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# Fencing News

## CHAIR REPORT ON P61

Veteran fencers Henry de Silva, 78, and Connie Adam, 84, were Olympic torch bearers on its journey round Britain. Henry carried it on the Isle of Man and Connie in her home city of Norwich. She said, "I thought it was really wonderful. I felt like royalty. Everyone was shouting 'Connie, Connie' and I saw people I haven't seen for years. You just felt so important, I've never felt like that before. I will keep the torch in pride of place at home. I know I've got lots of medals but nothing is going to top this. I'm thrilled to bits." (photo: Stephanie Gallop)



## NEW WHEELIE BAG AND POINT FROM LEON PAUL

Leon Paul has introduced a new lightweight wheelie bag, the Icarus, for fencers who don't need the top internationally team bag. Weight has been reduced from 5.5kg to 3.9kg and features include reflective safety logos and mesh panels integrated into the mask and shoe sections to aid drying of damp clothing. It is made from durable nylon with semi-rigid foam filled sides for extra protection. Inside it has two full-length pockets, one for weapons and the other for clothing, as well as six individual mesh pockets and semi-rigid dividers to help sort kit. It is available in either black or navy at £99.99 including VAT.

The company has also redesigned its epee point to ensure smoother travel. The main improvement is a burnished surface on the inside of the barrel which gives it an almost mirror-like finish, and the sliding surface of the point is now ground in a separate operation to improve smoothness.

Other improvements include chamfering the slots where the grub screws go so that they cannot touch the bearing surface of the point and make it gritty, changing to vacuum-hardened stainless steel for durability and corrosion resistance, making the thread on the barrel longer to improve compatibility with other manufacturers' blades, and adding a chamfered dead stop in the barrel to make it easier to feed wires through and less likely for the wires to rub and cause a short. The GT2 point costs £13.80 including VAT.



Icarus wheelie bag

# News from the President



**T**his is my last News, after 12 years as President, which I have enjoyed for the vast majority of the time. The Board has decided to hold no election for a new President and British Fencing will therefore be led by David Teasdale in the future. I wish British Fencing every success in the coming years and will watch with interest developments over the next Olympiad. Fencing is a sport with massive potential and a loyal membership base and I hope that, if it is successfully managed and developed, we will see real progress in the coming years.

The successful organisation of the London Olympics and Paralympics has shown that fencing can be media attractive. It also showed that fencing has an amazing volunteer base. My thanks and congratulations to Hilary Philbin and all her team and to everyone who gave up time to make the Games such a success.

As this is my last News, I want to reflect on the past 12 years, then look at our current situation and offer some thoughts for the future. Internationally, in the period 2000-2012, I was pleased to see our funding from UK Sport increase from about £60,000 per year when I took over to just under a £1 million per year at its peak. It was a pleasure to negotiate this funding with Graham Watts. It was also good to negotiate fencing's inclusion in TASS (Talented Athlete Support Scheme).

In the three years 2008-2010, we won nine European championship medals (previously having won none in the modern era), all but one at men's foil, the senior men's foil team beating Germany in the quarter-finals and then Poland for the bronze medal in 2010. This team was in the top eight of the world championships in 2009 and 2010.

In 2001 Laurence Halsted became junior European champion, an achievement Richard Kruse repeated the following year. The women's sabre team just missed a European medal in 2003, coming fourth and beating Italy along the way. James Williams made the top 16 at the Sydney Olympics, Louise Bond-Williams likewise

at the Athens Olympics and Richard Kruse also at the Beijing Olympics, having made the top eight in Athens. Alex O'Connell won the cadet world championship in 2005 and Philip Marsh the junior world championship in 2011.

We hosted the cadet and junior world championships in 2009, when Ed Jefferies won a silver medal in junior men's foil, and the senior European championships in 2011. It was particularly pleasing to be able to bring the European wheelchair fencing championships to Sheffield. I was glad to secure these events for Great Britain and the funding to support them. In addition, we hosted the veterans' world championships in 2005 and my thanks to British Veterans Fencing for their splendid organisation and funding. We have also protected the Eden Cup and the women's sabre World Cup on the FIE calendar.

We are currently the nation with the most elected post holders in the FIE, including the all-important Executive Committee and the Refereeing Commission. This influence far exceeds our strength as a fencing nation and has been important in helping our referees (who have been selected in far greater numbers since 2004) and protecting our interests, such as the host nation places at London 2012 and the host nation referee quota. We have also campaigned to get representation on the European Confederation. I was Vice President in the period 2005-9 and currently we have representatives on the Semi, Competitions and Veterans Commissions.

It has also been pleasing to see GB fencers competing in the World University Games again, with Laurence Halsted winning a bronze medal in 2007, and qualifying for the first ever Youth Olympic Games in Singapore in 2010. My thanks to Rupert Davies-Cooke for his support in holding a series of international matches at the Lansdowne Club and more crucially the international training that was combined with these matches. The period 2000-2012 has been our most successful in terms of results since the 1960s and I would like to

thank Graham Watts for his hard work over most of this period (2000-2010), as he began the process of making our approach more professional. I would also like to thank Ziemek Wojciechowski, without doubt our most successful foil coach, for his unstinting professionalism and enthusiasm for fencing.

Domestically we have seen major changes too. We redesigned each of our British championships at BYC, cadet, junior and senior level into a combined event over a weekend. This was to improve the organisation and provide a better service to fencers. It is no coincidence that this change massively increased the number of fencers competing and created a much more positive atmosphere and experience for fencers, coaches and parents.

In 2005, with the immense help of Julia Bracewell, I negotiated our inclusion in the UK School Games. This has allowed our younger fencers to experience high level competition, excellent facilities and organisation, the chance to compete in a multi-sport environment and opened the doors to Youth Sport Trust funding and support. I convinced Barbara Paul and Leon Paul Equipment to extend the Leon Paul Junior Series of competitions to all three weapons and to include team events. The creation of the Armourers' Guild has been a splendid success and without our dedicated armoury team we would be lost. It was good to see several of our coaches attending FIE and EFC funded coaching courses.

Penny Spink has worked tirelessly with SportAid, which has funded our younger fencers with grants running into the hundreds of thousands of pounds, and Peter Cadman has saved us many thousands of pounds in legal fees as Honorary Legal Advisor. Rodney Francis and Tom Cadman gave excellent service as directors and I was sorry to lose them both. For more than 20 years, Andrew Brannon has served the BFA as treasurer and Malcolm Fare has edited *The Sword* magazine. I would like to thank Richard Randolph, former Master of the Worshipful Company of Cutlers, who established our sponsorship link with the Cutlers; they support a fencing club each year and also present prizes to our fencers and volunteers.

I was pleased to see our membership double from when I took office to 2008. The Epee Club have supported the British championships with trophies and medals and funded some of our most talented epeeists, notably Jon Willis. The growth of the BVF has been hugely significant and the success of veterans at European and world championships has been magnificent.

Above all, I would like to thank the numerous volunteers who have run courses, competitions, trips and many other activities and without whom British Fencing could not survive. Kim and Nosheen at HQ have given us great service and I knew I could always count on them for professionalism and loyalty, as I could with Gillian before her retirement in 2008.

Looking to the future, British Fencing has several challenges. Under David Teasdale, the Board adopted a 3G strategy. Gold has not yet succeeded and our results in London were disappointing. In 2011 and 2012 our results declined and British Fencing needs to study why and how to get our fencers to peak at the major championships. I am convinced we can make real progress with the correct strategy and personnel. David Teasdale is conducting a review and the new Board will need to look at the World Class Programme. Mike Thornton has been the director responsible for international matters and has worked closely with Alex Newton.

Grow is also facing several challenges and I wish Ray Stafford every success with this programme. British Fencing needs to increase its membership and also to look after the members that it currently has. Murray Morrison has been the director responsible for volunteers.

Green is the word for governance and there are challenges here too. Libby Payne has been the director responsible for governance during the 3G strategy period. Improving our current amber/red rating will be vital in the coming months and is the responsibility of David Teasdale.

British Fencing will soon elect eight new directors. We need people with an interest and passion for fencing, but also wider business and administrative experience and the commitment to put personal interest to one side and to serve fencing as a team. The Board must once again be fully involved in running and managing the sport. A new CEO will be appointed, following the part-time appointment of Peter King. Communications internally need to be improved and policies made clear and explained transparently. David King is the director responsible for all BFA communications and he manages Karim Bashir, who is our paid press officer.

The sport has been run by the chair and CEO since 2010 and this nexus is crucially important, together with the relationship with the Board and those who deliver all the necessary functions that members need. In addition, there are funding applications to UK Sport and Sport England to be managed. For the first time ever, British Fencing will not have an elected President and so the role of the Board will be crucial in developing policy and checking the professional staff that now run the sport.

I would like to conclude by wishing everyone continued pleasure and success in this marvellous sport. I have enjoyed my time immensely and look forward to having the time to follow my other interests and to pop along to fencing when I wish, without any pressure or commitments. Good luck to the new Board, to David Teasdale and to all the volunteers (of whom I have such a high opinion), who really keep fencing running in this country. ■

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# Young Fencer

## INTERVIEW WITH JON SALFIELD

*With the Olympics over and national love for sport at an all-time high, people's sights are already turning to Rio, but could today's young fencers have what it takes to go all the way and make the 2016 GB team? What is it that certain fencers have that coaches can see from a young age that sets them apart from the average club fencer.*

*John Salfield, national sabre coach and head coach at Truro Fencing Club, talks to Jess Osbaldeston about what young fencers need to make it to the top.*

**JO:** What are the traits that you look for in young fencers that set them apart as having potential?

**JS:** The most important traits are passion for the sport and a desire to train and learn. Coupled with ability to concentrate and take in information, and perfectionism. There is also a certain kind of rhythm and natural timing that can only be taught to a certain degree, which some youngsters exhibit very early on.

Obvious physiological traits create a major advantage, such as height, reach, strength and speed, and in young fencers one should be careful not to confuse the ability of the bigger/stronger/faster to win fights with 'talent'. However, in reality some of these traits are, if not absolutely necessary, extremely desirable at the top level in adulthood.

**JO:** At what point in a fencer's career do you know whether they could become top class?

**JS:** This depends on what you mean by top class. In some fencers huge potential is obvious within minutes/hours. Others take a few weeks or months, but in my opinion potential is apparent relatively early. How the fencer commits to training and what opportunities are available to them is then vital to developing this potential.

**JO:** What qualities do you need to be a great fencer?

**JS:** Passion bordering on obsession, strength of character bordering on selfishness, attention to detail bordering on obsessive-compulsive disorder, determination bordering on bloody-mindedness and then a big dose of X.

**JO:** How important is natural talent or can it be taught?

**JS:** Despite what I'm hearing from many quarters, I strongly believe that natural talent exists and is essential to being top class. Talent without hard work will not achieve much. Hard work without talent will probably do marginally better. Put the two together and you have world class potential.

**JO:** What makes a top-class fencer?

**JS:** Temperamentally – determination and focus, commitment to training, the ability to bounce back from disappointment. Physically – great coordination, speed, power, balance, flexibility, rhythm and timing, spatial awareness and sense of distance. Tactically – an astute mind, analytical under pressure, able to read an opponent's intentions and a deep understanding of fight structure. Technically – a solid basic technique built around a logical system, reinforced until it becomes second nature.

**JO:** To what extent can a coach influence how good a fencer can be?

**JS:** In fencing possibly to a greater extent than almost any other sport. I think it's almost impossible for even the most naturally gifted fencer to overcome the obstacle of poor coaching. I also believe that this is the greatest obstacle barring our progress as a nation to becoming truly world class.

**JO:** What does it take to get to the top?

**JS:** Determination, commitment, talent, strong early coaching, a solid training programme and access to good sparring, a little bit of luck and a wad of cash.

**JO:** What distinguishes elite fencers from good fencers?

**JS:** The best fencers I have watched (and have been lucky enough to fence in some cases) have exhibited extreme concentration and willingness to take calculated risks in pressure situations. Of course, they are excellent athletes and technically and tactically superb, but what separates the great from the merely good is that feeling of absolute control of a situation, whilst keeping the ability to be creative.

If you or someone you know has been inspired by the Olympics and wants to try their hand at fencing, there is a new initiative called Go/Fence, which aims to get new people of any age into the sport. Check out [www.gofence.com](http://www.gofence.com) for more information and get training; you've got four years to make it.



## MY FIRST COMPETITION: A SURVIVAL GUIDE

Competing for the first time can be quite a daunting prospect, regardless of how long you have been fencing. Whether you are 8 or 18, walking into a strange sports hall full of people you've never met can be quite a culture shock, especially if you're used to friendly club fencing.

If this is the case never fear, take note of these five points for a great first competition and go out and have fun; after all even the world champion was a beginner at one point.

### 1. Start small

Just because at 13 you are allowed to enter senior competitions doesn't mean it's a good idea. If you are new to competing and your first fight is against some man mountain who hits as hard as a train, you're going to have a miserable time, receive some impressive bruises and not want to come back. That's not just the men, the women can be big and hit hard too, trust me.

Choose something age and experience appropriate, such as one of the numerous Leon Paul Junior Series competitions which frequently take place across the country. LPJS is the perfect place to start competing as they cater for all weapons and age ranges starting as young as U11 and occasionally even U9 up to U17.

These competitions will provide invaluable experience until you feel ready to start entering Cadet (U17) and Junior (U20) competitions which are great for intermediate fencers and vital if you want to make the British team.

