for the Sunday Times, he remained, in contrast to many later members of the family, the soul of discretion on the private lives of himself and the Royal Family. In actuality he had a long list of mistresses, by two of which he had children.

Snowdon was Provost of the Royal College of Art from 1995 to 2003, and held a number of other presidencies and patronages. He preferred the private life however - happier behind the lens of his camera than in front of it. His photography was exhibited throughout the world, and he published some 20 books of it.

His son, David Linley, succeeds as the 2nd Earl of Snowdon.

## Roddy Evans (1934-2016)



While at school, Cowbridge Grammar, Evans was selected for Welsh Secondary Schools, and, only 18, joined Cardiff Rugby Club. He went up to Christ's in 1953 to read Classics, later changing to Law because it gave him more time for Rugby. He gained his Blue in 1955.

The following year he was chosen for the combined Oxbridge squad to tour South America. Injured in the first game, he found time to indulge his love of practical jokes, the most spectacular of which involved riding a polo pony across the tables at a gala dinner attended by the President of Chile. He was forthwith ordered home, which he achieved by hitching a lift on an old Dakota that took 3 days for the trip.

Between 1958 and 1962 he won 13 caps for Wales, partnering Rhys Williams in the second row, becoming one of the strongest line-out pairings in the history of Welsh rugby. Largely on the strength of this he was selected for the British Lions tour of Australia and New Zealand in 1959, even though he had taken a year out from international rugby to pursue his studies to become a solicitor, and to get married. He made an enormous impact in the first 2 Tests but was then badly injured and had to be flown home. A not unqualified disappointment since he was evidently much home sick, and indeed remained very much a family man throughout his life.

He missed the 1960 season, but played seven further internationals for Wales in 1961-2 before retiring.

He made a great success of his legal practice, which grew to have offices in Bridgend, Porthcawl, and Maesteg. He also proved to have an entrepreneurial talent for property development, much evident in the Rest Bay area of Porthcawl.

His son, Nigel, also a property developer, wrote "I have 2 children, Skylar aged 15 and Dad's namesake, Roddy, aged 10, and it is a long held dream for my wife and I that either one of them may one day follow in their beloved Gramp's footsteps to Cambridge University". Roddy had a second son, Bas, who also has 2 children.

## Murray Grindrod (1935-2015)



Murray Grindrod entered Clare in 1954 from Hilton College in South Africa, where he had been named "Dux". He read Mechanical sciences. He was a superb golf player and was selected for the

University team in his first term. He went on to become secretary in his second year and captained the University side in 1957, the secretary that year being Ted Dexter. Together he and Ted led the team and they remained lifelong friends.

Murray left in 1957 and returned to South Africa to join the family firm, African Coasters, a small coastal shipping company founded by his grandfather. He also continued to succeed at golf, winning the South African Amateur Championship and being selected for the international side to play in the Eisenhower Cup in the United States. On returning he related that he had met a charming American graduate whose

golf was in a different league. "His name was Jack and his surname a variation on Nicholas," he said. How right he was!

His father insisted that he learnt the business from the bottom up, so he started as a tally clerk on the wharf in Durban. He also went to sea in his own ships so as to understand the lives of deck officers, engineers and crew. In due course he became Managing Director of his family shipping company and was determined to expand it. He cooperated with Jim Sherwood of Sea Containers and joined both that Board as well as that of the Orient Express Group when it was bought.

He served as Chairman of the Board of Hilton College and guided it through a very difficult stage in



its history. He was also on numerous other boards serving both businesses and charities.

By the time he retired from his family company he had built it into a massive public company, now called the Grindrod Group, the largest international shipping and freight management company in Southern Africa. He was regarded as one of the top businessmen in the country and was awarded a university honorary doctorate.

Murray died in May 2015 after a long battle with cancer. He leaves a widow and four children, two girls and two boys.

*Information supplied by his daughter, Ammie.*

## Ian "CIM" Jones (1934-2016)



Headmaster of Bedford School at the time of the great fire of 1979, he ensured not only that the School survived the fire but that it emerged better equipped to face the future. Creating an environment in which boys

had the opportunity to develop their talents, his vision led to Hockey developing as a major sport at the School.

