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REVIEW OF 1988

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This has been a very satisfying year for the Club. Peter Crawshaw's personal marathon on the Achilles computer resulted in renewed contact with almost every member of the Club (there are now about 1,200). The level of response exceeded all expectations (especially those of the inhabitants of number 3 Vincent Square, as the Hon. Secretary's address, 3 Vincent TERRACE, was misprinted on the Club's envelopes!): not only was there much detailed correspondence from members, but many were moved to re-establish active participation in the Club's activities, by officiating at the 'Varsity Match, attending Sandy Duncan's dinner, or just sending off for the new Club tie (which is now readily available from Castells).

This year we lead with reports of the main Achilles (as opposed to Oxford and Cambridge) events. Athletically, the range of our activities has expanded impressively: prize-winning efforts at the Bracknell Relays and St. Maur Road Races in France have been repeated, and a weekend trip to Jersey will hopefully become a regular event. Social events have also been a success, and we still look forward to the Achilles Ball, postponed now till late summer 1989, which will celebrate in part the 125th anniversary of the 'Varsity Match.

Also to mark this anniversary, and in recognition of the fact that the 'Varsity Match is the oldest athletics fixture in the world (and still one of the most flourishing), we have published a 'Record Book' of facts and figures relating to the history of CUAC, OUAC, Achilles and the Match itself: no member should be without this book, which also includes a number of action photos of members over the years, and which is available from the Hon. Secretary at #7.99 including postage (or at the special price of #4.99 at the 'Varsity Match itself).

It was agreed at last year's AGM that the Club's annual subscription be increased from #2.50 to #5.00 per annum. This is the first increase in the Club's subscription for many years and is felt by the Club Committee to be necessary in order to reflect inflationary increases, and the recently enhanced level of service being offered to all members, particularly in respect of the cost of production and distribution of this Report. We also feel that it represents good value for money compared with the cost of subscriptions to other athletic clubs for competing members. This rate will apply in future to all new members joining the Club, and will be optional for existing members. It is appreciated that a great many members paid life subscriptions, in many instances at the rate of 5 guineas, on joining the Club: many of these members are also currently paying #2.50 annual subscriptions and it is hoped that these and some other life members will feel able to contribute

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the new annual subscription. Accordingly, a new bank standing order form is enclosed with this Report: if you wish to commence paying the new subscription, please complete it, sign it and return it to the Hon. Treasurer: Peter Crawshaw, 19 Belmont Road, Reigate,

Surrey RH2 7ED.

Members will also note that the Club has taken the opportunity to change bank accounts from Hambros Bank at the same time: this is in order to reduce the heavy bank charges which are currently levied in respect of the collection of the standing orders. Completion of the new form should ensure that any existing standing orders are cancelled automatically and duplicate payments should therefore not arise. For overseas members who would like to make some contribution to Club funds but do not have a UK bank account, a subscription at the unchanged level of #25.00 for life membership might be appropriate.

While the Achilles Trust finances continue to grow healthily, members are reminded that the Objects of the Trust essentially only permit it to provide funds in respect of undergraduate members of the Club, and it is necessary to ensure that a sufficient level of annual income accrues to the Club itself to provide for administrative costs and for a contribution to match expenses in respect of non-undergraduate members.

As this report goes to press, the Oxford/Cambridge team are in the USA, as always thanks to the generosity of contributors to the Achilles Trust. The team, directed by Donald Gorrie, is larger than ever, comprising 25 men, 20 women, and 5 managers and coaches. A full report on the tour will be included next year.

ACHILLES V. SOUTHERN COUNTIES AAA AND OTHERS

The Club's main match of the season was a lower key affair than usual this year both for us and for the opposition, with the AAA Championships and Olympic Trials but two days away. It created an opportunity, however, for some of our lower ranked athletes to step into the shoes of more illustrious fellow-members who were unwilling to risk injury, and a most enjoyable team outing resulted: the most vociferous support in the stadium was always for the Achilles athlete. Good wins were achieved by Nigel Clarke in the Pole Vault, Mike Powell in the High Jump, and Richard White in the 800m: and for once our field eventers outscored the track runners. Trevor Llewelyn competed almost anywhere there was a vacant berth, but was excused the Steeplechase. The efforts of team managers Dominic Emery and Giles Clifford ensured that we ran the Civil Service close in the match result.

HOWEVER: If the Club is to continue to offer opportunities for top class competition it needs a larger pool of active members willing and able to turn out: and not just for the subsidised glamour tours to Portugal or Jersey. The SCAAA match is our opportunity to demonstrate on the track what is evident in statistics on paper: that we are still firmly among the top ten clubs in the country. SO SUPPORT IT!!!

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BRACKNELL RELAYS

After our modest success last year in reaching the final of the Men's Medley, earning a cash prize in the process, it was decided to pull out all the stops this year and field our strongest possible teams both for men and women.

The ladies team ran strongly to qualify comfortably for the final, and two hours later finished a very creditable fourth, to improve one place on the men last year, and to claim a prize of #100.

