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IN MEMORIAM


Peter Hildreth won the 120y hurdles in the Varsity Sports of 1950 and both 120y and 220y hurdles in 1951, when he served as Hon. Sec. of CUAC. He won both events against Harvard & Yale at White City that June, and was a stalwart of the Achilles Scandinavian Tour of 1956, organised by Robert Stinson.

A prolific international, he was bronze medallist (in spite of being drawn in the waterlogged lane 1) at the European Champs of 1950, AAA Champion at 120yH in 1950, ’52, ’53, ’54 & ’56, competed in the Olympics of 1952, 1956 and 1960, and was co-holder of the British Record with 14.3 seconds.

Peter Hildreth hurdled for Britain in three Olympic Games before becoming Athletics Correspondent of The Sunday Telegraph for 33 years, campaigning ceaselessly against the use of drugs in the sport that he loved. Even if many of his private allegations of doping by celebrated British competitors were often based on groundless speculation, no one could doubt the zeal that motivated his concern.

Tall, dapper, bespectacled, slim and usually wearing a double-breasted blazer, Hildreth was sometimes seen as throwback to a Corinthian age with all its eccentricities. When approaching 80, he was banned from a Farnham store for running up the ‘down’ escalator, a training exercise in his youth. The manager explained the decision by saying: “We have customers in their 70s who go down the escalator the right way and fall over. We really don’t want him to hurt himself.” However, The Oldie was so impressed that he received an award at the magazine’s annual dinner.

Hildreth came from athletic stock. His father, Wilfrid, represented India at the 1924 ‘Chariots of Fire’ Olympics and set a national 220 yards (200 metres) record that lasted for more than 20 years. Hildreth went to Radcliffe College in Leicestershire and then read History at Downing College, Cambridge, where he developed a lifetime fascination for Sir Winston Churchill.

During the 1950s, he was Britain’s premier hurdler over 120 yards and 110 metres, finishing third in the 1950 and fourth in the 1958 European Championships, five times equalling the UK record of 14.3 seconds, set by his hero Donald Finlay, the 1936 Olympic silver medallist.

On May 6, 1954, probably the most famous day in the history of British athletics, Hildreth finished first in the 220 yards hurdles, the event at Oxford immediately preceding Roger Bannister becoming the first man to run a mile in under four minutes.

Hildreth was appointed Athletics Correspondent of The Sunday Telegraph, when the paper started in 1961, a post he combined with other jobs including being an editor for Heinemann, the publishers, a hospital administrator and an estate agent. Although criticised by some colleagues for not being a full-time journalist, he demonstrated his professionalism when he fell seriously ill with a virus on the eve of the Sebastian Coe v. Steve Ovett 1,500 metres final at the 1980 Olympics, which was on a Friday evening. Hildreth’s condition was serious enough for him to be admitted to a Moscow hospital but he struggled to the stadium and filed a report for the paper the next day that his sports editor Trevor Bond described as “sperb.”

Although Hildreth campaigned constantly against the encroachment of drugs in the sport, he frequently failed to provide the evidence for stories that would satisfy both sports editors and the lawyers of newspapers.

He retired from The Sunday Telegraph in 1994, aged 65, but still kept remarkably fit, demonstrating hurdling technique over chairs in hotel lounges and, every Christmas Day, set himself the task of a requisite number of finger-tip press ups.

He is survived by his second wife, Carole, and two children from his first marriage.

Peter Hildreth, international athlete and journalist, was born on July 28, 1928. He died on February 25, 2011, aged 82.

- John Goodbody.
Dr RG Roberts (Christ’s College, Cambridge, 1954-57) on 17th September 2011

Gwilym Roberts excelled at a time of many great sprinters at the Universities. He won the 100y and 220y as a freshman at the Varsity Sports of 1955 beating John Metcalf in both races. His time of 21.9 was a match record and led the Achilles rankings that year, and he won the event against Yale & West Point. In 1956 he was 2nd in the 100y, 1st in the 220y, and with 21.7 again led the Club rankings; in 1957, as Hon Sec of CUAC, in the 100y he placed third behind Metcalf and John Scott-Oldfield, relegating John Young to last place. He was 2nd in the 220y to Scott-Oldfield, and made up the numbers in the 440y, won by Bob Solomon in blanket finish. In June 1957 he was in top form, and won against Harvard & Yale in 21.9 and against Penn & Cornell in 21.6.