Once you've got a bit of experience competing and you think you're ready to take on the big guns in senior competitions, then go for it and have fun. Just remember, never underestimate the advantage being young gives you; people will constantly underestimate your skill and there is nothing more satisfying than the look on a grown fencer's face after being beaten by a 13-year-old 5-1.

### 2. Don't be upset if you come last

If you have never competed before and you are coming up against much more experienced fencers, even if they are your own age, it's highly unlikely you are going to storm to victory.

The first few competitions should be about practising against lots of different styles, as one competition can do more for your fencing than two or three weeks of training.

Think of every point you score as a mini-victory, concentrate on the good hits you make and try to do them again. After the competition is over, remember all the things you did right and all the bouts you fenced really well in; obsessing over all the things you did wrong will come in a few years.

Most importantly, when you do lose a fight, which will happen, don't have a hissy fit. Yes, no one likes to lose, but if you throw a wobbly you will look utterly ridiculous and worst of all, if one day you become a top-class fencer, there will be at least one person who remembers you as the kid who had a temper tantrum because they couldn't handle losing.

If you're feeling a little emotional, there is nothing wrong with wandering off to the loo to have a little cry, but once you're feeling better come out smiling and just beat them next time.

### 3. Make sure your kit works

It may sound obvious but there is nothing worse than losing a fight because your kit isn't working properly. If you lose because the other person was better than you, that's one thing but losing because you have a faulty weapon feels awful.

Before a competition, if you don't know how to do it, ask your coach to test all the weapons you are planning to use and, if possible, take a second or even third weapon and an extra bodywire. Wiring can go wrong, swords can break and sometimes kit will mysteriously stop working, normally at the most inconvenient moment; when this happens, the ability to grab a spare is a life saver.

Take your spares with you and keep them by the piste; that way when things do go wrong you don't have to go running across the sports hall to get a replacement. Although fencing kit can be rather pricey, your club should be able to provide everything you need, including any spare equipment.

It is always useful to know how to look after your own kit and tinker with weapons; once you get to grips with it, it is actually quite easy. It isn't a vital skill until you start working your way up the rankings and may need to make on-the-go repairs, but a word of advice – once you master the art of point manipulation, keep it quiet or you will have a line of friends coming to you with a guilty smile and a fist full of swords.

### 4. Warm up properly

You may be enviously young and spry, but however old you are warming up is important. Not only does it help prevent injury, but it also prepares your muscles and your mind, meaning reaction times will increase and movements will be more precise.

Start with some light jogging to get the heart rate up and follow with footwork exercises to get feet moving. Once you are feeling warm, start doing stretches, nothing too gymnastic as they can do more harm than good, just enough to start lengthening and loosening muscles. If you aren't sure what stretches are good, ask your coach, they will have some good tips on which exercises are the best for fencing.

Once you are warm and stretched out, find someone to have a few hits with, maybe up to five; this will get your eye in and prepare you for the first few fights.

You have a day full of fencing ahead so don't tire yourself out before you've even started by doing 20 laps of the sports hall; 5-10 minutes of light jogging and stretching is all you really need.

### 5. Have fun

This is the most important point of all; if you are not enjoying yourself, then something is wrong. Competing is supposed to be fun. Even after years of waking up at the crack of dawn to go to some dingy sports hall in the middle of nowhere, I still really enjoy competing. If I didn't, I would stop.

If, after a couple of competitions, you are dreading having to go to the next one and once you get there are still hating every second, then maybe competition fencing just

isn't for you. Convincing yourself that if you just stick at it you will magically start enjoying yourself isn't going to work. Go back to club fencing, getting lessons from a coach and having a laugh fighting friends until you decide whether you want to give competitions another go or just stay at the club.

Fencing is a brilliant sport which should be enjoyed; it exercises your body and your mind and gives you the opportunity to meet some fantastic people. Don't worry about how many fights you may have won or lost, just enjoy yourself and in a few years' time it could be you with your name on your back in the British team.

**Jess Osbaldeston**

## CAMDEN FENCING CLUB

### Beginnings

Camden is an inner-city borough with a population of 200,000 covering a wide spectrum of society from the very rich to those at the bottom of the ladder, including a large immigrant population. At the turn of the millennium, the borough had a limited number of sports clubs due to the lack of indoor and outdoor facilities.

As treasurer of Camden Sports Council (CSC) at the time, I proposed that we should invest money, which we received annually from the local authority, in two to three new sports club programmes. This was approved.

In 2001 we opened a fencing club and the following year a basketball club, both of which are still running. The objectives were to operate a not-for-profit junior club programme at affordable cost and provide first-class coaching/teaching.

The CSC provided a grant of £5000, which was used to buy basic foil equipment, and we hired a gymnasium (two basketball courts) at Acland Burghley School for an hour one night a week. Within a relatively short time the club flourished and by the end of first season numbers had grown to 20.

### 2002-7

Over the next six years we obtained two Awards for All grants from Sport England and acquired additional equipment for sabre. CSC continued to support the club financially to ensure that the cost of membership remained affordable.

Another funding stream came from the Jack Petchey Foundation, an organisation set up to fund schools, charities and sports clubs in East London and Essex, but now covering the whole of London. The fencing club was the first programme in Camden to receive their financial support.

During this period, the club grew to a peak of 120 and employed professional coaches, including Ian Williams in sabre and Leo Suarez in foil, both of whom are still with us. Marek Stepien joined shortly afterwards, but then moved on to start an epee club in Brixton, which was modelled on similar lines to Camden. He was succeeded by Maciej

Wojtkowiak, a young coach whom we recruited from Poland and financed to come over to London. Additional work was organised for him at Salle Paul, Finchley Foil and Westminster School.

In addition, the club also recruited active international fencers who were encouraged to develop their coaching skills. These included Ben Montague, Richard Kruse and Anna Bentley. Richard was funded to spend four months in Hungary where he obtained a coaching diploma at Semmelweis University in Budapest.

As the club grew, so did the demand for increased capacity. During this period we hired both sports hall and gymnasium at Acland Burghley School, providing us with six hours of training twice a week.

The club's main focus continued to be on recreation and first-class teaching, but it became apparent that there were an increasing number of young fencers who wished to engage in competition and so we encouraged them to participate in the Leon Paul Junior Series and British Youth Championships. Soon the club achieved success at these levels.

However, the rising cost of travel and competing impacted on participation and the club made a decision to run its own foil and sabre tournaments in the LPJS. These are today among the most successful on the circuit.

Towards the end of this period our sabreurs started to achieve national results at cadet level. In 2007, as the cost of overseas travel became a serious concern, it was decided to run an international tournament. I funded it for the first two years and we secured national teams from Hungary, Germany and Poland.

### 2008-2012

As the recession hit during 2008, numbers decreased and the intake started to change. Fewer low-income families sent their children to the club. By the end of 2009, numbers had dropped to under 90 and we lost some very promising fencers. Nevertheless, the club continued to offer the same high quality programme and we managed to stem the outflow.

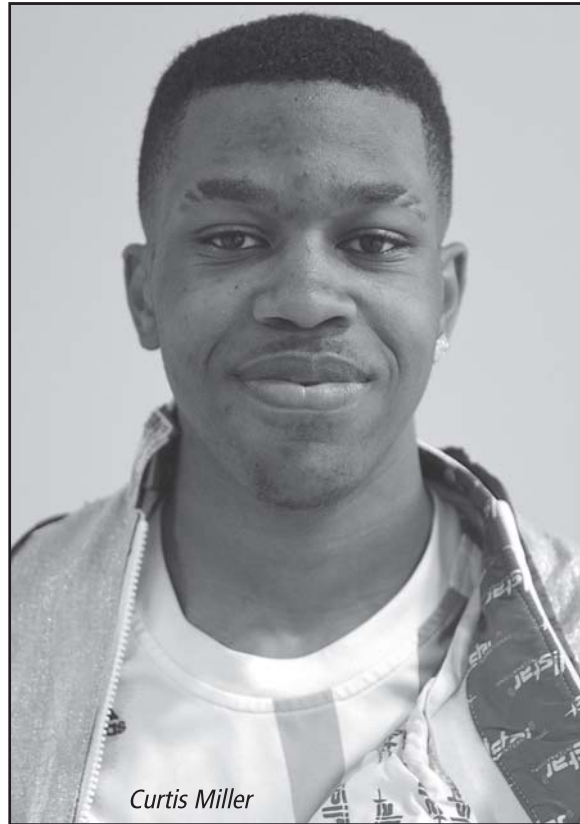
The club was now beginning to build a national and international reputation in sabre under the direction of Ian Williams. We recruited a second coach, initially Matthieu Gourdain, who was succeeded by Rob Partridge.

The sabre section continued to develop and over the last two years has produced eight fencers who have represented Britain at world and European championships. Several have won medals or reached final tableaux at cadet or junior tournaments. Last season, two of our fencers, Aliya Itzkowitz and Curtis Miller, won World Cup medals at U20 level for the first time.

Our foil section has not been as successful, so two years ago we recruited a third professional coach, Akos Marinki, to reorganise it. We are now beginning to see some improvement which has been reflected in medals in LPJS tournaments and the British Youth Championships.



Aliya Itzkowitz



Curtis Miller

The club has also managed to expand, with membership once again breaking through the 100+ threshold. In 2010 Camden became the first club in London to be awarded Club/Swordmark status and at the same time we became a Beacon club in the newly formed Camden Sports Academy. This has afforded us a new funding stream designed specifically for development.

The club has also operated fencing classes in a number of primary schools in the borough. We received funding from the Sports Unlimited programme for 2 years. The project has had its difficulties, because fencing was offered free of charge in schools and it was difficult to effect a transfer to a club where we are charging membership fees.

During this period we secured sponsorship from GLL (Greenwich Leisure) for the Camden international tournament. The event was also included in the European cadet circuit and this year attracted 224 fencers from 22 nations, including national teams from Italy, France, Germany, Ukraine and USA.

In 2011 sponsorship for the tournament was taken over by Camden Sports Academy, a joint venture between the local authority and GLL. In addition, GLL have sponsored the club to the extent of £10,000 over last 2 years.

### 2012 onwards

In September we merged with Scimitar, a highly successful adult sabre club, which has produced a number of international standard fencers of the calibre of Joanna Hutchison and her brother Neil. This move will allow the older fencers at Camden to benefit from training alongside adults.

The adult programme is open to all comers and we have the capacity to expand operation to two nights a week at Acland Burghley and one night at Westminster Academy. For the first time, adult beginner classes are being offered.

The junior foil and sabre sections of the club are also being upgraded. We are able to provide over 200 training slots on Mondays and Fridays covering beginners, recreational and competitive fencers. This programme will continue to recruit in Camden and adjoining district. Overall the club is now open five nights a week for 14½ hours.

We are also expanding our coaching team. Three new young coaches have been recruited to join the junior section of the club. These are Richard Kruse, who returns to the club foil section, and is joined by Gabriella Varga who, like Richard, is a former Olympic finalist and has also been a European champion. Joanna Hutchison is joining the sabre section.

The club is also in negotiations with the borough to introduce Go/Fence into primary schools, which is expected to be a good recruitment stream for the club in the future.

Costs will rise with these new commitments and we are in the process of negotiating new sponsorship deals. Leon Paul have agreed to sponsor the club for three years and the local authority are assisting with two other sponsorship deals, which we hope will allow the club to offer fencing at affordable cost.

Our long-term aim is to build a 200+ member club and ultimately develop a dedicated fencing centre with permanent pistes. Further information can be obtained on club website: [www.camdenfencingclub.org.uk](http://www.camdenfencingclub.org.uk).

**Ronald Velden**

## NEWHAM ACHIEVE BEST SEASON

Newham Swords Fencing Club achieved its best season ever in 2011/12, with 14 fencers collecting 180 medals at U15, U17 and U20 level. The club was started by former Olympic fencers, Pierre Harper and Linda Strachan, seven years ago and has gone on to win medals at LPJS events, Premier series competitions, cadet and junior national championships, English and British youth championships, BSC foil events, UK School Games and senior domestic tournaments.

Key successes during this period include:

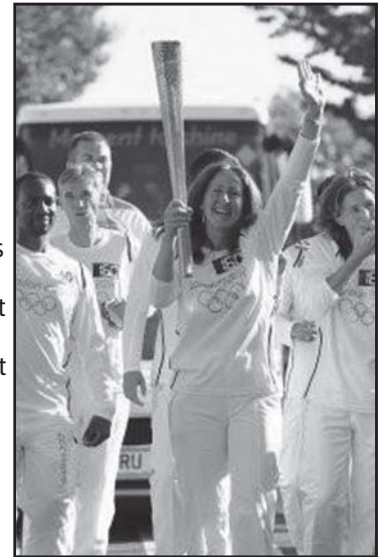
- Kristjan Archer taking double gold in the individual and team at the 2012 UK School Games; at the same event Amol Rattan took silver in the individual and gold in the team.
- Amol Rattan winning the September BSC foil, the GB U20 championship and the Allstar senior cup.
- Kamal Minott winning the Camden LPJS (U15 boys).
- Rajan Rai and Jai Birch taking silver and bronze in the GB U17 championship.
- Timour Wielmans winning the Newham LPJS (U15 boys).
- Benjamin Udrzal winning the U11 boys Premier series.
- Kristjan Archer and Amol Rattan gaining third and eight place respectively in the Madrid U20 international.
- Amol Rattan, Kristjan Archer, Jai Birch and Ife Kubler being selected for the cadet and junior European championships; Amol, Kristjan and Jai were also selected for the world championships.
- Amol Rattan taking double gold in the individual and team at the junior Commonwealths; Kristjan took bronze in the individual and gold in the team; Ife Kubler took a bronze in the team event.
- Robbie Shaw, Michael Koudou, Habib Adebajo and Joao De Sousa winning silver in the British schools team event.