The men were less fortunate. Andy Geddes, Trevor Burton, Chris Cholerton, Dwayne Heard and John McAuley had gathered from far and wide, and a high placing would have been assured IF the final member of the team (who begs to remain nameless) had arrived on time. In spite of the efforts of Jamie Bevan, drafted in from the 'B' team at the last moment, Achilles failed to progress from the heats, a was most frustrating experience not only for the athletes, but also for the team managers. If anything is to be re-learnt from the experience it is one of Sandy Duncan's golden rules: when it comes to getting people together on time, the team manager must never assume that any of his team are capable of thinking or acting for themselves (even if they are Oxbridge graduates).

ACHILLES OPEN MEETING

The Team Managers organised this new event on the fixture list, which took place on Saturday 27th August, Bank Holiday weekend. Members were more in evidence as officials than as competitors, but Mike Powell won the high jump with 2.10m, before having three very good attempts at a pb 2.16m (which he subsequently achieved in an international match for Wales), and Emma Howard scored a 100/400 double. The inaugural 'Iffley Road Mile' was won by John Sherban of Leeds.

This event will be repeated in 1989, on Saturday the 9th of September, and members are recommended to make a note in their diaries now, in order to work it into their racing programme for the summer.

CLUB RANKING

Achilles slipped slightly from last year's 9th place, finishing 12th among UK clubs. As usual only Achilles/OUAC/CUAC and Championship performances were counted (i.e. second claim performances): the actual full strength potential of the Club is thus higher: perhaps next year, as this exercise is carried out almost entirely for our own gratification (as a second claim club our placing does not count in the national club rankings), we will dispense with restrictions and count ANY performance by a member during the year.

OXFORD V CAMBRIDGE 'VARSITY MATCH. 14TH MAY 1988.

Records tumbled in the 114th match in the series. Jon Ridgeon won no *p

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less than five individual events for Cambridge, setting match records in both the high and low hurdles, and surpassing the previous record of four events in one match first set by Bob Tisdall (subsequently Olympic Champion at 400m Hurdles) in 1931. Simon Mugglestone countered strongly for Oxford, front running to a new record in the 1500m, and returning 40 minutes later to win also the 5000m. In the field, Dwayne Heard, who had to produce a match record in the long jump the previous year to beat Ridgeon, had the horizontal jumps to himself again, and his record total of eleven individual wins in this fixture over the years now puts him well clear of Adrian Metcalfe, who won nine events in the early 1960's.

Dwayne's performances were again of the highest standard, and would have constituted match records for both Long and Triple Jumps before he himself appeared on the scene.

Cambridge always seemed to have the upper hand in the match, and although Oxford closed during the latter part of the afternoon, the relays saw Cambridge stretch away comfortably once more.

100 1. Ridgeon(C) 10.7s; 2. Heard(O) 11.1s; 3. Wilkins(C) 11.3s;
4. Campbell(O) 11.4s
200 1. Ridgeon(C) 21.7s; 2. Heard(O) 22.5s; 3. Shearmur(C) 23.1s;
4. Gluckstein(O) 23.2s
400 1. Ridgeon(C) 48.8s; 2. Shearmur(C) 50.0s; 3. Singham(O) 50.4s;
4. Eadie(O) 51.8s
800 1. Rowbotham(C) 1m53.9; 2. Layton(O) 1m54.2; 3. Bevan(C) 1m55.1;
4. Springett(O) 1m55.4
1500 1. Mugglestone(O) 3m45.2(rec); 2. Duke(C) 3m59.1; 3. Rowbotham(C)
4m07.3; 4. Layton(O) 4m17.6
5000 1. Mugglestone(O) 14m48.7; 2. Pes(C) 15m05.3; 3. Niblett(O)
15m13.7; 4. Herries(C) 15m43.8
3000StCh 1. Duke(C) 9m29.4; 2. Macfadyen(O) 9m33.8; 3. Shaw(C) 9m42.0;
4. Rossiter(O) 9m58.0
110HH 1. Ridgeon(C) 14.1(rec); 2. Kell(C) 15.0s; 3. Campbell(O) 15.2s;
4. Stephenson(O) 15.9s
200LH 1. Ridgeon(C) 23.5(rec); 2. Bussey(C) 25.7s; 3. Stephenson(O)
26.6s; 4. Lai(O) 27.2s
400IH 1. Hitchcock(C) 54.4s; 2. Wilson(C) 55.3s; 3. Lai(O) 55.4s;
4. Bray(O) 60.9s
3000walk 1. Dark(O) 14m12.9; 2. Bulbeck(C) 16m45.7; 3. Liu(C) 16m45.7;
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H.J. 1. Coker(C) 2m00; 2. Newman(O) 1m96; 3. Crews(O) 1m93;
4. Steed(C) 1m85.
L.J. 1. Heard(O) 7m36; 2. Coker(C) 6m84; 3. Tilley(O) 6m69
4. Risman(C) 6m61
T.J. 1. Heard(O) 15m23; 2. Cobb(C) 14m76; 3. McGrady(O) 13m88;
4. O'Hara(C) 13m76
P.V. 1. Clarke(O) 4m00; 2. Reece(C) 2m95; 3= Harding(O) &
Steed(C) 2m80
Shot 1. Briggs(O) 12m96; 2. Quinn(O) 12m94; 3. Edwards(C) 11m73;
4. Gardiner(C) 11m12
Discus 1. Madsen(O) 42m88; 2. Quinn(O) 41m16; 3. Rogers(C) 34m50;
4. Levy(C) 32m32
Javelin 1. Alexander(C) 55m84; 2. Tyley(C) 52m86; 3. Gardiner(C)
50m22; 4. Cobley(O) 45m60

