

The Hawk

EASTER 2011



Trust helps Cambridge men to Commonwealth success

As reported in the last Hawk, Harry Leitch, medical PhD student, was selected to represent Scotland in the Squash doubles competition at the Commonwealth Games. Harry was a recipient of a Trust award which helped considerably with the costs of his trip. In the event he came within an ace of a medal, only losing out in a semi-final that was conspicuous for a refereeing decision against the Scots that was booed by the crowd, and criticised by the BBC commentators.

Harry's progress has been remarkable. The only amateur competing at this level, he and his partner put out the third seeded English pair on the way to the semi-final.



Photo courtesy Varsity 15th October 2010

Harry Leitch, flanked by the Australians who put him out of the semi-final.

Fencing

Success in Fencing has been very much less visible for the fact that the Commonwealth Fencing Championships were not part of the main games programme and were held in Melbourne rather than Delhi. Be that as it may Trust-supported Anthony Crutchett was in the England Men's Sabre Team where he won 2 gold medals - the individual and the team event. Our congratulations to Anthony, and we wish him every success in his bid to represent Great Britain in next year's Olympics.

Trust continues to need your support!

Despite the current economic climate the Trust was again able to disburse close to £20,000 in grants this year. The number of applicants, at 149, was more than any year since 2004, and 108 received awards in the usual range of £100 to £750. Recipients came from 29 different colleges, and covered 24 different sports. The four £750 awards are named for major donors to the fund and were: David Jennens award - Harry Leitch (Squash); Bob Barber award - Louis Persent (Athletics); Sir Adrian Cadbury award - Edward Dickson (Shooting); Sir Arthur Marshall award - Tom March (Riding).

In addition to the usual round of awards, an anonymous senior Hawk donated £10,000 to be used to help Olympic hopefuls for 2012. The recipients, all of whom are training hard to try and achieve selection, are Louis Persent (Athletics), Ben Came (Athletics), Anthony Crutchett (Fencing), Rosamund Bradbury (Rowing), and Samantha Cutts (Riding). The financial help that these 5 have received will go some way to enabling them to concentrate on their training, rather than worrying where the next lunch is coming from.

This fund is supported only by Hawks alumni. Although it is now by far and away the largest single source of sports funding in the University it is still pitifully small relative to the needs of both individuals and clubs - the latter of which we can do nothing to support with current resources. So, as you read this, dig out your cheque books and pens and make a donation *now* to help future generations of promising young sportsmen and women to success in this most competitive of arenas.

To help you make donations there are forms available on our web site at <http://www.hawksclub.co.uk/public/trust/default.aspx>. Alternatively call Sarah at the Clubhouse (see details on back page) who will be only too happy to send you a form.

London Dinner Secretaries

We write in praise of the Secretaries of the London Dinner Committee - those individuals who selflessly devote themselves to the organisation of this annual event.

The first was John Tallent (Clare, Rugby) who started the whole thing in July 1936. Since then there have been just 4 further Secretaries - a testament to how long they have been prepared to shoulder the burden. They have been Clive Russell Vick (Jesus, Cricket & Hockey), Jeremy Caplan (Magdalene, Golf, Squash & Cricket), Jonathan Dickens (Corpus Christi, Rugby), and John Pritchard (Robinson, Rowing, President 1985-6). They all deserve our admiration and gratitude.

During his tenancy John Pritchard has overseen the awkward move away from the Savoy when it began its refurbishment, and seamlessly slotted us back in when that was complete. This last dinner was a great success with some 385 Hawks attending.



John Pritchard



Ollie Slack

John has now handed over to Ollie Slack (St Edmunds, Boxing, Rugby & Squash, President 1998-9), and we have no doubt that he will occupy the post with the same dedication and sang-froid as his predecessors. We wish him luck. Ollie can be contacted on oliverslack@gmail.com.

Under this heading we should also mention those individuals who organize Hawks' events in other localities. Stephen Whitehead (Christ's, Rugby) has long organized an annual dinner in January at the Cardiff and County Club. Stephen can be contacted on whiteheads@hotmail.com.

Gareth Forde (Hughes Hall, Rugby) and Patrick Moore (St Catharine's, CUBC) have organized an Australian get together. If you want to be on their mailing list they can be contacted on gareth.forde@semf.com.au.

Please refer to 'Dates for your Diary' on the back page.

A painless way to raise funds

Use EasySearch for all your web searches, and EasyFundraising for all your internet shopping. Every search that you do contributes to the Trust, and everything that you buy through EasyFundraising contributes a small percentage of its value to the Trust (but doesn't cost you any more). Simply go to www.easyssearch.org.uk, and follow the instructions to find 'The Hawks' Charitable Trust', and make it your default search engine.

