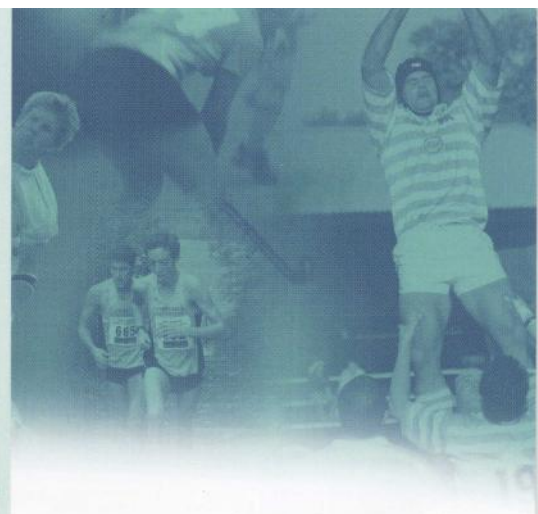




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Sport at Cambridge is changing

*Professor Graham Virgo
Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Education*

Sport at Cambridge is changing. Following a significant review of the governance of sport within the University, culminating in a vote of the Regent House in late 2014, a Sports Committee has been established, chaired by me, in my capacity as Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Education, and reporting to the University's key committees. In my view it is highly significant that the PVC for Education has oversight of sport within the University. My brief as PVC is to develop and guide policy and strategy relating to all aspects of education, involving all students: undergraduate, graduate and part-time. The old governance structures meant that sport and sports clubs were on the periphery of the collegiate university and in many respects went unnoticed. As PVC for Education I consider sport to have a vital part to play in the full educational experience of all students at Cambridge. One of the many issues I have to grapple with (and Cambridge is not peculiar in this regard) concerns student physical and mental well-being. Sport at whatever level of engagement has a crucial role in ensuring that Cambridge students gain the most they can from their educational experience.



I was a Senior Tutor at one of the Colleges for a number of years before becoming PVC. Occasionally I did have students for whom participation in sport was having a detrimental effect on their academic studies. This was often a symptom of a much deeper problem and invariably did not involve participation in elite sport but participation in a large number of sports typically as distraction. But, usually, rather than telling underperforming students to stop playing sport, my advice was the opposite, and I even encouraged such students to take up sport, for I could see the educational benefits of participation in sport. Over the years, as well, I have known many students who have participated in various sports at elite level, and whose studies were not harmed but were enhanced by their sporting engagement. In addition, participation in sport enables students to develop and exhibit a wide variety of skills of benefit to them when applying for jobs, again involving one of the significant issues facing me as PVC, namely to ensure that our students are as well prepared and as competitive as possible in the job market. For these, and many other, reasons, sport should play an essential component of a Cambridge education.

Over the last few months since taking on the role of chair of the Sports Committee I have spent time meeting captains, senior treasurers, coaches, alumni and staff to discuss what we need to do to improve sport at Cambridge. Very soon a new Director of Sport will be appointed and we will be working together, in full consultation, to develop a strategy for sport. But, without prejudging what that strategy might be, I do have a vision for sport, which involves the following elements.

First, we need to ensure that all sports clubs are accountable and responsible, but they should receive significantly more administrative support. Sports clubs presently have a lot of paperwork to complete in order to be registered with the Proctors. We will be moving to registration of all sports clubs with the Sports Committee. This will

still require some bureaucracy, but we want to have a system whereby student officers, senior treasurers and coaches are given more support in completing this documentation so that they can concentrate on the important things, namely ensuring sporting excellence.

Secondly, we must ensure that our approach to sport within Cambridge is gender-equal. Great strides have been taken in this regard, but there is more work to be done, especially as regards appropriate and fair recognition of achievement within elite sport.

Thirdly, we need to ensure appropriate financial support for sport and sports clubs. With the building and the development of the sport centre there has been a significant investment in sport in the University. With the creation of the Sports Committee it will be easier to ensure that the need to provide financial support for sport will be considered by the University each year. But it is also vital that funding of sport is identified as a key priority for the University's new development campaign. This may include funding for capital projects. But it is also clear to me, having talked to various representatives of clubs, that too many exceptional sportspeople who are already studying at Cambridge are being deterred from participating in sport at the highest level by virtue of the significant financial costs to do so. I know that the University, the Colleges, and the Hawks Club, amongst others, already provide significant financial support for students participating in sport. But this is simply not enough. We take widening participation very seriously at Cambridge, and this needs to be followed through to the whole student experience to ensure that no student is deterred from participating in sporting activities for financial reasons.

Alumni who participated in sport whilst studying at Cambridge will, I hope, realize that they can maintain their support for sport in various ways, whether it is attending fixtures and events; supporting and advising the clubs; but also providing financial support for future sportspeople.

I started by emphasizing that sport at Cambridge is changing, and it is, but most of these changes will be happening behind the scenes. Some things will not be changing. Students at Cambridge will remain as competitive as ever. The desire to push themselves - intellectually, physically and mentally remains. Pride in sporting success and the desire to encourage participation in sporting activities at whatever level remains as strong as ever. I am excited and delighted to take on a role as an advocate for sport within Cambridge and beyond. At Cambridge we have ambitions to be world-leading in all our activities. It is time for sport at Cambridge to come out of the shadows and to embrace that ambition.



Heads of Houses reception at the Hawks' Club



Professor Virgo, Frank Sanders, Tim Ellis

On 26th May, our President, Frank Sanders, held a reception at the Club for college Heads of Houses.

Professor Virgo, whose article is on the front page, was the guest of honour. He gave a talk which encapsulated most of what he has covered in his article. In the question and answer session that followed it appeared that the audience was already well on-side with his thinking, and their concerns were more with how to move the issue of sport onto the front line with those in the University who remained unconverted.

With such enthusiasm apparent we may hope that potential

students talented in sport as well as academically need no longer hide their light under a bushel when making their applications to Cambridge!



Having started on 2nd August, John Pritchard and Patrick Broughton finally bought their skiffs into New Orleans on 25th October to complete their truly epic 2,320 odd miles of the Mississippi row. It can be reported that John not only survived the experience, but also (to judge from his blog) the equally epic party that followed. John is to write a book of his experience - watch this space.