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Hammer 1. Madsen(O) 54m56; 2. Edwards(C) 44m00; 3. Briggs(O) 41m74;
4. Deeley(C) 40m26
4 x 100 1. Cambridge 42.9s; 2. Oxford 44.5s.
4 x 400 1. Cambridge 3m21.4; Oxford 3m29.3.

CAMBRIDGE 119.5 OXFORD 102.5

In the womens' match, records were set by Emma Howard in the 100m by Gill Norton and Gill Howard in the high jump, and by Cathy Kitchen in the 800m. The standard of sprinting was notably high, with the first three in the 100m all beating the old match record.

100 1. Howard(C) 12.0s(rec); 2. Lissenden(C) 12.4s; 3. Smith(O)

	12.5; 4. Cox(O)13.7s
200	1. Howard(C)24.9s; 2.Lissenden(C)25.9s; 3.Smith(O)26.8s; 4. Hobson(O) 27.4s
400	1. Kitchen(C)59.9s; 2.Hobson(O)60.7s; 3. Webb(C)62.6s; 4. Higgins(O) 63.5s
800	1. Kitchen(C)2m13.2(rec); 2.Simson(O)2m14.2; 3.Dering(O) 2m16.8s; 4.Blanshard(C)2m25.8
1500	1. Simpson(O)4m43.6; 2.Vaughan(O)4m49.3; 3.Blanshard(C) 4m57.6; 4.Gandee(C)5m06.8
3000	1. Gaisford(C)10m16.5; 2.Vaughan(O)10m24.5; 3.Shelley(C) 10m57.5; 4.Elbourne(O)11m05.1
100H	1. Teverson(C)17.0s; 2.Pagan(C)17.1s; 3.Cummings(O)18.5; 4. Watson(O)19.5s
400H	1. Brufal(C)66.4; 2.Merritt(O)67.8s; 3.Green(O)70.4s; 4. Gandee(C)72.8s
H.J.	1. Norton(C)1m65(rec); 2.Howard(C)1m65(rec); 3.Wills(O) 1m45;m 4. Cartwright(O) 1m30
L.J.	1. Smith(O)5m50; 2.Wills(O)5m30; 3.Norton(C)4m78; 4. Cox(C)4m58
Shot	1. Teverson(C)10m35; 2.Wills(O)10m32; 3.Anderson(C)8m96; 4. Osman(O) 8m75
Discus	1. Anderson(C)34m54; 2.Teverson(C)33m38; 3.Osman(O)32m80; 4. Griffin(O)27m12
Javelin	1. Teverson(C)32m14; 2.Crawford(C)30m40; 3.Wills(O)29m28; 4. Lai(O) 23m40
4 x 100	1. Cambridge 49.3s (rec); 2. Oxford 51.8s.
4 x 400	1. Cambridge 4m04.6s (rec); 2. Oxford 4m05.4.

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Cambridge thus won both matches, plus both second team matches which were contested simultaneously. Since 1864, in the mens' match Oxford now have 57 wins, Cambridge 50, with 7 ties.

A number of members responded to last year's Report by volunteering their services as officials: several more were roped in via our newly computerised address list which enables us easily to identify members who live within reach of Oxford. It was especially good to renew old acquaintances. Members attending the match included: Tommy Macpherson, Derek Steel, Sandy Duncan, Robert Kennedy, Robert *p

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Stinson, Peter Crawshaw, Sir Roger Bannister, Chris Thorne, Charles Booth, John De'Ath, John Havard, Jan Arriens, Jeremy Ball, Jon Brooke, T.G. Carpenter, R. Collett, Bill Cooper, RTG Day, John Ellicock, Dominic Emery, Martyn Bowen, Donald Gorrie, Allison O'Neill, Mike Powell, David Roberts, Dewi Roberts, Dick Saunders, Trevor Southall, Peter Sunderland, Steve White, Henk Altmann, Andrew Fischer, Allan Malcolm and Giles Clifford.

INDOOR VARSITY MATCH

20th November 1988, at Haringey. The second match in the current mens' series was won by Oxford, 39 points to 27, reversing last year's narrow 32-34 defeat.

Support for the fixture was lukewarm, and it may not be repeated in its current form. But the Hon. Sec. enjoyed his guest outing over 60m, and found that, as last year, the highlight was the high jump competition, where vociferous psyching of Jon Crews got him over

1.95, whereafter Matt Newman cleared 2.00m, and had good attempts at 2.06m.