Born in 1934 in Newport, Wales, Gwilym was educated at Newport High School and Christ’s College, Cambridge where he excelled as a sprinter for both the university athletic team and later the Amateur Athletic Association. Following the completion of his bachelor studies at Cambridge, Gwilym worked for three years as an exploration geologist for Anglo-American Corp in the Central African Federation (now Malawi, Zimbabwe and Zambia). From this adventure he returned with his greatest discovery, a young bride whom in 1960 he convinced to emigrate with him to Canada, where he completed his PhD degree at McGill University.

Gwilym’s teaching career started during his two years of National Service in the British Army when he was tasked with leading enlisted soldiers in the Outward Bound program. Gwilym’s teaching and research career continued when he joined the faculty of earth sciences at the University of Waterloo in the fall of 1967. Gwilym introduced many young geologists to mapping skills in Northern Ontario, where he would quietly track his student before appearing suddenly out of the bush much to their surprise.

After retiring from academia in 1996, Gwilym continued to work as a consultant geologist for a number of years before discovering that the rocks and earth in his own gardens were of even greater inter-

Sad to hear of Gwilym’s death, so unnecessary. He caught me on the tape in the ’57 220 as I tied up after my best bend; both thrashed by Scott-O’s new match record [displacing Gwilym’s] of 21.6

- Bob Solomon

Gwilym was my sprinting hero, with John Scott-Oldfield. It was their success that decided me to accept an offer from Downing rather than Jesus, Oxford (The Welsh College!)

- Dewi Roberts

I heard the dreadful circumstances of his death [he succumbed to drug resistant bacteria after routine maintenance to an artificial hip] in an email from my and Gwilym’s contemporary Ken Lee, who was at Emma with me and emigrated to Canada, like Gwilym.

—Alan Cowey

KHP Bailey (St Peter’s Hall, Oxford 1943-47), on 15th December, 2010

Kenneth Bailey was OUAC President in 1947, having served as Hon. Sec. the year before. He placed 4th in the 100y in the Varsity Sports of 1946, and was part of the Achilles team which placed 2nd in the AAA 4 x 110y relay in both 1946 and 1947.

D Thornton (Christ’s College, Cambridge, 1955-58) on 18th February 2010

David Thornton was President of CUAC in 1958. After placing 3rd in the 880y in 1956, and 2nd in the Mile in 1957, he won the 880y at the Varsity Sports of 1958. He competed in the Achilles 1956 Scandinavian Tour. On the victorious US Tour team of 1957 he was 2nd in the Mile against both Penn & Cornell and Harvard & Yale.

CMGR Jenkins (Exeter College, Oxford 1955-58) in the summer of 2010

Michael Jenkins won the high jump at the Varsity Sports of 1956 and was 2nd in 1957, when he served as Hon. Sec. of OUAC, and was President if OUAC in 1958. He was part of the outstanding 1957 US Tour team which won against both Harvard & Yale and Penn & Cornell. He himself won the high jump against Harvard & Yale. It was on that tour that he met Karen, who in due course became his wife. He competed in the Achilles 1956 Scandinavian Tour.

After being a housemaster at Gordonstoun he went on to be an outstanding headmaster of Windermere School.

Henk Altmann won the Varsity Cross Country of 1965 and 1967, and the 3 Miles at the Varsity sports three years in succession from 1966 to 1968. He was second to Ron Clarke in the 3 Miles at the AAA Championships of 1966. In recent years he was ever present as an official at the Varsity Sports.

Really sorry, indeed shocked, to hear this sad news. Henk was our Senior Treasurer when I was President of OUAC and I subsequently knew him professionally when he was working on JET at Culham. I also recall his appearing on Scrapheap Challenge as the engineering adviser to the competitors. So a man with many strings to his bow and a great athlete.

