



The Hawk

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15 years at the new Clubhouse



The Clubhouse, 18 Portugal Place

On 30th October 1992, Prince Phillip, the Chancellor of the University, opened the new Clubhouse – we have been open for 15 years! A cause for celebration and looking forward. For, although the opening seems like only yesterday, we have had our ups and downs over that period and on occasion only the munificence of certain benefactors has kept us in the black. However we are now looking forward with increasing confidence, and this leader touches on some of the issues involved:

Staff:

One of our principle problems has been staff mobility. Gone are the days when Alfie Wakeling served as Steward for 40 years, and Harry Lambert for some 25. Rather, Chefs and Stewards have come and gone with great rapidity, and this has made it difficult to maintain desired standards, and control costs. Indeed the Steward and Assistant Steward (a couple) of last year have moved on, and we have had to get on the recruitment trail again. Fortunately we have now recruited a more mature couple who come highly recommended, ex of the Free Press public house, and raise our hopes for some greater stability.

In the meanwhile we have been blessed with 2 excellent Secretaries – Sarah Martin in the '90s

and Sarah Malcolm in the "noughties". The latter Sarah displays enormous dedication, and increasingly extensive knowledge of every wrinkle in the Club's affairs. In the gap between the last Steward leaving and the new arriving, it has been her efforts that have kept the place going. Sarah, where would we be without you!

Cost control:

18 months ago we took steps to change the model on which we were operating, with particular emphasis on cost control. We reduced the staffing to 3, being Steward, Assistant Steward, and Secretary. We closed the Clubhouse for Christmas and Easter and the long summer break, effectively only staying open for 36 weeks of the year. Cooking by the Steward/Assistant was limited to Bar food only. Functions (dinners, etc) were catered

for by outside contractors with the Club retaining 10% of the take. This model has been in effect for one full year now, and it has had very positive results. For the first time for many years we have emerged from the long earnings drought of summer with a certain margin of comfort in terms of cash in the bank – and that is after our usual summer expenditure on the maintenance of the building.

Club life and events:

It has to be said that the successful outturn of last year has been, in no small measure, due to the efforts of the President, Tom Edwards, and his Committee. Their enthusiasm and commitment communicated itself to the whole membership, and this was reflected in the trading outcome. Moreover a number of events are now establishing themselves in the calendar and are hugely popular. Steele Bodger's has now become the premier networking event for the whole of Cambridge, not just the University. The Hawks marquee at that event is sponsored by a Dining Rights member. The President's charity dinner was a sell-out – indeed it could have sold more tickets than there was space for. And the Hawks' Event which takes place at Fenners in the summer is also hugely popular. Also at Fenners in the summer is the Lashings cricket match,

gaining in popularity for corporate entertaining, and thereby helping to keep the profile of Cambridge cricket high.

Maintenance:

Despite financial constraints we have kept the maintenance of the building fabric and furnishings going on a regular basis. We have just replaced the carpeting on the landings and stairs, and recently took the opportunity of replacing the coir matting in the entrance hall to express a sentiment of which all Hawks will approve.



Communication:

This is now the third edition of The Hawk in its new format. The first was born out of a new spirit of co-operation between the London Dinner Committee and those at Cambridge, and their help and support has been invaluable throughout. The appointment of John Pritchard to The Hawks' Company Board of Directors cements that link to the benefit of all concerned. Also, it is through their sponsors, Bestinvest, that we have been able to embark on a redesign of the website.

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This is now coming to fruition, and we hope to go live with that in the next few months. This will, we believe, provide more up to date, relevant, and interesting information in a more attractive way than we have been able to achieve before.