Lacrosse - an insider's view

From Duncan Barrigan - Captain Lacrosse 2010-11:

A glance at the record books shows that Varsity success often comes in streaks, particularly in sports not fortunate enough to have a full-time coaching staff. Having seen the lacrosse club rebuild itself then grow with each year I spent in Cambridge, I took up the captaincy in my final year determined to build on the momentum gained with our first victory on Oxford's home turf for more than a decade. At the same time, aware of both the fragility of short-term success and the long and storied 119-year history of what is one of the oldest lacrosse clubs in the world, I decided to try and work towards the long-term stability that brings consistent dominance.

The lacrosse club faces a battle against the costs and availability problems associated with the use of private facilities, making it hard to expand the training schedule; rebuilding contact with decades of alumni seemed to offer the chance to show incoming players how much the club has meant to their predecessors, as well as building the financial muscle needed to facilitate further progress. Unfortunately the club held no record of past players. My year, then, was to be a busy one both on and off the lacrosse field.

The squad I inherited contained two-thirds of the men who had overcome a star-studded and almost exclusively American Oxford team in 2010, but several early injuries to our own international contingent meant this season would be fought with an almost entirely English cohort. Michaelmas term began well, with wins against Walcounthian Blues and Brighton allowing the team to establish a strong lead at the top of the South of England Men's Lacrosse Association's top eastern division, while in the university league the club's development team memorably travelled to Birmingham with only ten men and overcame a 25-strong horde with a stirring fourth-quarter comeback. Meanwhile the Hawks' Club database allowed me to track down captains from the '70s, '80s and 2000s – an illustrious cast including QCs and OBEs – who agreed to join me as trustees for the new charitable trust and alumni association. A trip to the club archives in the University Library also yielded a name; the XVI Club, a defunct society within the lacrosse club of which I was soon to find out many alumni from the 1960s were still proud to call themselves members.

The opening game of Lent term was to be my lowest moment as captain, when a below-par performance from the Blues saw us dumped ignominiously out of SEMLA's knock-out Flags competition by a club that would later be relegated from our league. The squad responded to this in the best way possible, though, showing great commitment on the training field to iron out the problems and rebuild our attack. Buoyed by the addition of the ice-cold finishing abilities of a new Harvard graduate, the team came together to record a string of victories in the run up to the 95th Varsity lacrosse match at the end of February.



The Light Blues came storming out of the gates on what started as a very wet morning on Parker's Piece. A shell-shocked Oxford team found themselves 6-0 down by the end of the first quarter, and 10-1 down at half time as a rampant Cambridge outplayed them in every area. Maintaining both my own and the team's focus and pressure became difficult in the second half, as early euphoria gave way to a touch of concern as the Dark Blues launched a comeback. In truth Cambridge never looked in any real danger, though,

and the final whistle soon blew to declare Cambridge 14-9 winners.

A Varsity match reception had also been the first event for the new alumni association, and I was delighted to meet an alumnus from the 1980s who had decided to fly over for the event from California – at two weeks' notice. One more routine victory having secured the league title and with it the club's most successful season on the pitch in recent memory, this meeting inspired renewed vigour in my activities for the XVI Club. A Saturday evening in May saw the first annual XVI Club dinner, uniting alumni from six decades of the club. Having handed over the captaincy myself the previous night, as I stood in a photo of eight captains gathered at the Hawks' Club bar I couldn't help but feel that we were only just at the beginning of a new generation of Cambridge lacrosse.

Support for Sports Club Alumni networks

The University Development Office is interested in providing support for those sports clubs who are either trying to establish an alumni network, or who already have one, but find it difficult to manage. The Alumni Relations Office (CARO) has at its disposal the whole University alumni database - a huge resource to help any club wondering how to get in touch with previous members. To get in touch with CARO to find out what can be done contact Anna Kay, Alumni Relations Assistant, Benefits & Communications, on:

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Rejoice! You might have been awarded a PINK!!

- Not the colour for female infants, but hunting pink, the Lady Margaret Boat Club colour.
- But you would now wear a genuine 'blazer' so named after the colour, not a Cambridge blue 'jacket'.

So what's the story?

Frank Grenfell, retired River Master at Eton College was researching the origins and nature of the "Eton Blue", and in the process came across some interesting facts about the possible origins of the Cambridge Blue. He and John Marks (retired Treasurer CUBC & CUWBC) did some further research, the full detail of which will be published on the website (www.hawksclub.co.uk). Here is a summary.