The first women's match was won by Cambridge, 30.5 points to 24.5. Again the high jump stood out, with Gill Howard clearing 1.65, and then attempting a Cambridge record.

THE FRESHMENS MATCH

2nd November 1988, at Milton Road. The match was won by Oxford, 113 points to 88: a women's match, not limited to freshmen, was also won by Oxford, 104 points to 53.

THE FIELD EVENTS AND RELAYS MATCHES

This year's encounters, on 28th February and 4th March 1989 at Iffley Road and Bedford respectively had added spice as they also represented the final trials for the U.S. Tour. Oxford won both men and womens' matches in the field, while Cambridge similarly dominated the track, a nice balance which will make for an interesting 'Varsity Match. Standards were high, with several new records being established. At the Relays, Achilles teams contested every event strongly, further illustrating the support of active members for this type of relatively relaxed competition.

U.K. CHAMPIONSHIPS

Two silvers and a bronze were won by Members, with several more fine performances. Jerry Barton, already one third of a AAA Champion (AAA Road Race team event for Blackheath), was always well-placed in the 5000m, and took the silver medal (which Richard Nerurkar won last year behind Simon Mugglestone). Trevor Burton's third place in the 400 hurdles was his first medal at national level, but Jon Ridgeon was disappointed with his unexpected lack of form which only sufficed for silver in the highs.

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The other 1987 Achilles medallist Mike Powell won the Welsh title in the high jump with a new Championship Record of 2.12.

AAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Jon Ridgeon was relieved after his illness problems to book his place to Seoul with third place in high hurdles. Jerry Barton and Richard Nerurkar impressed with fifth and fourth places in, respectively, the 5,000m and 10,000m, Jerry being rewarded a week kater with his first Great Britain vest. Mike Powell cleared a pb 2.15 in the high jump, and Trevor Burton ran well to reach the 400m hurdles final.

Chris Cholerton, Paul Rowbotham, Emma Howard, Dwayne Heard, Sian Pilling and others also competed.

OLYMPIC GAMES

For the first time since 1972, when defending 400m hurdles champion David Hemery won individual bronze and relay silver, Achilles had an active representative at the Games. 1988 was ruined for Jon Ridgeon by illness, in spite of which he still managed fifth place in the Final of the high hurdles: it is a measure of Jon's stature

that such a fine achievement should seem to some a disappointment, and we look forward to his continuing career with anticipation.

The Club's Chairman, Robert Stinson, was at the Games in his capacity as Honorary Treasurer of the IAAF, and performed the medal presentation ceremony for, among others, FloJo's 100m. Also at the Games were Mike Turner (British Team Manager), David Dixon (Secretary of the Commonwealth Games Federation), John Holt (Secretary of the IAAF), Sandy Duncan (Commonwealth Games Federation), Chris Brasher (The Observer), Andy Etchells (Running Magazine), Jeffrey Archer and others.

THE 1988-89 INDOOR SEASON

Jon Ridgeon won impressively over 200m in the international against Germany, but a slight injury ended his campaign there. Centre stage was thus left to Andy Geddes at the AAA Indoor Championships, where in the 1500m he became the 23rd Achilles member to win an indoor title (he thus gained selection for the Stuttgart international meeting, where he clocked 3.41.0). Mike Powell excelled with third place in the high jump - in Achilles colours, too! Also competing were Martyn Bowen, Chris Cholerton and Richard White.

Richard Nerurkar is presently at Harvard, where he will no doubt come up against the Oxford/Cambridge team in the spring, and where he has run the startlingly fast time for 5000m of 13:27 indoors. Also successful in the U.S. have been Paul Rowbotham, reportedly with a substantial improvement of his best over 800m, and Tim Berrett, restored to health, 5th in the walk in the U.S. Indoor Championships.

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CROSS-COUNTRY

The 1988 'Varsity Cross-Country match was won 29-50 by Oxford, whose Simon Mugglestone was first to finish in 38 min. 18 secs., fractionally slower than his performance the previous year. Oxford also won the Womens' Match, 17-20, although Claire Lavers of Cambridge was the individual winner in a new record (by the substantial margin of 47 secs.), 14 min. 56 secs.

Jerry Barton started his 1989 campaign with a decisive victory in SCAA Championship, but was unable to repeat this form in the British Trials. Richard Nerurkar, however, following his 6th place in the U.S. Championships, secured selection for the World Championships with an impressive 4th in the Trials.

Oxford's women won the British Universities Championship, led home by Vicki Vaughan in first individual place. Vaughan also led Oxford to 7th place in the Womens' National (Vaughan 8, Pilling 37, Simpson 80, Sering 104): Claire Lavers finished 6th, and if Lavers, Vaughan, Pilling and Bevan (53) had been running as an Achilles team they would have placed 3rd.....