- Cieran Archer, Alan Lozovik and Kamal Minott winning gold, silver and bronze in the Eton Leon Paul (U15 boys).
- Kristjan Archer and Rajan Rai taking gold in the U18 and U16 age groups at the British youth championships.
- James Page, Alice Campbell and Kamal Minott taking gold, bronze and bronze in the U15 boys, U13 girls and U13 boys respectively at the English youth championships.
- Winning the London Youth Games fencing trophy for the last six years in succession.

"These successes have been the result of sheer hard work, good team spirit and a strong will to achieve", said head coach, Pierre Harper.

The fencers were not the only ones to have a great end to their season. Club manager Linda Strachan had the honour of carrying the Olympic torch in Wimbledon. She was nominated through Coca Cola as a result of her work with children over the last 30 years.

The club trains three nights per week at the new £23 million SportDock Centre at the Dockside Campus of UEL. For further information, contact Linda Strachan on 07956 618898 or [lindastrachan@hotmail.com](mailto:lindastrachan@hotmail.com).



*Newham Swords fencers with coaches Pierre Harper and Linda Strachan*



Young fencers from Sidmouth & East Devon Fencing Club have benefited from Waitrose's Community Matters scheme to the tune of £190. The photo shows Nick, Milo, Alice and Eleanor with the manager of Waitrose in Sidmouth.

"It felt a bit weird, going to Waitrose in my fencing kit for the presentation and photo," said Milo (age 10). Eleanor said, "Learning new things is my favourite thing about fencing. It's fun and I've made new friends."

Club coach Val Morrish has spent the money on size 2 foils and sabres. She is planning to celebrate her Diamond Jubilee of participation in fencing by running courses for beginners in sabre, followed by foil and epee.



Two-weeks-old Rowan Cake fits snugly into her dad's mask. She is the daughter of Dave and Penny Cake of Espada Fencing Club (photo: Rachel Bryant Photography)



# SLOUGH OPEN TOURNAMENT

## 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2013

The Royal Masonic School for Girls, Rickmansworth Park,  
Chorleywood Road, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, WD3 4HF  
Emergency Phone Contact for Competition Days ONLY: 07900 692 045  
*(please note limited reception at venue)*



**Website:** [www.sloughopen.org](http://www.sloughopen.org) **Email:** [sloughopen@uk2.net](mailto:sloughopen@uk2.net) **Phone:** 01296 696199

**2013 FORMAT – All fencers will be guaranteed promotion to the DE rounds.**

Fencers with a top 10 ranking in their weapon on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013 will be entitled to an entry fee refund\*

\* See website for terms and conditions

Saturday	Check-in Open	Max. Entry	Sunday	Check-in Open	Max. Entry
Men's Foil	08.00 to 08.30	98	Men's Epee	08.00 to 08.30	140
Women's Foil	10.00 to 10.30	56			
Men's Sabre	12.30 to 13.00	56	Women's Epee	10.00 to 10.30	84
Women's Sabre	13.30 to 14.00	28			

**Entries:** Entry Fee £24 for one weapon £38 for two weapons. This fee is non-refundable.

Online entry available at [www.sloughopen.org](http://www.sloughopen.org)

For postal entries, please make cheque payable to 'Slough Open Tournament' and send entry to:

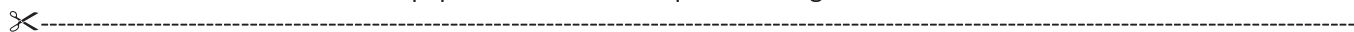
**Sarah Roberts, 7 Chalkshire Cottages, Chalkshire Road, Butlers Cross, Bucks, HP17 0TW**

All entries and payments must be received by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2013 (postmarked date). The organisers may accept late entries subject to a £10 late entry fee if time and space allow up to the maximum entry limit.

**Directions:** The school is situated approximately half a mile from Junction 18 of the M25. Take the A404 (Chorleywood Road) towards Rickmansworth. The main school gates are on the left soon after the sign to Loudwater.

**Notes:** BFA Rules will be applied except that the organisers reserve the right to make changes to allow for smooth running of the competition. Fencers must be individual members of the BFA.

The Leon Paul Equipment stand will be present for general sales and order deliveries.



### SLOUGH OPEN 2013 ENTRY FORM

(Please complete using BLOCK CAPITALS)

Event Entered (circle as appropriate)

**MEN'S FOIL**

**MEN'S EPEE**

**MEN'S SABRE**

**WOMEN'S FOIL**

**WOMEN'S EPEE**

**WOMEN'S SABRE**

Name:	BFA Number:
Address:	Club:
	Country (if not UK):
	Telephone Number:
Contact Email (for entry confirmation):	

I understand that the organising committee does not accept responsibility for any accident, loss or damage sustained during the Tournament.

Signed..... Date.....

(Parent or guardian if under 18)

# Coach Egor's Problem Page

## Harry Simmons writes from the County Fencing Club:

Dear Coach Egor. I have just received a letter from our local region. It invites us to send two fencers to an important national competition. I know that if I ask the members of the club who we should send there will be endless argument. Most will want to send our best two fencers but will disagree about who they are. Some will want a special qualifying competition. Some will want to send two of our younger fencers "for the experience". Some will want to send fencers who have never been selected before because "it is only fair – they pay the same subs as everyone else". And some, I know, will want to give temporary membership to a couple of good fencers from another club, "because we want to win". I could make the selection myself, but then, instead of arguing with each other, they would all argue with me. Coach Egor – what should I do?

**Coach Egor replies:** *Burn the letter.*

## Gordon Hume writes from Petersfield:

Dear Coach Egor. In order to properly supervise our considerable club funds we appointed a specialist financial officer as our treasurer last year. After some inexplicable transactions the members demanded greater transparency from our treasurer. Our problem is that he is now so transparent that no-one has been able to see him (or our money) for the last three months. What should we do?

**Coach Egor replies:** *You should act immediately and write an article for The Sword explaining how other clubs may acquire considerable club funds.*

## Peter from Leominster asks:

Coach Egor. Is there any way in which an ordinary club fencer, like myself, can keep track of his progress (or otherwise) at competitions?

**Coach Egor replies:** *Yes. You can track your progress using the official British Fencing International Competition Air Thumps Monitor. You simply need to count the number of 'air thumps' your opponent makes after beating you. The more they make, the better you are. You may copy our international athletes by keeping a log of your fights and air thumps. Please note: 1. Your score is immaterial. 2. The system assumes that you will always lose.*

**John Davies writes by email to ask:** Sir, in the forthcoming elections for directors of British Fencing who would you vote for?

**Coach Egor replies:** *It is in the nature of people when they join a group to want to fit in and for the group to develop its own identity. Thus even a group totally composed of members of British Fencing will behave as though it is separate from the general membership and loyalty to the group (or Board) can easily override loyalty to that membership. I would not vote for anyone who stated that they would explain the Board's decisions and thinking to the membership; those people have already shown where their priorities lie. I would prefer instead to vote for those who seek to explain members' interests and concerns to the Board. At least I will know that those people read Coach Egor's Problem Page!*

**Coach Egor is here to help. If you have a problem, please send it to Coach Egor c/o The Sword.**

# HEREFORD & WORCESTER OPEN

8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> December 2012

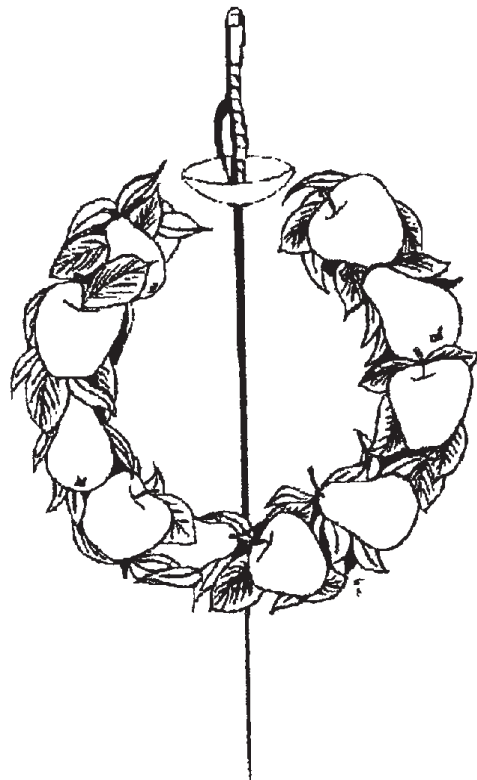
**MODERN NEW VENUE:** Malvern College Sports Complex,  
College Road, Great Malvern, Worcestershire WR14 3DF  
Telephone 01684 561681

For directions & maps <http://www.malcol.org/visiting/>

The sports hall is no. 15 on Map C: Campus map

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[Access via Thirlstane Road entrance adjacent the railway bridge]



## EVENTS Latest report time

### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Men's Epée 08.30

Women's Epée 10.00

Women's Sabre 12.30

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Men's Foil 08.30

Women's Foil 09.30

Men's Sabre 11.30

**ENTRY FEE:** £22 per weapon until the closing date ONLINE or by post.

No refunds after the closing date.

**CLOSING DATE:** 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2012. Late entries: £8 extra per weapon accepted at the organisers' discretion till 4<sup>th</sup> December 2012. Entries after that only accepted if double fees are paid in cash at the venue at least 30 minutes before latest report time.

**NOTES:** BFA rules (subject to organisers' discretion). BFA membership will be checked. Refreshments. Best Cadet/Junior/Veteran awards. Only one weapon may be entered per day.

Leon Paul sponsored competition (advance orders 0845 388 8132 or [www.leonpaul.com](http://www.leonpaul.com) ).

**For further information and results:** see <http://www.one4all.plus.com/hwo.html>

**ENTRIES ONLINE via:** <http://www.leonpaul.com/acatalog/HWOpenEntry.html>

**ENTRIES by post to:** John C Haynes, Acrefield, Mathon Road, Colwall, Malvern, Worcs. WR13 6ER

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## H&W Open 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> December 2012

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ Forename: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Weapon(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Entry Fee (payable to **H&W CFU**, non-refundable after 23.11.2012): £ \_\_\_\_\_

If Cadet/Junior/Veteran, please state year of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ BFA No: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact name & telephone in case of emergency: \_\_\_\_\_

I accept that the organisers cannot be held responsible for any accident, loss or damage sustained at the tournament.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Parent/Guardian if under 18. N.B. Entry is NOT open to anyone born in 1999 or later)





# The 4th Allstar Cup

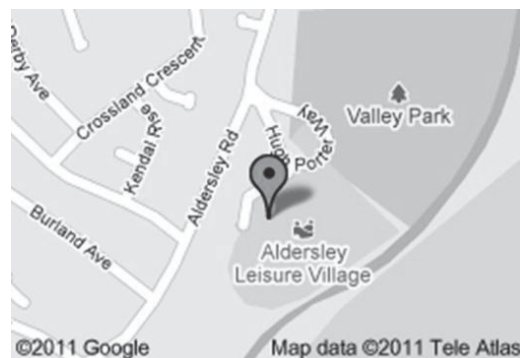
Sat 17 & Sun 18 November 2012



www.allstar-uhlmann.co.uk

Aldersley Leisure Village, Hugh Porter Way,  
(Off Aldersley Road), Wolverhampton, West Midlands, WV6 9NW

Events	Check-in closes
<b>Saturday 17 November 2012</b>	
Men's Foil	09.00
Women's Foil	10.30
<b>Sunday 18 November 2012</b>	
Men's Epee	09.00
Women's Epee	10.30



### 6 wpn Wheelchair event across both days

Contact number for problems on the day – please call if you are running late – 07802 400116

**Entry Fee:** £25 per weapon. Entries received by 5<sup>th</sup> November 2012 - £20.  
Online entry will be available at [www.allstarcup.co.uk](http://www.allstarcup.co.uk)

**Payable to:** The Allstar Cup

**Entries to:** Lynne Melia, 61 Kingsley Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham, B30 1EH.

**Notes:** All entrants must be current members of the BFA (or home Countries registration).

**Rules:** British Fencing rules will apply, subject to changes at the organisers' discretion.  
Fencers must be born in 1999 or earlier to fence in this competition.

**Equipment stand provided by AllstarUhlmann UK - Main Sponsors of the Tournament**  
Refreshments available at the Sports Centre's Café throughout the weekend.

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## The 4th Allstar Cup 2012- Entry Form

17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> November 2012

Please use BLOCK CAPITALS

Event ..... Entry fee Enclosed £.....

Fencer: Surname..... Forename..... Club.....

BFA, etc number..... Date of Birth.....  
(age restriction – DoB must be declared, please)

Address.....

Telephone..... e-mail .....

ONLINE ENTRY WILL BE AVAILABLE AT: [www.allstarcup.co.uk](http://www.allstarcup.co.uk)

All entries are accepted on the understanding that the organizing committee, officials, referees, sponsors and the Aldersley Leisure Village cannot be held responsible for any accident, loss or damage to persons or property however sustained at the tournament.

Signed(Parent or Guardian if under 18).....Date.....