Henk was in many ways one of the classiest runners to be at Oxford, but prevented from competing on the international stage, and so reaching his full potential, by his country of birth. In the National League for Achilles Henk was rarely out of the first two: I recall in particular a run at Croydon Arena in 1974, in second place against Dave Moorcroft (later World Record holder). Henk was the consummate team man, always making himself available and never complaining.

I fondly remember the Sunday morning runs from his house in Woodstock round the grounds of Blenheim Palace.

I have great memories of him giving Achilles some great results at 5,000m in the BAL.

Henk was an inspiring figure around the OUAC circuit when I was up.

Hugh Starkey

Julian Goater

Bob Steele

Ed Forman

Mick Bromilow

Hugh Starkey

I first came across Henk’s name when I ran in a youth/junior invitation mile at the Crystal Palace in 1965 or 66. There were four or five of us who ran sub 4:10 and the evening was notable for me as I threw up almost on the shoes of one of the dignitaries, one Dr RG Bannister. Henk ran in the 5000 m; he recorded one of the world’s fastest times for that year. I shall remember Henk as a quiet gentle man as well as being a gentleman and I mourn his passing.

Peter Crawshaw

Mick Bromilow

Julian Goater

Bob Steele

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Hugh Starkey
Sir Robin McLaren, (St John’s College, Cambridge 1955-58) in July 2010
Robin McLaren played a crucial part in the negotiations to transfer Hong Kong to Chinese sovereignty; the following decade he was ambassador to Beijing during the turbulent tenure of Chris Patten as Governor of the territory.

Michael John Atkins (Pembroke College, Cambridge 1954-57) in February 2010

DC Law (Brasenose College, Oxford, 1949-53)
David Law was first equal (with Weeks-Pearson and Chataway) in Oxford’s overwhelming Varsity Cross Country victory of 1952. On the track he competed at 1 Mile in the Varsity Sports of 1950, 51 and 53, and at 3 Miles in 1952, in times which but for the presence of his team mate Chris Chataway might have constituted match records. He was 6th in AAA mile in 1953 and 3rd in 1954.

Known as ‘Chief’, among his memories of Princeton, as he wrote some 60 years after college, were: “. Seeing Jack Lovelock and Bill Bonthron run the fastest mile in history in 1933 … Sailing on the Ile de France, destination England, courtesy of the Princeton track team in 1934”

BF Brearley (Emmanuel College, Cambridge 1936-39) during 2009
Brian Brearley won the 1 Mile in the Varsity Sports of 1939, and against Harvard & Yale the same year (in a tie with team mate Dick Crossley –Holland). He also competed in the Cross-Country of 1937 and 1938, and the 3 Miles of 1938.

NM Beyts (Brasenose College, Oxford, 1935-9)
Nicholas Beyts competed in the Javelin at the Varsity Sports of 1939, throwing 145’ 9”.

DGD Chamberlain (Selwyn College, Cambridge, 1936-9)
Dan Chamberlain competed in the Mile at the Varsity Sports of 1939, and in the Varsity Cross Country the same year.

Jerome Kanter (Harvard University) during 2010
Jerry Kanter was a committed supporter of the American Achilles Foundation

CJ Brereton (Selwyn College, Cambridge 1939-40 & 1947-8), on 4 December 2009
Charles Brereton went up in September 1939, and won a war-time half blue as a sprinter and hurdler. He was able to repeat this achievement seven years later, winning a full blue and representing GB in Copenhagen in 1948, once he had recovered from his physical deprivations as a prisoner of war to the Japanese.
Charles spoke very little of his few weeks of combat before the fall of Singapore to the Japanese, six months of internment in the notorious Changi gaol and being route-marched up through the jungle and herded in cattle trucks to work on the infamous Burma/Siam railway where, along with Dutch and Australian colonial prisoners, he worked with teams of elephants, requisitioned by the Japanese from the teak plantations, clearing the jungle ahead of the railway engineers. After eight months on the railway, Charles was returned to Changi where he was interned for the next two and a half years in squalid and overcrowded conditions in the prison. Following the surrender of the Japanese in September 1945, Charles returned home via the Suez Canal suffering from hook worm and weighing only 7½ stone.
Chris Melluish led the UK M65 hammer rankings. John Moreland was 2nd in the M50 discus, and CU Hare & Hounds President Joan Lasenby (left) was 2nd in the W50 800m.

