

The Hawk

EASTER 2010



The Hawks' Charitable Trust needs *your* support!

Have those of you who achieved their Blue a few years ago realised that the inherent costs involved have spiralled upwards at an enormous rate? Now the very minimum that the average Blue spends in the course of their year's sport for the University is well in excess of £1,000 and for those seeking to achieve the top flight in the more expensive sports can be more than £5,000 - this on top of soaring University fees and College living expenses!



Roy Calvocoressi Award:

Anthony Crutchett, Fencing: GB and England international. Won the BUCS (British Universities & Colleges Sport) individual in 2006, and helped Cambridge to win the team title in 2007 and 2009. Aims to compete at 2012 Olympics. Annual costs in excess of £6,000.

Why are the costs so high? First the cost of facilities is a major issue. Rugby and Cricket are unusual in having their own grounds. Many other sports must either compete for time on college grounds (themselves under threat), or pay to use the, very limited, public facilities. Some sports must travel out of Cambridge to find appropriate facilities even to practice on. (See inside on the **Sports Centre** re this issue).

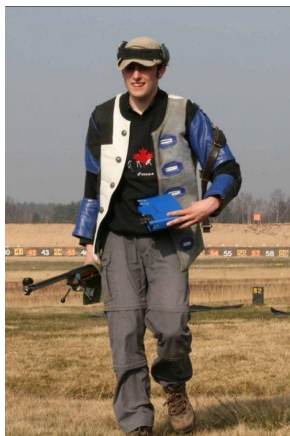
Second, the tide of professionalism and the intense interest generated in sport by the television camera has raised the bar on performance everywhere. This means honing the body and mind to the top level - long hours of training, specialised coaching, special diets, and most certainly, as our Club Bar receipts will testify, no alcohol (at least, not until after the Varsity Match). To keep highly tuned muscle and sinew in top condition involves specialist massage and, when injury occurs, physiotherapy. All this, and the often highly specialised equipment involved, costs money, and the costs rise exponentially the higher you want to go. Many young men and women who play sport seriously have the ambition to play at the most senior level - laudably so, and raising the profile of the whole University in so doing. We, the alumni, should not be surprised at this - many of us had those ambitions too!



Patrick Crossley, Hawks' President
Trust Award winner

Those of us who have enjoyed our sport in perhaps less stressful circumstances now have the opportunity to put something back in to lighten the financial burden being incurred by the sportsmen and women of today and tomorrow. Not all the people that we support will become international stars, but all will remember the support that they are given with immense gratitude, and all will approach their respective Varsity matches with added zest. So make your contribution now. A form is enclosed, or you can download further forms from the web site at <http://www.hawksclub.co.uk/public/trust/>.

And so to this year's awards. £20,000 has been spread between 82 of the 99 applications



Bob Barber Award

Henry Day, Shooting. Selected as member of the GB touring team to Canada, and as member of the GB U25 team for 2011 World Championships. Top scorer in the Varsity Match 2009. Capital cost of equipment in excess of £8,000. Annual costs in excess of £4,000.

received. The awards covered participants, both men (51) and women (31), in 23 different sports, and from 27 different colleges. The individual awards range from £750 to £100. The top 5 awards are named for major contributors to the fund, and are given to those of particular sporting excellence and need. This year these top awards go to a squash player, 2 riflemen, an athlete and a fencer. They are depicted in the inserts in this article. All are already internationals, and with our help we hope will go onto greater things, though the awards remain but small contributions to their annual costs.

The Trust is already the largest single source of sporting bursaries in the University, but the Trustees are conscious that we could do so much more. Though we support both men and women as individuals, we are not able at present to assist clubs or teams as a whole.



David Jennens Award:

Harry Leitch, Squash. Plays for Scotland. Winner of the Scottish Open Doubles 2009, runner up in the British Amateur Championships 2010. Plays also for Cambridgeshire (one of the top 4 counties in the country), and the University (of course). Costs of competing at this level, well in excess of £5,000 per year.

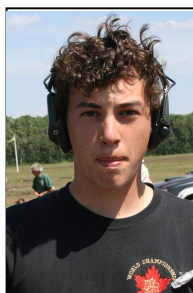
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The Hawks' Charitable Trust needs you.

Even on an individual basis, as the illustrated examples show, our awards contribute so little to what is needed.

To pursue sport at a high level at University and balance it with the needs of academic excellence has always required great dedication. Now even more dedication is required simply to keep balancing the budget – surely a most soul-destroying and energy sapping pursuit. Help us to lift the burden – make your contribution to the Trust fund now!