**Entries to:** Lynne Melia, 61 Kingsley Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham, B30 1EH. Tel 07802 400116

# Letters

## FENCERS CAN'T GOVERN

It won't take UK Sport five minutes to ascertain the good and the bad of British fencing, following what was another awful performance at the London 2012 Olympic Games, despite a halfway position by the men's foil team.

In a nutshell, the fencing public have been sold short for years by inept governance which was clueless as to how to modernise our sport. Thankfully things are changing, but the results of London 2012 and prior, at the highest level, are that legacy. We still remain miles from the top, whereas once struggling sports have turned themselves around, justifying a mass of publicity that we can only dream of.

That aside, much good is happening to give us cheer and no small coincidence that this good is being initiated by gifted people from outside fencing. This will not go unnoticed by our paymasters, and their continued financial support will, undoubtedly, depend upon the continuance of this policy. The 3G strategy of governance, the national academy, the philosophy of fencing as a family and a business, and world-class programmes are cases in point.

System turn around always takes years, but the signs are optimistic if our foil team and young fencers' recent results are anything to go by. Well done to those people, our fencers and their coaches who are doing a great job in the face of adversity.

The common denominator for 47 years of endemic failure at senior world and Olympic level has been fencers thinking they can govern. The record sheet says they certainly cannot and it would be a huge mistake if, as has been mooted, the next CEO should come from a fencing background.

Yes, fencers as consultants are necessary but no more; for at least a generation, they should not be allowed to hold the reins of power. History shows that they cannot distinguish between the greater good of British fencing and their self-absorbed days on the piste.

UK Sport will hopefully put two and two together.

**Andy Martin**

## FORGING A NEW REGIME

I was honoured, and fortunate, to be chosen as a Gamesmaker at this year's Olympics. As a fencer, I was overjoyed to be chosen as a Field of Play team member. The work was demanding, the hours long, but the rewards were priceless; part of a great team, witness to a smooth well-executed plan, and right in the heart of the best possible fencing venue and set-up. I also got to see world-class fencers at the top of their game.

As a member of British Fencing for the last 20 years, I was looking forward to seeing our fencers step up to the piste, and fight like lions for their place in history. Unfortunately, as we know, this did not happen. Many fought, not like lions, but more like donkeys.

Unless I am mistaken, British Fencing has spent millions of pounds over the last few years, preparing our fencers for this moment. They did not look prepared. These valiant fencers should have been honing their bodies and skills over these past four years. Compared to their opponents, they looked neither fit nor skilled. Our fencers seemed to lack a desperate hunger for victory that many others showed. Typically punching the air as they came on to the piste, they invariably lost their first round matches and then slunk away.

Throughout the competition, there were some wonderful displays of high-class blade work, but the striking thing for me was that most points were won because of one of two things: timing and distance. The simple mantra of watch your distance and get your timing right seemed to have been forgotten by our fencers. Invariably, they were out-classed and out-paced. Granted, our men's foil team performed valiantly, and perhaps beyond expectation, however, this does not take away from the overriding message that British Fencing has failed.

I say to British Fencing your experiment has failed. Fencing's profile at the Olympics has risen and been cemented because of a great competition and set-up, but British Fencing is in big trouble. The Board should resign en masse; don't hang about making excuses, go now. The grass roots of fencing in Britain are strong, but something is rotten at the top. We need to forget about next year, and the year after that. We almost need to forget about the next Olympics. We need to throw the old book out and begin a whole new one, not just a new chapter. From the marvellous position of ignominious defeat, we must rise anew and springboard to create a new British Fencing.

I pay my fees, but hear nothing for a whole year until I get a reminder to pay my fees again. Our club, Aberystwyth, has little contact with British Fencing. Why is this? Why aren't British Fencing asking all clubs in Britain: "Who is good in your club?" "What are you doing to encourage more members?" "Who are your coaching staff?" "Do they need more training?" "Is your club adequately served with coaches?"

British Fencing needs to be more proactive about encouraging more fencers from all regions and all backgrounds to qualify for the British team. We need clubs in places like Toxteth and the Gorbals, places that might not necessarily be associated with fencing; we need to recruit youngsters who are hungry for victory and desperate to succeed. Fencing still retains the patina of privilege, and this MUST be changed; it needs to be opened up to all.

British Fencing should encourage ALL British fencers. I fear that the emphasis has been very like the old layout of the British Fencing website, thankfully changed since the Olympics: on one side was the British Fencing logo and on the other side was the logo for England Fencing only. Was this a reflection of how British Fencing is run, and where all energies are concentrated?

This must stop. I would like the Board to resign. By all means, stand again and put yourself up for election, but the members of British Fencing must have an opportunity to convey their utter disappointment at your performance. Let us forge a new fencing regime in Britain, one that nurtures, encourages and emphasises that taking part is all very well but it is winning that really matters.

**Dr Harry Toland**

## PIERS JONES REMEMBERED

I was sad to read the obituary of Piers Jones in the January issue of *The Sword*. In 1987 my school club of beginners in Morecambe were invited to Aalborg Youth Games, where we met Piers and his Lothian team of youngsters. Piers loved my youngsters' enthusiasm and invited us into world of Scottish youth fencing.

Soon my fencers were travelling to Edinburgh for training and competitions, and for many years the club followed the Scottish Fencing award scheme. I did ask at one stage if Morecambe could join SAFU, but he said no, adding that we were not the first northern club to ask.

Piers' enthusiasm and support of youth fencing extended south of the border and he helped my little club to get going. In 1991, in one of closest and tensest team matches I have ever watched, a Morecambe team beat the might of Lothian. Piers was the first to congratulate them, but it was his early encouragement that developed the club to so aspire.

Later, my fencers moved to English fencing and found a warm welcome at Whitgift. However, I have always been grateful to Piers for the support he gave us in our early days. I have kept the Lothian pendant he gave our club with pride. On behalf of the youngsters he encouraged and had such a great time in Scotland, thanks.

**Graham Kemp**

### MERSEYSIDE OPEN: 16/17.2.2013

**Venue:** Greenbank Sports Academy, Greenbank Lane, Liverpool L17 1AG

Events	Check-in closes	Entry Limit
<b>Saturday 16 February 2013</b>		
Men's Foil	09.00	108
Men's Sabre	10.15	72
Women's Sabre	10.15	36
<b>Sunday 17 February 2013</b>		
Men's Epee	09.00	108
Women's Epee	10.15	54
Women's Foil	10.15	54

*Fencers may only enter one weapon each day*

**Entry Fee:** £22 or £38 for two weapons. Only entries with fees will be accepted (£5 extra for late entries).

**Cheques payable to:** MOFT

**Entries to:** Barbara Evison, 31 Hale Road, Walton, Liverpool L4 3RL. Telephone 0151 521 7657.

**Online entries:** [www.moft.co.uk](http://www.moft.co.uk) **Closing Date:** 2.2.2013

**Prizes:** Top 8, Best Veteran and Best U/18 Fencer and Best Novice at all weapons.

**Notes:** Minimum age 13 at 1.1.2013. BFA membership will be validated otherwise membership must be taken out on the day. BFA guidelines on clothing and safety will be enforced. Leon Paul stand. Visit website for full details.

### ENTRY FORM Merseyside Open: 16/17.2.2013

**Weapon(s)** .....

Please tick: Under 18 on 1.1.2013   
 Veteran (BVF member)   
 Novice (under 2 yrs) at 1.1.2013

**Name:** .....

**Address:** .....

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**Club:** .....

**Telephone:** .....

**Email:** .....

**Entry fee enclosed:** .....

**BFA No:** ..... **Nationality** .....

I accept that the organisers cannot be held responsible for any accident, loss or damage sustained at the tournament.

**Signed:** ..... **Date:** .....  
 (Parent or guardian if under 18)



# Leeds Open 2012

[www.leedsopen.co.uk](http://www.leedsopen.co.uk) – Now with online entry!!!

This will be run as a complete six weapon event with those who qualify receiving BFA ranking points – full metal pistes available. The tournament is situated in the state-of-the-art sports complex; The Edge, at The University of Leeds.

Check-in closing time for all weapons is as follows:

### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Men's Foil – 9:00am  
Women's Foil – 11:00am  
Women's Sabre – 12:00 noon

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Men's Epee – 9:00am  
Women's Epee – 11:00am  
Men's Sabre – 12:00 noon

#### Competition Format:

- There will be an initial round of poules.
- Everyone is promoted to the Direct Elimination stage with no cut after the poules.
- Prizes for the top four in all weapons, in addition prizes for best cadet and veteran.

The entry fee is £20 per weapon and £30 for two weapons (you may only enter ONE weapon per day). The closing date for entries is Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October, any entries received after this date will be at the discretion of the organisers, and a late fee of £10 will be applicable.

**Venue:** The Edge, University of Leeds, Leeds, LS2 9JT (Parking, armoury, Allstar equipment suppliers, café, swim/sauna and sports massage therapists are available over the course of the entire weekend).

All fencers must be current members of the BFA, licences will be checked and all competitors should be aware of the BFA guidelines on clothing and equipment (established 1st January, 2006) for this event. Full details available at the BFA website ([www.britishfencing.com](http://www.britishfencing.com)). The minimum age for fencers is 13 years of age to enter the tournament.

General enquires and on the day emergency number: 07920031154/[leedsopen@gmail.com](mailto:leedsopen@gmail.com)



'Like' – 'The Leeds Open' on facebook and you will be entered into a prize draw to have your entry fee fully refunded. Visit: [on.fb.me/OmfgZ6](https://on.fb.me/OmfgZ6)

## Leeds Open 2012 Entry form (please complete in BLOCK capitals)

Name:..... Tel:.....

Email:..... Nationality:.....

Age: 13<16  17 - 39  +40  Club:.....

BFA/Licence Number:..... Current Senior Ranking (if known):.....

Emergency Contact Name & Number:.....

Sex: Men's  Women's  Weapon: Foil  Epee  Sabre

Enclosed entry fee of: £.....

All cheques made payable to 'Leeds Open Fencing'. Entry form and fees sent together to: **Tom Exeter, Apartment 51 Crown Street Buildings, Crown Street, Leeds, LS2 7DA.**

All fencers must be members of the BFA and be aware of the BFA guidelines on clothing and equipment (established 1st January, 2006) for this event. Full details available at the BFA website. I accept that the organisers cannot be held responsible for any accident, injury, loss or damage sustained at the tournament.

Signed:..... (Parent or guardian if under 18 years). Date:...../...../.....

## CHAIR REPORT

In writing this, I looked back to my first Chair message, in September last year. I committed myself then to dealing in these reports with "current and big issues affecting our management of the sport and the progress against the key objectives". That is the theme I have followed, in the year since. Let me now then, post London 2012, comment on our progress with the 3G strategy – just before another British Fencing Annual General Meeting (on Saturday October 20), when these strategic questions may well be raised.

**Green** first. Early this year, British Fencing reached its Green rating target, but based mostly on our 2011 self-assessment. Right now we are rated Amber, after the kind of detailed inspection we get from our funding partners every other year. They say however that we are expected to reach Green within 12 months, once new financial procedures and staff are settled in and the Board restructure is established. This means that our public funding settlements for the years 2013-17 should not be affected.

On the **Grow** agenda we can proudly say we have achieved the target agreed with Sport England more than 3 years ago. Well done to the management and staff, to the army of volunteers, the clubs and coaches.

With **Gold** you all know the outcome – in the white hot heat of an Olympic Games; overall, there is disappointment. No medals won. Of course, we did know 2012 was early days in our World Class Programme to be world beaters, especially given our lack of winners since the 1960s. Let me not anticipate the outcome of the WCP review announced recently, but I am already getting feedback through the latest roadshow series and I will do more roadshows once the review results, and our future funding levels, are known.

We continue to be in change mode. The Board restructure starts on October 20 when four directors leave and four new ones arrive. In this same month, our CEO Piers Martin is replaced by an Interim CEO, Peter King. Also in October/November, we are deep in the future funding negotiations. One unchanging element is the commitment I made in that first Chair report to be a "transparent house". If you think we aren't, or have any concerns and queries, don't just tell your club colleagues, or even the forum, bring them direct to HO or me. My mobile number is 07803 891623.

**David Teasdale**

# Obituary

## JACK GILLETT 1931 – 2012

Jack Gillett was a fencer for over 50 years, having started during his National Service in the army. A member of the British Academy of Fencing, he was life president at Blackheath Fencing Club where he was secretary and coach; he was also senior coach at Bexley Fencing Club.

Away from fencing, he ran with Cambridge Harriers, competed as a swimmer and cyclist and was a member of the Long Distance Walkers Association. He enjoyed a lifetime's interest in flying and was a qualified glider pilot. He helped at the Flying Museum and spent some 8 years building a Hotspur Glider for the museum.

Jack joined the scouts as a boy and became district commissioner for Bexleyheath. He was a great believer in equal opportunity and against much opposition started the first lasting mixed-sex Venture Scout Troop.

A man of wide ranging abilities and interests, he will be remembered for his gentle humour and kindness to all around him. He was truly inspirational.

He is survived by his wife of Cynthia, son and daughter and three grandchildren.

**Steve Lennox**

# Round-Up

## HAVERSTOCK TRAINING CAMP

This year the Haverstock epee training camp shared the world-class fencing facilities at Tauberbischofsheim with the epee section of the National Academy. The two camps ran side by side with a total of 103 fencers, 13 coaches, four team managers, two strength and conditioning coaches and a physio.