Having put so much effort into this challenge John was delighted to be able to report in December that he had reached the target \$1,000,000. 6 months on and John has written:

"Thanks to you and all the members of the Challenge Crew, children who have been caught up in conflict, held back by poverty, or who have had little opportunity of improving their circumstances through a quality education, have been given a chance of a better future. Children like Ebenezer from Nkrakese in Ghana who felt he benefitted little from school so left to work on the local cocoa plantation.

Through a partnership with the International Cocoa Initiative, Right To Play brought a different kind of education to Ebenezer and the other youngsters on the plantation. By making education fun and by putting children at the centre of their learning we created a positive association with school and it worked. "I was encouraged to go back to class," says Ebenezer. "I realised if I want to be someone in the future, I should be in school."

The programme also taught adults in the cocoa-growing communities about child protection, child rights and the importance of education.

There are millions of children around the world just like Ebenezer who face great barriers, but still believe that they can make a change for the better. Helping these children realise that ambition wouldn't be possible without supporters like you."

If you would like to add your contribution to this most worthwhile endeavour go to www.righttoplay.com/act/donate, or write to:

John Pritchard,
Chair, Right To Play UK
The Foundry
17-19 Oval Way
London SE11 5RR

Women on the Tideway *But results disappoint*

11th April saw the historic event of the first and seventieth Newton Women's Boat Race—seventieth in the series so far, but first to be rowed on the Thames over the same course as the men. Prior to the race, it was announced that the two boats had been named to honour this auspicious occasion. Cambridge elected to name their boat Project Ely (reference their new boat house project), while Oxford had opted for Catalyst.



Oxford, stroked by multi-Olympic medallist Caryn Davies, started strong favourites, and in the course of the race demonstrated their superiority throughout. Although the sun was out the conditions were windy and choppy. Cambridge briefly matched their opponents from the off, but by the Mile Post were already more than a length down. Cambridge battled bravely on, but Oxford were totally in command, finishing the race 6½ lengths up in a time of 19 minutes 45 seconds.

The previous day, in far more pleasant conditions, Osiris and Blondie had battled it out over the same course. Fittingly, for the first ever women's race over this course, it was umpired by our own Olympic Bronze medallist, Sarah Winckless. A blip at the start by Oxford allowed Cambridge to get away to an early half-length lead. However Oxford settled in to their race rhythm, and by the Mile Post were already a length to the good. From then on Oxford continued to stretch ahead, finishing some 45 seconds ahead of their opponents in a time of 18 minutes 57 seconds.

An hour after the historic women's race The BNY Mellon Boat Race took place. A poor start by Cambridge allowed Oxford an initial advantage, but they were soon back on even terms and had a canvas advantage by the end of Fulham Wall. Oxford were soon back in the lead, but with Cambridge fighting hard, it was no more than ¼ length at the Mile Post. Cambridge might have expected to take advantage of the Surrey Bend, but Louloudis, the Oxford stroke, put in a spurt, and in the course of 20 strokes Oxford had clear water and the bend was theirs. Cambridge persevered, but Oxford's cleaner blade work took them away to win by 20 seconds in a time of 17 minutes and 34 seconds.

Earlier in the day Goldie seemed assured of success, maintaining a lead that extended to 5 seconds all the way to Chiswick Eyot. Isis however responded with a major push, and with Goldie beginning to look tired, regained touch by the end of the Eyot. The tussle continued with both crews level past the Bandstand, but now the bend began to work for Oxford, and shooting Barnes Bridge they were clear. Thus, the most exciting contest of the day, ended with Isis victors by 3 lengths in a time of 18 minutes 11 seconds.

A week earlier, on Easter Sunday, the Lightweights had their day at Henley. Here, in two closely fought contests, Cambridge held sway—the women winning by 3 feet in a time of 6.26, while the men, in a similarly close encounter, won by 4 feet in a time of 5.55.

Now it's the turn of the Rugby ladies



Twickenham, 10th December, kick-off 11.30. Men's kick-off 3.00pm

Welsh Hawks

From Stephen Whitehead, CURUFC.

The Hawks Club is alive and strong in Wales and the borders, if the growth, year on year, in attendance at its Annual Dinner is any indication of health!

On 23rd January, 2015, at its "spiritual Welsh home", the Cardiff and County Club, the number of Hawks re-uniting reached 35 and had it not been for the intervention of bouts of influenza, an inconvenient spouse's birthday and the sudden offer of a free skiing trip to a hedonistic individual, we would have exceeded 40 diners for the first time.

The group's diversity was evidenced by a span of over 50 years in terms of Matriculation years, across nine sports and fourteen colleges. "Top" table, although the event is always "the most informal of black tie dinners", featured Tony Lewis (Christ's: Rugby and Cricket 1959); Dennis Gethin (Selwyn, Rugby 1963), current President of the Welsh Rugby Union; H. Hugh Thomas (Christ's Rugby 1959) and the new Supremo of the British Boxing Board of Control, John Charles Rees QC (Jesus Boxing 1967). John's youngest son, Will, joined him on the 23rd, whilst another son, Jonathon (both Jesus and boxers) is a regular at the event!

Amongst the lively discussion points, which followed dinner, was the progress achieved within the WRU and other sporting Charitable Trusts, to which the Welsh Hawks have donated in the past.

Our plan is for a lunch to coincide with one of the Cricket matches this summer, along with an ambition to attract young Hawks, recently graduated to the next dinner, which is pencilled in for JANUARY 22, 2016.

Anyone interested or with contacts to impart, please e mail whiteheadsl@hotmail.com

Hawks Trust in action

Sadly the Trust has had precious few additions to its fund in the last year. However, with the recovery of the economy it was able to increase the level of its disbursements to £23,400. Increasingly it is coming to be recognised in the University as the focus for sports related charity.

There were 258 applications this year (95 from women, 133 from men) making an arduous task for the Trustees to sort and weight. In the end we made 142 awards, as usual in amounts ranging from £750 to £100. 59 women and 83 men benefitted, and the awards covered 38 different sports and 28 Colleges. The £750 named awards went to:

Sir Adrian Cadbury award - Hayley Simmonds, Cycling.

David Jennens award - Thorbjørn Agustsdottir, Fencing

Sir Arthur Marshall award - Rebecca Moore, Athletics/Cross Country.

