



The Hawk

MICHAELMAS 2006

The Committee 1936 – now for the Dinner 70 years on



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With this publication The Hawk enters a new phase. The booklet format, of which the most recent was published a few months ago, has proved massively difficult to produce for those unpaid volunteers who have so valiantly acted as editors over the last 14 years. Their names, John Marks, Colin Kolbert, and Anthony Hyde, need to be recognised for the amount of effort that they have put in.

We now embark on a shorter publication that we hope to be able to produce with greater frequency – twice a year would be our ideal. This first edition is being published in paper form and circulated courtesy of the sponsors of the London Dinner, BestInvest. Our thanks to them. Future editions will be published on the Hawks' web site – paper copies will only be sent to those who specifically ask for them, and whose subscriptions are up to date.

The change in publication format is not the only

mark of change in the Club's affairs. Significantly this change comes about as a result of a new spirit of collaboration between the London Dinner committee, and the Clubhouse Management committee – your joint editors are one of each.

This edition has a number of issues with which to concern itself. The London Dinner Committee is taking the opportunity to publicise this year's event, and to introduce the speaker, Mike Biggar (see over).

In any sort of mailing, the accuracy of the Membership database is fundamental, and an appeal to get your record up to date is included here. Access to the database is via the web site (www.hawksclub.co.uk).

Fund raising remains an issue that perennially besets us. We know that there are many Hawks who feel that the life membership that they took

when they were up was sufficient unto itself, and no more needs to be done. Alas the world moves on and the cost of maintaining premises of appropriate status for one of the world's premier sporting fraternities needs to be recognised. Every Hawk should consider it part of their duty to help maintain this enterprise. Information on how you can do this is included here.

Fund raising of a different sort concerns us with the Hawks' Charitable Trust. The cost of pursuing a sport to the highest level has increased dramatically. The requirements of equipment, training schedules, travel, etc become ever more demanding. Athletes performing at the top level are frequently prone to sports injuries, and the cost of repair and rehabilitation is prohibitive. Taken with the cost of simply being at University at all, the need for financial assistance is very great – the availability of funding from the University as a whole is very small. An article here explains more about the very vital role that the Trust plays in helping to fill that gap.

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THE 70th HAWKS' CLUB LONDON DINNER

Monday 11th December 2006
The Savoy Hotel

Dear Hawk

Along with this edition of "The Hawk" you will find an invitation to apply for a ticket to the annual Hawks' dinner – perhaps you will try doing so online this year!

We have a London Dinner Committee with representatives from all vintages, whose sole function is to encourage friends and contemporaries to attend the dinner and then to work out a seating plan for the evening.

In this year of our 70th London Dinner I thought you might find it interesting to know of the dinner's origins. I am indebted to histories of the Club which appeared in Varsity and Light Blue in the 1950's for most of the article alongside.



GDBO

Simon Berry

Chairman

**Hawks' Dinner Committee
2006**

Hawks' Club Dinner – 70 years on

The first London Dinner was organised in July 1936 by John Tallent. Prior to that, in the early 1930s, the Club held a Ball in London on the third day of the Varsity Cricket Match – "in the days when a first class dance band cost 40 guineas and tickets were 17 shillings and sixpence"! However, numbers began to dwindle, and it was decided to experiment with a "stag" Dinner instead, held at the Grosvenor House. In about 1954, the venue was changed to the Savoy, and the date to the eve of the Varsity Rugby match. Only once since has the venue been other than the Savoy, when in 1974, the Club's centenary year, the Dinner was held in the Guildhall.

The London Dinner is organised by a committee of graduate Hawks, covering all age groups – as well as representatives from Cambridge in the form of the current President and a senior member, generally one of the Club Trustees. In practice, most of the work falls on the shoulders of the Secretary of this committee – John Tallent's successors have been Clive Russell Vick, Jeremy Caplan, Jonathan Dickins and now John Pritchard. The Chairman of this committee serves for one year only, his main role being to sign up the Guest Speaker.

Whilst international renown is no guarantee of a standing ovation, we have in recent years welcomed such names as Alec Douglas-Home (1966), Douglas Bader (1968), Ted Heath (1972), Tony Lewis (1973), Willie John McBride (1974), Cliff Morgan (1975), Basil Hume (1986), Colin Cowdrey (1987), Tim Rice (1995), John Major (1999) and Steve Redgrave (2003).