For further forms please contact the Club, or visit the web site - see back page for details.



Sir Adrian Cadbury Award

Ed Dickson, Shooting. Selected for GB U25 team to tour Australia in 2011. Top scorer in the Varsity Match 2008. Capital cost of equipment in excess of £8,000. Annual costs in excess of £4,000.



Sir Arthur Marshall Award

Louis Persent, Athletics. 400m runner. Bronze (individual) and gold (relay) medal winner at European Junior championships in 2009. Winner in Varsity Match by a margin of over 3 seconds. Aims to compete in 2012 Olympics. Costs include weekly travel to Lee Valley Athletics Centre and separately to Colchester for specialist training and coaching, and weekly physiotherapy to keep him free from injury. His family can ill afford to support such expenses.

Twickenham triumph

Varsity Match 2009 - by Dan Vickerman

Before looking back on a season with so many highlights, I would firstly like to congratulate James Richards on his selection as Captain of the Blues team for 2010. I believe James will do a fantastic job and I look forward to seeing him lead from the front.

Looking back at our season, it was wonderful to be part of this special group, and to have had the added bonus of a memorable victory at Twickenham on the 10th of December against Oxford (31-27). I am sure it is a memory that will live with us for the rest of our days. Our build up to the big match was both intense and exciting with some tough fixtures against sides such as Northampton and Saracens, which proved invaluable in our overall preparation. It was also really pleasing to see so many players continually improving throughout the season and stepping up to the plate when it was required, especially towards the back end of the season with a fantastic performance against the Steele-Bodgers XV.

Our performance against Oxford was in typical Cambridge style, with an abundance of heart combined with skill and a high level of fitness. We defended extremely well on the day, but were down 7-5 at half time. However, our commitment not to let them score took the wind out of their sails and allowed us to put in a fine display of attacking rugby in the second half. For guys to continue to get back up and put in tackle after tackle speaks volumes for the character of all involved and I am fortunate to have been able to play alongside each and every player. I would like to thank all the members of our squad for their efforts throughout the season.



The day most certainly did not end when the final whistle blew and there were several star performers in the post match celebrations who shall remain anonymous for now. One of the many highlights of the season would most definitely have to be the post match dinner at the Oxford-Cambridge Club and it certainly did not disappoint. We were treated to a fantastic evening and the team had a good opportunity to let their hair down and relax over a nice meal and a couple of wines, followed by a couple more! The following day we headed back to Cambridge where we were welcomed back at the Hawks Club and watched a re-run of the previous day's game whilst enjoying a few ales out of the trophy and sharing a good few laughs about season events, both on and off the field. The entertainment did not stop there but I am sure you all get the idea so no need to elaborate any further. I would like to also take this opportunity to thank all at the Hawks Club for their continued support of the rugby club. We have spent many memorable days and evenings there and will no doubt continue to do so in the future.

£10 million Stage 1

Update on the Sports Centre

By Patrick Crossley

Good news sports fans! Over recent months, and much behind the scenes work, the University is actively considering how it might be possible to start work on a first phase of a new sports centre at West Cambridge. If this results in a positive outcome, it could be the start of making real strides to finding donors to complete the rest of the project, currently costed at £60 million. Anglia Ruskin University and the Lawn Tennis Association are also rumoured to be interested in supporting parts of the campaign. Although it is early days yet, this positive development comes as a good sign that we are heading in the right direction.

A recent review of cost and need amongst Cambridge sports teams, conducted by the Hawks Club, revealed that in some cases University sportsmen and women are having to pay up to £250 a year in subscription costs alone to represent their University (see also Page 1). Sadly, a vast amount more goes on hiring facilities from schools, the council or Cambridge colleges, reducing the amount that can be spent on the high quality coaching that their opponents receive. The review also revealed that many teams simply cannot find time or space to train in Cambridge and so many make journeys of over an hour each way to venues in Peterborough, Milton Keynes and London, at even greater cost, and often at extremely anti social times. A University owned sports centre would not only reduce the costs to students, but also reduce travel times and the difficulty with which these facilities are booked.