Born in Leeds (his mother moved there to ensure should he ever play cricket it might be for Yorkshire!), he was educated at Bishop's Stortford College, where he became Head Boy. After National Service with the Royal Artillery in BAOR he went up to St John's College, Cambridge where he captained his College at cricket, and the University at hockey. Subsequently he played both cricket and hockey for Hertfordshire and enjoyed an England hockey career over five years from 1959-1964. He represented Great Britain at hockey in both the 1960 Rome and 1964 Tokyo Olympics.

He returned to Bishop's Stortford to teach Geography and Mathematics from 1959-1970, and ran both the cricket and hockey teams. During this time, he coached hockey at schoolboy international level and took a highly successful team to a Youth Tournament during the 1972 Munich Olympics. He also had a brief spell as Manager/Coach of the full England side. He then spent 5 years as Vice-Principal at King William's College, Isle of Man, creating a formidable team with the Principal, Welsh international rugby player, Geoffrey Rees-Jones. In 1975 he took the headship at Bedford, where he stayed for 11 successful years.

His next appointment was to the Britannia Royal Naval College as Director of Studies. The life of a civil servant however did not really suit him, so when Old Bedfordian Tony Abrahams (obit The Hawk Easter 2013) invited him to take a post in CfBT (Centre for British Teachers) he jumped at the chance. He duly found himself in 1988 in Brunei, running an English Language Project with some 250 English teachers, and acting as educational consultant to the setting up of Malaysia's first independent, co-educational, residential school; Kolej Tuanka Ja'afar.

In 1994 Ian returned to England and Norfolk. He ran CfBT's awards section for a while; he became an Ofsted and ISI School's Inspector and a governor of Bishop's Stortford College and Thorpe House School. He played a lot of golf at Royal Norwich Golf Club, reportedly in the style of a hockey player. He is

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survived by his wife Jennifer who loyally supported him throughout his career; his two sons William and Robert, and five grandchildren.

### David Lloyd (1929-2017)



David first took up high jumping in his parents' garden as a young boy. In need of a landing surface he dragged his parents mattress to the lawn and got busy practicing in his spikes. It wasn't easy to buy things in wartime England and when his mother returned to find her bedding in tatters he wasn't as loved as usual.

David continued his athletics at Stowe School, where his high jump record stood for decades, and he then went on to Trinity Hall to study agriculture. Whilst at Cambridge, he earned a blue for sprinting.

After graduating David did his national service in the Greenjackets and then went on to work at L Messel as a stockbroker. He enjoyed his work there but always had his heart in the country and he retired from City life to farm in Essex for the last 30 years.

David died peacefully with his family on January 17th. Beloved husband to Caroline, much loved father to Claire, Mark and Tessa and devoted grandfather to Helena, Livi, Cara, Thomas and Hebe.

*Obituary by his son, Micky.*

### Dr Archibald Norman (1912-2016)



Dr Archie Norman, who has died aged 104, was educated at Charterhouse, and Emmanuel College. While there he "rather improbably for the most unpugilistic of men" won a boxing Blue.

He trained at Middlesex Hospital under Moncrieff and became a resident physician, taking a weekly whooping cough clinic, at a time when there were no antibiotics, and alternative treatments were relatively ineffective. He moved on to Great Ormond Street Hospital where he was house doctor before the war.

In 1940 he enlisted, and 1942 found him in the Eighth Army at the disastrous fall of Tobruk. Taking a shrapnel wound he ended up as a prisoner of war. He was shipped to Italy where he was put to work in hospitals in Parma and Milan, and then moved on to Silesia where he ran an X-ray unit diagnosing TB in Russian prisoners. It was only after the war that he came to realise that his diagnoses probably led to immediate despatch to a death camp.

Liberated by the Russians, Norman found himself the senior office in charge of some 150 British and Indian PoW's. Living off the country, and defending themselves against bandits he led his contingent across Ukraine to Crimea, where they found a ship able to take them home. On the testimony of his men he was awarded an MBE.