For the first Boat Race at Henley-on-Thames on June 10th 1829 the Oxford crew wore broad dark blue and narrow white striped jerseys in honour of Christ Church, who were Head of the Isis and boasted five of the crew, including Stanforth the stroke. Cambridge wore their characteristic white linen shirts, and wore LMBC pink ties or sashes in honour of their stroke, Snow.

For the second race on June 17th 1836, from Westminster Bridge to Putney Bridge, Oxford again wore dark blue and white, while Cambridge wore white. Contemporary accounts say that Cambridge won by a minute in pouring rain, but add nothing more about their dress. In 1837 there was no race against Oxford, but Cambridge challenged Leander, and for this event Cambridge wore, not hunting pink, but light blue, as they still do.

There was an oral tradition, which some suggested was apocryphal as it did not appear in print for almost 50 years, that Cambridge had adopted light blue in 1836, and we do have a letter from 1882 written by Granville, the Cambridge stroke in 1836, confirming that there had been light blue ribbon on the boat that year. The tradition runs that as Cambridge waited to enter their gig at Searle's Boathouse, Westminster, someone pointed out that they had no distinguishing colour. Discussions ensued. RN Phillips, a fellow-commoner of Christ's College, ran to a haberdasher nearby, returning with a light blue ribbon which was tied to the bow. But why was it not pink, and why light blue?

We do not know conclusively why 'light blue', but what is clear is that in 1836, and for almost 50 years, CUBC showed no great interest in the story, even though other Cambridge sports clubs as they came into being adopted the same or a similar colour. In 1881 the first documented version of the story appears and suggests that Phillips was accompanied by an Old Etonian who suggested the Eton blue colour "for luck". Other accounts do not include this detail, and one (written by a Caiian of course) even suggests that the colour was adopted from Caius. Almost two centuries later CUBC blue remains similar to those of both Eton and Caius, in spite of having undergone considerable changes in the interval. CURUFC blue, and that of other sports, still differ, though a 'standard' is published in the Cambridge University Administration web site, pantone 557.

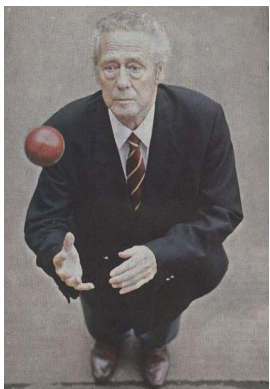
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OBITUARIES

Editor's note: In this edition we have 12 obituaries - all of them persuasively demonstrating (if such persuasion were needed) that, far from being an impediment to success in the academic or any other field, sport helps to create characters who become giants in the world they inhabit. Read on and admire!

Trevor Bailey, CBE (1923-2011)



The greatest all-rounder since the Second World War, Bailey is the only cricketer to have scored 2,000 runs and taken 100 wickets in the same season since 1937. In his heyday in the 1950's he was as much a hero of the Ashes as Botham or

Flintoff in more recent times.

Born in Essex, where he lived all his life, Bailey went to Dulwich College where he became a fixture in the 1st XI for 5 years. He continued playing during the war while serving in the Royal Marines, and then went up to St John's to study History. He gained a Blue in both Football and Cricket, scoring centuries for the University against Yorkshire and Gloucestershire, and taking 49 wickets.

In 1949 his international career took off, playing in all 4 tests against New Zealand; but it was in 1953, the year of the Coronation, that he really hit the national consciousness when he batted for 4½ hours with Willie Watson to deny Australia a win at Lords.

"Barnacle Bailey" as he came to be known remained

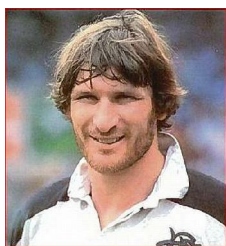


a key figure of an England cricket side that, at the time, was the best in the world. Over the course of 61 Test matches between 1949 and 1959 he made 2,290 runs, took 132 wickets, and 32 catches. He continued playing for Essex until 1966, being their captain for the last 5 years.

An all rounder in more ways than one he also played football for Walthamstow Avenue and in 1952 helped them to win the FA Amateur Cup at Wembley.

Latterly he became a regular member of the BBC commentary team., noted as an understated summariser, who revealed unexpected depths of perspicacity. An obdurate and uncompromising competitor on the field, he was an amiable contributor off it. Sadly he suffered from Alzheimer's in the last few years of his life.