DINNER IN HONOUR OF SANDY DUNCAN

Sandy Duncan has contributed enormously to the development of athletics and coaching in the UK and overseas, to the Olympic and Commonwealth Games movements, and of course to the Achilles Club. A merry gathering of Members elected over a span of 50 years

thanked him for all that he has done for us, at the Dyers' Hall on 11th July. Godfrey Brown spoke of the early years when Sandy was always on the 'other side', and of being beaten by him in the long jump in 1931, and of the later years of comradeship as fellow Achilles members. Sandy reciprocated with reminiscences from his long and illustrious career.

Sandy was presented with a special Achilles Medal, for outstanding service to the Club during almost 40 years as Honorary Secretary, and with a substantial cheque, the result of a collection among members, which caused him to murmur 'Compact Disk Player'.

There were very many messages of best wishes from members unable to attend, and those present were:

K.S. DUNCAN, OBE. New College, Oxford 1932-35. Pres OUAC 1935. Hon Sec Achilles 1948-87, Vice-President Achilles. World University Games Gold Medal 1937, AAA Indoor Champion 1935/37. Hon Sec Commonwealth Games Federation 1948-82, General Sec British Olympic Association 1948-75, General Sec British Commonwealth Games Council for England 1948-72, Olympic Order, Silver Award.

Mr & Mrs R.T.S. MACPHERSON, CBE. Trinity, Oxford 1945-47. Chairman Achilles 1961-79, President Achilles 1979- .

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A.G.K. BROWN. Peterhouse, Cambridge 1934-38. Hon Sec CUAC 1937, Pres CUAC 1938. Olympic Gold & Silver Medals 1936, World University Games Gold Medals 1937, European Champs Gold Medal 1938, AAA Champion 1935/8/9.

H.S. TOWNEND, OBE. Brasenose College, Oxford, 1928-31. President OUAC 1931. Gold Medal Empire Games 1930.

Sir RALPH KILNER BROWN, OBE. Trinity Hall, Cambridge, 1928-32. AAA Champion 1934.

J.P. FORD, CBE. Caius, Cambridge 1931-35. Hon Treasurer Achilles 1948-57.

Dr E.L. ELLIS. St Catharine's College, Cambridge, 1933-36.

Dr & Mrs R.K.I. KENNEDY. Clare, Cambridge 1934-37. Hon Sec CUAC 1937, Chairman Achilles 1979-87, Vice-President Achilles. AAA Indoor Champion 1938.

J.T.H. MACNAIR. Exeter College, Oxford, 1935-38.

N.M. BEYTS. Brasenose College, Oxford, 1935-39.

D.J. WENDEN. Wadham, Oxford, 1941-42 and 1946-47. Hon Treasurer International Fed. of University Sports.

P. CARPENTER. St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, 1942-43 and 1946-48.

Mr & Mrs D.G. STEEL. Trinity, Oxford, 1944 and 1947-49. Hon Sec OUAC 49, Hon Treas Achilles 1958-87. Vice-Pres Achilles.

Mr & Mrs D.M. DIXON. New/Lincoln College, Oxford 1944-45 and 1948-50. Pres OUAC 1950. Hon Sec Commonwealth Games Fed.

The Rev P.R.Ll. MORGAN. Wadham, Oxford, 1945-46 & 1948-52. Hon Sec OUAC 1951, Pres OUAC 1952.

Sir Roger BANNISTER. Exeter & Merton, Oxford, 1946-51. Hon Sec OUAC 48, Pres OUAC 49. World Recs 1953 4 x Mile, 1954 1 Mile. Gold Medals European Champs 1954, Empire Games 1954. AAA Champion 1951/52/53/54. The Sports Council (UK) Chairman 1971-74. Achilles Medals 1949/51/52/53/54.

Dr R.E. WILLIAMS. Emmanuel College, Cambridge 1947-50. Hon Sec CUAC 1949.

Dr A.R. PINNINGTON. St Peter's Hall, Oxford 1947-53. World University Games Gold Medal 1951.

P.A.L. VINE. Lincoln College, Oxford, 1949-52. AAA Champion 1955/56.

Mr & Mrs H.R.H. STINSON. Emmanuel, Cambridge, 1951-54. Chairman Achilles 1977- . Hon Treasurer IAAF.

G.E. VILLIERS. Brasenose, Oxford, 1951-55. Hon Sec OUAC 1954, Pres OUAC 1954.

D.W. DONALDSON. Corpus Christi, Cambridge 1953-57. Hon Sec CUAC 1956, Pres CUAC 1957.

J. METCALF. Pembroke College, Oxford, 1954-57. AAA Champion 1959. Achilles Medal 1960.

P. SUNDERLAND. Brasenose College, Oxford, 1960-63.

T.L. JONES. St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, 1962-65.

T.M. TAYLOR. St. Peter's, Oxford, 1963-66. Supervisor of the Achilles Schools Relays.

P.G. CRAWSHAW. Worcester, Oxford, 1970-74. Hon Treasurer Achilles 1987- .

P.D.T. WILLCOX. Corpus Christi, Cambridge, 1971-74. Hon Sec CUAC 1974. Hon Sec Achilles 1987- .