Returning to Great Ormond Street, he found medicine in a ferment of new techniques, the availability of antibiotics, and the creation of the NHS, enabling doctors to prescribe without worrying whether the patient could afford to pay or not. He now

established a respiratory clinic as a centre for the treatment of cystic fibrosis and asthma. The former had only recently been identified as a specific condition recently, and the life expectancy of patients was sub-teen. Norman's work on life-extending multi-disciplinary care, including physiotherapy and diet began to transform patients lives, such that many now live into middle-age.

In 1953 he was appointed consultant paediatrician at Queen Charlotte's Hospital where he worked on the care of new born babies. He was responsible for the care of the first quintuplets born in the UK in 1969.

In 1963 he persuaded a group of people to found the Cystic Fibrosis Trust to provide support for the parents of children with that disorder. He was also instrumental in establishing the long-term care facility at Tadworth in Surrey as a centre for the treatment and rehabilitation of brain-damaged children. On his 100th birthday the centre held a tea-party for him.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Betty, and their five sons.

### David Perry (1937-2017)



Perry went to Clifton College where his rugby prowess was such that his house-master informed his mother that he would one day play for England. After National Service he went up to Christ's and gained a rugby blue in his first year. He also got involved with Athletics, beating his own father's

record for putting the shot, and throwing the discus for Achilles against Harvard and Yale.

His rugby career was relatively short lived, being terminated by injury. He played his first game for England in 1963 against France and toured with them to Australia and New Zealand. He was one of the greatest No. 8's in the world, and in 1965 was appointed Captain. Unfortunately in the 1966 game against France in Paris he sustained a serious injury to his knee only 20 minutes into the game. In those days substitutes were not allowed, so he soldiered on after receiving pain-killing injections. This exacerbated what turned out to be a serious fracture, and his playing days were over - he now concentrated on developing his business career. There was one gain from the incident though - it persuaded the rugby authorities to reconsider the rule about substitutes.

In 1966 he was recruited to become Sales Director of Fell & Bryant, part of BPC, rising to the main board of the parent company by 1978. This was shortly before Maxwell's dawn raid on its shares, which led to the takeover of BPC by Pergamon Press. Maxwell tried to make Perry stay, and when he demurred tried to get him to leave his pension with the company. Fortunately Perry refused.

Perry now became Managing Director of Waddington's, the board game and playing card business. It was going through a difficult time and Perry began to make the tough decisions that would turn things around. Maxwell chose this moment to launch a takeover bid, and Perry resisted. Having gained the support of the staff, he trawled the investors, and managed to persuade Norwich Union to stick with him. The take-over failed. A year later Maxwell had another go, but by then Perry's changes

were taking effect, and the investors were prepared to support him.

Perry went on to become Chairman of Waddingtons, and in 1993 took the contentious decision to sell the games division to Hasbro of the US.

He retired from Waddingtons in 1997 but continued with a range of other high ranking business appointments - Chairman of Anglian Windows, and held non-executive directorships of Kelda (formerly Yorkshire Water), Dewhurst, Bellway and National Provincial Building Society.

He is survived by his wife, Dorne, and their four daughters.

### Tony Savage (1929-2016)

Tony Savage went to school at Portsmouth Grammar, and during the war years, at Alleyns, Dulwich. After National Service with the Royal Artillery in Germany, he came up to Cambridge in 1951 on an exhibition to study history, later changing to geography. He stayed on in 1954 to attend the Devonshire course for HM Overseas Colonial Service, learning Swahili.

A novice oarsman on arrival in Cambridge, Tony went on to a distinguished rowing career winning the Ladies Plate in 1951 and the Visitors in 1952 at Henley with PCBC. He was 'spare man' for the 1952 Blue boat, and awarded his Trial Cap 1951 & 1952. He served as Secretary of CUBC in 1953, and coached PCBC crews for many years when returning from overseas on leave, the highlight of which was PCBC winning the University Light IV's in 1976. Tony was proud to be a Hawk and a member of the Leander Club.

As an undergraduate he undertook flying training as an RAFVR pilot officer on the Bristol Bulldog as a member of the University Air Squadron.