Finances:

Notwithstanding the improvements mentioned above we remain aware of the need to be vigilant. If the last 15 years has taught us anything it is that circumstances can change very quickly; and the pattern of trading can only ever be expected to be variable. This drives home to us the necessity of building up the subscription income as the bedrock upon which the long term

future of the Clubhouse will be assured. The drive to convert Standing Orders to Direct Debits is part of that objective and is proving very successful. There are now 1,063 Hawks and Dining Rights members paying by Direct Debit, bringing a total income of £35,385 per year. But we need to continue to strive for more. The figure of £25 was set in 1993 – the 14 years since have not been without inflation, and it is now time to raise the level. Graduating Hawks since 2000 have in any case been paying £50 per year. So, those of you who are not subscribing (or in some cases are still paying £5 or less per year) please **"play fair and pay your dues"**!

The Hawks' Committee 1992-3



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The President's Report

Dear Hawks,

I feel extremely privileged to address you all as Hawks' President this year. Having benefited from what the club has had to offer for over 4 years, I am thoroughly looking forward to putting something back into our great club. The committee assembled this year has an excellent balance of under- and post-graduate students with 8 university sports being represented. Following on from Tom Edwards' great work as president last year, we will again strive to continue the fine traditions of a welcoming clubhouse, sporting excellence against 'the other place' and upholding the distinction associated with being a Hawk.

My own background is based on the hockey pitch; with an undergraduate degree in Natural Sciences and now a PhD in developmental physiology fitting in around training sessions, matches and the associated socialising. Although affiliated with Girton College, I am now fortunate to live next door to the club and so am always happy to be called over to meet Hawks in the clubhouse, old or new.

I hope that this latest issue of The Hawk finds you all well and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at The London Dinner.

GDBO

Jez Hansell



Inside view - Athletics (Cambridge 130 - Oxford 82)

Varsity Athletics May 19th 2007

By F Hutton-Williams

Pre-dating the modern Olympic Games by 36 years, Cambridge University Athletic Club could have suffered the ignominy of losing for ten successive years. The huge amount of team-building and motivation that has gone into CUAC over recent years ensured that this year, Cambridge were a team inspired.

Ben Carne (Churchill) having topped the UK rankings a week earlier at BUSA over the 400m hurdles, crossed the line just three tenths outside the Varsity Match record despite gusty winds.

The strong wind, however, allowed for some fast times in the sprints, where Cambridge really dominated Oxford. Ben Richardson (Churchill) won three events, two under the Blues time (100m 10.88s, 110m hurdles 15.00s).



In the throws Jet Theriac (Homerton) took victory in the shot put and hammer throw. Matt 'it'll all come together on the day' Haslett (Churchill) won the high jump for a second successive year, clearing 1.95m.

It was then that we had our first bit of 'Varsity magic' – that phenomenon by which people achieve extraordinary feats when rising dramatically to the occasion. Humphrey Waddington (St. Catharine's) thrives on defying people, either by refusing to cut his hair, overcoming a serious knee injury, or by jumping in that now legendary hat. It looked like Oxford were going to win the triple jump, but on his final leap of the competition, Humphrey sped down the runway and seemed to hang in the air as he landed over half a meter further than he'd ever jumped before, winning the event by 11cm and earning his full blue (13.95m) – and all in that hat!



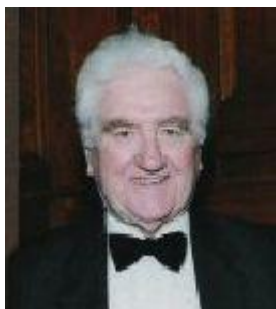
Having stormed to victory in the 200m and the 4x100m relay, the match was already Cambridge's. If they could win the 4x400m relay they would defeat Oxford by the heaviest margin for 40 years. On the final leg, Oxford's Jonan Boto took the baton 10m in front, which seemed too much for even Ben Carne (also known as 'Triple B' or 'Carnivore' for his unrelenting focus and annihilation of most human fools) to recover. He carved up the ground in relentless pursuit. Unbelievably, with sixty meters to go, he had managed to draw level, but even BBB looked to be hurting. They were neck and neck right up to the line – Boto dipped forward and stumbled whilst Carne trusted in keeping his form. Crossing the line, Boto fell and Carne looked up to the skies – a supremely emblematic picture of Oxford's despondency and Cambridge's euphoria. The Blues had won by the second biggest margin in 133 years of Varsity Match history.