Ben Moreau won a Berlin 9.9k race on New Years Eve dressed as a Star Wars storm trooper!

Mark Steed continues to notch up an unfeasible (for a decathlete) number of marathons.

Oxford bound? - the new UK discus record holder has deferred his place until after the Olympics.
Our apologies to Claire Hallissey (nee Willer—winner of the 800m in the 2004 Varsity Match). Following her marriage to Matt Hallissey (winner of the Alverstone v Centipedes steeplechase in 2003) her results went off this page’s radar. Highlights of her progression include:

- 2008: 1st BUSA 10000m
- 2009: 25th World Half Marathon Champs
- 2010: 10th English National Cross Country, 3rd UK Championships 10000m, 18th World Half Marathon Championships, 18th New York Marathon.
- 2011: 6th Chicago Marathon 2:29:27—14th on the UK all time list

At the BUCS Championships, Emma Perkins revised her nine year old high jump PB, winning with 1.81. Ian Kimpton won the men’s 10,000m and Cathy Ansell (right) placed 2nd in the women’s race.

Achilles members made up half of the British women’s team which placed 5th at the World Cross Country Championships in Spain, in the spring of 2011. Hatti Dean was 21st, Naomi Taschimowitz 46th and Julia Bleasdale 59th.

The same trio achieved even more success when Great Britain finished top of the medals table at the European Cross Country Championships late in the year in Slovenia.

In the Senior race Julia Bleasdale 15th and Hatti Dean 18th contributed to Britain’s team gold, while Naomi Taschimowitz won individual silver and team gold in the U23 race.
FIELD EVENTS AND RELAYS MATCHES

Lee Valley Sports Centre, 6 February 2011

Men’s relays, all indoors (Cambridge won 5-1)
60m (run as 2 heats, with 4 University times totalled to determine the result)
Race 1 L. Persent (Cam) 7.05, M. Dyble (Cam) 7.07, C. Morter (Ox) 7.24, A. Coates (Ox) 7.41
Race 2 L. Moulden (Cam) 7.35, E. Moyse (Cam) 7.40, R. Crouch (Ox) 7.41, A. Bilmore (Ox) 7.43
Race 3 guests R. Elsby (Cam) 7.47, J. Mckinley (Ox) 7.67, S. Hoyemsvoll (Ox) 7.75, C. Elliott (Ox) 7.76
Cambridge total time 28.87, Oxford total time 29.49

4x200m
Cambridge (M. Houden 23.9, O. Churton 24.1, T. Campbell-Smith 23.0, M. Dyble 23.0) 1:33.96
Oxford (A. Coates, C. Morter, R. Crouch, S. Wareham) 1:34.18

4x400m
Cambridge (M. Dyble 52.3, A. Lomas 52.3, T. Campion-Smith 51.8, L. Persent 48.0) 3:24.30
Oxford (S. Hoyemsvoll, A. Dobson, S. Wareham, C. Kamara) 3:30.14
Cambridge “B” (O. Churton 54.9, M. Horn 53.2, A. Davies 58.7, N. Sharifi 54.3) 3:41.18

4x800m
Cambridge (D. Murray 2:05.0, S. Bray 2:04.3, N. Sharifi 2:08.5, A. Graham-Watson 2:11.9) 8:29.70
Oxford (A. Muir, J. Bradbury, J. Pearson-Studdart, M. Johnson) 8:42.37

3x1500m
Cambridge (J. Lister 4:03.8, E. Craven-Lee 4:03.5, N. Ferruz 4:05.6) 16:13.67 record

60m hurdles (run as 2 heats, with 4 University times totalled to determine the result)
Race 1 R. Swerdlow (Ox) 8.36, N. Moss (Cam) 8.47
Race 2 N. Christopher (Ox) 8.30, E. Gatehouse (Ox) 8.48, guest) 9.06, A. Gardner (Ox – guest) 9.35
Oxford total time 33.32, Cambridge total time 33.54