Bob Barber award - Jamie Giddins, Rackets/Real Tennis/Golf



We have since heard that, on 25 June, Hayley Simmonds claimed the Women's British National Time Trial title in Lincoln, beating Molly Weaver into second place by well over a minute, with Dame Sarah Storey claiming bronze.

Simmonds raced around the 33.6km course in an unassailable time of 51:39.89, ahead of riders including Ciara Horne and Katie Archibald, who came in fifth and sixth respectively. Watch this lady - she's going places!



Receiving their awards from Stuart Laing, Master of Corpus Christi:



Jamie Giddins

Photos courtesy Howard Guest

American Football comes to Varsity

Late afternoon 30th November, the floodlights at Grange Road rugby ground were turned on in preparation for a more unusual sport; this year's Varsity Bowl, the eagerly anticipated American football game between the Cambridge Pythons and the Oxford Lancers. The spectacle attracted a large crowd and many more watched the online stream and listened over the radio. Oxford won the toss and kicked off to Cambridge. The Pythons' offence started in their own half and managed a first down before punting the ball away. The ensuing Lancers' drive was a three-and-out, forcing a punt giving Cambridge good field position.

The Pythons made sure this opportunity was not wasted and a mix of plays got them down to the Oxford 33, before a minor setback of a fumbled snap, recovered by QB Joe Yarwood. The next play was more successful, with Yarwood making a nice throw to Joe Moore who ran the ball in for a Cambridge 41-yard touchdown. The two-point conversion was successful with the same combination.



James Digby on the run

The next Oxford drive started well, with an 18 yard completion, but the Pythons stepped up after that with no more first downs on this drive and a sack by linebacker Darren Harvey. After Oxford punted the ball away, the Cambridge offence

started another series from their own six yard line, this one dominated by the run. After pounding the ball for four plays, James Digby got the ball on another running play, and took it to the house for a 70-yard score. Yarwood and Moore's connection continued on the two-point conversion, making the score 16-0.

This sealed the score for the first half, and remained the score through a scrappy second half. Final result Pythons 16 - Lancers 0.

Skiers whitewash Oxford

Report by Ski captain, Nick Jones:

This year's 87th edition of the Varsity Ski Race was forced, due to lack of snow, to take place on the glacier in Tignes, incurring up to minus 15 conditions for the racers. Nonetheless, this proved no distraction as this year Cambridge undoubtedly had one of, if not its strongest, squad ever across the three teams. Such was the case that members of our third team beat racers in the Oxford Blues team on some runs. Therefore, with talent across the teams, including former French and Great Britain team members, Cambridge was expected to inflict a heavy defeat on Oxford. They did!



In the Blues, Antoine Magre and Mike Pelton took first and second in the Giant Slalom, and in the Slalom Harry Collard and Nick Jones took 1 and 2 as well. Furthermore, an overall individual victory was secured by this performance for Harry Collard with Nick Jones also making the overall podium in third, as well as Geoff Penington close behind in fourth. In total, the Cambridge Blues Men's team put down some outstanding performances and avenged last year's defeat. The ultimate result was that the Cambridge Men's Blues regained the trophy and won Varsity by 10.63 seconds.

The Women's Blues saw an incredibly high standard this year, with several new ex-racers joining the fray in 2014. This promised a tough encounter on the Rozolin course, but led by 2013 individual winner Benedetta Pacella, the Women's Blues secured another victory for Cambridge by 9.27 seconds. Benedetta secured, as a result, her second overall individual victory in the women's in a row, with Sarah Flattery putting in a crucial performance with a second place in the Slalom. The Women's II's, many of whom due to the incredible standard this year, have been or could have been blues in previous years, also brought a victory home for Cambridge, this time by a margin of 6.09 seconds.



The biggest victory of the races however took place in the Men's II's. Many of the members of the II's and III's would have walked into blues teams in previous years not to mention the intense training they have put in over the past few years. This meant that Cambridge possessed undoubtedly its strongest II's and III's ever. The Cambridge III's managed to defeat the Oxford III's, despite several crashes, while the Men's II's won by a whopping 53.50 seconds. This meant that it gave me no greater pleasure as captain to welcome all five Cambridge teams up to the stage following their victories over Oxford as well as us being able to take back to Cambridge the coveted Varsity Blues Trophy.

A week in the life...

Frank Sanders, CURUFC, Hawks President 2014-15



5:30 Monday morning – an unholy time. But porridge and black coffee kick me out of the house and onto the fondly nicknamed 'Couch', to pedal my way through the mist to the ever frigid Grange Road gym. Being only two days before a match, it's a light power session with some jump squats, push jerks to

keep me honest. Back to The Couch and what is meant to be a steady plod of a cycle across to the distant lab of MRC Human Nutrition Research, inevitably ends in endless races against other commuters. Into the lab office by 7:45 with a cheeky shake and ready to greet a volunteer. Quickly take consent, a little bit of blood, and send them on their way after a short breakfast. Probably not unreasonable to have another snack myself. Why not, I'm gaining? I can do better than the 12kg I've managed in the last 12 months...

Lunch is an affair of some left over stir fry, heavily laced with sausages, bacon and chicken. By the end of a tedious day full of 'admin', snacking on endless Tesco essential custard creams and maybe something that resembles part of a PhD, it's time to dust off The Couch and make my way to training again. Maybe try and wangle some 'soft tissue work' off the physios. Training – some scrums, plenty of lineouts with an unfathomable list of calls, and finally the Captain's run through. Head off home after another shake.... Wolf down everything in the fridge, and an obligatory packet of Aldi's finest tortilla chips. Maybe a couple of choc ices too. Need to protect the precious 'gain-line' weight.

Tuesday. Pre-game stretch and rest. Admin, work, weight maintenance.

Wednesday – game day. Really treat the legs today – drive to work. Getting odd looks in work for wearing a blazer and tie – I don't think they know I own anything other than tracksuit trousers and a beaten up pair of 'reduced to clear' high tops. Make sure I eat right today – plenty of carbs. Risotto for lunch, 4pm banana porridge. Onto the Haribo and malt loaf until kick off. Maybe just two Blue Sparks. Not the luxury of some branded energy drinks... Oh yeah and that research. Match – strap up the ailing body, the dislocated wrist can still play up a couple of years on, and the torn hip cartilage needs some mobilising. Tough encounter with some burley men. Luckily nothing broken, and managed to trundle over the gain line, avoid too many penalties and put some shots in on those carrying in my vicinity. After a well-deserved feed – on to man the door of Cindies in a hideous coloured jacket. Bed.

