



The Hawk

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Cambridge Rowers shine in golden Olympics



Tom James

...and none brighter than our own Tom James, Hawk, Trinity Hall, and CUBC 2002-7. In an electrifying race the GB Coxless Four trailed Australia for much of the course. Then with less than 300 metres to go they showed their bravery, stepping up a gear

and wearing the Aussies down. In the end, as the photo shows, they won by less than half a length, but it could have been a mile for the jubilation that ensued both in and out of the boat.

Tom rowed in the Blue boat 4 times, and in his final appearance in 2007, as President of the Boat Club, he achieved his goal of beating Oxford. In the meanwhile he was in the



vanguard of British rowing, stroking the men's Eight at Athens in 2004.



Tom Stallard

Hawks also are Tom Stallard (Jesus 1998-2002) and Josh West, tallest member of Team GB, (Caius 1998-2000), who rowed to a silver medal in the men's Eight. The Gold winning Canadian crew led from start to finish, but the tussle with the USA went to the wire with GB just inching ahead at the finish.

Outside the rowing arena, other Hawks in Team GB were Andy Baddeley (Caius 2000-2004) in the 1500 metres, and Alex O'Connell (Churchill, currently resident) in the Men's Sabre. Andy ran a terrific race in a very tough semi-final to qualify, and then managed a highly creditable 9th in the final. Alex was unlucky to come up against a highly fancied Russian in the first round. Undaunted he fought back from an 11-14 deficit to 14-all, only to be defeated 14-15 by the last blow.



Josh West



Emma Pooley

Cambridge ladies had a similarly distinguished presence at the games. First off was Emma Pooley (Trinity Hall 2001) who stormed off (almost literally in terms of the weather) to an early lead in the Cycling Time Trial which she held until almost the very last, ending up with a Silver.

Back on the rowing lake a galaxy of Cambridge women were showing their paces. Anna Bebbington (Newnham 2001) took a bronze in the Double Sculls, and in the same competition Hester Goodsell (Hughes Hall) came 5th. In the Lightweight Double Sculls Helen Casey, who learnt to row at St Catharine's (1995) also managed a 5th. Annie Vernon (Downing 2001) was in the Quadruple Sculls who scored a Silver. Leading for much of the race they were just overhauled by China in the last few hundred metres. Finally Sarah Winckless (Fitzwilliam 1993), who has graced the Clubhouse on many occasions, featured in the women's Eight who managed a 5th place.

Support the Sports Centre!

Your editor makes no apology for returning to the subject of the proposed Sports Centre so soon.

In email conversation with an academic from the University of East Anglia, Norwich, his correspondent was astounded to learn that Cambridge did not already have such a facility. "It is utterly incomprehensible" he wrote "that a University of the stature of Cambridge should be without this sort of sporting facility". UEA apparently applied for millennium funding for their 50 metre pool, which is now shared between University and the public. By opening from 5.00am to 10.00pm it is able to cater for all categories of users, including some big chunks of time exclusively for competitor training.

In the meanwhile there is a rumour in circulation that the University authorities will quietly sit on their hands during the current fund-raising exercise, wait for it to fail, then redesignate the site for academic or administrative use. We do not believe that such an attitude prevails, but equally we must not allow it to happen. We are committed to moving sport forward, not allowing it to drift back.

Hawks, we must lend our strength to the University to help make this thing happen! If you have money then make your donations or pledges now! If you don't have money yourself, but you know somebody who does, bend their ears and besiege their mail boxes - make them realise how important, how historic, this development will be.

Tim Ellis



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The London Dinner leaves the Savoy!

...but for one year only..

The London Dinner this year is to be held at the Café Royale on Wednesday, 10th December. The move has been necessitated by refurbishment work being undertaken by the Savoy, and the committee fully expects to be back in the Savoy next year. The Chairman this year is Peter Howland and the Speaker is Robert Marshall-Andrews QC MP

The last time that the London Dinner was not held in the Savoy was in 1974. In that year the Dinner was held in the Guildhall for the very good reason that it was the Club's centenary. The picture of the Club's committee of that year may bring a wry smile of recognition to those members who lived the 70's style, so well illustrated here....