OBITUARIES

Don Harman (1920-2006)

Don Harman was born within the sound of Bow Bells, and educated at City of London School, where he forged a reputation as a fine sportsman. At Cambridge he represented both his College (Trinity) and University as a front row forward at rugby. He was also an excellent cricketer who had once been coached at school by the great Jack Hobbs. His stylish batting earned him the nickname of "The Don" after Don Bradman! He was a lifelong fan of Arsenal football team and, in his prime, a single figure handicap golfer. He also played County league level Contract Bridge. He supported England at anything and his last years were cheered by seeing England not only win the world cup at rugby but also beat Australia's cricket team to win back the Ashes.



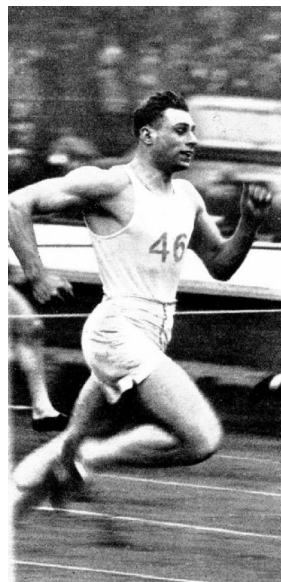
As with many of his era, his education was interrupted by the war, and at the age of 19 he joined the Royal Navy. He served on fleet destroyers, protecting the convoys of ships taking supplies on the dangerous and freezing Arctic route to Russia – work so vital to the final outcome of the War, yet unrewarded by the British government. He had to wait until April 2003 to receive formal recognition for this when Russia decided to award a medal (and a few glasses of neat vodka) to the British Arctic convoy sailors. He was delighted to be able to travel to the Russian Embassy in London to receive this.

His career at Cambridge was therefore post war, from which he emerged with a degree in Economics, and a wife – Pat had read History at Newnham. He initially joined Shell Petroleum, subsequently moving to BOC and ending up as Managing Director of Atmos Services, where he was highly regarded as both colleague and boss.

He was a devoted family man, and leaves his wife, three children, and four grandchildren.

From material submitted by his daughter, Melissa.

Maurice Meynell Scarr G.M. (1914-2005)



Maurice Scarr won bronze medals for Great Britain in the 100m at the 1935 World Student Games in Budapest and in the 4x100m at the 1938 European Championships in Paris. He won his Athletics blue in 1936.

He played Rugby on the wing for Sale but a promising career in this sport was cut short by the outbreak of the second world war. During the war he was awarded the George Medal for gallantry for the work he did cleaning away live explosives by hand following an explosion in the Ordnance factory to which he had been posted. There had been several fatalities.

After the War he returned to teaching and later moved to Local Government administration. To his great delight he was appointed Cambridge City Education Officer in 1956. He quickly re-established his links with Queen's and with University

athletics through time keeping. He chaired the Varsity Match Dinner in 1990.

After his retirement he worked tirelessly for his College as Visitors Liaison Officer, and on many fund raising committees. The College made him a Fellow Commoner for his contribution. He died aged 90 on Good Friday 2005. He was devoted to Cambridge and to Queen's in particular and his funeral service was held in the College chapel.

From material submitted by his son, John (Hawks - Athletics 1966)

Inside View - Hockey

Hockey Varsity match 2006 by Jez Hansell

It was a glorious Tuesday afternoon when both teams lined up at Southgate Hockey Club for what was going to end up being one of the closest Varsity Hockey matches in recent history. Cambridge were the challengers this year after losing out to the Dark Blues last year and with 6 returning Blues and leading their league they felt confident of recapturing the cup.

Cambridge emerged at the start the more fired up for this game and even though the opening phases were quite tentative from both sides the Light Blues soon found their stride and began playing the expansive game their coach Andrew Middleton has been making them play in the league. It was Cambridge that opened the scoring midway through the first half. A long ball played up the left was picked up by Simon Ashton who with a clever touch played it into the path of Philip Balbirnie. His attempted cross was blocked but he reacted quickly and somehow managed to slip it under the oncoming keeper to take the lead.