Often, as this year, our Guest Speaker is a Hawk himself and so particularly well equipped to fire up his audience on the eve of Twickenham. "Hawk Speakers" of the past two decades have been Dennis Silk (1991), Ian Robertson (1994), Donald Steel (1997), Gerald Davies (2002) and Ian Balding (2005).

Book your Dinner ticket online at www.hawksclub.co.uk

MIKE BIGGAR

Born in 1949 in Aberdeen – Mike's sporting pedigree was always likely to see him playing rugby for Scotland. His uncle captained the national side, his cousin Alistair won 13 caps and toured New Zealand with the British Lions in 1971 – and his mother captained Scotland at hockey!

Mike went to Sedbergh School – nursery to so many great English and Scottish international players. Here Mike was Head of School and Captain of Rugby, before going up to Queens' College in



1968. At first, Mike and his pigeon-toed running style did not attract much interest from Grange Road, but after two years of college rugby, he progressed to the LX Club side and then won his blue in 1971, partnering Bob Wilkinson in the second row. An early TV appearance from those days, followed Mike's "clean" completion of the King Street Run!

After an LL.B., Mike was articled in London and joined London Scottish. He captained the club for two seasons during a career spanning ten years, playing now at blindside forward. His first

international selection came in 1975 against Ireland and he went on to win 24 caps. Mike was strangely fast about the field for a man of his build and his trademark bald head and few blond hairs left the spectator in no doubt as to who was always first to the breakdown.

On his retirement from rugby, he moved to Cirencester and became a partner in a Cheltenham firm of solicitors. In 1992, Mike was involved in what he describes as "a crash tackle with a lorry". After 5 weeks in a coma and 9 months in hospital, he showed the same cussed determination of his rugby career this time to get back on his feet and (though not able to work) to enjoy his family and friends.

Mike now lives near Malmesbury, with his wife Ali and two sons, George (21) and Tom (8). If no longer as quick about the field (even in a wheelchair), Mike has certainly lost none of his well-known sense of humour and mastery of the pun and is looking forward to entertaining his fellow Hawks on the eve of the Varsity match.

The Sponsor



Peter Howland

The Hawks' Dinner Committee is very pleased to announce that **Bestinvest**, a leading investment and independent financial adviser, will be providing some financial sponsorship of our

London Dinner for the next three years. The Chairman of Bestinvest, Peter Howland, has been on the committee since the early 1970's and on the undergraduate committee when at Clare College. The Chief Executive, John Spiers, was Captain of Clare Boat Club and is still an active supporter of both the college and its rowing. Bestinvest, through its 'Bestinsport' initiative already provides much needed financial sponsorship for a number of talented sportspeople. The first two sponsored have



Sarah Winkless

strong Cambridge/Hawks' connections – Sarah Winkless, with blues in four sports(!) and World Gold medal sculler, and Andy Baddeley, our leading 1500 metre runner who successfully captained the University Hare and Hounds two years ago.

From the President:

Dear Hawks,

It is a tremendous honour to serve the Hawks' Club as President this year, and together with my fellow committee members we will work hard to strengthen our great club. The committee's members (see over) come from eight different sporting backgrounds: rowing, rugby, golf, athletics, cricket, boxing, hockey and football; and is comprised of seven current or former university club captains or presidents, hailing from eight different colleges.

My own background is in rowing; I was President of the CUBC last year, and before coming up to Cambridge I rowed at an international level in Australia. I was born in Tasmania and attended the University of Tasmania where I studied medicine. I'm currently in the third year of my PhD at Gonville and Caius College.

The committee's priority this year is to return to the basics of what makes a good Club: a strong sense of community. The more tangible targets of raising club revenue, increasing membership subscriptions and boosting usage of our clubrooms will follow if we can achieve this goal.

GDBO
Tom Edwards
President



An Appeal for Subscriptions:

As I indicated in the editorial, the continuing existence of the Clubhouse depends upon a steady income stream. Plainly the trading income, dependent upon term times, and in other ways highly variable, does not adequately provide this. We truly depend upon the subscriptions of Hawks of all generations.

We have now established a direct debit process which makes the collection of subscriptions considerably more efficient, controllable, and auditable. What we now need to do is to convert as many as possible of those of you who remain on standing orders to paying by direct debit – a form for doing so is enclosed herewith.