D.B. Williams *Christ's* W. Snowden *Emmanuel* I.A. Murray *Christ's* P.B. Merry *Downing* J. Sleight *Fitzwilliam* M.F.A. Harborne *Steward*
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Absent: ~ R.P.B. Duncan

For the third year running the dinner is sponsored by Bestinvest, for which our continuing thanks. This year the beer is to be supplied by Cobra, for which our thanks also.

Robert Marshall-Andrews QC MP



'Bob' Marshall-Andrews, as he is known, graduated from Bristol University, and was called to the Bar in 1970. He took silks, becoming a Queen's Counsel in 1987. He has been described as "the best criminal advocate at the Bar".

In 1987 he became Labour MP for Medway, a seat that he has held ever since. He has been described by Simon Hoggart as "probably the best orator we have in the House". He has frequently rebelled against the Government, mainly on issues of civil liberty and Iraq. Various he has been referred to as "the thorn in Tony Blair's red rose" (Law Journal); "the leader of Labour's internal opposition" (Telegraph); "the opposition's most talented rebel MP" (Financial Times); "defiantly off

message" (Glasgow Herald); "one of Labour's few outspoken rebels" (Guardian)

His is a well-known face on television, being regularly seen on political and satirical programmes, such as Have I got New for You, and Newsnight. He also appears on radio, and has written two novels. A man of great wit and acute intelligence, dinner guests will undoubtedly be hugely entertained by him.

Marshall memorabilia on show at the Clubhouse

On Tuesday 8th July 2008 Michael Marshall CBE DL presented the Club with a panel of his father's sporting memorabilia on a long term loan. Sir Arthur, whose obituary appeared in our Easter 2007 edition, was a considerable athlete. Michael is himself a Hawk, a fine oarsman. He is seen here describing the display with, looking on from the left, Sir Roger Tomkys (Chairman of the Hawks' Company), Mike Collins (President 2008-9), Christopher Pratt (Hawks' Director, and Chairman of the Trust), and Terry Holloway of Marshalls. Our thanks to Michael for the loan of this historic display.



From the President:

Welcome to another new academic year at the Hawks' Club. I am greatly honoured to be leading the committee this year and am looking forward to an exciting, progressive and inclusive tenure, building on the work of my recent predecessors. We have two excellent new



Stewards, Mike and Karen, together with a diverse and motivated junior committee. These parties, together with Sarah, the administrator, and the continued support of the senior members, look like a wonderful formula for the challenges that lie ahead. As ever I anticipate efforts to be spent on promoting the club and Cambridge Sport in general, but I also aim to really deliver at home, starting with the clubhouse and its services. I hope to see the clubhouse bustling, lively and friendly, six nights a week, with reasonably priced drinks, good food and excellent company setting the tone for future years of stable development.

I have been proud to be a Hawk for several years now and genuinely hope to be able to put something lasting back into the club, sport, and the university. I know my committee feels similarly. I look forward to seeing you across the bar very soon!

Mike Collins

Rugby Fives - another reason why the Sports Centre is so important

Bob Dolby, President CU Rugby Fives Club

Since 1995, when the Portugal Place courts were demolished, there has been no Rugby Fives court in the University on which to play the game.

For some years the players practised on a poor court at the Perse School and played their few matches at Bedford Modern. However, the Perse decided to convert their court into a climbing wall and BMS made access to their courts increasingly difficult. For the past four years therefore CURFC have played and practised at Oundle School, by kind permission of the master in charge there, Tony Burrows. Luckily some players have had the use of a car, which has helped with away matches; fortunately, so far there has also always been someone in the squad old enough to be able to drive a hired van. But it is an expensive inconvenience. The fact that the grant to CURFC is being cut next year from £900 to £600 will not help, as the grant needs to cover other expenses such as the cost of balls.