Thursday – another volunteer bright and early. The bruises creek as I edge my way on to the couch after another porridge-fuelled wake-up. In work by 7:45am

Another Friday and the 6:30 gym session beckons. This time I have to work. It's leg day – some heavy squats, followed by extra volume squats, leg press and maybe some deadlifts to keep the strength up. Couch. Work. Snack. Lunch

Saturday – 7:45am at the University Sports centre to warm up before a technical session in the gym. Bleak fitness follows in the form of 'Power-Go'. A criminal activity involving ergos, tyre flipping, shuttles and weighted sleds. Finally it is the weekend proper – better speak to my friends (limited though they may be). A touch of marking whilst watching the European Cup rugby, a team order – 'You've got to watch the games, boys!' Plenty of eating – naturally.

Sunday - also known as treat day. Wall-to-wall eating, and a Farmyard burger at Hawks. And so to bed.

Editor's note: Frank does himself an injustice - he fails to mention the enormous amount of work that he puts into supporting the Hawks and the Rugby Club. Thanks, Frank.

Captains' reception at Hawks

The Hawks Club is increasingly on a mission to reach out to all the Sports Clubs in the University, and as part of this drive it has become the practice in the Michaelmas term for the residents' committee to invite the captains of all the sports to a reception at the clubhouse. This gives an opportunity for all sports to see what the Hawks' is all about, to hear about the Trust, and hopefully to put their (male) members forward for Hawks' membership as they gain their Blues. The picture, taken in the Hawks' dining room, shows this year's reception, and the range of sports that were represented.



Photo courtesy Howard Guest.

Standing - Hannah Church (CUAC, Ospreys' President), Seb Tullie (CURUFC, Hawks' Committee), Sam Farmer (CURUFC, Hawks' Committee), Zaamin Hussain (CUAC, Hawks' Committee), Stewart Forshaw (CURPC), James May (CUAFC), Laura Mullarkey (CUSRC) Jaason Geerts (CUIHC), David Firth (CUMMA), Ed Hezlet (CUAC)

Seated - Timothy Prosser (CULTC), Hllario Xin-Chen (CU Judo Club), Tom Bennet (CUSWPC), Harry Cozens (CURLFC), James Brooks (CUAC), Will Cairns (CUHC, Hawks' Club Committee), Francis Sanders (CURUFC, CUPLC, Hawks' President), Sophie Clarke (CUSWPC), Lizzie Potter (CURA, Ospreys' Committee), Harry Peck (CURUFC), Jamie Giddins (CURTC), Alasdair Pollock (CUCC)

Singapore government honours Hawk

Gabriel Oon Chong-Jin writes:

"I enjoyed reading The Hawk (Michaelmas 2014) and note your request for photos of history, and sporting achievements.

I was a member of the Hawks Club from 1959.

I was a Cambridge half blue in Badminton from 1958-62 and captained the university team in my last year. In all our matches including against international teams from Europe we were unbeaten. Before coming up to Downing in 1958, I had already won the All England Junior Championships, 30 championships in the Men's Singles, Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles. We were unbeaten against Oxford. I had also won the Irish, Scottish, Welsh Men's open singles and doubles as well as the French triple.

After graduating in Medicine and working at the old Addenbrooke's Hospital, I reached the finals of the Men's open All England Doubles, then acknowledged as the

unofficial World Championship in 1965. On the 9 October 2014, our Singapore Government honored its elite sportsmen and women from 30 sports at the new Sports hub which is the size of three Rugby fields, and also has an Aquatic Sports Center.

Pictures show me with the Minister of Community Development and Sports, who thanked me for inspiring the Nation with our sports achievement. He gave me a plaque thanking me for being a Legend in sports."

Our thanks to Gabriel for getting in touch, and our congratulations.



Thank you Dr Pat Marsh



Thanks where they are due, and most certainly they are due, to Dr Pat Marsh, who could be said to have set the Review of Sport in motion by making a report of her own. Subsequently, when she learnt that the Review was going to a Regent House vote, she mobilised resources in the form of a web site to collect supporters' signatures, and campaigned vigorously throughout the University to ensure that the vote went the right way. Pat we salute you.

Sir John Bradfield (1925-2014)



Creator of Trinity College's fortunes; builder of the Cambridge Science Park, hence founder of the Cambridge phenomenon; transformer of Felixstowe docks into the biggest container port in the country; founder of Darwin College and the Newton Trust; first Chairman of the Addenbrookes NHS Trust, laying the foundations for the Cambridge Biomedical Campus; John Bradfield could truly be said to be a giant of the Cambridge world.

Educated at Cambridge & County High School for Boys, he gained a scholarship to read Natural Sciences at Trinity. Following a short career researching cell biology, in 1951 he was appointed Junior Bursar of the college, and 5 years later Senior Bursar.

At the time Trinity already had extensive holdings in agricultural land, and Bradfield set about realizing their value by a calculated process of commercialization, working closely with Sir Francis Pemberton of Bidwells. With the favourable conditions created by Harold Wilson's support for the "white-hot technological revolution" he moved quickly to convert some derelict farmland on the northern edge of Cambridge into a Science Park—the first of its kind in Europe. The scheme was slow to get going, but by the 1980's it was attracting some of the biggest names in technology, quite apart from being the base from which many new names sprang. Today it hosts some 100 technology, biomedical and research enterprises, employing over 5,000 people.

In the meanwhile, sensing the potential in the tiny port of Felixstowe that was free of the stranglehold of the Dock Labour Scheme, and owning most of the farmland that surrounded it, Bradfield began a programme of infrastructure creation, with warehouses, roads, and finally even a railway, that created a container port to rival that of Rotterdam. In 1976 the then Labour government was keen to nationalise the port and Bradfield organised the defeat of the bill that would have put the port on a "slide into bureaucracy and mediocrity".

These, and other projects, transformed the college's finances from revenues of some £200,000 per year in the 1950's to over £15 million by 1992. By 2006 Trinity's income from external land receipts alone had topped £33 million.