We also hope that those who are not paying any subscription, whether because they have never done so, or because their payment has lapsed, will take this opportunity to remember that the Club really does need their ongoing assistance, and to enter into an arrangement now. (Now, please, before the moment passes, and you have mislaid the papers!).

For those Hawks overseas, who may have no UK bank account:

Citizens of the United States can direct funds to us by way of Cambridge in America see **www.cantab.us**.

For other regions, details of contacts may be found at **www.foundation.cam.ac.uk/regionalcontacts.php**.

Alternatively, we are establishing a WorldPay account on the Internet. Keep on eye on our web site (**www.hawksclub.co.uk**) for developments.

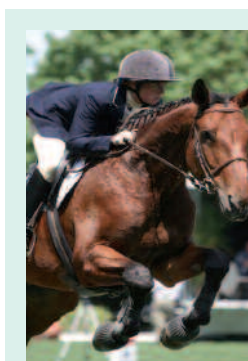
The Hawks' Charitable Trust

The Trust was established ten years ago with a relatively small endowment capital donated by some of the members to provide grants to current Cambridge University students, male and female, whose sporting activities were being inhibited by financial constraints. Capital is preserved and income used to make grants. The Trustees' policy is to provide a larger number of medium grants rather than a very limited number of larger sums. Applications have to be endorsed by a University Senior Member to confirm financial need; grants are normally only awarded in sports of Blue or Halfblue status, taking into account if need is equal, the level of sporting excellence and the academic level.



Andy Baddeley
Beneficiary of the Trust, and now supported by BestInvest.

A very generous bequest from David Jennens increased dramatically the size of the endowment capital in 2003 and in 2006 a sum just short of £18,000 was awarded to 64 students. There are usually well over 100



Natalie McGoldrick
Equestrienne representing Great Britain students. Recipient of a David Jennens award.

Each year the awards are announced in the University Reporter and early in the Easter Term, a reception is arranged at the Hawks' Club at which the awards are made.

The future? There is little doubt of the value of these awards to the individuals who receive them, nor, to judge from the number of excellent applications, the fact that they are necessary in the current student financial climate. The Fund is now by far the largest in the University to provide help to sportsmen and women and the Trustees are convinced that prudent management will allow

applicants. For the past two years six top awards of £750 each

have been named to recognise the contribution made by Hawks to the Club and the Trust, two each honouring David Jennens, Sir Adrian Cadbury and Bob Barber. This policy will continue and expand as account of further contributions allow.

the total level of the awards to be increased steadily over the years. Certainly this is the aim, for there is even less doubt about the success of those to whom awards have been given than their need; their names have featured in summer and winter Olympics, World, and European Championships and Commonwealth Games, as well as myriad international and national competitions across the sporting world.

If any member of the Club wishes to hear further about the policies of the Charitable Trust or feels that they would like to contribute any sum, large or small to the Endowment, via gift or legacy please contact Chris Pratt, the Hawks' Company Secretary, who also chairs the Trust and will be



Nick Alberts
Triple Blue in Athletics, Rugby and Cricket. Recipient of a Bob Barber award.

delighted to provide further information. Appropriate forms are also available on the Hawks' website. It is certainly a very worthwhile cause and, because it is a charity, the Chancellor of the Exchequer adds to every donation made by Gift Aid

and subtracts legacies from estates before inheritance tax.

125 years of rivalry to be settled in 80 minutes at Twickenham

The Varsity Match, which celebrates its 125th anniversary this December, will be played at Twickenham on Tuesday 12th December 2006 (kick off 2.00pm)



Last year's match saw Cambridge triumph with a 31-16 victory over their fierce rivals, but the slate will be wiped clean again this year with both sides desperate for victory.

Tickets for the match are on sale from Ticketmaster by calling 0870 902 0000 or from ticketmaster.co.uk and are priced from £18 for adults with a special £8 student rate to encourage as many current Oxbridge students as possible to attend. By showing their NUS cards, students will be able to purchase tickets for just £8 from one of the appointed ticket offices in both Oxford and Cambridge.