For 13 years the players have done extraordinarily well in keeping the game going, but are usually on the end of a hiding in the Varsity Match against an Oxford side that enjoys the benefit of 2 glass-backed courts. Ironically ex-Cambridge players contributed handsomely to the building of those courts some twenty years ago! Nevertheless we shall keep the game going at Cambridge and with it an extraordinary event, the annual Past versus Present Match and Jock Burnet Dinner, just about to celebrate its 60th anniversary.

Alan Malcolm (1919-2008)

It may seem strange to be publishing the obituary of a man who did not even go to Cambridge University, but generations of Cambridge students received inspiration and guidance from this man who oversaw physical education at the university for more than 30 years. Becoming one of the first national athletics coaches in 1948, he cajoled the University authorities to build facilities for indoor activities commensurate with those available for many outdoor sports. His efforts were only partially successful, for although he established the first indoor fitness suite at Fenner's, even now, 25 years after his retirement, the University still does not have its own sports hall or swimming pool. He was, however, a leading figure in the building of the city's own sports centre, the Kelsey Kerridge.

A formidable sportsman himself (keen golfer, county hockey player, and represented Loughborough at football and the high jump), his chief interest was athletics, and he spent many extra hours coaching athletes. Among the Olympic competitors who were in Cambridge teams that he coached were Tim Johnson, Bruce Tulloh, Mike Parker, Martin Winbolt-Lewis, Wendell Mottley, and Herb Elliott, the great Australian miler. Addressing the technical deficiencies of such as these, he would direct their correction with kindness and encouragement.

In 1993, in recognition of his immense contribution to Cambridge sport, he was elected an Honorary Hawk.

Richard Stanbury (1916-2008)

Dick Stanbury was born in India, and like many of his generation and circumstance was enrolled in an English boarding



school at the age of 8, not to see his parents for the next 5 years. The experience clearly did not inhibit him, and he emerged from Shrewsbury School with a Classics exhibition to Magdalene, and 2 years of playing cricket

for the first eleven. His love of cricket (he kept wicket) continued and he earned his blue and was elected to the Hawks' Club in 1936. In the meanwhile he was also playing county cricket for Somerset, and, by-the-by, gaining a first class honours degree in Classics.

On graduating he entered the Sudan political service, becoming District Commissioner for an area the size of Wales in which he combined the roles of judge, administrator and police chief, and even on one occasion driver of the train from Khartoum to Port Sudan during a strike. His last posting to the south of the country led to his being beset by a succession of tropical diseases (on one occasion he awoke from a fever to find the local tribesmen building his coffin outside his hut) and after 13 years he left to begin a second career in the Foreign Office. This led to postings in Cairo (where he met his future wife, Geraldine Grant), Bahrain and ultimately Buenos Aires.

Throughout his career he retained a keen interest in

sport, and particularly cricket. He kept wicket for the Gezira Club in Cairo, and played against the first Pakistani side to tour the British Isles. On one occasion he was keeping for the Nomads in a match against St Mary's Hospital. "Standing up" to a quick bowler he took a ball in the mouth. With blood and teeth everywhere the opposing batsman, a young doctor, advised him to go to hospital immediately. "Not until after the match" lisped Stanbury through bloody lips, and stayed on to see his team to victory before seeking aid.

Stanbury had an unflinching sense of honour and duty, combined with guts and determination. But he was also immensely erudite and an amusing raconteur - wherever he was, laughter was not far behind.

"Jock" Gosse (1918-2008)

John "Jock" Grant Gosse came from an illustrious family, going back to Philip Gosse, the Victorian naturalist and philosopher, and then via his grandson, Jock's grandfather, William Christie Gosse, the first European to see and map Ayers Rock (now Uluru).



From school in Adelaide, Jock came to Cambridge (Trinity Hall) in 1938 to study Engineering. Interrupted by the war, he joined the Royal Australian Engineers, got married, and was sent to North Africa where his job was to defuse mines and unexploded shells. His steady hand and cool head were equal to the task, and his work saved many lives.