Keen to reassure the University that Trinity's fortune was their fortune, Bradfield joined with two other colleges to start a new postgraduate college. Darwin has celebrated its 50th anniversary this year. He was also keen to provide the means by which students from poor backgrounds could gain access to the University, and thus was born the Isaac Newton Trust. Although endowed mostly by Trinity it continues to provide bursaries to students attending any of the colleges.

Bradfield was always a great supporter of student sport, and when we were raising money for the Portugal Place project he contributed a grant from the college. For this and his general support he was made a Hawk.

He died as he traversed Trinity's Great Gate on his way to college dinner.

Sir Derek Day (1927-2015)



Derek Day was a member of the Bronze medal winning hockey team at the 1952 Helsinki Olympics, but did not get his medal until 58 years later.

Day had been first choice goal-keeper, but for the bronze medal match had volunteered to stand down for the second choice goal-keeper, thinking it was a pity for the man to have come all the way to Helsinki and not play. When GB then beat Pakistan 2-1, with only 11 medals available it was down to straws to determine who got the medals, and Day ended up watching the medal ceremony from the stands. Many years later the BOA determined that any member of the squad in a team event, who played during the preliminary rounds would qualify for a medal. Ironically, when he finally received his medal in 2010 there was far more media attention than there had been at the time of the original competition.

Day was educated at Hurstpierpoint College, and then, after 2 years National Service, at St Catharine's College, where he read "history and hockey".

There followed a highly successful career in the Foreign Service, including a stint as assistant private secretary to the fallible Foreign Secretary, George Brown. In 1972 he was posted to Cyprus, and when the Turks invaded Nicosia found himself in the High Commission, unable to make the 100 yard journey home. He found the conflict strangely "civilised", able to use the phone and talk to his Turkish opposite number throughout.

A much more difficult assignment was in prospect when he was posted to Addis Ababa. In his first year 13 British subjects were kidnapped by various rebel groups, and it was up to him to negotiate with each - satisfactorily all were eventually released without harm. By way of relief he designed and built a small 6-hole golf course on an embassy paddock - to his delight learning that it still exists to this day.

After a brief stint in Zimbabwe/Rhodesia, Day's last posting was as High Commissioner to Canada in 1984, where he remained until his retirement in 1987. Even in his last year his diplomatic skills were tried to the utmost, as Margaret Thatcher fell out with the Canadian government over the issue of sanctions on South Africa.

He was appointed CMG in 1973, and KCMG in 1984.

He maintained an active interest in sport throughout his life, continuing to play hockey for Southgate and East Grinstead, and enjoying tennis and golf. He was involved in the appeal for a new astro-turf hockey pitch at Hurstpierpoint, and in 2012 carried the Olympic torch through Cophorne, West Sussex.

He is survived by his wife, Sheila, a daughter and 3 sons.

John Dewes (1926-2015)



John Dewes was educated at Aldenham where he was in the Cricket XI 4 years running. In his last year he averaged 74.

In the same year he made his mark at Lord's by scoring 107 not out for The Rest.

He was subsequently selected for a Public Schools v a Lord's XI, a match notable for the arrival of a flying bomb

which landed on the Nursery ground. According to Wisden play was interrupted for barely 30 seconds.

In July 1945 he was, still only 18, invited to play for England in one of the unofficial "Victory" Tests. Facing a rampant Keith Miller he scored a redoubtable 27 in the first innings, but a duck in the second.

After National Service in the Navy he went up to St John's in 1947 to read Geography, and subsequently Law. He played both Cricket and Hockey for the University, as well as playing cricket for Middlesex. In his first year at Cambridge his average was 45, and 30 for Middlesex.

Facing the might of the all-conquering Australian side of Don Bradman, Keith Miller and Ray Lindwall, in his first Test, Dewes got a single, and 10. Back on home territory (Fenner's) however he fared rather better, achieving in 1949 a score of 204 against Essex in a second wicket stand of 429 with Hubert Doggart. The hoped for record however was not to be since Doug Insole, the Cambridge captain, considered it more important to win the match, and declared.

In 1950 he did even better, scoring 183 against the West Indies tourists with David Sheppard to put on 343 for the first wicket. A month later he and Sheppard produced 343 again (Dewes 212) against Sussex.

That year's Varsity match saw a Cambridge line-up that included Dewes, Sheppard, Doggart and May - possibly the strongest ever undergraduate team. Unfortunately rain enabled Oxford to contrive a draw.

By the end of the 1950 season Dewes had scored 2,432 runs at an average of 59. Selected to tour Australia, he did not fare well. With a career of 121 over 10 test innings his international career was soon over.

Having also gained Blues for Hockey he continued to play this game to a high standard, playing county hockey for Warwickshire, who reached the County final.

In 1951 Dewes left cricket to become a schoolmaster, teaching Geography at Tonbridge and Rugby. After a spell as Headmaster of Barker College in Australia he returned to Dulwich College where he remained for 25 years and was a housemaster.

He is survived by his wife Shirley and two sons, one of whom, Anthony, was also a Cambridge cricket Blue and is also a Hawk.

Denis Eadie (1917-2015)



Denis Eadie was educated at Oundle, and went up to Trinity to read Mechanical Sciences. In his second year he was a member of the First Trinity Boat that won the Ladies Plate at Henley, and the following year he stroked the Blue Boat.

Oxford had won the previous year, and with 5 returning Blues and a heavier crew were fancied to win. There was a half-gale blowing from the south-west which made for a torrid time for both crews. Eadie fought gamely, keeping in the race until the Chiswick Eyot. Oxford however looked the more relaxed crew and duly battled out to a 2 length win - the time of 20 min 30 sec being a testament to the difficulty of the conditions.

In 1939 Eadie enlisted and joined the British Forces in France. He was subsequently involved in the

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evacuation from Dunkirk and was mentioned in despatches.

In 1942 he was posted to Burma, taking part in the Arakan campaign, and earning 2 more mentions in despatches. In 1944 he had the task of getting a 3500 lb anti-tank gun into the embattled garrison of Kohima, getting past an enemy position, and then up a 90 foot ramp which was covered by accurate mortar fire. Having reached the foot of the ramp Eadie's detail found that the expected smoke cover had not materialised and they were in full view of the enemy. While winching the gun up the ramp 1 man was killed and 2 injured. Eadie carried the dead and wounded men up the ramp under fire, and got them into cover. He received an MC from Field Marshall Lord Wavell at the roadside, stating that the success of the operation was entirely due to his skill, courage, and inspiring leadership.