Philip Balbirnie on his way to scoring the first goal

Cambridge were really controlling the play at this point and it was inevitable that they would double their lead. Alun Rees, at right midfield managed to get away from his man and made a charging run up the right and as he approached the circle, slipped a pass to Balbirnie who fired a shot into the bottom corner to double the light Blues lead. However Oxford now managed to claw their way back into the game. Their first goal was a well taken reverse stick shot that came from their man of the match while their second was a little fortunate as it took a deflection from a short corner off the Cambridge Captain's stick over the keeper. So the scores were level at the break.

The light Blues came out for the second half knowing that set pieces would win the game for them and this it eventually did. The second half was controlled by the defences of both sides. It was Hawks' Committee member and four time Blue Jez Hansell who broke the deadlock and found the net with a well worked Cambridge penalty corner to give the Light Blues the lead mid way through the second half. This was short lived however as Oxford regained parity again through their man of the match with about 15 minutes to go. Both defences were holding firm at this stage with some fine work coming from the light Blue's centre backs Hansell and Dave Saunders. With seven minutes to go Cambridge won another corner. This was it. Push out. Stop. Switch left to Hansell. Fired across the circle. Deflection by Nick McLaren. Ecstatic cheers from the Light Blue's supporters. 4-3 Cambridge. Oxford battled hard and with 3 minutes to go, Cambridge skipper, who was playing out of his skin, rather unfortunately got sinbinned. These were nervous times for the Blues but they managed to hold out, and so it was Mike Palmer who walked up the steps at Southgate to receive the Varsity Trophy and lift it high amid cheers of joy amongst the Light Blue's supporters.

Cambridge 4 - Oxford 3

Colin Denham-Davis (1930 – 2007)

Colin became a member of the Hawks Club on getting a hockey blue in the 1952/3 season. He was Hon Sec of CUHC the following year and was elected to the Committee of the Club when Peter Wheeler was President.

He had been Captain of Hockey at Marlborough and he went on to play for mid-Surrey and Surrey County, having an England trial at that time.



He was also a fine all-round cricketer, playing for St John's and the Crusaders and bowling fast and furiously, as well as hitting the ball with a keen eye to all parts of the ground.

He died peacefully at home on April 26th 2007 having borne ill-health with his usual fortitude and good humour.

Submitted by Ken Patteson (Hawks - Hockey)

Summer Results

University Club		Result		
Athletics	Men's Blues	Cambridge 130 points	beat	Oxford 82 points
	Men's 2nd team	Cambridge 111.5	beat	Oxford 99.5 points
	Women's Blues	Oxford 95 points	beat	Cambridge 93 points
	Women's 2nd team	Cambridge 118 points	beat	Oxford 84 points
Boxing	Blues	Oxford 5	beat	Cambridge 4
Cricket	Men's blues 1 day	Oxford 137-4	beat	Cambridge 135
	Men's blues 4 day	Cambridge 258	drew	Oxford 189 & 116-1
Equestrian	Blues	Cambridge 2 penalties	beat	Oxford 51 penalties
Golf	Blues	Cambridge 8½	beat	Oxford 6½
Kickboxing	Men's varsity	Oxford 3.5	beat	Cambridge 2.5
Polo	Blues	Oxford 9	beat	Cambridge 5
	Second IV	Cambridge 15	beat	Oxford 0
	Third IV	Cambridge 10	beat	Oxford 0
	Full Bore	Cambridge	beat	Oxford
Rifle	Match Rifle	Cambridge	beat	Oxford
	Small Bore	Cambridge 1528	drew	Oxford 1528