Tony served in the Administrative Service in Kenya as District Officer in numerous provinces during the Mau Mau uprising, and latterly District Commissioner in Garissa. He left Kenya after Independence in 1963. He went on to work for the Hong Kong Administration for 18 years and was involved in establishing the first refugee camp for Vietnamese 'boat people' and early planning for the Chek Lap Kok international airport and the related infrastructure. From 1987 to 1993 Tony became the first Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Industrial Estates Corporation, successfully attracting international businesses to invest in the territory.

In 1993 with his wife Jane, Tony retired to a village house in Malta, where they celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary last year, and where he served as Churchwarden at St. Paul's Anglican Pro-Cathedral for many years.

*Obituary by his son Charles (Pembroke 1978-80)*

### Mike Turner (1939-2017)



A man of many parts - not just a great athlete, but also a noted academic; not just a Cambridge University man, but also a life-long member of Liverpool Harriers A.C.; not just the lonely long distance runner, but also a huge

motivator of others to give of their best.

Mike was educated at Liverpool College where he excelled at Rugby and Cricket, but even more so at

running, which he pursued, even then, with the dogged single-mindedness that was to be the hallmark of his life. He became a member of the Liverpool Harriers in 1956, and remained an active one for the rest of his racing life, turning out for them whenever and wherever he was needed.

This was all the more remarkable in that his base was Cambridge, going up to Queen's in 1959, and never leaving the University, he obtained his MA in 1964 and PhD in 1966. He later became a Fellow of both Magdalene and Peterhouse colleges, becoming Dean of the former and, successively, Junior Bursar, Domestic Bursar and Senior Bursar of the latter, while also lecturing and conducting research in the Department of Land Economy.

His involvement with the Hare & Hounds as an undergraduate student saw him join an array of



Turner and Elliott

notable athletes to dominate the Varsity Match in the late 1950s and early 60s. Running alongside the great Herb Elliott (then the 1500m and Mile world record holder), and others who were to gain international recognition such as Tim Johnson, Tim Briault, Martin Heath and Bruce Tulloh, Cambridge dominated the match

against Oxford with five consecutive wins between 1959 to 1963. Within this golden era for the club, Mike stood out with two individual Varsity Cross Country victories in 1961 and 1962, and took the British Universities title twice. Mike's incredible time for his 1963 3000m race still remains unrivalled as the CUAC club record: 8:10.00, June 1963. He was President of the Hare and Hounds from 1976 to 2006.

He captained England to a team victory in the International Cross Country Championships in 1969. His personal best times of 13mins 52secs for 5,000m, and 28mins 33secs for 10,000m speak for themselves. It is a testament to his ability as an elite athlete that Ron Hill, European and Commonwealth Marathon Gold Medallist, described his greatest achievement as just beating Mike in the 1966 National Cross Country (by inches) in one of the most exciting sprint finishes the event has ever seen.

He was of course involved in the international circuit - not just racing. He was a team manager with the 1988 Seoul Olympic Team, served a period as treasurer of the BAAB, and authored the "Turner Report", which defined the way British Athletics should be organised.

He will be remembered by many in the Athletics world, but especially by the many generations of young athletes that passed through the University to whom he imparted so much encouragement, knowledge and enthusiasm.

### Dan Vickerman (1979-2017)

He was born in South Africa where he went to school, and developed his passion for Rugby early. At the age of 17 he spent a year in England playing for Cheltenham Colts. There he met Peter Buxton (later of Gloucester) and together they took a year out to go and play rugby in Australia.



Returning to South Africa Dan played for the Under-21s in 1999, before emigrating to Australia, where he joined the Under-21s there. He was contracted to the Brumbies for whom he made 20 appearances, and then in 2004 to the

Waratahs for whom he made a total of 58 appearances.

His test debut for the Wallabies was in 2002 in Sydney against France. With a couple of lay-offs for injury and a 3 year break in Cambridge (Hughes Hall) to read Land Economy he played for Australia until 2012, appearing a total of 63 times.

He appeared for the Blues in 2008, and then captained them in 2009, beating Oxford 31-27.

He was eventually forced to retire from active rugby because of stress fractures in the tibia of his right leg. He then worked for the Rugby Union Players Association.

He was married and had 2 young children, but found it difficult to deal with life out of the limelight. One night in February this gentle giant took his own life. Since that day other Rugby players have come out with their own tales of the psychological struggles that retirement brings.