Andy Ripley, OBE (1947-2010)



Of all the encomiums Ripley has received since his death, none could say it better than the man himself: "Dare we hope? We dare. Can we hope? We can. Should we hope? We must, because

to do otherwise is to waste the most precious of gifts, given so freely by God to all of us. So when we do die, it will be with hope and it will be easy and our hearts will not be broken."

This sentiment epitomises a man who was a giant in life - figuratively as well as physically. He excelled not only at Rugby, but also at rowing, athletics, swimming and sailing. He was a qualified canoe instructor, and skilled at basketball, tennis and water-skiing. He was an exemplar, if not the last, of the great English tradition of all-round English amateur sportsmen. He was also a Chartered Accountant who made a small fortune in the city, a brilliant linguist, author, and orator.

Ripley didn't actually start playing Rugby until the age of 19 when he was at the University of East Anglia. He spent his whole of his club rugby career at Rosslyn Park, playing there until he was 41.

He won 24 caps for England, playing at number eight, between 1972 and 1976. Unfortunately this



was at a time when English rugby was at a low ebb, overshadowed by the great Welsh sides of the '70s. However he did have the satisfaction of scoring the winning try for England in 1974 when they beat the Welsh at Twickenham for the first time since 1960.

In his late 30's he was to be seen, with little preparation,

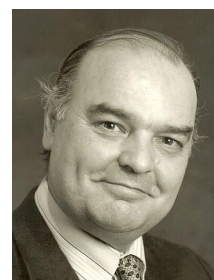
running the 400 metre hurdles to a standard that placed him in the country's top 10. In 1978 he reached the semi-finals of the AAA championships in the 400 metres, and in 1980 he won the BBC Superstars competition.

At the age of 50 he took a place at Hughes Hall to take his MPhil. He set himself the task of getting into the Boat Race crew - an objective he only narrowly failed to achieve.

When in 2005 he was diagnosed with prostate cancer he threw himself into the fight with the determination, resolution, yet good humour that so characterised everything that he did in life. He dared to hope, and carried on daring to the end.

Tony Dyde (1935-2010)

A superb natural ball player he excelled at cricket, hockey and rugby at Rugby school. Going up to



Corpus Christi he gained a blue for hockey, and also played cricket for the University. He had an England trial for Hockey, and his Cambridge side rarely lost a match.

On completion of his Natural Sciences degree

he went on to Guys where he qualified, and in due course became a house surgeon. During this period he developed acute appendicitis which was dealt with by the senior physician, Arthur Douthwaite. The following week the great man enquired of the senior registrar "...how is that house surgeon I saw last week with appendicitis?" "Dyde, Sir?" enquired the registrar. "Oh, I am so sorry!" came the reply.

After a stint at Bristol where his interest in cardiothoracic surgery was kindled, he returned to Guy's to develop in that speciality. In 1972 he was appointed to Walsgrave Hospital, Coventry where he spent the rest of his surgical career. Together with Roger Abbey Smith and Bill Williams they made Walsgrave one of the most productive and efficient training programmes in cardiothoracic surgery in the UK. He also found time to travel to Lahore, where he helped found a cardiac unit which is still named after him.

Retiring as Medical Director in 1997 he continued his love of fishing and golf, becoming captain of his local golf club. He leaves his wife, Shirley, three children and seven grandchildren.

John Holroyd (1928-2010)



At Oundle he excelled both academically and at sport, playing rugby, cricket and rugby fives for the school. He was captain of the latter, and won the Public Schools Fives competition in 1946 and 47.

He obtained a scholarship to Corpus Christi, which he took up after his National Service, to read Law. Here he excelled at Rugby Fives, getting his half-blue in 1948. He also played cricket for the Grasshoppers, and later for the Free Foresters. He retained a life-long interest in the Fives club, recently attending the 60th Past v Present dinner, his 58th, having missed 2 due to illness and a death in the family. He always insisted on paying both for himself and for one of the undergraduate members of the Cambridge XII since he believed in fostering new talent.

Having gained his degree he joined a business founded by his grandfather, Yorkshire Switchgear Group. Starting at the bottom he worked on the shop floor while studying to gain an engineering qualification. He rose rapidly through the ranks, and in the early 60's started to develop an export

John Holroyd (continued)

arm for the business. Being naturally gregarious, with a great flare for languages he made a great success of this.

During this period he came across Father Campbell in Ghana who was working with lepers and sick and orphaned children. He sought to help both financially and practically - on every trip out taking an extra suitcase packed with stuff that would be of use to the lepers and children.