Eadie retired from the army in 1947 and joined the family engineering business, Eadie Bros. In his spare time he coached boys from underprivileged backgrounds in boxing, was a member of the R&A, and captain of Prestwick Golf Club. He was also the longest surviving member of Leander. He continued rowing with the Glasgow University rowing club, and was a Commonwealth Games competitor.

A generous hearted man, he supported many charities, helped to found Paisley's Accord Hospice, and volunteered for various duties at Paisley Abbey and St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh.

His first wife, Isobel, predeceased him, and he married again, Gillian, who survives him, together with his four children and two step children.

Lord Griffiths (1923-2015)



A very human barrister and Judge, who understood the foibles of human nature, and endeavoured to steer the commonsense course through the intricacies of the law.

Griffiths went to school at Charterhouse, and in 1942, aged 18, he was commissioned in the Welsh Guards. In 1944 he was in the 2nd Armoured Recce Battalion in the battle for the Belgian town of Hechtel when 4 German Panther tanks were reported to be approaching the British position. Volunteering to investigate alone, he soon came under fire from one of the Panthers, but the shot missed. Now knowing where the Panther was he established an ambush position in a wood a little way down the road, and duly despatched the Panther when it got within range. The other three Panthers now retreated but he was able to destroy two further enemy transport vehicles before returning to the unit. For this enterprising and courageous action which protected the position at Hechtel he was awarded an MC.

Following demobilisation Griffiths went up to St John's college to read Law. While there he obtained Blues in Cricket and Golf, and as a fast bowler was in the Glamorgan side which won the championship in 1948. He continued to be active in sport all his life, becoming President of the MCC in 1990, and captain of the Royal & Ancient Golf Club, St Andrews, in 1993.

His illustrious professional career first came to the public's attention in 1968 when he chaired the inquiry into the Ronan Point disaster in which 5 people died.

His report established what many already suspected - that system-built high-rises could be dangerous and modifications to design were required for the future.

In 1973 Griffiths was appointed as one to the three judges to sit on Heath's ill-fated Industrial Relations Tribunal, a court that was promptly closed down when Labour returned to power in 1974.

In 1980 he was promoted to the Court of Appeal, where he refused to lift an injunction obtained by the Moors murderess, Myra Hindley, to prevent publication of her plea to the parole board. In Griffiths' opinion nothing could be more damaging to the parole system than for prisoners to fear that their confidential submissions might be leaked to the press.

In 1983 the Foreign Office sought to force the Guardian to reveal the identity of the mole who leaked to the newspaper the imminent date for the deployment of cruise missiles on Greenham Common. In Griffiths opinion nobody knew what other documents might be copied and to whom they might be revealed, and the official should be traced and removed. Sarah Tisdall was later jailed for 6 months.

In 1985 Griffiths became a Law Lord, and while there contributed to the unanimous refusal to grant a ban on newspaper articles about the Spycatcher memoirs of Peter Wright. Griffiths also suggested that it might be better to just let Spycatcher be published because it was "such a boring book".

Griffiths was chairman of the Security Commission 1985-92, member of the Advisory panel on Penal Reform 1967-70, and a member of the Lord Chancellor's Law Reform Committee 1976-93. His other memberships included the Canadian Bar Association, the American Institute of Judicial Administration, and the American College of Trial Lawyers. He was knighted in 1971, and became a Privy councillor in 1980. Following retirement he continued to work as an arbitrator and mediator in international and domestic commercial disputes. He celebrated his 90th birthday with a dance in the Inner Temple.

Having outlived two wives he is survived by the third, Greta, and by four children from his first marriage, and five step children.

David Macklin (1928-2015)



David Macklin was born on Sep 1 1928, and went to school at Felsted. In 1947 he went up to St. John's, Cambridge, to read Classics and Law. Though he came direct from school, and had rarely rowed before coming to Cambridge, he was carried along by returning servicemen,

among whom were a number of notably good oarsmen who saw the College rowing Club, Lady Margaret Boat Club, rise from 11th to Head of the River in 1950, and to win the Grand Challenge Cup at Henley in 1951. This was the last time a College Crew won the Grand.

David got his Blue in the infamous 1951 race, where they re-wrote the rules of The Boat Race: the weather was rough and Oxford sank early in the race. The rules were rewritten to state that if a boat sank before the end of the Fulham Wall then, rather than declare the other crew victors, the race was to be re-

rowed! David went on to row for Leander and won the Grand Challenge Cup again in 1952 and 1953. He is one of only 3 oarsmen to have won the Grand 3 years in a row. These were the 'sunshine years' for Cambridge/Leander rowing as this Crew won Gold at the European Championships in Macon in 1951 and came 4th in the final at the Olympic Games in Helsinki in 1952. In the 1960s, he was a very active member of the Exeter Rowing Club.

Professionally, David pursued a distinguished career in the civil service, finishing as CEO of the Devon County Council, and enjoyed a happy retirement sailing in Scotland and visiting the world to see his 4 sons. He leaves his wife Janet, and 4 sons and 10 grandchildren, 2 of whom were in their turn Captains of LMBC.

A celebration of David's life will be held in Topsham near Exeter on 1 September this year.

Obituary from David's son, Jeremy, Hawks, CURUFC, St John's.

[Editor's note: according to "Battle of the Blues" the rule change was actually made after the 1925 sinking, though press comment in 1951 made it appear that it was new. In the re-row Cambridge went on to win by the substantial margin of 26 seconds.]

Mike Mills (1921-2014)



Of all the captains who tossed up - with varying degrees of optimism - against the mighty 1948 Australians, Mike Mills, who sadly passed away on 8 November 2014, was the last survivor. He led Cambridge University to defeat by an innings and 51 runs in the tourists' fifth of 31 first-class fixtures, but his side (including four future England players in John Dewes, Hubert Doggart, Trevor Bailey and Doug Insole) succeeded in taking the match into its third day, and Wisden records that nearly 25,000 spectators crowded into Fenner's to watch.

"At lunchtime on the second day I was trying to persuade Lindsay Hassett (captain in the absence of Don Bradman) to go on batting," Mills recalled years later. "Fortunately they were keen to get Bill Brown back into form, and he took ages to score 200. So at least we didn't get carted around the field!"