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A.L. SHIRET. St. John's College, Cambridge, 1974-77. Pres CUAC 1977.

Bridget WHEELER. Trinity Hall, Cambridge 1977-80. Ladies Capt CUAC 1980. Achilles Team Manager.

P.F. DUNCOMBE. Trinity Hall, Cambridge, 1977-80.

T. LLEWELYN. St John's, Cambridge, 1980-83. Hon Sec CUAC 1982, Pres CUAC 1983. Achilles Coaching Manager. Achilles Medal 1983.

THANKS FROM C.U.A.C.

 CUAC is grateful to Everard Davis (who still ranks among the top Cambridge sprinters of all time) for his copy of the 1936 CUAC Record Book, and to Peter Ford, Hon. Treasurer of the Achilles Club from 1948 to 1957, for his copy of the 1930 edition.

'THE FOUR MINUTE MILE'

 Club members were much pestered by the BBC when they researched their dramatisation of 'Not for Glory, Not for Gold', the story of Roger Bannister's race with John Landy to be the first under four minutes. Few members who know those portrayed will have been entirely pleased with the film, for as Ronnie Williams wrote in a letter to The Times, Roger is 'a much steadier and kinder man than . . . portrayed in these two programmes - a misrepresentation so astonishing that it is difficult to know what to say'.

Nevertheless many memories will have been stirred. At one point the researchers were particularly keen to acquire a genuine pair of 'fifties Achilles running shorts: Stinson admitted that his had had to be destroyed when their condition became too unspeakable: someone recalled that Gorrie once had a pair remarkable remarkable for their bagginess, and the sleuths rushed northwards. . . .

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Ed Forman, Achilles Team Manager in the late 70's and early 80's, is currently concentrating on orienteering. He was South West Champion in 1985-6, and is secretary of the Bristol club and of orienteering's South West regional association.

Flight Lieutenant Ian Yorston is now posted more permanently in the U.K. and intends to return to competition.

Jack Richardson writes from Derby, ordering one of the new ties and recalling the days he ran behind David Burghley and Gene Weightman Smith.

John Hartley, who placed second for Cambridge in the 440y at the 1940 unofficial 'Varsity Match, has been so encouraged by the Club's recent revival that he has been moved to bring out and dust down his Achilles blazer. He now lives in Australia, and returns from a visit to the U.K. bearing with him a list of Members living Down Under, and two spare Achilles buttons.

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** Very many other members have written extensively in response to last year's computerisation exercise. We are sorry that the volume of the information received has not yet enabled us to do justice to it all, and we hope to rectify the situation next year.**

IN MEMORIAM

We record with great regret the deaths of the following Members:

G.R. Renwick (New College, Oxford 1920-24), in July 1984. He represented Oxford in the 'Varsity Matches of 1923, at 440y, and 1924, at 100y, and won a bronze medal in the British 4x400m Relay team in the 1924 Olympic Games. He served on the Club's Committee for several years during the 1920's.

H.E. Askew (Caius College, Cambridge 1936-39), on October 31st 1986. He won the Long Jump at the 'Varsity Match of 1937, and placed 2nd in 1939. He toured the USA with the Club in 1937, but did not have the opportunity to achieve his best performances until his early thirties: he competed in the Olympic Games of 1948, jumped a personal best of 23'11" in 1949, the year in which he placed 3rd in the AAA Championships, and was still competing at the highest level in 1951.

Hugh N. Saunders, OBE, TD (Pembroke College, Cambridge, 1929-32), on May 31st 1987.

J.L. Barratt (Merton College, Oxford, 1940-45), in January 1988. John won the Shot Put in the unofficial 'Varsity Matches of 1943 and 1944.

Dr C.E.D.H. Goodhart (Caius College, Cambridge, 1924-27), on July 18th 1987. Douglas competed over 440y at the 1927 'Varsity Match.

Dr K.O. Black, MD, FRCP (King's College, Cambridge, 1929-32), on August 5th, 1987. Kenneth was a successful miler in the early 30's.

Malcolm Staniforth (Christ's College, Cambridge, 1931-35), in January 1988. Perhaps Malcolm's best season was 1936, when he achieved the Standards Medal in the AAA 220 yds.

B. Penman (University College, Oxford, 1936-39), on December 8th 1986. Bruce Penman came equal second in the 'Varsity Match High Jump of 1938, before winning in 1939.

N.S. Price, CMG, OBE (Queen's College, Oxford 1929-30), who competed in the Cross-Country match of 1929.

Roger Peacock (Merton, Oxford 1928-32), on 27th November 1987, who competed in pole vault in the 'Varsity Matches of 1931 and 1932, placing equal second on the latter occasion.

Rev. Norman E. Mitchell (Queen's College, Oxford, 1936-39), on 16th November 1986.

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25 YEARS BACK...

Hugh Pullan has pointed out an error in last year's Report: the Presidents during the season culminating in the 1962 'Varsity Match were Robin Macklin (OUAC) and Brian Smouha (CUAC). Adrian Metcalfe and Tom Blodgett succeeded them in 1962-3.