On becoming Managing Director, and then Chairman of the group, and seeking to preserve jobs, he oversaw the sale of the business to Merlin Guerin.

On retirement he was able to develop what had been a life-long interest in antiques and fine art.

Dr P M O Massey (1926-2009)

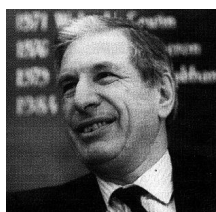
Paul Massey, educated at Oundle and St John's, was a most talented rower. He rowed twice in the Varsity match, being in the winning boat on both occasions. He rowed for the GB VIII in the 1948 Olympics (when racing was held at Henley) and won a Silver, losing to the USA in the final. In the 1952 Olympics he rowed in the coxed four, coming 4th. He also turned out frequently for Leander and Thames, with both of which he had considerable success. He continued his association with the sport, and sport in general, being GB team doctor at both the Tokyo and Mexico Olympic Games.

Initially on qualifying he joined the British Antarctic Survey, and spent 2 seasons in Antarctica - a mountain range on James Ross Island is named after him (Massey Heights). During this period he published a number of papers on the effects of cold on man, and acclimatisation to it, for which he gained his MD.

Returning to England he joined his father's Birmingham practice, and developed its strength in occupational medicine. He co-published papers on a range of subjects from the effects of lead poisoning, to research into immunisation for the Hong Kong flu virus.

He was a Justice of the Peace, member of the prison visiting committee, Freeman of the City of London, and a Master of the Worshipful Company of Grocers. He was a keen supporter of the Hawks' Club, and contributed substantially to the establishment of the new clubhouse.

Dr J D J Havard CBE (1924 - 2010)



John "Claude" Havard was educated at Malvern College and Jesus. He was a superb sprinter and long jumper, and was elected President of CUAC in 1946. He held the London University 100 yard sprint record of 10.1

seconds—still extant, since none bettered it before it was replaced by the 100 metres. He was also a member of the 4x110 metre relay which won in the ARA championships in 1948. He continued his interest in athletics, refereeing Varsity match sprints, and on one occasion disqualifying Jeffrey Archer for false starts.

He studied Medicine at Jesus, and did his clinical training at Middlesex, where he helped to establish a sports injury clinic, having pulled a hamstring.

During his National Service he took a correspondence course in Law. Later, having returned to medical practice, he sat his Cambridge Law finals, and then, after "eating all the dinners", qualified as a barrister in the Middle Temple.

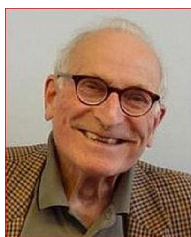
Both interested, and (uniquely) qualified, in medical politics and law, he joined the BMA in 1958, and rose through the ranks to become Secretary in 1980. He modernised and revitalised the institution, raising its profile both within the profession and the public. He spear-headed a number of (then revolutionary) initiatives, including the drink-driving and seat belt campaigns. He served on the General Medical Council and the Whitley Council which determined NHS salaries. He was consultant to the Council of Europe, and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development.

On retirement he turned his energies to the Commonwealth Medical Association, advancing the development of medical associations in developing countries. The CMA consulted with the United Nations, contributing to advances in safe childbirth, AIDS prevention, and medical ethics.

As if this workload were not enough he sang bass in the Bach Choir, and the Collegiate Singers - a group which did locums in cathedrals when their choirs were away on tour.

As effective when addressing an audience as when talking to individuals, he could be tough when he needed to be, withal leavened with a keen sense of humour. He is survived by the 3 children of his first marriage.

Sir Geoffrey Chandler CBE (1922-2011)



Geoffrey Chandler went up to Trinity in 1941 from Sherborne to read History. After only a year he was drafted into war service, returning in 1947 to complete his degree. During this time he was captain of the University Tennis team.

His war service saw him initially commissioned into the 60th Rifles, from which he was soon transferred into the SOE and parachuted into Greece to work as a saboteur with the Greek resistance. After the war he stayed on for a year as Press Officer for the Anglo-Greek Information Service. He was later to

write a book of his experiences that was highly critical of British policy in Greece in the immediate aftermath of the war.

Post University he started out as a journalist, first with the BBC foreign news service, and then as a features editor for the FT. He joined the economics division of Shell in 1957, beginning with a stint in West Africa, and then becoming Managing Director of the company's division in Trinidad. He returned to London as the local public affairs coordinator, and joined the parent company board in 1976.