An outstanding schoolboy cricketer at Oundle School - with 461 runs and 46 wickets in 1940, his second and final season as captain - Mills went up to Corpus Christi College, Cambridge after war service in the Indian Army and bowled his leg-breaks and googlies well enough to claim seven Yorkshire wickets (Paul Gibb, Maurice Leyland and Wilf Barber among his victims, although Len Hutton escaped him) for 69 on only his second first-class appearance in 1946. He played four times for Warwickshire later that summer. Mike won blues for cricket 1946- 1948 (Captain 1948). He also won blues for squash in 1946 and 1947 (captain 1947) and fives 1946 -1948.

Mills' Cambridge team lost heavily to Oxford in 1948 but his son Peter - who turned out occasionally for Northamptonshire as an opening batsman - "rescued our family name" by winning as captain at Lord's 34 years later. Mike Mills subsequently returned to Oundle to teach, was Master-in-Charge of cricket between 1961 and 1972 and ran the old boys side - Oundle Rovers - for nearly 60 years. His remarkable association with Oundle School, as pupil, Head of Economics, Master in Charge of cricket,

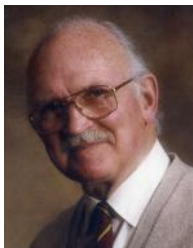
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Housemaster for 24 years and on his retirement, Old Oundelian Club Secretary spanned eight decades and his 90th birthday was celebrated there in 2011 with a special lunch in his honour. The School's new cricket pavilion, due for completion for the 2015 season will bear Mike Mills' name as a fitting testament to his memory and to his love of cricket.

Mike is survived by his wife Anne, son Peter and daughter Penny.

Obituary by his son Peter, Hawks, CUCC, Corpus Christi

Peter Palmer OBE (1912-2015)



He went to school at Uppingham, and then to Jesus College to read Law and Economics. A brilliant sportsman he obtained Blues in rugby, hockey and cricket.

While at University he played for the Northampton Saints, and later for the Leicester

Tigers. He was in the East Midlands side, and was an England triallist. He continued playing as fly half for the Saints until 1939, scoring 13 tries in 38 outings.

The attachment to the Saints seemed to be something of a family affair - his father captained the side circa 1906, and his brother also played for them. Peter's love of the Saints was life-long, becoming by turns Treasurer, Committee Member, and President. He was last seen attending a game in person when he was 97, and still continued to watch the team on television after that. On the occasion of his 100th birthday the Saints presented him with a Saints shirt with the number 100, signed by the entire current squad.

After graduation he joined the family firm of Chartered Accountants, becoming a partner in 1938. During the war he served in the Royal Artillery, demobilising in the rank of Major in 1946. After the war he became more involved in golf, getting down to a 4 handicap, and becoming Captain of Northampton County GC. He was founder and captain of the County Captains' Association.

In 1956 he became President of the Leicestershire and Northamptonshire Society of Chartered Accountants, and of the Chamber of Commerce. He was a Magistrate for 27 years, and Chairman of the County Appointments Committee. He was appointed Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire in 1981, the year in which he was awarded an OBE.

He had become a Freemason in 1937 and worked his way up the organisation, culminating in becoming the Grand Master of the Masonic Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire. During his tenure he was involved in many far reaching developments for the lodges in those 2 counties and further afield.

He loved gardening and fly fishing, and was involved in his local church at Church Brampton. He married twice, both predeceasing him, and he leaves a daughter, Primrose, two grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

From material supplied by his daughter, Primrose Ludlow.

Dick Pryce-Jones (1948-2015)

From the CUBC web site:



The Club has been deeply affected to hear of the passing of Dick on 10th April, 2015, on the eve of this year's Boat Race.

He was passionate about the Club. As the first Executive Secretary for the Club, he

developed and made the role his own for more than 11 years until his retirement in 2013.

Over his tenure, there were so many of us whom he helped and encouraged. Above all he was a reassuring presence at the heart of the Club. We will remember his smile and his sense of humour and many of us were on the receiving end of his mischievous fun.

He was a good friend and pillar of strength for the CUBC who engendered a great deal of affection from all who knew him.

He was above all a family man, with his wife, Reine, and his children and grandchildren never far from his thoughts. Everyone at the Club carries Reine and all of the family in our thoughts and prayers.

From the Isle of Ely Rowing Club web site:

Dick was a member of IoERC since its foundation and a Vice-President from 2009.

He played a crucial role in the establishment of our club and continued to provide valuable advice and support for all our ventures.

His warmth, open personality and genuine interest in our activities won him numerous friends in Ely who will remember him with great affection and admiration.

[The next obituary is for a man who was neither a Hawk, nor even a Cambridge man, but, as we must give honour to the heroes who oppose us, so we must to this coach of the Oxford boat, who was the nemesis of so many Cambridge crews.]

Dan Topolski (1945-2015)



He went to Westminster School where he captained the rowing eight, and New College, Oxford, where he read geography. He rowed in the University Boat Race on two occasions. In the 1967

race, rowing at number seven, he helped Oxford to their third consecutive victory. The following year, this time rowing at bow, he suffered defeat. Relatively lightly built for a rower, he gained 24 pounds (11 kg) to qualify for the 1967 race.

Topolski's rowing career included a gold medal in the 1977 World Championships in Amsterdam, in the lightweight eights, and a silver medal in the 1975 World Championships in Nottingham, in the coxless fours. He appeared at the Henley Royal Regatta on 74 occasions, winning the Henley Medal four times.

He was the finishing coach (an unpaid post) for Oxford University's Boat Race crew from 1973 to 1987. Of the fifteen Boat Races in which he was coach, Oxford won twelve including an unbroken run of ten victories between 1976 and 1985. This run of success and its continuation after Topolski's departure brought Oxford to a point in 1992 where they had won sixteen of the last seventeen races and

were within one victory of equalling Cambridge's overall total of wins. Topolski left them following the famous "mutiny", saying "It's a hard slog, unpaid for 140 days a year, and if it's not a pleasure, it's not worth it."

Topolski coached the British rowing squads competing at the 1980 and 1984 Olympics. He also coached the British women's eight between 1978 and 1980. He acted as a commentator for the BBC at the 2000 Sydney, 2004 Athens and 2008 Beijing Olympics.