After the war he returned to Cambridge, now married and with 2 year old son, the latter being left in Australia with his grandparents. He stroked the blue boat in the first post-war boat race, eliciting comment in the press as being the first time that a father had rowed in the contest.

After graduation he returned to Australia and the engineering firm of Tubemakers in which he had made a start before going to university. He rose rapidly to become Chairman and Managing Director, helping to make the firm one of the most successful in its field in Australia.

Warm and welcoming with a keen sense of humour, he could also be blunt, dogmatic and stubborn. Two weeks after his wife of 67 years died he suffered the heart attack that killed him. He would have dismissed the notion as "sensational tosh", but one might suppose that he had died of a broken heart.

From material submitted by his son, Tony, Trinity Hall 1962-65, Hawk, Basketball

Humphrey Cheetham

St Catharine's 1942-9, Lacrosse

Humphrey Collinge Cheetham of Sherborne, Dorset went up to St Catharine's with a scholarship from King's School, Macclesfield, to read English, but was called up for war service. He returned to complete his degree in 1948 and switched to Law. He was in the University Lacrosse team in 1948 and captain in 1949. After graduating he was first articled in Exeter and then practised in Brentwood and Banbury

Blues v Oxford 20/20 at The Parks

Cambridge 155 bt Oxford 126

Blues v Oxford 1 day at Lords

Cambridge 286 for 8 bt Oxford 239

Blues v Oxford 4 day at The Parks

Cambridge 386 & 255 for 4 drew with Oxford 259 & 349 for 7

The most successful series of Varsity matches for years started with the inaugural 20/20 match at The Parks. Cambridge started poorly at 72 for 5 off 7 overs. However wayward bowling by Oxford conceded 50 extras to take the pressure off the visitors and some good knocks by lower order Heywood (26) and Hemingway (20) helped achieve a competitive score. Oxford in contrast started well, achieving a rate of over 10 an over, but the Cambridge spinners Hemingway and Fergus Baker put a stop to that, and the leg spin of Akbar Ansari kept them on the back foot. 1-0 to Cambridge.

In contrast the game at Lords featured a fine opening stand from Cambridge - Timms (55) and Ansari (73). Oxford's bowling again conceded too many extras (42 wides), and Cambridge were happy to finish on 286. Cambridge's new ball bowlers Jacklin (1-15) and James (1-37), bowled very tight and disciplined lines and lengths to tie Oxford down. An unflattering spell of spin bowling by Cambridge in the middle of the Oxford innings let the dark side back into the match, but in the end the target was too much. 2-0 to Cambridge.

So, with tails high after these two victories, Cambridge entered the 4-day match looking for a clean sweep, and after 3 days it did indeed look as though that might be managed. That Cambridge were in this position can be largely put down to the efforts of Akbar Ansari, posting the first of what will hopefully be many first class hundreds, making 193. Along with Nick Whittington (80) he helped post a record Cambridge 6th wicket partnership in Varsity Matches of 216. He followed this up by taking 4 wickets and then adding another 80 runs not out. With Cambridge's bowlers restricting Oxford's first innings to 259, this meant that they stood on a lead of 368, with 5½ hours to go. Surely Oxford could not climb this mountain. Well, the statistics show that they didn't, but they didn't lose the match either. A very fine innings of 172 by Neil Kruger brought them back into the game, and Cambridge's fielding at times looked as though they were fearful of snatching defeat from the jaws of victory - which they very nearly did. But they held on - Cambridge 2½ - Oxford ½.

before moving to Mayo and Son, Yeovil, in 1958 where he became Senior Partner from 1972 until he retired. He was churchwarden and later sidesman of St Michael's Church, Over Compton, for 35 years, secretary (later Deanery Representative) of the Dorset Historic Churches' Trust and a Governor of Knighton House Preparatory School (founded by his cousin and her husband). He was a keen golfer, playing regularly until a few years before his death.

From material submitted by his wife Patricia, and with the kind help of St Catharine's College.