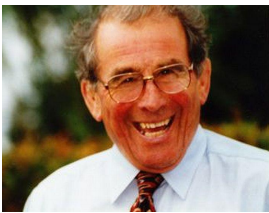
Many students have no ambitions to play at University level, but enjoy, and benefit from, an involvement in sport of one sort or another. These will never commit either the time or the money to seek out special facilities, so the benefit of a Sports Centre to them will be immense, and will have a commensurate effect on the general health and well-being of the whole student population. The facility would also be a valuable and attractive resource for the wider Cambridge community. All the major political parties agree that having a flagship centre in the area would be a considerable gain for the city as we look towards the Olympic Games in 2012.

The University Registry, Dr Jonathan Nicholls, has established a new group to bring forward plans for how Phase 1 of the Sports Centre might be built. Subsequent phases include modern tennis facilities and the building of a University Swimming and Aquatic centre. The plans are available for viewing either on the University PE Department website, or at The Hawks' Clubhouse, Portugal Place.

As soon as a firm commitment is made by the University it will be looking for further donations to provide Cambridge with the Sports Facilities it deserves to match its academic reputation, and to make it the envy of its rivals. Please contact the Hawks Club or the University's Director of Development, Mr Peter Agar, for further details as to how and when you can contribute.

OBITUARIES

John Bance (1925-2009)



John Bance was born near Newbury and was educated at Radley College where he became a keen sportsman. He then went to Clare College, Cambridge,

where he read Agriculture. He was soon chosen to play rugby for Clare, which took him into the Varsity team, where he played for 4 seasons. After graduating he played 12 seasons for Bedford – captaining the side for 3 of them. He also played for The East Midlands and The Barbarians, culminating his rugby career by gaining an England Cap in 1954.

His farming career started in Norfolk before buying his farm in Cambridgeshire in 1949, where he farmed successfully for 60 years.

He had many interests, including shooting, following rugby and National Hunt Racing, owning 2 horses. He also had a very successful herd of Pedigree Simmental Cattle, and enjoyed great success with them in the show ring.

John died after a long fight against cancer in June.
From his wife, Cynthia.

Professor Sam Perry 1918-2009



Samuel Perry was born on the Isle of Wight and brought up at Southport. He studied Biochemistry, then a new scientific discipline, at Liverpool.

Graduating in 1939 his academic career had to be put on hold by the advent of war. Joining an artillery regiment, he found himself in North Africa in 1942 where his position was overrun and he became a prisoner of war. Over the next 3 years he made no less than 3 escapes, and in between whiles ran courses in biochemistry and agricultural chemistry for other POW's.

After the war Perry completed his Ph D at Cambridge, sharing a lab with Rodney Porter and Fred Sanger – both future Nobel Prize winners. He himself won the Trinity College prize fellowship for his pioneering doctoral thesis on muscles.

While at Cambridge he played rugby for the University, soon being selected for England, and gaining a total of 7 caps.

In 1948 he married actress and artist, Maureen Shaw. In 1959 he moved to Birmingham University to head their new Biochemistry Department, which he did, with great success, until his retirement in 1985.

For researchers who work in biochemistry, Perry's extensive work on the proteins found in skeletal and cardiac muscle has been seminal, and has directly informed the diagnosis and treatment of heart disease in modern medicine. He continued this research as an emeritus professor long after retirement.

Perry left a remarkable legacy for science education. He produced more than 300 scientific papers.

Mike Wetson 1939-2009

Mike came up to St Catharine's from Marling School, Stroud, and read Modern and Medieval Languages followed by a Post-Graduate Certificate of Education. He was a brilliant athlete, winning every track event from 100-yard to the mile at school and playing rugby for England Schools. At Cambridge he was awarded three rugby Blues 1958-60 and went on to play for Wasps, Gloucester and Stade Bordelais. While working in Brussels, he was a founder member of the Brussels British Rugby Club and was rumoured to have been capped for Belgium.

As a career, he ran Europe-wide operations for the Japanese NMB semi-conductor company and US-based Torrington Bearings.

Bob Collier (1959) writes: "He was a little wild at times, but he had a heart of gold – good fun and great company, ready to talk to anyone, always prepared to listen, never a bad word; a true gentleman."

From his wife, Susan Ogilvy



Simon Roberts 1926-2009

Simon Roberts was born in Durban, South Africa. At school he excelled in many fields – head of his House, first XV rugby team and captain of both the school first XI and The Natal Schools cricket teams.

On leaving school at the end of 1943 he joined the South African Navy (aged 17).