In this role he wrote the group's first statement of general business principles in which he set high goals of social and environmental responsibility. "Doing right because it is right needs to be the foundation of business." was his, at the time unfashionable, credo.

In 1978 James Callaghan asked him to head up the National Economic Development Office, known as NEDdy. Chandler remained in post until 1983, contributing much to the relationships between employers, unions and ministers at a time of considerable industrial unrest. He was knighted in 1983.

Thereafter he joined the Royal Society of Arts as industry adviser, and was a leading figure in Amnesty International UK, chairing its work on the interaction between business and human rights until 2001.

F C M "Gerry" Alexander (1928-2011)



Gerry Alexander was the last white captain of the West Indies Test side. In his 25 Tests he scored 961 runs at an average of 30.3, 5 stumpings and 85 catches behind the stumps.

Alexander was born in Kingston, Jamaica and attended Wolmer's Boys School, from which he went up to Gonville & Caius

where he played Soccer and Cricket to the highest level. In the former he won an England Amateurs cap, and an FA Amateur Cup winners medal.

He was the university's wicket keeper for 2 years. In 1952, despite having a galaxy of Test stars (Shepherd, May, Warr and the South African McCarthy) Cambridge were unable to win the Varsity match. In 1953 with a theoretically weaker side they were able to put Oxford to the sword, with Alexander scoring 31 runs in the first innings, and catching Colin Cowdrey out for a duck in the second.

For the next 2 years he played for Cambridgeshire, and then in 1957 he was picked for the West Indian side to tour England. The series was not a success for either the West Indies or Alexander.

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Gerry Alexander (continued)

Nonetheless when it came to selecting the captain for the next series Alexander was chosen when Frank Worrell declined the role. He proved to be an inspired choice.

His first series was at home against Pakistan, whom the West Indies defeated with 3 wins to 1. The next series was the tour to India in 1958-9. Alexander's team won 3 matches and drew 2. In the second test Alexander saved the team from defeat with a battling 70. The West Indies attack was spearheaded by Wes Hall and a loose cannon called Gilchrist. In the final game of the tour Gilchrist unleashed a barrage of murderous beamers at an Indian batsman that Alexander had known at Cambridge. Gilchrist defied his captain's order to cease this vicious attack, and at the lunch break that day was substituted. He was on the next plane home to Jamaica, and never played for West Indies again. Continuing the tour, the team lost the first 2 tests to Pakistan before achieving a crushing win in the third.

Back at home in 1960 the West Indies lost the series to the touring England side. Notwithstanding Alexander's haul of 23 wickets from behind the stumps (equalling the world record) there was pressure for him to be replaced, and Frank Worrell took over from him for the forthcoming tour of Australia. Relieved of the captaincy Alexander performed better than ever, scoring his first (and only) test century to set up a win at Sidney, and achieving a spectacular run out on the penultimate ball of the match to prevent a defeat at Brisbane.

After this series he retired from first class cricket to pursue his career as a vet, eventually becoming Chief Veterinary Officer of Jamaica.

Alexander's period as captain saw him revitalise a demoralised West Indian team and weld it into the beginnings of the fearsome machine that was to dominate world cricket for the next 2 decades. Representing the finest qualities of the game he was highly regarded both nationally and internationally, and in 1982 he received Jamaica's Order of Distinction for his contribution to sport.

R W David Marques (1932-2010)

David Marques played rugby at Tonbridge, partnering Colin Cowdrey (later rather more known



for another sport) in a 1st XV that was undefeated. Going up to Queens' to read engineering, he gained 4 blues in rugby, while also playing for the Army, Combined Services, and the Barbarians.

In 1956 he was selected for England, playing at lock alongside John Currie, whom he partnered for all but 1 of his 23 games for England. He also partnered Currie in his club, Harlequins, for whom he played

11 seasons, including one as captain. The tallest man in rugby at the time his job was particularly to win possession at line-outs, rucks and mauls, which he did with considerable success.



England won the Grand Slam in 1957 and 1958. In all, 13 of the games he played for his country were victories.

In 1959 he was selected for British Lions to tour Australia. He arrived dressed as the archetype of an English gent - military tie, dark suit, bowler

hat and furled umbrella. Promptly christened the "tall poppy" by the disdainful Australian press, he played up to the role with immense enjoyment, somehow forgetting to mention that his father was actually Australian. In an early game of the tour he was punched to the floor in an "off the ball" incident. Dusting himself down he rose to his full height - "six feet five inches of quivering rectitude" - marched up to the miscreant and offered his hand, which was nervously shaken. Asked by his second row partner why he hadn't given him one back he observed dryly "I wanted to make him feel like a cad!"