It was generally agreed that we had the finest coaching staff ever assembled in the 16 years of the camp. Additions this year included the German national coach, Didier Ollagnon, recently returned from the Olympic Games. He was in distinguished company, with many of the other coaches present having been international fencers themselves or else having trained a World Cup winner or world champion.

The majority of the athletes travelled to Germany on the Fun Bus, an 83-seater executive coach starting in Stockport and collecting fencers en route. Others flew into Frankfurt before joining the transfer down to Tauber. Apart from the full array of home nations, there were fencers from Germany, Italy, Holland and the USA.

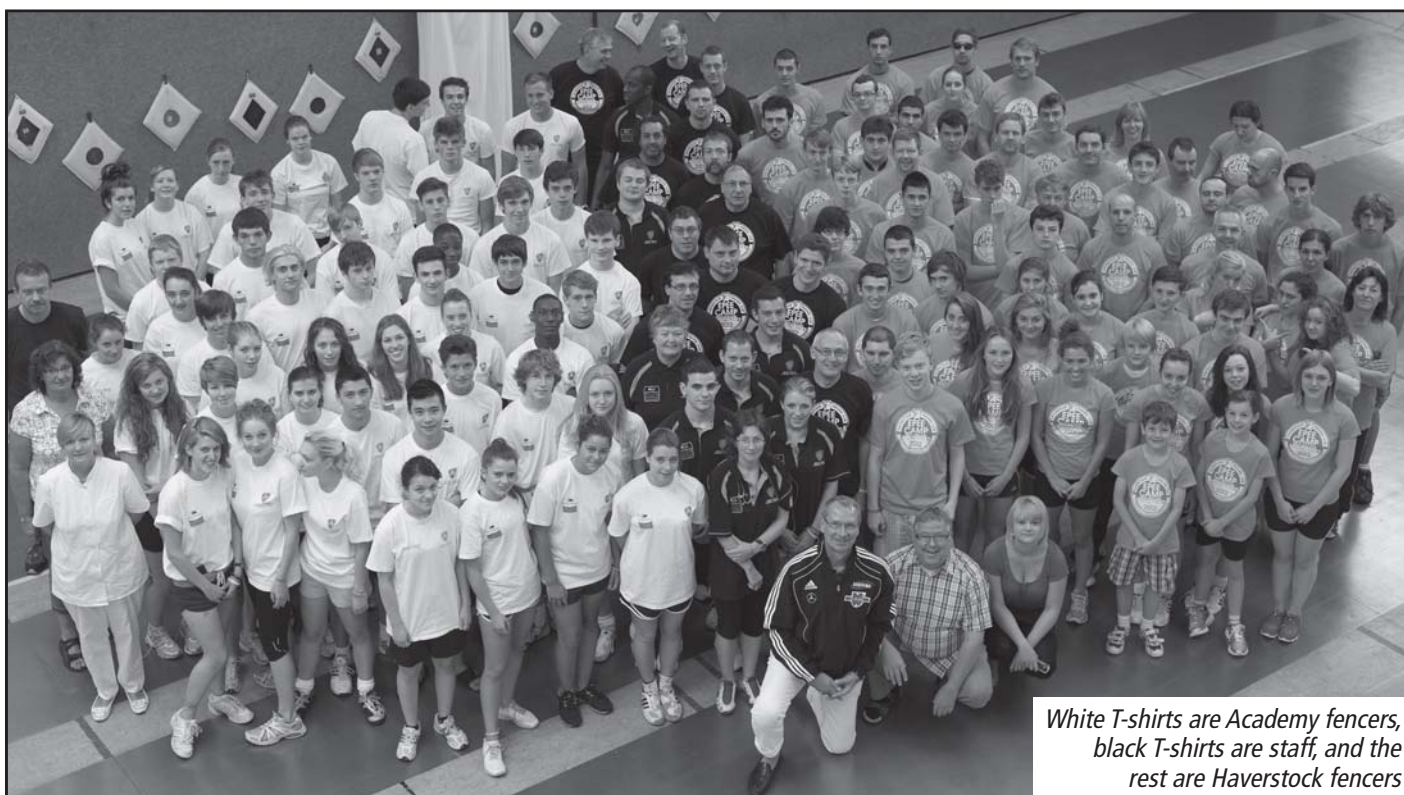
Quite apart from the fencing facilities, which are beyond anything imaginable in the UK, we had access to a sprung

sports hall, running track and gym. Many campers chose to cool down at the Olympic-size lido in town, although some did get distracted by countless ice-cream shops.

Training was a mix of fencing (generally structured but with some free sessions), along with group work on a range of skills and topics. Groups were ability-based, rotating around the different coaches throughout the week, so everyone got optimum training. Haverstock is a fencing camp rather than a fitness camp, but there were fitness, speed, agility and coordination sessions where fencers could learn new techniques. All sessions on the camp were optional and fencers could do as much or as little as they wished.

A standard feature was a daily individual lesson. Fencers worked with the same coach all week, which helped build understanding and progress. Understandably, with the quality of coaches we had, some fencers asked for extra lessons in their free time.

A new feature this year was a master class given by Didier to German international Niklas Multerer. Didier gave a lesson stopping to explain what he was doing, why he was doing it and what he expected from the student. For many this was the highlight of the week. Everyone who watched was able to appreciate the intensity and high standard at which other fencing nations work on a daily basis.



*White T-shirts are Academy fencers, black T-shirts are staff, and the rest are Haverstock fencers*



Back row (from left): Didier Ollagnon, Andy Vincent, Sue Benney, Sergei Rassolko, Alex Agrenich, Neale Thomas, John Ince, Jamie Miller; front row (from left): Dave Buist, Peter Barrett, Pavel Rynes, Andy Pavaday, Hubert Heinrichs

Niklas was then joined by other members of the German national squad (men and women) who came to spar with the Haverstock fencers for two lengthy training sessions. This was remarkably popular and some of the Germans were near to collapse by the end of it. Word is spreading around Germany about the camp and I have already received requests from other internationals who want to come and join in next year.

It is not all work and no play. The camp took over the bowling centre in town for one of the nights and the last night party involved Tauber putting on a German BBQ. The food and drink was excellent and the traditional camp cabaret was one of the best ever. Photos and video from the week can be found on the website: <http://www.haverstocktrainingcamp.com>

Haverstock training camp was pivotal for me as a 17-year-old, helping me make the jump from a top 30 to a top 10 UK ranking. Everyone who went on the camp will have taken away something that will improve their fencing. They will also have made new friends and seen something of the extraordinary goodwill that exists towards us in Tauber.

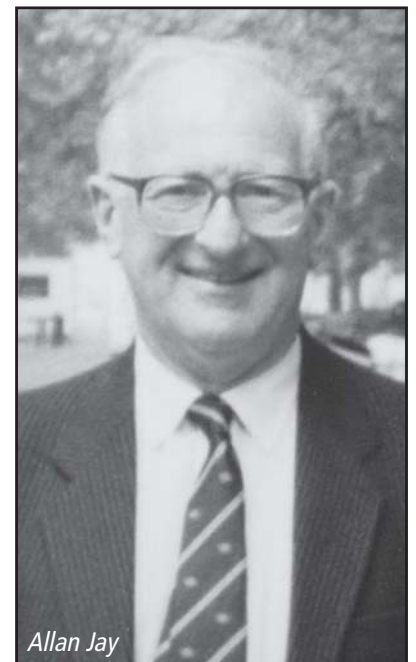
Every year we award half-price places to young fencers who could not otherwise afford to make the trip. This year, thanks to our sponsors Leon Paul and Tempest Sports, as well as direct help from several generous individuals, we were able to provide three subsidised places. If you can help by sponsoring a place for next year, please contact me through the website.

The Haverstock training camp provides a special quality of training in an atmosphere that is friendly, hardworking and inclusive. Bookings for next year's camp will be taken from the end of October when our new website comes online.

**Jon Willis**

## CLUB NEWS

**Oxford University Fencing Club** has appointed Allan Jay, MBE, as its Honorary President. At its annual Old Blues' match and dinner in May, he captained the team of former Oxford fencers against their younger opponents. Allan, who was captain of the OUFC in the 1950s, won two silver medals at the 1960 Rome Olympic Games, in the individual and team epee. In 1959 he was world foil champion and came second in the epee. In addition he had a whole host of domestic honours, including British senior foil and epee champion and junior sabre champion. At Oxford, he introduced the first inter-collegiate fencing competition ('coppers') and the Oxford/Cambridge freshman's match, both of which have continued more or less in the same format.



Allan Jay

**University of Essex Fencing Club** has been named Club of the Year at the 2012 Essex University Sports Awards. May 2011 was a game changer for the club, when it lost out on the Club, Coach and Newcomer of the Year awards. Although no one remembers exactly what was said that day, a moment was shared and the entire committee agreed that they would be back the following year as the undisputed best club on campus.



Everyone knew it would take strong financial growth and stability to make it the best club. At the same time, a university club has to provide equipment for anyone who wants to fence and still charge affordable fees. As the club had grown from 20 to 60 members over the last two years, much time was spent on writing bursary and grant applications and on fundraising events. By March 2012, the club had obtained more than £5500 in addition to the club budget and, by the end of the year, was one of the few clubs on campus listed as self-funding.

Financial growth made it possible to support the expansion of two new competing teams in the British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS) league. The women's first team were re-established and the men's second team were introduced as the perfect place for new members to gain competition experience and at the same time maintain the high membership rates. With three teams competing for points, the club finished as the fourth largest contributor to the Essex BUCS ranking.

With many new members staying with the club, it became possible to train seven new Level 1 coaches and one Level 2, covering all three weapons. To support the development of team members, a new mentor system was introduced where a third-year student would take on a first-year team member. Second-year members were at the same time trained so they could take the step up and train others the following year.

The second step, now that the club was growing, was volunteering and promoting the club externally. The club started with demonstrations on campus, including a 12-hour fencing marathon. Leaflets and posters helped capture many members and the club's online presence was increased through Facebook, Twitter and a website.

The club logged over 16 volunteering events during the year and, working closely with the Table Tennis Club, raised more than £300 for right-to-play. The club also participated in human rights week and the university

dignity and respect fair. In the latter, the club was awarded the title of dignity champions. The final development came towards the end of the year when the club was given the funding to purchase equipment for wheelchair fencing.

And then it was suddenly there. The annual Sports Awards, on 12 May 2012. Once more, the committee and members found themselves nominated in the same three categories: Club, Coach and Newcomer of the Year. Nathaniel Nicol, club treasurer, was honoured with the Simon Loveday award for his impressive work with table tennis and fencing. Mathew Hare, the club's charity and volunteering officer, won the Newcomer of the Year award. There were seven clubs in consideration for Club of the Year. The speaker then announced that four teams were shortlisted for the award: Tennis, Dance, Boxing ... and Fencing. As the winner was announced, it took everyone in the committee several seconds to realise that it was their club that had won. They had completed what they set out to do. Everyone now knew what the fencing club was and exactly how good they were.

These achievements would never have been possible without the unwavering support that coach Lyndon Taylor has given the club over the last 20 years and more. The SU Sports Federation, University Alumni fund and University Sports Centre have all provided the support that made it possible to take the club to the next level. And finally, the continued interest and involvement from members and the complete dedication of the entire committee. If you are alumni of the University of Essex Fencing Club, the club would very much like to invite you back for alumni weekend, so please contact [fencing@essex.ac.uk](mailto:fencing@essex.ac.uk).

## CORRECTION

Apologies to the University of Surrey Fencing Club for mistakenly identifying the author of an article on their 24-hour marathon as Sharon Blackman, when it should have been Chris Smith.



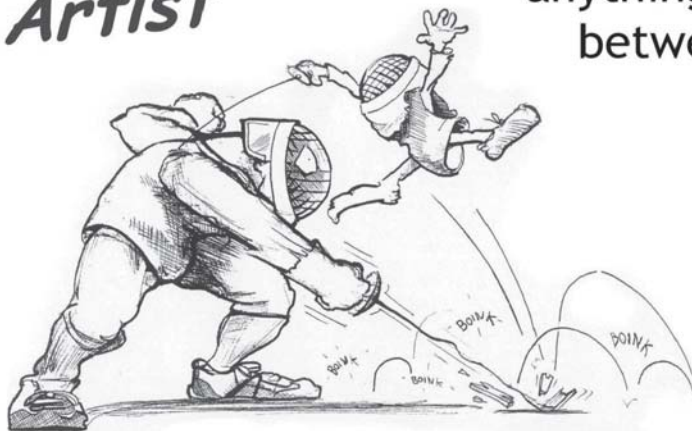
## LINES ON A POOL SHEET

Fencing's a funny sport. Stone's *prise de fer*  
 Is strong, and lets him play me for a fool;  
 Before my second touch, to my despair,  
 He scores his fifth, and beats me in the pool.  
 But when he fences Page, a lad who's made  
 Of wire and whipcord, light upon his feet  
 Page counters him with absence of the blade;  
 A flicking lunge, and Stone accepts defeat.  
 Though curiously, when Page and I must fight  
 Upon the piste, I find that my one-two  
 Gets past his guard, and lights the coloured light  
 Quite frequently enough to see me through.  
 (Which always seems to leave Stone fencing me  
 In the direct elimination tree.)

Robert Dawson

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 Artist

Fencing portraits  
 to murals and  
 anything in  
 between



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# Results

## NOTE TO COMPETITION ORGANISERS

Some results are sent to the BFA website in non-HTML format, such as pdf files. These are fine for reading, but do not allow copying and editing for publication in *The Sword*. For the sake of archived records, it would be appreciated if results could always be sent in HTML, otherwise they will not be published.