Well Hello! Ollie Slack



Yes, it's our very own Ollie Slack, President 1998-9, featured in Hello! Magazine. The occasion was a charity "Boxing Ball" organised by Boodles which was attended by royalty in the form of Princes William and Harry. Ollie "the Berkeley Bomber" Slack was matched against James "Mufty the Mayhem" Mathias. The event raised £120,000 for the Starlight Children's Foundation, which might be termed a thumping good result.

Events-Events-Events

2 November 2008 New York Marathon:

Hawks Max Wright and David Scott have entered for the New York Marathon, and are collecting in aid of the Royal National Lifeboat Institute. Contributions, please, via <http://www.justgiving.com/26milesinmanhattan>.

26 November 2008 Steele Bodger's, Grange Road:

The annual precursor to the Rugby Varsity Match, featuring the prospective Blues versus Mickey Steele Bodger's invitation XV. Since the Hawks' involvement this has become the biggest business networking event in the Cambridge calendar. 3 course lunch is available in the Hawks' marquee, but seats go very fast - if interested get your bookings into Sarah at the Clubhouse very soon!

10 December 2008 The London Dinner:

The dinner this year is to be held at the Café Royal, 68 Regent Street. The Guest of Honour is Robert Marshall-Andrews QC MP. Tickets enclosed with this newsletter, or book online at <http://www.hawksdinner.com>.

11 December 2008 The Rugby Varsity Match:

Held as usual at Twickenham, and this year returning to the more sensible time of 2.00 p.m. Book your tickets online at <http://www.curufc.com>, or come and watch the game on the big screen in the Hawks' Club bar.

21 February 2009 The Hawks Charity Dinner

To be held in the fantastic surroundings of Great Hall, Kings' College. Pre-dinner drinks at 7pm in the world famous Kings' College chapel. Renowned speaker and sports personality guest to be announced after Christmas. Tickets £35 for students, £48 for non-students - contact Andy Owen (secretary@hawksclub.co.uk) to book now before they sell out. The charities to be supported will be Jimmy's Night Shelter who provide shelter for the homeless in Cambridge, and Campus Children's Holidays who work with social services to provide summer breaks for under privileged inner city children. Both charities have a high proportion of student volunteers from Cambridge University

14 March 2009 Australian Hawks and Blues Dinner

To celebrate the 800th anniversary there is to be a "Hawks and Blues" dinner at the Savage Club, Melbourne. The conveners for this event are Patrick Moore (1963, St Catharine's & Rowing) and Dr Gareth Forde (Rugby blue 2003, LXs 2001 and 2002, Rugby league half-blue 2002, Hughes Hall). They are looking for attendees (of course), and volunteers to help with the organisation. To register your interest please contact Patrick (patrick@lisan.com.au) or Gareth (gareth.forde@eng.monash.edu.au), or Mobile: +61 412 461 040).

Hawks' Committee 2008-9

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Russ Glenn	Darwin	Rowing & Boxing
Scott Maclellan	St John's	Rugby & Cricket

News from the Trust

"I am writing to thank you again for the Hawks' Trust award, and to let you know that the money enabled me to attend a training week at Cascais, Portugal, in preparation for the Multihull World Championships held there last week. The training was very useful, and it is probably due to this that I was able to attain third place in the Championship.

Hopefully due to this good result, I will receive further coaching from the RYA and hopefully funding to transfer to the 2.4Mr (the current paralympic single hander)."

Thus writes Luke Barbanneau, Pembroke College, a recipient of a Trust award this year, and a wonderful example of how the Trust provides positive help to sportsmen and women to achieve higher rankings than otherwise might be available to them.

The Trust's capital continues to grow, but far too slowly. Anyone interested in helping these young men and women achieve greater things should be making their contribution. See the Trust page on our web site, or contact Sarah as per the details below.

Congratulations

Gerald Atkins (Emmanuel 1959-62, Cricket), whose pub, The Yorke Arms in Ramsgill-in-Nidderdale, near Harrogate, was voted Restaurant of the Year in the UK 'Which' Good Food Guide 2008.



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