Cambridge beat Oxford at the 'Varsity Sports, by 86 points to 67, with Blodgett winning four events and thereby the Drake Digby Cup. Oxford/Cambridge beat Harvard/Yale at the White City, by 9 events to 8, a feat that has regrettably not been repeated since.

Both the Kinnaird and the Sward Trophies were won, the first time that we had achieved the double since 1948. A new edition of the Achilles publication 'Athletics' was produced, edited by H.A. Meyer.

Adrian Metcalfe won the 440y and Bruce Tulloh the 3 Miles at the AAA Championships; Mike Parker (high hurdles) and Mike Ralph (triple jump) came second; and R.H. Baxter took third in the discus.

The Achilles Report at that time led with the same problem that faces our present Honorary Treasurer: the Club's finances and subscription levels. Then as now inflation had made it no longer realistic to operate at the previous levels, even (and indeed especially) for 'Life Members'. Today, the cost of producing this Report is not even covered by total annual subscriptions: we therefore hope that members will look kindly on our request that as many subscriptions as possible be renewed and increased.

50 YEARS BACK...

Is it just coincidence that exactly the same point about subscriptions failing to cover expenses was being made in 1938? Or is does crisis have a 25 year cycle?!

Five wins were achieved at the AAA Championships, by A.G.K. Brown (440), C.A.J. Emery (3 miles), R.E.M. Blakeway (Javelin), T.L. Lockton (decathlon), and the 4 x 440 team (Barnes, Horsfall, Pennington, A.G.K. Brown). Minor placings were filled by many members, and Sandy Duncan achieved a Standard Medal for over 120ft in the Discus. At the AAA Indoor Championships wins were achieved by F.R. Webster (pole vault), Bonzo Howland (shot), R.A. Powell (long jump) and Rob Kennedy (high jump).

Oxford beat Cambridge by the narrow margin of 60 points to 57: among the winners A.G.K. Brown scored a quarter mile/half mile double. Full results of the match can be found in the appendices. The Universities were defeated by Princeton and Cornell at home, 9 events to 3.

That the Kinnaird Cup was retained seemed almost a formality. Indeed the Club was so successful at this time that other teams complained that Achilles' presence in a match removed all interest in the team result: this was a wounding charge as so many members were committed to encouraging the growth of the sport nationwide. Would that the problem persisted today!
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COMPUTERISATION

As indicated in last year's Annual Report, the Club's Membership Records are in the process of being computerised: this process is now almost complete. Members who were not covered last year should find a letter enclosed with this Report.

All members should note that it is not currently the Club's intention to register under the provisions of the Data Protection Act: in this respect, there is an exemption available to unincorporated clubs and associations from the provisions of this Act, provided that each member consents to having his/her details held on the computer and provided that the details are only used for or made available to the Club and its members. By writing to all members in the way that we have, we believe that we have complied with both the letter and spirit of these provisions, but we would like to take this opportunity to remind all members that they may, if they so wish, ask that their details are not held on computer, in which case they will only be kept on a manual basis. Suitable wording is now included in the letter of invitation to new members, pointing out the way in which the Club records are now being held and providing them with the opportunity to have their details left off the computer if they so wish: to date, no members have asked for this.

With regard to the use to which the details are put, members can rest assured that these are confined to usage for Club circulars, provision to team managers, and other internal purposes. We also propose in future to make available details to CUAC and OUAC, should they request, for their own purposes. Again, we feel that this is entirely permissible within the provisions of the Data Protection Act. Finally, the Hon. Treasurer would like to start including details of subscriptions paid by Banker's Order on a separate file within the computer system, in order to facilitate the maintenance of the Club's accounts and monitoring of payment of subscriptions: members can rest assured that such details will remain entirely confidential and for the use only of the Hon. Treasurer.

NEW MEMBERS

The following have recently been elected:

Cambridge:	Charles Addison	Jesus College
	David Alexander	Selwyn College
	Simon Firth	St John's College

Jane Gandee	Girton College
Dougie Gleen	Churchill College
Philip Goodwin	Emmanuel College
Martin Hepworth	Magdalene College
Gillian Howard	Clare College
Kheredine Idessane	Girton College
David Knowles	St Catharine's College
Scott Levy	Wolfson College
Mairi MacLean	Lucy Cavendish College
Stuart Nash	St Catharine's College

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Hugh Nicholson	Trinity College
Gill Norton	Trinity Hall
Claire Parkes	Fitzwilliam College
Ravi Silva	Clare College
Rowan Smith	Gonville & Caius College
Lawrence Tsang	Jesus College
Anna Tyacke	Trinity Hall
Chris Young	Pembroke College