4x200m
Cambridge (K. Laidlow 26.4, N. Arrowsmith 27.7, L. Thompson 26.9, H. Wace 27.1) 1:48.08
Oxford (F. Norster, N. Christopher, E. Gatehouse, N. Prill) 1:48.41

4x400m
Cambridge (J. Lister 62.0, E. Craven 61.7, R. Penfold 62.7, K. Laidlow 60.0) 4:06.30
Cambridge “B” (L. Thompson 62.6, P. Lewis 66.9, N. Arrowsmith 64.1, H. Newcombe 64.1) 4:17.71

3x800m
Cambridge (S. Dunovid 5:24.8, J. Traylor-Clarke 5:28.1, N. Ferruz 5:06.6) 15:59.41
Cambridge (O. Baudouin, L. Raymond, C. Hirst) 16:10.72

60m hurdles (run as 2 heats, with 4 University times totalled to determine the result)
Race 1 E. Perkins (Cam) 9.25 record, Clara Blättler (Ox) 9.65, E. Craven (Cam) 10.44, C. Witcombe (Ox) 12.17
Race 2 N. Christopher (Ox) 9.65, L. Duke (Cam) 10.40, L. Thompson (Cam) 10.78, E. Waldon-Day (Ox) 10.81
Cambridge total times 40.87 record, Oxford 42.86

Women’s field events (Cambridge won 6-2)

High Jump, indoors
Oxford 7.25 (A. Skoubly 1.90, F. Hendry 1.85, A. Abioye 1.75, A. Bullimore 1.75)
Cambridge 7.15 (L. Persent 1.90, D. Szabo 1.80, S. Hyatt 1.75, O. Smith 1.75)

Pole Vault, indoors
Oxford 12.60 (A. Bates 3.50, S. Hoyemsvoll 3.30, D. Szabo 3.00, T. Wagner 2.80)
Cambridge 7.70 (B. Conibear 3.30, V. Hofer 2.20, G. Morgan 2.20, J. Douglas no height cleared)

Long Jump, indoors
Cambridge 24.39 (E. Moyse 6.30, M. Houden 6.21, D. Szabo 6.18, I. Akram 5.70)

Triple Jump, indoors
Oxford 49.20 (B. White 12.92, A. Bullimore 12.82, C. Elliott 11.82, A. Abioye 11.64)

Long Jump, outdoors
Cambridge 45.50 (T. Haseler 11.86, M. Collins 11.31, K. Agbontaen 11.30, E. Moyse 11.03)

Discus, outdoors
Cambridge 129.81 (K. Agbontaen 33.55, R. Harper 32.42, M. Collins 31.93, T. Elton 31.91)
Oxford 121.82 (R. Shearer 32.09, B. Conibear 31.71, D. Zimmer 29.91, S. Hitchens 28.11)

Hammer, outdoors
Oxford 76.07 (S. Hitchens 32.72, J. Douglas 22.73, J. Mckinley 20.62, R. Gaul all no throws)

Javelin, outdoors
Oxford 175.98 (P. Thill 45.23, J. Douglas 44.31, B. Conibear 43.91, D. Zimmer 42.53
Cambridge 152.78 (D. Szabo 48.10, M. Collins 39.45, W. Blackwell 35.27, S. Hyatt-Twynam 29.96)
THE 2011 LONDON MARATHON

A magnificent run by Paolo saw him sub 2:20 for the first time. Jessica Leitch ran her fastest time for 4 years. Apologies to others running under other clubs whom we may have missed....

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Top: Paulo Natali. Matt Buck

Some of our representatives were properly kitted out...

Below: James Brierley
With two matches on the same day, resources were stretched. On what turned out to be one of the hottest days of the summer, we prevailed in both LICC matches, but with more members competing for the opposition than for Achilles we were not in contention in the Kinnaird & Sward events.