### COMBINED EVENTS - HOME

#### LONDON OPEN: 2/3.6.12

##### Men's Foil (46)

- JORGENSEN Patrick (DEN)
- MEPSTEAD Marcus (SUSSEX HOUSE)
- FITZGERALD Edward (AUS)
- VILJOEN Jacques (RSA)
- LIM Alex (CAN BOSTON)
- KLEMS Milan (CZE)
- SAMANDI Mohamed (TUN)
- BRYANT Acland (U/A)
- ABIDOGUN Kola (BOSTON)
- HOLDER Peter (PAUL)
- DOST-MUHAMEDOV Rustam (UZB)
- GROS Xavier (FRA)
- BROSNAN James (PAUL)
- MARINKI Akos (HUN)
- MOLLARD Christopher (SAXON)
- PENNY-DIMRY Jahan (AUS)

##### Women's Foil (22)

- BRYARS Hannah (SURREY)
- NG Elizabeth (ALDRERSHOT)
- COOK Catherine (U/A)
- McKENZIE Lisa (EDINBURGH)
- ZIYAYEVA Gulmira (UZB)
- HART Anna (PAUL)
- ENRIGHT Irene (FIN)
- DICKSON Chloe (DUNFERMLINE)

##### Men's Epee (55)

- ST. CLAIR-JONES Gregory (PORTSLADE)
- JORGENSEN Patrick (DEN)
- BEAUMONT Edward (READING)
- SANCHEZ-LETHEM Paul (BRIXTON)
- STEWART-WATSON David (PLYMOUTH)
- MERIAUX Mathieu (AUS)
- HIBBERD Andrew (READING UNI)
- FREWIN James (REDHILL & REIGATE)
- PAOLASINI Lorenzo (HAVERSTOCK)
- KELLY Chris (HAVERSTOCK)
- SHEVELEW David (HAVERSTOCK)
- WEST Howard (LTFC)
- BRYAN Wayne (CADS)
- PACIFICO Carlo (LTFC)
- HATTON Neil (CADS)
- EDWARDS Tom (U/A)
- GREALEY William (TIGER/SURREY)
- HILLIER David (READING)
- BEAVEN Dominic (HAVERSTOCK)
- STEINER Adam (GADASKI)
- SCRIMSHAW Jason (LTFC)
- HINZ Gerald (GER)
- BARNES Jahmal (BRIXTON)
- PINKERTON Steven (TRURO)
- WILLIS Scott (TRURO)
- LOWE Tom (STREATHAM)
- GUSTAVII Henrik (REDHILL & REIGATE)
- ADAM Fahim (HAVERSTOCK)
- FITZPATRICK Paul (HAVERSTOCK)
- HORNBY Edgar (MALVERN)
- GREY Antoine (CHARTERHOUSE)
- BAJWA Prab (FRENCH FENCING FACTORY)

##### Women's Epee (18)

- GOTTI Eugenia (HAVERSTOCK)

- SMITH Katrina (TRURO)
- DENHAM Antonia (TRURO)
- JARROLD Heather (CADS)
- DALLA PRIA Alessia (GADASKI)
- MAYLE Rebecca (MALVERN)
- SHEARMAN Carolyn (HAVERSTOCK)
- CASAGLIA Matilde (GADASKI)

##### Men's Sabre (15)

- MIHAIL-ALEXANDRU Bela (SURREY)
- GIBBS Sam (SWINDON)
- AUBERT Miles (BRENTWOOD)
- RAPIER Richard (TRURO)
- HENSON Alexander (NORFOLK)
- HOLMES Patrick (READING UNI)
- DAY Thomas (UEA)
- DI FRANCESCO Hugo (ACADEMY)

##### Women's Sabre (6)

- BRYARS Hannah (SURREY)
- SANGER Kevanne (SWINDON)
- MARCZEWSKA Patrycja (MANCHESTER UNI)
- STEER Letitia (READING UNI)

#### WREXHAM OPEN: 9/10.6.12

##### Men's Foil (37)

- KISS Daniel (Kiss)
- ALEXANDER David (Nottingham Cavaliers)
- CLARKE Thomas (A&C)
- WILLIAMS Gavin (Liverpool)
- EXETER Tom (Leeds Uni)
- GRUNDY Sean (A&C)
- MOSS William (De Montford Uni)
- POWELL Matthew (Melia)
- ROBERTS Ben (U/A)
- NESBITT Peter (Leeds Uni)
- MASSEY Oliver (Aberystwyth)
- GALLIMORE-TALLEN William (Four of Clubs)
- SMITH Christopher (Scipianovs)
- OAKLEY Mark (Melia)
- KENNEA Paul (Nottingham Cavaliers)
- CHARLES-HENDY David (Ddraig Wern)

##### Women's Foil (13)

- FITTON Alexandra (Kiss)
- JOHNSON Lydia (U/A)
- ARCHER Kati (Kiss)
- FREESE Deanna (Lancaster Uni)
- MOSS Amber (MDTC)
- KURTIS Emma (Hymers Col)
- BOWLEY Ruth (Swansea Uni)
- CHINN Liz (Preston)

##### Men's Epee (53)

- HARRIS James (Melia)
- HEAPS Chris (Bolton)
- JACOB Michael (Aberystwyth Uni)
- HUNT Richard (Kiss)
- WATKINS George (York Uni)
- BOND Peter (Aberystwyth Uni)
- SKINGLE Thomas (York Uni)
- BARKER Christopher (Kiss)
- WARD Granville (MHFC)
- LOCKYER James (Skipton)
- MASSEY Oliver (Aberystwyth)
- HARVEY Tom (Truro)

- BAKER Paul (Liverpool)
- BURGUM Tim (Aberystwyth Uni)
- HIAM David (Shrewsbury)
- HOWARD Stuart (Stockport)
- HUGHES Ben (U/A)
- PEARCE Tim (Wrekin)
- KEPPIE Matt (Stockport)
- WINTER Andrew (EFC)
- CALLANAN Denis (Wrexham)
- HAZLEWOOD Darryl (Frisby)
- WILSON Thomas (Liverpool Uni)
- FERNANDEZ Nick (U/A)
- RAMSDEN Michael (Ursa)
- COOPER Paul (Stockport)
- WOOD Mark (Wrekin)
- JONES Martin (Manchester)
- SILVEY Christian (3 Blades)
- PANTING Robert (Laszlo's)
- HEALEY Mark (Manchester)
- ROBERTS Richie (Mold)

##### Women's Epee (14)

- LAWRENCE Hannah (Wingerworth)
- LOMAS Megan (U/A)
- FREESE Deanna (Lancaster Uni)
- WOODROW Megan (Plymouth)
- GULLEY Sarah (Birmingham)
- PEAT Sally (3 Blades)
- MARSTON Holly (Romiley)
- HUGHES Erica (Liverpool Uni)

##### Men's Sabre (23)

- BOWLEY Stan (Rivington Park)
- JONES Matthew (Ursa)
- RAPIER Richard (Truro)
- LEPONIS Stefan (Stockport)
- HODGSON Simon (Chester)
- BYRNE Kieran (Ashton)
- DOBEL-OBER David (3 Blades)
- JACOB Michael (Aberystwyth Uni)

##### Women's Sabre (15)

- POTTER Emma (Stourbridge)
- SANGER Kevanne (Swindon)
- JONES Wednesday (Bangor Uni)
- LASANCE Rachel (Tameside)
- TREMBLE Nicola (Laszlo's)
- ELYS Layce (St Paul's)
- GOWER Natalie (Cotswold)
- HUGHES Erica (Liverpool Uni)

#### NORFOLK OPEN: 21/22.7.12

##### Men's Foil (57)

- HENDRIE Tom (SUSSEX HOUSE)
- HENDRIE George (SUSSEX HOUSE)
- ARCHER Kristjen (CAMBRIDGE)
- BROUGHAM Sam (LOUTH)
- INGLESON Ross (U/A)
- BROSNAN James (PAUL)
- WATSON Jack (CADS)
- WEST Philip (DRAGON)
- ALLEN Richard (BOSTON)
- CHU Andrew (LOUTH)
- MOSS Will (DEMONTFORD UNI)
- THURSTON Dan (AFFONDO)
- DARROUX Steve (SMJ)
- LEE Toby (SUSSEX HOUSE)
- ARCHER Ciaran (CAMBRIDGE)

- SCHLINDWEIN Alex (STRETTON)
- CALDWELL Mark (ETON)
- MALDOOM Edz (SAXON)
- THORLEY Christian (NORFOLK)
- PARSONS Tom (CYRANO)
- DI FRANCESCO Hugo (ACADEMY)
- ROSE James (NORFOLK ACADEMY)
- ELLIS-REES Thomas (BOSTON)
- WAKEMAN Alex (SHEFFIELD BUCCANEERS)
- JENNINGS Chris (PAUL)
- SAGE Richard (LANSDOWNE)
- TOPP Stephen (BOSTON)
- JUNG Christopher (ACADEMY)
- DEVITT Ronnie (CYRANO)
- AGNEW Simon (STOWMARKET)
- MURRAY Mark (PAUL)
- JOHNSON Robert (GREAT YARMOUTH)

##### Women's Foil (22)

- FRANCIS Raelle (ACADEMY)
- KWOK Rachel (ACADEMY)
- GOODCHILD Emily (SALISBURY)
- TAYLOR Beatrice (ACADEMY)
- NICHOLS Zoe (CENTRAL LONDON)
- TOWNSEND Dawn (SWAY)
- MOSS Amber (MDTC)
- NEMITZ Marion (BOSTON)

##### Men's Epee (41)

- CURRAN-JONES Thomas (BRIXTON)
- HOWSER Chris (OPS EPEE CLUB)
- FLORENSCU-SERBAN Silviu (GADASKI)
- SANCHEZ-LETHEM Paul (BRIXTON)
- SKINGLE Thomas (YORK UNI)
- BARNES Jahmal (BRIXTON)
- RODRIGUEZ Jamie (AFFONDO)
- ORME Graham (GRAF)
- BROWN Andrew (HUNTINGDONSHIRE)
- CALLAWAY Gary (SEACOURT)
- DEBURGH Etienne (GADASKI)
- DOMEK Stephen (NORFOLK)
- HATTON Neil (CADS)
- WALTERS Martin (UEA)
- MYERS Joshua (FRISBY)
- FLEMING John (NORFOLK)

##### Women's Epee (21)

- HENSON Julie (NORFOLK)
- HOWSER Kate (OPS EPEE CLUB)
- CUSSELLE Jenny (SURREY UNI)
- GOODLASS Molly (WINGERWORTH)
- BIRD Florence (BATH)
- ONIYE Marge (LTFC)
- SANCHEZ-LETHEM Sara (BRIXTON)
- KOEVA Gerry (NED)

##### Men's Sabre (18)

- BALES Michael (CADS)
- JONES Matthew (URSA)
- SILVER Anthony (ST PAUL'S)
- THORLEY Christian (KENT UNI)
- BARON Peter (STOURBRIDGE)
- BYRNE Kieran (HOLME VALLEY)
- JACKSON Chris (SUSSEX UNI)
- HENSON Alex (NORFOLK)

##### Women's Sabre (16)

- WATSON Alice (SCIMITAR)
- DAVIES Harriet (BATH)
- FOSTER Charlotte (CADS)

- 3= PINKNEY Amanda (AFFONDO)  
 5. LANGLEY Karen (BANGOR UNI)  
 6. SUMRA Zoe (SAXON)  
 7. WEIJER Eva (NEDS)  
 8. EARL Sylvia (BEDFORDSHIRE)

### SOUTH OF IRELAND OPEN: 26/27.8.12

#### Men's Foil (36)

1. NAGLE Conor (PEMBORKE)  
 2. BROWN Stephen (GROSVENOR)  
 3= BROWN Peter (BELFAST)  
 3= WYATT John (UCD)  
 5. MARTIN Fergal (NUIM)  
 6. GWYNNE Kristofor (CAMPBELL COL)  
 7. WHITE David (BELFAST)  
 8. BURNSIDE David (FOYLE)  
 9. BODELS Callum (CAMPBELL COL)  
 10. HAYES Rory (UCC)  
 11. HOULDSWORTH Alastair (BELFAST)  
 11. SLATER Philip (LISBURN)  
 13. COUPER Grant (DUBLIN)  
 14. MULLIGAN Donal (DUFU)  
 15. CARR Mitchell (UCD)  
 16. SYKES Garrett (UCD)

#### Women's Foil (15)

1. RAMALHO Joana (UCD)  
 2. DUXBURY Victoria (SULLIVAN)  
 3= BARCLAY Erin (UCC)  
 3= PHILPOTT Rachel (SULLIVAN)  
 5. TAYLOR Lucy (MID DOWN)  
 6. RYBAKOVA Katja (PEMBROKE)  
 7. TREACY Maria (UCD)  
 8. CAREY Aoife (UCD)

#### Men's Epee (28)

1. BURNSIDE David (FOYLE)  
 2. SALTER Duncan (PEMBROKE)  
 3= MARTIN Fergal (NUIM)  
 3= MCKENZIE-BROWN Peter (TORY HILL)  
 5. FLYNN Colm (DUFU)  
 6. TRACEY Matthew (UCC)  
 7. CAI Paris (UCC)  
 8. CLARKE Aidan (UCD)  
 9. SIMPSON Jamie (MALVERN)  
 10. HAYES Rory (UCC)  
 11. GREENAN Rory (DUFU)  
 12. WHELAN Shane (DUBLIN)  
 13. ADAMS Richard (QUB)