Outside rowing, Topolski worked as a researcher for the BBC until 1973. He published two travel books. *Muzungu: One Man's Africa* (1976) was based on his travels in Africa for eight months in 1972. *Travels with My Father: A South American Journey* (1983) was based on a tour of South America with his father in 1981, which resulted in his wrongful arrest and imprisonment in Paraguay. He also published two books about rowing, *The Oxford Revival* (1985) and *True Blue: The Oxford Boat Race Mutiny* (1989; with Patrick Robinson). He wrote for *The Observer* for more than twenty years.

Age no impediment

Aubrey Waddy writes:

"Aubrey Waddy, B1 1960-65, became national o-65 squash champion at the recent British Championships in Manchester. After being runner up for the previous two years, Aubrey won a hard fought final against Northumberland's Derek Collins, 3-9, 9-6, 9-2, 9-6. The win confirmed Aubrey's

England place in the forthcoming Masters home internationals.

This will be the fourth time he has represented England in the end of season event. Aubrey hopes his title will validate his status as the leading international author

of squash-based fiction, with his thriller "Sex and Drugs and Squash'n'Roll" (Amazon, Kindle etc) the all time best seller in this category of 'literature'."



Aubrey, left, in action

Mystery Hawk



On reviewing an envelope of photographs we came across this one, unlabelled and unidentified. We own up to the error, since we're sure that it originally came with some identification, but, alas, now lost. Please could the subject identify himself, or failing that, anybody who knows who it is, please let us know.

Thank you, Michael Hodgson

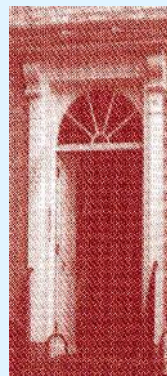
Thank you, Michael Hodgson, who produced a copy of the 1973 Rugby Varsity Match programme for me, when, working on the Abrahams Project, I found the Rugby Club's records were lacking in that respect. I'm glad to say that the Club's own copy turned up in the end.

Results-Results-Results

Total wins: Cambridge 50 - Oxford 36 Drawn 2

Sport	Varsity Result as at June 2015
Amateur Boxing	Cambridge 6 - Oxford 3
American Football	Cambridge 16 - Oxford 0
Archery	Oxford 3459 - Cambridge 3340
Association Football	Oxford
Association Football Women	Oxford 7 - Cambridge 1
Athletics - Cross Country	Oxford
Athletics - Cross Country Women	Cambridge
Athletics - Indoor (VFEAR)	Draw 7-7
Athletics - Indoor Women (VFEAR)	Cambridge 9 - Oxford 5
Athletics	Cambridge 118 - Oxford 94
Athletics - Women	Cambridge 113 - Oxford 87
Badminton	Oxford 9 - Cambridge 6
Badminton Women	Oxford 12 - Cambridge 3
Basketball	Cambridge 64 - Oxford 36
Basketball Women	Cambridge 75 - Oxford 50
Canoe	Oxford
Cricket 20-20	Cambridge by 4 wickets
Cricket 20-20 Women	Oxford
Cricket One day	Oxford
Cricket One day Women	Oxford
Cricket 4 day	Cambridge
Cycling	Cambridge
Cycling Women	Cambridge
Dancesport	Cambridge 1947 - Oxford 1833
Duathlon	Oxford
Duathlon Women	Cambridge
Eton Fives	Cambridge 2 - Oxford 1
Eton Fives Women	Cambridge 2 - Oxford 1
Fencing	Cambridge
Fencing Women	Cambridge
Golf	Oxford 9 - Cambridge 6
Golf Women	Cambridge 8 - Oxford 3
Gymnastics	Cambridge 306.9 - Oxford 208.45
Gymnastics Women	Oxford 185.1 - Cambridge 181.4
Hockey	Cambridge 2 - Oxford 1
Hockey Women	Cambridge 2 - Oxford 1
Ice Hockey	Cambridge 10-0 & 12-3
Ice Hockey Women	Oxford 25 - Cambridge 0
Judo	Oxford
Judo women	Cambridge
Karate	Cambridge 5 - Oxford 0
Karate Women	Cambridge 58 - Oxford 44
Kendo	Cambridge
Kickboxing	Oxford 4 - Cambridge 3
Korfball	Cambridge 19 - Oxford 11
Lacrosse	Oxford 13 - Cambridge 10
Lacrosse Women	Cambridge 15 - Oxford 5
Lacrosse Mixed	Cambridge
Modern Pentathlon	Oxford
Modern Pentathlon Women	Oxford

Sport	Varsity Result as at June 2015
Netball	Cambridge
Orienteering	Oxford
Orienteering Women	Cambridge
Powerlifting	Cambridge
Polo	Oxford 14 - Cambridge 2
Real Tennis	Cambridge 6 - Oxford 0
Real Tennis Women	Cambridge 4 - Oxford 2
Riding	Cambridge
Rifle - Small Bore	Cambridge 1521 - Oxford 1473
Rifle - Small Bore Women	Cambridge 745 - Oxford 687
Rowing - Blues	Oxford
Rowing - Women Blues	Oxford
Rowing - Lightweight	Cambridge
Rowing - Lightweight Women	Cambridge
Rugby Fives	Cambridge 300 - Oxford 23
Rugby Fives Women	Oxford - Cambridge 2
Rugby League	Oxford 42 - Cambridge 0
Rugby Union Football	Oxford 43 - Cambridge 6
Rugby Union Football Women	Cambridge 47 - Oxford 0
Ski and Snowboard	Cambridge
Ski and Snowboard Women	Cambridge by 25.73s
Squash Rackets	Oxford 3 - Cambridge 2
Squash Rackets Women	Cambridge 5 - Oxford 0
Swimming	Oxford 57 - Cambridge 33
Swimming Women	Oxford 53 - Cambridge 34
Table Tennis	Cambridge 7 - Oxford 3
Table Tennis Women	Cambridge 10 - Oxford 0
Trampoline	Oxford
Triathlon	Oxford
Triathlon Women	Oxford
Ultimate Frisbee	Oxford
Volleyball	Oxford
Volleyball Women	Oxford
Water Polo	Cambridge 9 - Oxford 8
Water Polo Women	Oxford 6 - Cambridge 5
Windsurfing	Draw
Yachting - Team sailing	Cambridge
Yachting - Ladies 2-boat	Cambridge



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