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### LICC MEETING

**Parliament Hill, 23rd April**

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**Men’s Blues Match**

100m (wind not recorded) Mark Dyble (C) 11.02, Ross Elsby (C) 11.33, Ben Horsley (C) 11.36, Christopher Morter (O) 11.41

200m (wind +0.1 m/s) Louis Persent (C) 22.33, Mark Dyble (C) 22.54, Ben Horsley (O) 23.08, Christopher Morter (O) 23.39

400m Rory Graham-Watson (C) 49.43, Sam Wareham (O) 50.30, Declan Murray (C) 50.33, James Garnier (O) 50.95

800m Rory Graham-Watson (C) 1:53.0, Jake Shelley (O) 1:55.2, Luke Caldwell (O) 1:57.7, Declan Murray (C) 2:00.5

1500m Christopher McGurk (O) 3:59.74, Thomas Frith (O) 4:05.38, Declan Murray (C) 4:11.81, Soren Lindner (C) 4:20.09

5000m Luke Caldwell (O) 14:53.28, Chris Bannon (C) 14:59.4, Richard Franzese (O) 15:31.52, Sam Ashcroft (C) 15:44.47

110m hurdles (wind +1.6 m/s) Ed Moyse (C) 16.62, Matt Houlden (C) 16.77, Benjamin Conibear (O) 17.06, Steffen Hoyemsvoll (O) 18.26

200m hurdles (wind +0.9 m/s) Matt Houlden (C) 26.51, Mark Dyble (C) 27.33, Caspar Eliot (O) 29.37, Benjamin White (O) 29.44

400m hurdles Louis Persent (C) 53.4, Andy Lomas (C) 58.1, Caspar Eliot (O) 58.5, Steffen Hoyemsvoll (O) 59.5

3000m steeplechase Soren Lindner (C) 9:33.52, David Bruce (O) 9:35.48, Sam Ashcroft (C) 9:44.47

High Jump Louis Persent (C) 1.95, Frederick Hendry (O) 1.90, Will Harrison (C) 1.80, Chuk Okpalugo (O) 1.75

Pole Vault Tom Wagner (C) 4.05, James Douglas (O) 3.90, Sam Hyatt-Twyham (C) 3.70, Bradford Waldie (O) 3.60

Long Jump Matt Houlden (C) 6.85, Ed Moyse (C) 6.71, Andrew Bullimore (O) 6.67, Daniel Johnson (O) 6.51w

Triple Jump Matt Houlden (C) 14.32, Benjamin White (O) 13.51, Ayo Adeyemi (C) 13.50, Chuk Okpalugo (O) 13.31

Shot Toby Haseler (C) 13.80, Hardy Cubasch (O) 13.77, Samuel Hitchings (O) 13.65, Hardy Cubasch (C) 13.60

Discus Hardy Cubasch (C) 40.17, Ryan Harper (C) 38.79, Marcus Alexander Neil (O) 35.34, Benjamin Conibear (O) 33.61

Javelin Laurent Stephenson (O) 52.34, Angus Fitchie (C) 47.84, David Szabo (C) 47.37, Benjamin Conibear (O) 43.76

4 x 100m relay Cambridge (Jackson, Dyble, Houlden, Elsby) 44.13, Oxford (Coates, Morter, Crouch, Horsley) were disqualified

4 x 400m relay Cambridge (Houlden 53.0, Murray 52.6, Graham-Watson 49.2, Persent 48.7) 3:23.45, Oxford (Garnier, Eliot, Wareham, Horsley) 3:26.00

Result: Cambridge 134, Oxford 76

**Women’s Blues Match**

100m (wind not recorded) Kate Laidlow (C) 12.27, Faith Norster (O) 12.60, Nadine Prill (O) 12.75 [Helena Wace (C) was disqualified for a false start]

200m (wind +1.4 m/s) Kate Laidlow (C) 25.77, Faith Norster (O) 26.62, Ben Houlton (C) 26.77, Benjamin Conibear (O) 27.06, Steffen Hoyemsvoll (O) 27.26

400m Kate Laidlow (C) 57.55, Jo Lister (C) 60.79, Catriona Witcombe (O) 61.08, Helena Wace (C) 61.73, Nadine Prill (C) 62.74