14. BURNSIDE Jonathon (FOYLE)  
 15. DWAN Patrick (CYRANO)  
 16. BRENNAN Paddy (PEMBROKE)

#### Women's Epee (13)

1. McELHINNEY Laura (FOYLE)  
 2. JACKSON Anna (FOYLE)  
 3= CASHMAN Miriam (UL)  
 3= FAULKNER Nicola (NUIM)  
 5. McCAFFERTY Lucia (FOYLE)  
 6. HALDANE Fiona (GROSVENOR)  
 7. O'KEEFE Lisa (UL)  
 8. EVANS Carla (NUIM)

#### Men's Sabre (21)

1. CONCANNON Stephen (DUBLIN)  
 2. MAGEE Richard (FOYLE)  
 3= HAYES Julian (DUBLIN)  
 3= OAKES Marc (RONIN)  
 5. TOBIN Hugh (UCC)  
 6. McCABE John (BOYNE)  
 7. CONNOLLY David (FOYLE)  
 8. QUIGLEY Barry (FOYLE)

#### Women's Sabre (8)

1. SPENCE Niamh (FOYLE)  
 2. BARCLAY Erin (UCC)  
 3= LOLLIES Alexandra (UJA)  
 3= O'LOUGHLIN Aoife (UCC)

## FOIL - HOME

### LPJS SCOTLAND: 1/2.6.12

#### FOIL

##### Boys U15 (11)

1. PHILLIPS-LANGLEY Thomas (DANES)  
 2. DOUGLAS Jack (WALLACE)  
 3= BULMAN Kai (LASZLOS)  
 3= MILBURN Bradley (LASZLOS)

##### Boys U13 (19)

1. WEEKS Harry (LASZLOS)  
 2. HAYNES James (BRIDLINGTON)  
 3= McANDREW Finlay (HOLYROOD)  
 3= WHITTON Andrew (PHOENIX)  
 5. HEYWOOD Jamie (HOLYROOD)

6. HOWLETT Edmund (FERNWOOD)  
 7. FAWTHROP Peter (HOLYROOD)  
 8. ROBERTSON Ben (WALLACE)

#### Boys U11 (22)

1. ALVARES-PERES Mark (WFFC)  
 2. MORRISON Duncan (WEST FIFE)  
 3= BRADIE Angus (HOLYROOD)  
 3= TURINO Nathan (HOLYROOD)  
 5. BROWN Robbie (WFFC)  
 6. KIRAN Vishal (LASZLO)  
 7. STEELE Gabriel (WEST FIFE)  
 8. MORRISON Dylan (HOLYROOD)

#### Girls U15 (4)

1. EDWARDS Asha (LASZLOS)  
 2. WEBB Georgia (LASZLOS)

#### Girls U13 (15)

1. BARRETT Sarah (WEST FIFE)  
 2. DUNGAY Katrina (WEST FIFE)  
 3= McLAUGHLIN Mhairi (FOX COVERT)  
 3= STEELE Eden (WEST FIFE)  
 5. BROWN Madeleine (LASZLO)  
 6. FOSU Yasmine (TENTERTON)  
 7. CHINI Adelaide (EFC)  
 8. BROWN Niamh (WEST FIFE)

#### Girls U11 (8)

1. JONES Rachel (KISS)  
 2. NEWTON-HUGHES Phoebe (KISS)  
 3= HAYNES Georgia (BRIDLINGTON)  
 3= WALKER Matilda (KISS)

#### EPEE

##### Boys U15 (8)

1. BULMAN Kai (LASZLOS)  
 2. MAY Joseph (NEWCASTLE)  
 3= CAISLEY Ellis (LASZLOS)  
 3= DOUGLAS Jack (WALLACE)

##### Boys U13 (12)

1. DICKINSON Matthew (LASZLOS)  
 2. MORRIS George (SCIPANOVS)  
 3= BELL Jack (NEWCASTLE)  
 3= HAYNES James (BRIDLINGTON)  
 5. DUPREE-THOMAS Piers (PLYMOUTH)  
 6. VEITCH Euan (WALLACE)  
 7. McGILLIVRAY Logan (WREXHAM)  
 8. MACDONALD Neil (WALLACE)

#### Boys U11 (7)

1. HADDAD Justin (CHELSEA)  
 2. BROWN Robbie (WEST FIFE)  
 3= HAYNES Charles (BRIDLINGTON)  
 3= TURINO Nathan (HOLYROOD)

#### Girls U15 (3)

1. HIDE Victoria (HARROGATE)  
 2. BLACKWOOD Eleanor (ACTIV8)

#### Girls U13 (9)

1. BISHOP Catherine (PLYMOUTH)  
 2. FOSU Yasmine (TENTERTON)  
 3= HADDAD Alexandra (CHELSEA)  
 3= HARVEY Sarah (NEWCASTLE)

#### Girls U11 (2)

1. HAYNES Georgia (BRIDLINGTON)  
 2. DICKSON Rebecca (EFC)

#### SABRE

##### Boys U15 (8)

1. MANSON Ross (WALLACE)  
 2. LINDLEY Thomas (RIVINGTON PARK)  
 3= DAVIDSON Jake (ROLLO)  
 3= DOUGLAS Jack (WALLACE)

##### Boys U13 (6)

1. EDWARDS James (RIVINGTON PARK)  
 2. EDWARDS Thomas (RIVINGTON PARK)  
 3= MACDONALD Neil (WALLACE)  
 3= MOODY David (WALLACE)

##### Boys U11 (3)

1. ALVARES-PERES Mark (WEST FIFE)  
 2. MORRISON Duncan (WEST FIFE)

##### Girls U15 (2)

1. CORBY Jessica (WEST FIFE)  
 2. SIM Nina (EFC)

##### Girls U13 (3)

1. MANSON Helen (WALLACE)  
 2. MORRISON Martha (WALLACE)

##### Girls U11 (2)

1. SHARPLIN Aaliyah (RIVINGTON PARK)  
 2. DICKSON Rebecca (EFC)

## CAMBRIDGE WINTER TOURNAMENT: 5th/6th JANUARY 2013

Venue: Cambridge Regional College, Kings Hedges Road, Cambridge  
 CB4 2QT

<http://www.camre.ac.uk/Documents/Maps/Cambridge-Map.pdf>

#### Events

##### 5 January

	Check-in closes
Men's Epee	09.00
Women's Epee	09.30

##### 6 January

Men's Foil	09.00
Women's Foil	09.30
Men's & Women's Sabre	11.00

Entry Fee: £17 (£27 late entry fee at organisers discretion)

Cheques payable to: Cambridgeshire Fencing Association

Entries to: Nick Bane, 133 Caxton End, Bourn, Cambs. CB23 2ST.

Tel: 01954 719270. Email: [nick.bane@camfc.org.uk](mailto:nick.bane@camfc.org.uk)

Closing Date: 31/12/2012

Notes: Only entries with fees will be considered. The organisers reserve the right to limit the size of the competition if required. Leon Paul will provide an equipment stall. BFA membership will be checked – please ensure full membership. Sports Halls open 8am.

Website: [www.camfc.org.uk/cwt.html](http://www.camfc.org.uk/cwt.html)

## ENTRY FORM

### Cambridge Winter Tournament: 5/6th/1/2013

Weapon(s): .....

Name: .....

Address: .....

Club: .....

Telephone: .....

Email: .....

BFA No: .....

Cadet: (Yes/No) Veteran: (Yes/No)

I accept that the organisers cannot be held responsible for any accident, loss or damage sustained at the tournament.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

(Parent/Guardian if U18)

## NEWHAM LPJS FOIL: 1/2 DECEMBER 2012

**Venue:** Dockside, University of East London (Docklands Campus), London E13 2RD (Home of Newham Swords Fencing Club).

Events		Check-in closes
<b>Saturday 1st</b>	U11 Boys	09.00
	U15 Boys	10.00
	U13 Girls	11.30
	U17 Boys & Girls	12.30
<b>Sunday 5th</b>	U13 Boys	09.00
	U11 Girls	10.00
	U9 Boys & Girls	11.30
	U15 Girls	12.00

**Entry Fee:** £19 **Cheques payable to:** Newham Swords Fencing Club

**Entries to:** Linda Strachan, 15 Brock Road, Plaistow, London E15 8NA.

**Tel:** 07956 618898.

**Closing Date:** 16 November 2012

**Notes:** Age as at 1 January 2012. Medals award to top four fencers. Certificates for all competitors. BF membership confirmation must be shown at check in. U9s must use size 0 blades; U11s & U13s must use size 3 blades or smaller. All fencers must wear 350N jacket & breeches. U9s, U11s & U13s must wear a 350N plastron. U15s & U17s must wear an 800N plastron. Armoury will be present. Cafeteria and large car park available.

## ENTRY FORM NEWHAM LPJS: 1/2.12.2012

**Event**..... (Boys/Girls)

**Date of Birth** ..... **BFA No:**.....

**LP Unique ID Code**.....(Consisting of your initials followed by your date of birth in the format DDMMYY, and then your sex, either M or F, Ignore all middle names, For example, a fencer named Lewis Day born 16 June 1995 would have a unique ID code of LD160695M).

**Name:**.....

**Address:**.....

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**Telephone:**.....

**Email:**.....

**Club**..... **Entry Fee:**.....

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**Signed:**..... **Date:**.....  
(Parent/Guardian)

## DOCKLANDS BSC FOIL: 10/11 NOVEMBER 2012

**Venue:** Dockside, University of East London (Docklands Campus), London E13 2RD (Home of Newham Swords Fencing Club).

Events		Check-in closes
<b>Saturday 10th</b>	Men	09.00
<b>Sunday 11th</b>	Women	09.00

**Entry Fee:** £25 Late entries at organisers discretion – extra £10.

**Payable to:** Newham Swords Fencing Club

**Entries to:** Linda Strachan, 15 Brock Road, Plaistow, London E13 8NA.

**Tel:** 07956 618898 **Closing Date:** 1 November 2012

**Notes:** Fencers must be born between 1 January 1993 and 31 December 1998. Format is one round of pools followed by DE. This event is nominated for both cadet and junior national ranking points for the 2012-2013 season. Trophy for 1st place and medals for 2nd and 3rd. Prize for the best placed cadet, men and women. Fencers must wear compliant kit to include: 350N jacket and breeches, 800N plastron and a mask with a conductive bib. Fencers must be members of British Fencing.

Cafeteria and large car park available. There is normally a charge for entry to the centre, but Newham Swords Fencing Club will pay for this so entry will be free.

For further information, contact Linda Strachan on 07956618898 or email [lindastrachan@hotmail.com](mailto:lindastrachan@hotmail.com)

## ENTRY FORM DOCKLANDS BSC FOIL: 10/11.11.2012

**Event:**..... (Boys/Girls)

**Date of Birth**..... **BFA No:**.....

**LP Unique ID Code:**.....(Consisting of your initials followed by your date of birth in the format DDMMYY, and then your sex, either M or F, Ignore all middle names, For example, a fencer named Lewis Day born 16 June 1995 would have a unique ID code of LD160695M).

**Name:**.....

**Address:**.....

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**Telephone:**.....

**Email:**.....

**Club:**..... **Entry Fee:**.....

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**Signed:**..... **Date:**.....  
(Parent or Guardian)

**MUCH WENLOCK OLYMPIAN GAMES: 15.7.12****Men (27)**

1. LLOYD Alexander (ZFW)
2. CLARKE Blaine (A & C)
- 3= CLARKE Thomas (A & C)
- 3= GALLIMORE-TALLEN Will (FOUR OF CLUBS)
5. CHARLES-HENDY David (DDRAIG WERN)
6. SHEPHERD Fred (STOURBRIDGE)
7. MURESU Gian Franco (SUTTON COLDFIELD)
8. POTTER Steve (STOURBRIDGE)
9. RUDGE Gavin (SUTTON COLDFIELD)
10. RAPSON Alec (SHREWSBURY)
11. PHILLIPS-LANGLEY Thomas (DUNES)
12. PRIESTLEY Ben (MELIA)
13. WAKEMAN Alex (SHEFFIELD BUCCANEERS)
14. LEONIS Stefan (STOCKPORT)
15. PORTAL Jacques (TOUCHE)
16. SMITH Gareth (BIRMINGHAM)

**Women (18)**

1. VILLA Alessandra (BIRMINGHAM)
2. CHART Yvonne (TRURO)
- 3= SOLLY Helen (SHEFFIELD BUCCANEERS)
- 3= STANIER Lydia (GER)
5. POTTER Emma (STOURBRIDGE)
6. JONES Joanna (ABERGELE)
7. HARRIS Kate (LOUTH)
8. FOGL Claudia (BIRMINGHAM CITY)