Oxford:	Samantha Aarvold	Keble College
	Tim Armstrong	St Peter's College
	Tom Atkinson	Mansfield College
	Carlton Baugh	St Peter's College
	Simon Briggs	St Edmund Hall
	Scott Bryan	Trinity College
	Peter Carstensen	Christ Church
	Tracy Chestnut	Worcester College
	Desiree Cox	Pembroke College
	Julie Deegan	Brasenose College
	Jane Dickers	Somerville College
	Rod Driver	St Catherine's College
	Dawn Duckworth	Jesus College
	Elizabeth Elbourne	St Antony's College
	Simon Gluckstein	Lincoln College
	James Hooper	Christ Church
	Jeremy Lai	St Edmund Hall
	Sean McGrady	Jesus College
	Simon Mugglestone	Hertford College
	Rachel Osman	St Hilda's College
	Gary Pitts	Oriel College
	Patrick Richmond	Balliol College
	Peter Siderman	Lady Margaret Hall
	Andrew Skates	Trinity College
	Marie Smith	St Catherine's College
	Peter Springett	Trinity College
	Neil Stoodley	St. Anne's College
	Charlie Thomas	New College
	Charles Wijeratna	Worcester College

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Correspondence may now be addressed to the Hon. Secretary at his office address: c/o Eggar Forrester Ltd, Rodwell House, Middlesex Street, London E1 7 HJ.

Please let us know immediately if your own address has changed.

Paul Willcox
Hon. Secretary

March 1989.

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1989 FIXTURES

Achilles, OUAC and CUAC.

- 29th March-14th April Achilles: Oxford/Cambridge USA Tour.
- 22nd April CUAC v. Woodford Green v. RAF v. WLI, at Woodford.
- 26th April CUAC v. Loughborough and others, at Loughborough.
- 30th April-1st May BUSF Championships.
- 30th April Centipedes/Millipedes v. Woodford Green
- 3rd May CUAC v. Bedford AC and others, at Bedford.
- 6th May OUAC v. Birmingham v. Loughborough, at Oxford.
- 10th May CUAC v. Cambridgeshire AAA v. London U., at Peterborough.
- 13th May Achilles Schools Relays, at Oxford.
- 14th May OUAC v. S. Glamorgan Inst. v. Bristol v. RAF, at Oxford.
- 15th May Alverstone/Alligators v. Bank of England v. Cambridge & Coleridge, at Cambridge.
- 20th May 125th Anniversary 'Varsity Match, at Oxford. Achilles Club AGM, 12.30 pm. Iffley Road. 'Varsity Match Dinner at Wadham College.
- 31st May OUAC Open Meeting (7 pm) at Oxford.
- 3rd June Achilles v. Marlborough School, at Marlborough.
- 6th June OUAC Open Meeting (7 pm) at Oxford.
- 2nd August Achilles v. SCAAA and others, at Crystal Palace (evening).
- 20th August Achilles: Bracknell Relays.
- 9th September Achilles Open Meeting, at Oxford.
(Full details elsewhere herein)
- 30th September Achilles Ball, Englefield Green.
- December 1989 Achilles: St. Maur Road Races, Paris.
- Spring 1990 Achilles: training trip to Portugal.

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CLUB KIT

The new club ties are now available in silk or polyester from Castell and Son, 13 Broad Street, Oxford, tel. (0865) 24000, who also stock other kit, including club vests, sweaters, etc. The American Series tie, for those who have travelled with an Oxford/Cambridge team to the USA, is available from the Hon. Secretary at #9.99 including postage.

Stylish screen-printed Achilles tracksuits, teeshirts etc are available via Giles Clifford: order forms are enclosed herein.

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The Annual General Meeting of the Achilles Club will be held in the Iffley Road Pavilion at 12.30 prompt on Saturday 20th May 1989.

AGENDA

1. To confirm the Minutes of last year's A.G.M.
2. To elect the President and Vice-Presidents of the Club (the Chairman holding office for a further period of 2 years).
3. To receive Financial Reports from the Hon. Treasurer and from the Clerk to the Achilles Trust.
4. To appoint the Auditors.
5. Any other business.

THE 1989 ACHILLES BALL

To mark the 125th Anniversary of the 'Varsity Match, and to celebrate the Club's revival, a Ball will be held at the home of Robert Stinson, Bulkely Cottage, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey, on Saturday 30th September 1989. Tickets will be priced in the region of #20 each: all members and their guests will be most welcome, and it is particularly hoped, following the success of Sandy Duncan's dinner last year, that the Ball will attract a similar cross-section from each generation of athletes. Please apply to Robert Stinson as early as possible for tickets, preferably by the 20th May.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

- Tickets for the 'Varsity Match Dinner, 20th May 1989. Apply well in advance to Elizabeth Hobson, Queens College, Oxford.
- Tickets for the Achilles Ball, 30th September 1989. Apply (by 20th May, please) to Robert Stinson, Bulkeley Cottage, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey.
- Club ties, vests, sweaters, etc. Available from Castell and Sons, telephone Oxford (0865) 244000.
- Club tracksuits, teeshirts, etc. Available through Giles Clifford, 67b Hertford Street, Oxford OX4 3AL, tel. (0865) 728978.
- History of the 'Varsity Match (illustrated). #7.99 incl postage. Available from The Achilles Club, Rodwell House, Middlesex Street, London E1 7HJ.