100m hurdles (wind +0.9 m/s) Matt Houlden (C) 26.51, Mark Dyble (C) 27.33, Caspar Eliot (O) 29.37, Benjamin White (O) 29.44

400m hurdles Louis Persent (C) 53.4, Andy Lomas (C) 58.1, Caspar Eliot (O) 58.5, Steffen Hoyemsvoll (O) 59.5

3000m steeplechase Polly Keen (C) 7:00.67 match record, Kathryn Twyman (O) 7:14.01, Jocelyn Traylor-Clarke (C) 7:52.34, Catriona Witcombe (O) 8:16.25

High Jump Emma Perkins (C) 1.70, Meg Tyler (C) 1.55, Lucy Spencer (O) 1.45, Roxanne Sverdlov (O) 1.40

Pole Vault Clara Blättler (O) 3.50 match record, Laura Duke (C) 3.10, Sarah Williams (C) 2.80, Catriona Witcombe (O) 1.80

Long Jump Emma Perkins (C) 5.94, Laura Duke (C) 5.26, Clara Blättler (O) 5.14, Helen Hanstock (O) 4.81w (4.80 legal)

Triple Jump Emma Perkins (C) 11.96, Meg Tyler (C) 10.85, Clara Blättler (O) 10.41, Catriona Witcombe (O) 9.28

Shot Laura Duke (C) 11.01, Helen Hanstock (O) 9.83, Emma Perkins (C) 9.49, Hannah Hogben (O) 8.35

Discus Helen Broadbridge (C) 39.12, Hannah Hogben (O) 31.11, Laura Duke (C) 30.35, Olivia Collins (O) 26.16

Hammer Laura Duke (C) 47.69, Helen Broadbridge (C) 46.25, Hannah

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**The Drake-Digby Trophy** for the best performance in the Mens’ Match: Louis Persent (C)

**The Susan Dennler Trophy** for the best performance in the Womens’ Match: Clara Blättler (O)

**The Le Touquet Trophy**, for the most improved athlete during 2010-11: Alex Jackson (C)

**The Paul Gomme Trophy**, for the best throwing performance of the season: Laura Duke (C)

**The Achilles Trophy**, for outstanding contribution to Oxbridge athletics: Emma Perkins (C)
4 MINUTE MILE STOPWATCH

We are enormously grateful to Jeffrey Archer who has donated part of the proceeds of the sale of one of the stopwatches used on 4th May 1954 to the Club. The watch was secured by the manufacturers, Omega, for their museum, bidding £100,000 at an auction in London attended by members of the current OUAC committee. And Jeffrey has given the balance of the proceeds to OUAC and Vincents.
**Centipedes v Alverstone**

100m (wind not recorded) Arthur Coates (O) 11.57, Ed Bentsi-Enchill (C) 11.58, Alex Jackson (C) 11.61, Roland Crouch (O) 11.76

200m (wind not recorded) Tim Campion-Smith (C) 23.55, Owen Churton (C) 23.94, Arthur Coates (O) 24.19, Roland Crouch (O) 24.44

400m Andrew Dobson (O) 51.93, Tim Campion-Smith (C) 51.97, Owen Churton (C) 53.48, Laurence Knight (O) 55.31

800m David Zimmer (O) 2:03.7, Miles Horn (C) 2:04.9, Jon Bradford (O) 2:07.7

1500m Robin Brown (C) 4:08.41, Joseph Mercer (O) 4:10.64, Alex Muir (O) 4:11.06, Scott Humbarger (C) 4:16.76

5000m  Will Mackay (C) 15:51.74, James Chettle (C) 16:07.88, Joseph Smith (C) 16:22.40

**Millipedes v Alligators**

100m (wind not recorded) Felicity Abbott (O) 13.19, Nicole Moss (C) 13.23, Eleanor Gatehouse(O) 13.35, Georgie Hurt (C) 13.37

200m (wind not recorded) Georgie Hurt (C) 28.0, Natalie Arrowsmith (C) 28.0, Eleanor Gatehouse (O) 28.3, Mary-Beth Corbett (O) 29.1