### Martin Whitworth (1925-2016)

He was born in Quetta, part of the Indian Raj. He kept up with other children of the Raj right up until his death.

He first met his wife, Betty, there when they were 3 years old - a budding romance put on ice for 25 years after she trod on his trainset!

He went to boarding school from the age of 8. As was common for expatriates' children in those days he would see his parents once a year during the summer holidays, but, it turned out, not at all between 1939 and 1943.

At Shrewsbury he excelled at rowing on the Severn and academically in the sciences. In 1943 he went up to St John's to do a compressed 2 year Engineering Tripos. He rowed in the wartime boat races - 1944 at Ely, and 1945 at Henley where he was stroke and avenged the 1944 loss.

He joined the Royal Navy in 1945 and was posted to the Pacific. On completing that tour he joined the Henrietta, an ex German MTB fitted out as a millionaire's yacht, but in actuality operating as a ferry for MI6 agents. It was Martin's job to row the agents ashore, and sometimes to carry them the last bit so as not to get their feet wet. Once he missed his rendezvous with Henrietta and set out to row to Greece, but fortunately they met up a little later.

In 1951 he returned to England and re-established contact with Betty at a mutual friend's wedding. After a lunch together they went their separate ways - she to the Foreign Office, and he to the Admiralty. When, a few minutes later, they bumped into each other at the doors of MI6 they had blown each other's cover. They were married in 1953.

Martin started working at Thornycroft, building warships for the Royal Navy. In the late 1960's Thornycroft were taken over by Vosper. Martin could not get on with the new management, and took a job at Reavell's in Ipswich. After another takeover he

moved on to consulting engineers W H Gamble in London. He was happiest here where he could get back to real engineering.

In 2004, on the Diamond Jubilee of the 1944 Boat



Race a re-enactment was held at Ely. Martin was guest of honour, and appointed finish marshal. To general dismay it was discovered that there was no flag. Ever resourceful, Martin found a long handled squeegee

mop, which he proceeded to wave with great energy in the manner of a Grand Prix chequered flag. The picture shows him with his Marshall's badge holding the squeegee.

As a result of this event a number of Ely's finest thought it might be a good idea to form a local rowing club. Martin loved the idea and his enthusiasm and support swiftly led to his being elected president of the newly formed Isle of Ely Rowing Club. He subsequently attended many of the Club's functions, wearing his Leander cap and with a fund of rowing stories,

In the 1970's while at Ipswich he saw an old Mill House at Woodbridge which he bought at auction. This became the family home for the rest of his life. Betty pre-deceased him in 2009. They had a son David and daughter, Christine.

*From information supplied by David Whitworth and Derek Pickersgill.*

### Announcements

*We have been informed of the deaths of the following members, but have no further information for them. If anyone would like to contribute an obituary for any of them it will appear in the next Hawk.*

#### Brining, Michael D

Emmanuel 1955-58, Hockey

#### Charanjiva, Arvind

Emmanuel 1955-58, Tennis

#### Denny, John

Jesus 1953-56, Rowing (Cox)

Winning crew 1956 Boat Race, Cambridge crew who beat Brazilians at Rio that were preparing for the Melbourne Olympics.

#### Fabian, Donald

Trinity 1951-54, Fencing

#### O'Sullivan, Des

Magdalene 1975-78, Tennis

### Request for information:

#### Hancock, John Ambrose Thompson

Gonville and Caius 1936-39, Tennis and Association Football. Read Law. Represented Cambridge and Oxford v Harvard and Yale.

His daughter-in-law has enquired as to whether we have any photographs or other information about him. If anyone can help please contact the Club.