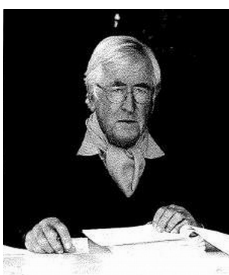
In 1946 he was awarded a Scholarship to Cambridge and went up to Gonville and Caius. He read History and Geography (for which he got a First), and represented Cambridge at cricket and hockey.

Back in South Africa he turned to the Law. He had a distinguished legal career and made a significant contribution to legal matters outside his own practice. He was President of the Natal Law Society in 1976, a member of the Council of the Association of Law Societies of Southern Africa, a member of the statutory Board of Control of the Attorney's Fidelity Fund and twice a delegate to the International Bar Association conferences.

He was also, among other things, Chairman of the Statutory Natal Arbitration Board, and Chairman of the Provincial Town Planning Appeals Board from 1985 – 2000.

During the apartheid years he advised and acted for many victims of that government's policy. A recent letter says "his quiet relaxed disdain of oppression was a tower of strength to many people during the darkest days of apartheid."

He had many interests outside of the Law. He enjoyed, and was knowledgeable about, many



things – music, art, architecture – and through it all pervaded a merry sense of humour.

From material supplied by Joy Roberts

Vivian Cox 1915-2009

Born in 1915 in Bangalore, South India, Viv Cox was educated in Switzerland, at Cranleigh School and at Jesus College, Cambridge, where he read English. Here he acted in two 'Footlights' reviews; while his sporting prowess earned him a Blue for hockey and 4 England caps.

After 3 years as Head of English and Drama at Aldenham School, he joined the RNVN in 1940. His



varied war career included setting up the floating Map Room for Winston Churchill on HMS Duke of York. He accompanied Churchill to Washington where, at President Roosevelt's request, he set up a similar Map Room in The White House. He witnessed the sinking of the Scharnhorst,

entertained King George VI for 1½ hours with impersonations of naval characters, and was with Admiral Fraser for the Japanese surrender. At the invitation of General McArthur, he was one of the first four Allied servicemen into Tokyo after the surrender.

After demob, in 1946 Vivian embarked on a film career. He became Associate Producer to Betty Box and then Producer at Pinewood Studios. From 1959 to 1967 he was an Independent Producer and Screenwriter for Rank Studios, producing such titles as *Watch Your Stern* and *We Joined the Navy*. Between 1960 and 1976, he produced all the stage shows for the annual Royal Command Film Performance and hosted the royal party. Moving on to television he cleverly combined his lifelong love of France and good food in a series he produced on French regional cooking, often featuring in front of the camera as well as behind it.

In 1967 Vivian returned to his *alma mater*, teaching English, French and Drama at Cranleigh. A gifted and inspiring teacher, he taught for eight years, also directing several plays, including *Hassan* with Juliet Stephenson. He later became President of the Old Cranleigh Society, and gave the school the "Vivian Cox" Theatre.

From 1975 until his retirement in 1982, Vivian worked with Sir Bernard Miles as Administrator at London's Mermaid Theatre. In 1977 he translated Henri de Montherlant's *The Fire That Consumes*, winning the Laurence Olivier Award for Best New Play. He subsequently translated two other plays from the French, both performed in the USA.

His wide-ranging experiences, memory and wit made Vivian a wonderful raconteur. To his favourite boss, Bruce Fraser, he was "a cross between Encyclopaedia Britannica and a court jester". To his family and many friends, he was always fun to be with: an ebullient, larger-than-life character with a great sense of humour, glittering lifestyle and an unrivalled propensity to name-drop.

From material supplied by Nick Thorne

Results-Results-Results

With the usual caveat - if we haven't printed it, we haven't heard about it.