Events 2007-08

Date	University Club	Match
21 November 2007	C.U.Rugby Union Football	Steele Bodger's
28 November 2007	C.U.Rugby Union Football	Men's LX
01 December 2007	C.U.Hare & Hounds	Men's Varsity
01 December 2007	C.U.Hare & Hounds	Women's Varsity
06 December 2007	C.U.Rugby Union Football	Men's Varsity
06 December 2007	C.U.Rugby Union Football	Men's u21 v Oxford u21
22-23 February 2008	C.U.Real Tennis	Men's Varsity
01 March 2008	C.U.Lacrosse	Men's Varsity
03 March 2008	C.U.Women's Lacrosse	Women's Varsity
03 March 2008	C.U.Women's Lacrosse	2nd team
04 March 2008	C.U.Hockey Club	Men's Varsity
06 March 2008	C.U. Amateur Boxing	Men's Varsity
27-29 March 2008	C.U.Golf	Men's Varsity
26 March 2008	C.U.Golf	Men's 2nd
26 March 2008	C.U.Golf	Women's Varsity
29 March 2008	C.U. Boat	Men's Varsity
29 March 2008	C.U. Boat	Isis v Goldie
29 March 2008	C.U. Association Football	Men's Varsity
01 April 2008	C.U. Lightweights Rowing	Men's Varsity
01 April 2008	C.U.Women's Boat	Women's Varsity
01 April 2008	C.U.Women's Boat	Osiris v Blondie
01 April 2008	C.U.Women's Boat	Women's Lightweights
17 May 2008	C.U. Athletics	Men's Varsity
17 May 2008	C.U. Athletics	Women's Varsity

Notice of increase in subscription:

As presaged in the leader (see page 2), the time has come to increase the subscription level for those currently paying £25 per year. The new figure will be £30 per year to take effect from 1st January 2008. Those paying by Direct Debit will have the amount automatically taken from their accounts - no action needs to be taken. For those still paying by Standing Order we hope that you will either take the opportunity to convert your payment method to Direct Debit, or instruct your bank to make the necessary change on our behalf.

Our grateful thanks, and the thanks of all those Hawks who have enjoyed our wonderful Clubhouse, to those who have supported, and continue to support, it in this way.

Hawks' Committee 2007-8

Jez Hansell (President)	Girton	Hockey
Mike Collins (Secretary)	Trinity	Athletics
Andy Owen	Selwyn	Athletics/H&H
Dan O'Shaughnessy	St Edmund's	Rowing & Boxing
Adam Sivner	St John's	Golf
Paul Dower	Girton	Rugby
Richard Bartholomew	Jesus	Rugby
Patrick Crossley	Homerton	Rugby
Russ Glenn	Darwin	Rowing & Boxing
Eddie Burrows	Fitzwilliam	Football

News from the Trust

Bob Barber Bursary holder shows how.

Phyllis Agbo of Trinity College, awarded the Hawks Charitable Trust Bob Barber Bursary in March, fully demonstrated her athletic potential in the 2007 Athletics Varsity match. She equalled her Varsity record set last year of winning no less than seven individual events. Within these seven wins there were three match and two ground records.



She also became National Champion in the Heptathlon in the England Athletics Combined Events at Stoke scoring 5471 points

...as did the David Jennens award winner

For the third year running, Natalie McGoldrick has been awarded the David Jennens bursary and like Phyllis Agbo, Natalie clearly demonstrated in the Varsity Equestrian competition that she was a very worthy holder of the bursary which helps a little towards the costs of competing in her expensive chosen sport. For the fifth consecutive year, Natalie, a member of the successful Cambridge team of four, all women, won the Individual title.



During the summer Natalie went on to come 2nd in the Elementary section of the National Dressage Championships, where she also finished with both the highest placed Amateur rider prize, and a trophy for the highest placed horse that had not won a class at that level before.

...and winners of other awards

Ben Came and Ben Richardson, two of the stars of the 2007 athletics win over Oxford, are just two of the other recipients of major Trust awards.

There is absolutely no doubt that the Hawks Charitable Trust provides great help to numerous promising students (this year 81 at a total distribution of £22,000) who might otherwise not be able to afford to continue their sporting commitments. **Please help us to build the Trust to be able to extend our support still further.**