## Results-Results-Results

Total wins: Oxford 53 - Cambridge 41, Draw 2

Sport	Result
Amateur Boxing Men	Oxford 5-4
Amateur Boxing Women	Cambridge 2-1
American Football	Cambridge 20-14
Archery	Cambridge 3325-3260
Association Football Men	Oxford 3-2
Association Football Women	Oxford 3-1
Athletics - Freshers Men	Oxford
Athletics - Freshers Women	Oxford
Athletics - Indoor Field & Relays Men	Oxford
Athletics - Indoor Field & Relays Women	Oxford
Athletics - Track & Field Men	Oxford 115-96
Athletics - Track & Field Women	Oxford 101-99
Australian Rules Football	Oxford 80-28
Badminton Men	Oxford 10-5
Badminton Women	Oxford 12-3
Basketball Men	Cambridge 74-72
Basketball Women	Oxford 57-52
Bowmen	See Archery
Cheerleading	Cambridge 110.73-91.30
Cricket - 20-20 Match Men	Cambridge by 10 runs
Cricket - 20-20 Match Women	Cambridge by 9 wickets
Cricket - 1 Day Varsity Men	Oxford by 9 runs
Cross Country Men	Cambridge
Cross Country Women	Oxford 21-35
Cruising Club	See Sailing
Cruising Club	See Windsurfing
Cycling Men	Cambridge
Cycling women	Oxford
Dancesport	Cambridge 1947-1833
Equestrian	See Riding
Eton Fives Men	Oxford 3-0
Eton Fives Women	Oxford 2-1
Fencing Men	Cambridge 128-124
Fencing Women	Oxford 130-122
Golf Men	Oxford 10.5-4.5
Golf Women	Cambridge 6-3
Gymnastics Men	Cambridge 311-302.8
Gymnastics Women	Cambridge 201.4-196.05
Handball Men	Cambridge 28-26
Handball Women	Oxford 27-21
Hare and Hounds Men	Cambridge 33-45
Hare and Hounds Women	Oxford 21-34
Hockey Men	Oxford 5-3 (extra time)
Hockey Women	Oxford 4-0
Ice Hockey Men	Cambridge 8-3
Ice Hockey Women	Oxford 7-1
Judo Men	Oxford 7-0
Judo Women	Oxford 4-1
Karate Men	Cambridge 66-36
Karate Women	Cambridge 69-33
Kickboxing	Oxford 5-2
Lacrosse Men	Draw 6-6
Lacrosse Women	Cambridge 11-10 (extra time)
Modern Pentathlon Men	Oxford
Modern Pentathlon Women	Oxford
Motor Drivers	Oxford 62-39
Netball	Cambridge 47-41
Orienteering Men	Oxford 5:28:37-8:07:55

Sport	Result
Orienteering Women	Oxford 2:55:45-4:12:45
Pistol Small bore Men	Cambridge
Pistol Small bore Women	Oxford
Powerlifting	Cambridge 2458.92-2316.42
Rackets Men	Cambridge
Rackets Women	Oxford
Real Tennis Men	Cambridge 6-0
Real Tennis Women	Oxford 6-0
Riding	Cambridge 48-75
Rowing - Blues Men	Oxford 1¼ lengths
Rowing - Goldie Men	Oxford 2½ lengths
Rowing - Blues Women	Cambridge 11 lengths
Rowing - Blondie Women	Cambridge 13 lengths
Rowing - Lightweights Men	Cambridge 1¾ lengths
Rowing - Lightweights Women	Cambridge 3½ lengths
Rugby Fives	Cambridge 293-94
Rugby Fives Women	Cambridge 180-6
Rugby League	Oxford 48-10
Rugby Union Football Men	Cambridge 23-28
Rugby Union Football Women	Oxford 3-0
Ski and Snowboarding Men	Oxford
Ski and Snowboarding Women	Oxford
Squash Rackets Men	Oxford 5-0
Squash Rackets Women	Cambridge 3-2
Swimming Men	Draw 45-45
Swimming Women	Oxford 56-34
Table Tennis Men	Cambridge 6-4
Table Tennis Women	Cambridge 9-1
Taekwondo Men	Oxford 4-1
Taekwondo Women	Oxford 3-2
Trampoline	Oxford 431.4-424.7
Triathlon Men	Oxford
Triathlon Women	Oxford
Ultimate Frisbee Men	Oxford 9-6
Ultimate Frisbee Women	Oxford 11-2
Volleyball Men	Oxford 3-1
Volleyball Women	Oxford 3-0
Water Polo Men	Cambridge 11-8
Water Polo Women	Cambridge 10-3
Windsurfing - see Cruising Club	Cambridge 26-19
Yacht (Fleet racing)	Cambridge



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