After retiring from Rugby he joined the family firm making street lights, while maintaining his interest in sport. In 1964 he was particularly pleased to be invited to race in Sovereign, the America's Cup challenger.

He enjoyed being a Magistrate (in which role he was known locally as "the motorist's friend"), and he was a governor of Haileybury College. He was also a keen supporter of the charity Riding for the Disabled. He leaves his wife, Jan, and 3 sons.

Basil Lowe (1912-2011)

Educated at Rossall School, Basil Lowe went up to St Catharine's to read economics. He did not get a Blue, but he did play both Cricket and Rugby for the University.

After University he played for London Welsh from 1934, and became captain in 1937. He was unusual in being both a strong lock forward, and an excellent place kicker. His success rate with the boot was around 60% - a level not bettered until the mid-1980's. He was also an excellent cricketer, and played for Surrey 2nd XI.

During the war he was a captain in the 4th Battalion Grenadier Guards Armoured division which landed in Normandy in 1944.

After the war he returned to his captaincy of London Welsh for another season before retiring from first class rugby. He joined his father's City firm where he qualified as a chartered accountant. He is survived by his wife, Pamela, and two children.

The following two obituaries are for men who were not Hawks, but who had, on the one hand, an illustrious sporting career starting in Cambridge, and on the other a deep interest in University sport.

Peter Hildreth (1928-2011)



Hildreth attended Ratcliffe College, and then read History at Downing. In the 1950's he was Britain's premier hurdler over 120 yards/110 metres, finishing third in the 1950 European Games, and five times

equalling the UK record of 14.3 seconds.

In the meeting at Iffley Road at which Bannister famously broke the 4-minute mile barrier, Hildreth ran in the immediately preceding event - 220 yard hurdles, which he won. He competed in three successive Olympics - 1952, 1956 and 1960.

He joined The Sunday Telegraph as athletics correspondent, which he combined with other jobs - an editor for Heinemann, a hospital administrator and an estate agent. A bit ahead of his time, he campaigned tirelessly against the use of drugs in sport, but was less successful in uncovering the evidence to back his convictions.

In retirement he still kept remarkably fit.

Approaching his 80th birthday he was banned from a shop in Farnham for running up the down escalator!

Keith Fordyce (1928-2011)

Keith Fordyce Marriott, to give him his full name,



attended Lincoln School and Emmanuel College, where he read Law. While at Cambridge he became active in rowing, squash, soccer and tennis, and founded and edited the sports magazine, Light Blue. He was

President of the CU Law Society 1951-2.

Having drifted into Radio during his National Service, Fordyce did some work for Radio Luxembourg, and on going down from Cambridge became an occasional radio sports reporter for the BBC.

Having done some television work with Westward he ended up in the early 60's as the host of ITV's *Ready Steady Go!* pop show. He was a somewhat incongruous presenter, appearing in suit and tie before super casual groups, such as the Rolling Stones, that were at the forefront of the scene at the time. Be that as it may the programme was a great success.

Beginning with the restoration of a wrecked De Havilland Dragon Rapide, in the 1970's he established the Torbay Aircraft Museum, one of only 3 self-supporting air museums in Britain.

Dates for your Diary

The London dinner is at the Savoy on **Wednesday 7th December 2011**

Calling all Welsh Hawks - the 2012 Dinner will take place at the Cardiff and County Club on **Friday 13th January 2012** - details to follow.