**EPEE - HOME****BEXLEY OPEN: 10.6.12****Men (66)**

1. Tredger, Dudley (Crawley)
2. Sanchez-Lethem, Paul (Brixton)
- 3= St Clair Jones, Greg [Portslade]
- 3= Lowe, Tom (Streatham)
5. Orge, Alp (LTFC)
6. Nicholls, Taran (Redhill & Reigate)
7. West, Howard (LTFC)
8. Bryan, Wayne (CADS)
9. Edwards, Tom (Redhill & Reigate)
10. Moulton, Gavin (Streatham)
- 11= Norris, Andrew (Southampton)
- 11= Phillips, Andrew (CADS)
13. Clarke, Chris (CADS)
14. Miller, Will (Eastbourne)
15. Domek, Stephen (Haverstock)
16. Fitzpatrick, Paul (Bexley)
17. Florescu-Serban, Silviu (Gadaski)
18. Avis, Anthony (Guildford)
19. Janet, Jean-Luc (Huntingdon)
20. Walker, Paul (Streatham)
21. Glddings, Steve (Cercle d'escrime)
22. Steiner, Adam (Gadaski)
23. Munn, Stephan (Haverstock)
24. Karlin, David (French Fencing Factory)

25. Lowe, David (Streatham)
26. Deburgh, Etienne (Gadaski)
27. Beasley, Paul (Eastbourne)
28. Jackson, Nicholas (Surrey Uni)
- 29= Cuninghame, Arthur (Saxon)
- 29= Smith, Chris (Surrey Uni)
31. Ahmet, Adam (UEA)
32. Charman, Joe (Gravesham)

**Women (17)**

1. HENSON, Julie (Norfolk)
2. ONIYE, Marg (LTFC)
- 3= PHILLIPSON, Elsa (CADS)
- 3= SALIH, Saffron (Redhill & Reigate)
5. JOHNSON, Kerrie (Dream)
6. WATSON, Amie (Haverstock)
7. YORDANOVA, Nadya (Newham)
8. ELYS, Laycy (St Pauls)

**BILL HOSKYN'S OPEN: 30.6./1.7.12****Men (80)**

1. BURKHALTER Marc (OXFORD UNI)
2. BAKER Matt (OXFORD UNI)
- 3= FREWIN James (REDHILL)
- 3= SANCHEZ-LETHEM Paul (BRIXTON)
5. ROWE-HAYNES Max (MALVERN)
6. HENDERSON Matthew (EDINBURGH)
7. CHALMERS John (BATH)



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8. EDGAR Matthew (BATH)
9. STEED Oliver (SKIPTON)
10. HARRIS James (MELIA)
11. RIDLEY Sam [NEWCASTLE]
12. THOMSON Campbell (BRISTOL UNI)
13. HIAM David (SHREWSBURY)
14. BOND Peter (ABERYSTWYTH UNI)
15. FLATT Robert (WELLINGTON)
16. KAZIK Tomas (SVK)
17. GREALEY William (TIGER)
18. BRYAN Wayne (CADS)
19. EDWARDS Tom (REDHILL & REIGATE)
20. ROCKS Christopher (SHETLAND)
21. BULLWARD Alistair [U/A]
22. BEAUMONT Nicholas (DUOVERNUM)
23. MAYNARD Calum (EGHAM)
24. BURGUM Timothy (ABERYSTWYTH UNI)
25. SINCLAIR Aml (BRIXTON)
26. ADAM Fahim (HAVERSTOCK)
27. MASSEY Oliver (ABERYSTWYTH)
28. PHILLIPSON Andrew (CADS)
29. TOOLIS Thomas (HAVERSTOCK)
30. MUNN Stephen (HAVERSTOCK)
31. WELSH Daniel (CARDIFF)
32. TCHERUKINE Dimitri (BIRMINGHAM)

### Women (34)

1. LAWRENCE Hannah (WINGERWORTH)
2. DENHAM Toni (WELLINGTON)
- 3= GUNDRY Jessica (WELLINGTON)
- 3= POWELL Elisabeth (MELIA)
5. JEANES Emily (LIVERPOOL UNI)
6. SUMMERS Francesca (MALVERN)
7. BOWERS Jacquelynn (LTFC)
8. YOUNG Kat (BATH)
9. PHILLIPSON Elsa (CADS)
10. HUGHES Samantha (READING)
11. MAYLE Rebecca (MALVERN)
12. GREETHAM Sadie (HARROGATE)
13. KETTLE Gabby (MELIA)
14. TOWNSEND Sophie (WELLINGTON)
15. JARROLD Heather (CADS)
16. TURLEY Alix [RGS WORCESTER]

### U13 Boys (19)

1. HELLINGS Joshua (PLYMOUTH)
2. DICKINSON Matthew (LASZLO'S)
- 3= MORRIS George (SCHIPANOV'S)
- 3= PALLIER Sebastian (ACTIV8)
5. RUSSELL James (ALDERSHOT)
6. STIGANT Devlin (CHICHESTER)
7. GILBERT Josh (BROMSGROVE)
8. HAYNES James (BRIDLINGTON)

### U13 Girls (11)

1. SIMMS-LYMN Tia (PLYMOUTH)
2. BISHOP Catherine (PLYMOUTH)
- 3= KIPIANI Anastasia (BRIXTON)
- 3= SUMMERS Charlotte (REDHILL & REIGATE)

## BSC JUNIOR: 1.9.12

### Men (67)

1. RIDLEY Sam (NEWCASTLE)
2. CURRAN JONES Tomas [BRIXTON]
- 3= PECK Harry (BRIXTON)
- 3= PELOW Laurence (GUILDFORD)
5. EDWARDS Tom (REDHILL & REIGATE)
6. GREALEY William (TIGER)
7. MING Daniel (HYMERS)
8. McGLADE Daniel (LTFC)
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14. HORNBY Edgar (MALVERN)
15. STEED Oliver (SKIPTON)
16. PRIOR Cameron (GRAVESHAM)
17. FREWIN James (REDHILL & REIGATE)
18. SINCLAIR Aml (BRIXTON)

19. NICHOLS Harrison (REDHILL & REIGATE)
19. WORMAN Craig (MILLFIELD)
21. BARNES Jahmal (BRIXTON)
22. ATKIN Ben (HYMERS)
23. SIMPSON Jamie (MALVERN)
24. HAWKSWORTH George (CARDIFF)
25. WRIGLEY Joshua (PLYMOUTH)
26. BEAUMONT Nicholas (DUOVERNUM)
27. BOLTON Matthew (FRISBY)
28. AVIS Anthony (GUILDFORD)
29. BRADLEY Sam (MILLFIELD)
30. STEVENS Joshua (GLASTONBURY)
31. STURGEON William (MALVERN)
32. HOFFMANN Tom (DINGWALL)

### Women (69)

1. RADFORD Amy (MALVERN)
2. MACKINNON Leonora (MALVERN)
- 3= HARVEY Abigail (NEWCASTLE)
- 3= SUMMERS Francesca (MALVERN)
5. BARRINGTON Georgina (BRISTOL UNI)
6. POWELL Elisabeth (MELIA)
7. GREETHAM Sadie (HARROGATE)
8. GUNDRY Jessica (WELLINGTON)
9. LAWSON Danielle (STOURPORT)
10. LAMBERT Justine (KING'S CANTERBURY)
11. MAYLE Rebecca (MALVERN)
12. JONES Caitlin (HAVERSTOCK)
13. CORMACK Ellie (KENILWORTH)
14. KETTLE Gabriela (MELIA)
15. GOURLEY Sarah Jane [NEWCASTLE]
16. PHILLIPSON Elsa (CADS)
17. TURLEY Alix (STOURPORT)
18. MOISEWITSCH Nina (ALDERSHOT)
19. PIPES Georgia (HARROGATE)
20. SHEEHAN Zoe (SWINDON)
21. HIND Ellie (NEWCASTLE)
22. GOODLASS Molly (WINGERWORTH)
23. DWORKIN Sasha (ACTIV 8)
24. DENHAM Toni (TRURO)
25. LOWREY Zoe (LONDON THAMES)
26. NESBITT Hannah (TEAM NEWCASTLE)
27. HOMAN Charlotte (WINCHESTER)
28. WOODROW Megan (PLYMOUTH)
29. RAWLINS Katie (DDRAIG WERN)
30. BRADLEY Ellen (WINCHESTER)
31. HIDE Victoria (NEWCASTLE)
32. BLACKWOOD Eleanor (ACTIV 8)

## SABRE - HOME

### HERTS OPEN: 27.5.12

#### Men (49)

1. MILLER Curtis (CAMDEN)
2. GANN Henry (BRENTWOOD)
- 3= AIYENURO Soji (CAMDEN)
- 3= LAWRENCE Chris (IMPERIAL)
5. FOTHERBY Will (XIPHOI)
6. MIRI Ehsan (PORTSMOUTH & SOUTHSEA)
7. AMSALEN Rubin (CAMDEN)
8. BRENDA David (CITY)
9. GIBBS Sam (SWINDON)
10. ROCKS Stephen (SHETLANDS)
11. LANGTON Valerian (ST PAULS)
12. SIMMONS John (SHAKESPEARE)
13. TAIT Jonathan (EDINBURGH UNI)
14. OAKES Marc (RONIN)
15. POPE Steve (SCIMITAR)
16. DOWSE Niall (MX)
17. MONCREIFF Harry (EDINBURGH UNI)
18. BOWLEY Stan (RIVINGTON PARK)
19. WILLIAMS Nick (NLSC)
20. SANCROFT Glenn (ROLLO)
21. GHOSH Julian (EDINBURGH UNI)
22. EDMUNDSON Jack (SOUTH LONDON)
23. GELLETT Charles (MX)
24. EDMUNDSON Sam (SOUTH LONDON)
25. NICKEL Joe (CITY)

26. DONALD Simon (BRENTWOOD)
27. POTTER Steve (STOURBRIDGE)
28. HOWES Nicholas (SOUTH LONDON)
29. POTTER James (CAMDEN)
30. VEITCH Robert (RIVINGTON PARK)
31. GRAY Alexander (RIDINGS)
32. PENTON Robert (NLSC)

### Women (28)

1. HENDRA Katie (TRURO)
2. WATSON Alice (SCIMITAR)
- 3= COLLIER Ellie (LAZLOS)
- 3= TURNBULL Isabel (MX)
5. GLADDISH Laura (MX)
6. HUTCHINSON Jane (BATH)
7. CREECHAN Louise (TRURO)
8. POTTER Emma (BIRMINGHAM CITY UNI)
9. HOBDAY Tina (NLSC)
10. WALLER Emma (RIDINGS)
11. BEDDOE Megan (MX)
12. KERR Lianne (SOUTH LONDON)
13. WRIGHT Lucy (SEACOURT)
14. VRTISKOVA Nikola (SOUTH LONDON)
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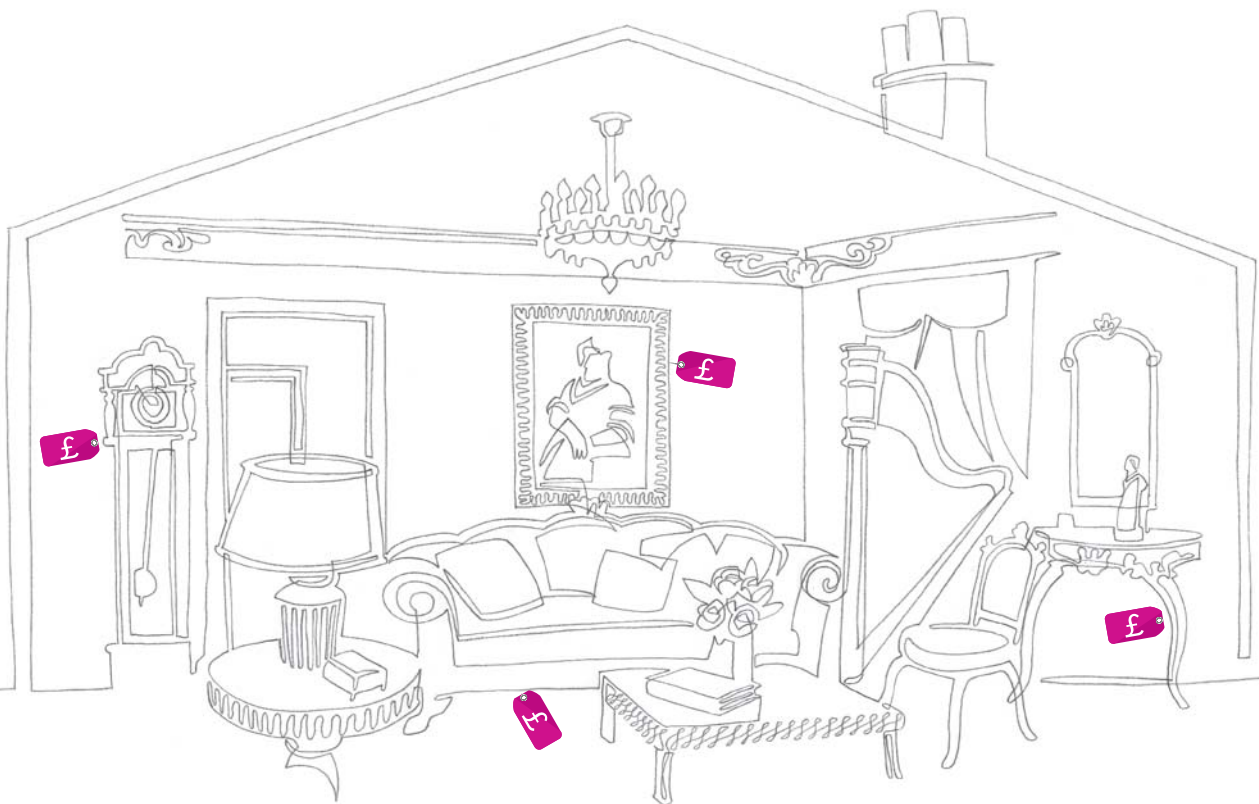
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