For the latest news and ticket details on the Varsity match please visit varsitymatch.org

Steele Bodger's

Why not treat yourself to a day out in Cambridge, mix with some old cronies, and see some excellent sport into the bargain. The annual match between CURUFC & Steele Bodger's Invitation XV has now become the premier networking event of the year for Cambridge professionals. The Hawks have a marquee at the ground. A full 3course lunch is served here before the game for Hawks, Dining Rights members (a Dining Rights member, Januarys Chartered Surveyors, sponsors the marquee) and their guests. But be warned, there are only a few tables, and they fill up very fast, so the earliest possible booking is advisable. For those who miss the lunch a bar continues to operate throughout the game, and afterwards until the beer runs out! For further details contact the Secretary, Sarah Malcolm, at the Clubhouse.

The Hawks' in residence Committee 2006-7

Tom Edwards	<i>President</i>	Gonville & Caius	Rowing
Alex Mugan	<i>Secretary</i>	Girton	Football
James Nierinck		Sidney Sussex	Golf
Steffen Buschbacher		St Catharine's	Rowing
Andy Owen		Selwyn	Athletics
Joe Clark		St Edmund's	Rugby Union
Ed Andrews		St John's	Rugby Union & Boxing
Tom Adlard		Girton	Hockey
Jeremy Hasell		Girton	Hockey
Ben Jacklin		Magdelene	Cricket

Events 20062007

All Varsity matches unless otherwise stated

(data to hand at time of publication)

Date	Sport	Location
5 Nov 2006	Athletics Freshers	Wilberforce Rd, Cambridge
4 Mar 2007	Athletics, Field Events and Relays	Iffley Rd, Oxford
19 May 2007	Athletics	Wilberforce Rd, Cambridge
27 Jun 2007	Athletics, Oxford & Cambridge v Harvard & Yale	Iffley Rd
12 May 2007	Bowmen	Oxford University Parks (TBC)
8 Mar 2007	Boxing	York Hall, Bethnal Green
20/21 May 2007	Canoe	Cambridge
	Cricket, one day match	Lord's
	Cricket, 4 day match	Fenners, Cambridge
12 May 2007	Cycling	Cambridge
Mid Feb 2007	Fencing	Cambridge
	Football	TBA
End Feb 2007	Football, Women's	Grange Rd, Cambridge (TBA)
	Golf	Aldeburgh Golf Club
Feb 2007	Gymnastics	Stevenage Marriotts School (TBC)
2 Dec 2006	Hare & Hounds	Wimbledon Common
11 Dec 2006	Hawks' London Dinner	Savoy Hotel, London
5 Jul 2007	Hockey	venue to be decided
Early Mar 2007	Ice Hockey	Cambridge area
3/4 Mar 2007	Ice Hockey, Women's	Milton Keynes ice rink (TBC)
	Karate	Kelsey Kerridge Sports Hall, Cambridge
Feb 2007	Korfball	Kelsey Kerridge Sports Hall, Cambridge
30 Mar 2007	Lacrosse	Parker's Piece, Cambridge
	Lacrosse, Women's	Cambridge
30 Mar2 - Apr 07	Modern Pentathlon	Bradfield College, Berkshire
	Netball	Kelsey Kerridge Sports Hall, Cambridge (TBC)
Lent term 2007	Orienteering	Sheffield region.
	Polo	Guards Polo Club
23/24 Feb 2007	Real Tennis	Lord's
Feb 2007	Revolver & Pistol	Elizabeth Way Range, Cambridge
20 Jul 2007	Rifle, Full bore	Bisley
	Rifle, Small bore	Stock Exchange, London
1 Apr 2007	Rowing Lightweights & Women's Boat races	Henley
7 Apr 2007	Rowing The Boat Race	Putney to Mortlake
29 Nov 2006	Rugby CURUFC v Steele Bodger's see separate announcement.	Grange Rd, Cambridge
12 Dec 2006	Rugby CURUFC	Twickenham.
10 Mar 2007	Rugby, Women's	Grange Rd, Cambridge (TBC)
24 Feb 2007	Rugby Fives	St Paul's School, Barnes, London
	Squash Rackets	RAC Club, Pall Mall, London
17 Feb 2007	Swimming/Water Polo	Parkside Pool, Cambridge
17 Feb 2007	Trampoline	The Leys School, Cambridge
Feb 2007	Volleyball	venue to be decided
May 2007	Windsurfing	Grafham Water Club



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