Sport	Varsity Result
Amateur Boxing	Cambridge 5-4
Association Football	Oxford 1-1 (5-3 on penalties)
Association Football Women	Cambridge 1-0
Athletics - Freshers	Cambridge 114-76
Athletics - Freshers Women	Cambridge 110-75
Athletics - Field and Relays	Cambridge 4-4 & 4-2
Athletics - Field and Relays Women	Cambridge 5-3 & 5-1
Australian Rules Football	Oxford 51-7
Badminton	Oxford
Eton Fives	Cambridge 7-2
Fencing	Cambridge 126-96
Golf	Oxford 9-6
Hare and Hounds	Oxford 28-52
Hare and Hounds Women	Oxford 17-21
Hockey	Oxford 3-1
Hockey Women	Oxford 3-2
Ice Hockey	Oxford 7-6
Ice Hockey Women	Oxford 5-4
Judo	Oxford
Karate	Cambridge 94-34
Karate Women	Cambridge 86-16
Lacrosse	Cambridge 8-6
Modern Pentathlon	Oxford
Modern Pentathlon Women	Cambridge
Netball	Oxford
Orienteering	Oxford 10 minutes
Powerlifting	Oxford
Real Tennis	Oxford 4-2
Real Tennis Women	Cambridge 6-0
Revolver & Pistol	Oxford 2139-2041
Rowing - Blues	Cambridge 4 seconds
Rowing - Goldie	Cambridge 2 lengths
Rowing - Women Blues	Oxford 4 lengths
Rowing - Blondie	Oxford 3½ lengths
Rowing - Lightweights	Cambridge 2 feet
Rowing - Lightweights Women	Oxford 9 seconds
Rugby Fives	Oxford 300-38
Rugby League	Oxford 32-22
Rugby Union Football	Cambridge 31-27
Rugby Union Under-21s	Oxford 53-17
Rugby Union Football Women	Cambridge 25-0
Ski and Snowboarding	Cambridge
Squash Rackets	Cambridge 4-1
Squash Rackets Women	Oxford 3-2
Table Tennis	Cambridge 10-0
Table Tennis Women	Oxford 6-4
Trampoline	Cambridge 449.1-373.9
Volleyball	Cambridge 3-1
Volleyball Women	Oxford 3-0

International Honours Book

The President, Patrick Crossley, has inaugurated an "International Honours Book" in which are recorded all currently resident members who have international caps, both at the Senior level, and in other age groups (e.g. Under-25's). The following is the current list of those with Senior caps. Any Hawks (not just current residents) with international honours, that would like them added to the Book, please email president@hawksclub.co.uk with the following information; Full name, College, years at Cambridge, Sport, Country, Highest level achieved and first cap at that level

Bullock, J M R (Clare) - Pistol Shooting, England, First Cap 2010
 Crutchett, A (Downing) - Fencing, Great Britain, First Cap 2006
 Cubasch, H (St Edmund's) - Rowing, Australia, First Cap 2005
 Day, H A (St Catharine's) - Rifle Shooting, England, First Cap 2010
 Leitch, H G (Fitzwilliam) - Squash, Scotland, First Cap 2004
 Rowe, D J (Hughes Hall) - Rugby Union, USA, First Cap 2004
 Vickerman, D J (Hughes Hall) - Rugby Union, Australia, First Cap 2002
 Weitemeyer, R E M (St Edmund's) - Rowing, Canada, First Cap 2004

Dates for your Diary

The Hawks Event 2010, Fenners Cricket Ground, Friday 11th June, 8pm - 2am

Steele Bidders - the Cambridge networking event of the year, Grange Road, Wednesday 24th November 2010.

The London Dinner - Wednesday 8th December 2010

The Varsity Match - Twickenham, Thursday 9th December 2010

The Welsh Dinner - Cardiff and County Club, Friday January 14th 2011.

Residents Drinks Reception & Club Honours



Danny Ryan, Patrick Crossley, Jamie Roberts and Ian Ralby

Wednesday 5th May saw the Hawks-in-Residence Drinks Reception at The Cambridge Union where we were lucky enough to be joined by the Wales and British Lions international, Jamie Roberts. On top of his professional rugby career, Jamie is also a fourth year medical student, and so the perfect guest to entertain Cambridge's elite scholar athletes. The assembled members were regaled with stories from the recent British Lions tour to South Africa (where Jamie was Man of the Series), going on from within the Wales camp as well as some anecdotes from Jamie's past.

The awards of Team and Hawk of the Year were also announced; Team of the Year went to CUBC for a fantastic double victory on the Thames, whereas Hawk of the Year was awarded to Will Jones of CURUFC for a fine display at Twickenham in December, and almost every night at the Clubhouse.

Everyone was extremely grateful that Jamie was able to give up his time, especially mid week between fixtures against Wasps and Munster, and a good night was had by all.

Thurstan Shaw - 96th Birthday

Thurstan Shaw, Sidney Sussex, Rowing, 1935, will be celebrating his 96th birthday on 27th June. Any Hawk who knows Thurstan is invited to attend a 'celebratory tea' on that day, a Sunday afternoon, at the Hartington Grove Quaker Meeting House, 91-93 Hartington Grove off Cherry Hinton Road, CB1 7UB, in Cambridge, from 3pm to 5pm.



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