Results-Results-Results

Sport	Varsity Result
Amateur Boxing	Oxford 6 - Cambridge 3
Association Football Women	Oxford 2 - Cambridge 1
Athletics - Freshers	Cambridge 101 - Oxford 89
Athletics - Freshers Women	Cambridge 100 - Oxford 88
Athletics - Field and Relays	Cambridge 134 - Oxford 76
Athletics - Field and Relays Women	Cambridge 119 - Oxford 81
Badminton	Oxford 11 - Cambridge 4
Badminton Women	Oxford 9 - Cambridge 6
Basketball	Oxford 99 - Cambridge 63
Basketball Women	Oxford 73 - Cambridge 42
Ice Hockey	Cambridge 5 - Oxford 1
Ice Hockey Women	Oxford 4 - Cambridge 0
Judo	Oxford
Judo women	Cambridge
Karate	Cambridge
Karate Women	Cambridge
Lacrosse	Cambridge 14 - Oxford 9
Lacrosse Women	Cambridge 9 - Oxford 6
Netball	Cambridge 40 - Oxford 34
Real Tennis	Cambridge 4 - Oxford 2
Real Tennis Women	Oxford 5 - Cambridge 1
Rifle - Small Bore	Cambridge 1513 - Oxford 1479
Rowing - Blues	Oxford 4 lengths
Rowing - Goldie	Oxford 6 lengths
Rowing - Women Blues	Oxford 1 length
Rowing - Blondie	Cambridge (Oxford disqualified)
Rowing - Lightweights	Oxford - canvas
Rowing - Lightweights Women	Cambridge 1½ lengths
Rugby Fives	Cambridge 238 - Oxford 201
Rugby League	Oxford 61 - Cambridge 10
Rugby Union Football	Oxford 21 - Cambridge 10
Rugby Union Under-21s	Cambridge 20 - Oxford 5
Rugby Union Football Women	Cambridge 22 - Oxford 0
Squash Rackets	Cambridge 5 - Oxford 0
Squash Rackets Women	Oxford 4 - Cambridge 1
Swimming	Cambridge 93 - Oxford 86
Table Tennis	Cambridge 10 - Oxford 0
Table Tennis Women	Oxford 6 - Cambridge 4
Trampoline	Cambridge 419.3 - Oxford 404.9
Triathlon	Cambridge
Triathlon Women	Oxford
Volleyball	Oxford 3 - Cambridge 0
Volleyball Women	Cambridge 3 - Oxford 0
Water Polo	Cambridge 13 - Oxford 12
Water Polo Women	Cambridge 9 - Oxford 7

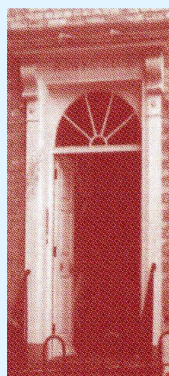
As we have noted before, don't shoot the editor if the result of your favourite sport is not reported here. The officers of individual sports vary from year to year in their punctiliousness in reporting results.

Where have all the Presidents gone?

The inclusion of this feature in our last edition sparked many responses, and evidently some tickling of memory cells that have become, let us say, inelastic with age. "Was I secretary back then, or President, or neither?" was a not untypical response. However, with cross-checking various contributions, and reverting to such old records as there are we have come up with the following list which still leaves 3 positions unclear - those for 1969-70, 1975-6, and 1977-8. If anyone can shed any light on these the information would be very gratefully received.

Surname	First Names	Presidency	College	Sports
The Earl Waldegrave	James	1962-3	Trinity	CUBC
Lecky	John	1963-4	Jesus	CUBC
Marsh	Paul	1964-5	Jesus	CUHC, CUCC
James	John	1965-7	Christ's	CURUFC, CUCC
Henderson	Lindsay	1967-8	Selwyn	CUBC
Hornsby	Nick	1968-9	Trinity Hall	CUBC
		1969-70		
Cotton	Bernard	1970-1	Fitzwilliam	CUHC
Keith-Roach	Philip	1971-2	Pembroke	CURUFC
Webster	Peter	1972-3	Selwyn	CURUFC
Wilkinson	R M	1973-4	Emmanuel	CURUFC
Duncan	R P B (Ben)	1974-5	St Catharine's	CUBC
		1975-6		
Southwick	Peter	1976-7	Queens'	CUGC
		1977-8		
Brooman	Richard	1978-9	Trinity	CURUFC, CUJC
Thornton	James	1979-80	Magdalene	CURUFC
Tyler	Dick	1980-1	Fitzwilliam	CURUFC
Melville	Stuart	1981-2	Fitzwilliam	CUGC
Macklin	Jeremy	1982-3	St John's	CURUFC
Mitchell	Rory	1983-4	St John's	CUHC
Andrew	Rob	1984-5	St John's	CURUFC, CUCC
Pritchard	John	1985-6	Robinson	CUBC
Price	David	1986-7	Homerton	CUCC
Slimmon	Guy	1987-8	Downing	CUHC
Skelton	James	1988-9	Trinity	CUGC, CUEFC, CUAFC
Risman	Mike	1989-90	Emmanuel	CURUFC, CUAC
Castledine	Trevor	1990-1	Queens'	CUHC
Wooler	Dan	1991-2	St Catharine's	CURUFC

We are now in pursuit of some photographs. We have almost a complete record of Presidents from the Club's foundation to the then Viscount Chewton in 1962-3. From then on we have very few. If you have any photographs either of yourself, or of a relevant committee or sports team please do let us have sight of them. We can scan and return them to you, or, if you can scan them yourself please email them to us.



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