400m Georgie Hurt (C) 63.84, Eloise Walden-Day (O) 64.55, Taj Tomouk (C) 64.66, Felicity Abbott (O) 65.97

800m Nora Rosserg (C) 2:25.00, Taj Tomouk (O) 2:28.43, Noelle Lopez (O) 2:28.94, Lindsey Raymond (O) 2:30.33

1500m Noella Ferruz (C) 5:03.96, Noelle Lopez (O) 5:08.61, Lindsey Raymond (O) 5:11.38, Rachel Anderson (C) 6:40.26

5000m Abi Lucas (O) 19:08.22, Fiona Hughes (C) 19:29.68, Rachel Anderson (O) 20:50.06, Rosemary Hurford (O) 21:22.94

**Result:** Cambridge 119, Oxford 81
ACHILLES v LOUGHBOROUGH

Loughborough, 8th June

Mens 400m Hurdles Match
2 Aaron Mason 57.97
5 Josh Mouland 12.03
6 Paul Willcox (V55) 13.95
Mens 110m Hurdles Match
5 Josh Mouland 16.31
Mens 200m Match
4 Josh Mouland 24.88
3000m Combined Match
5 Peter Hodkinson 8:55.76
7 Matt Clark 9:01.03
8 Davis Filippell 9:03.46
11 Dominic Kiralyfi 9:10.92
High Jump
1 Freddie Hendry 1.85m
2 James Douglas 4.00m
3 Josh Mouland 1.65m
5 Bradford Waldie 3.60m
Pole Vault
1.0m/s
Shot Put
2 Toby Haseler 13.14m
4 Josh Mouland 10.36m
Javelin
3 Adrian Hemery 53.43m
8 Josh Mouland 36.12m
Hammer
6 Leo Scott 39.99m
7 Josh Mouland 23.46m

Womens 400m Match
2 Kate Laidlow 58.06
DNF Jo Lister
Womens 400m Guest
3 Emily Craven 62.24
Womens 1500m Match
3 Rachel Deegan 4:40.20
7 Hayley Munn 5:01.64
3000m Match
4 Lindsey Raymond 11:01.08
Womens Hammer
2 Helen Broadbridge 43.81m

ACHILLES v LOUGHBOROUGH

Loughborough, 8th June

Mens 400m Match
2 Aaron Mason 57.97
Mens 100m Match 1.3m/s
5 Josh Mouland 12.03
6 Paul Willcox (V55) 13.95
Mens 110m Hurdles Match 1.0m/s
5 Josh Mouland 16.31
Mens 200m Match 1.7m/s
4 Josh Mouland 24.88
3000m Combined Match
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Barnet Copthall, 11th June

400m
2 Jo Lister SW 59.13
4 Emily Craven SW 62.62
5 Sophie Dundovic SW 63.60
110mH
2 Noyse Edward SM 16.61
4 Ahmet Bilen SM 19.50
6 Josh Mouland SM 16.44
200m
4 Paul Willcox M55 28.51
5 James Chettle SM 26.75
4 Christopher Day SM 23.18
1 Nadine Prill SW 26.10
4 Clara Blattler SW 16.48
800m
10 Bilen Ahmet SM 2:33.62
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1 MILE
5 James Chettle SM 4:49.29
2000m STEEPLECHASE
2 Matt Clark 6:39.85
OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE v HARVARD AND YALE  Wilberforce Road, 28 June

Always one of the highlights of any season, the eagerly awaited visit of Harvard & Yale lived up to expectations. The Oxford & Cambridge team had been meticulously planned by Mike Collins, Sally Hughes and others under the direction of John Crosse, and it is testament to the regard in which this historic fixture is held that they were able to field almost the strongest possible team. The final match scores do not do justice to the closeness of many of the events, and the American coaches, of which Mark Young was making his final appearance after over 40 years association with the series admitted that they had had to ensure that their team were right at the top of their game.

As always, the social events were as important as the competition. Professor Andy Hamilton, Chancellor of Oxford, attended both the coaches’ dinner and the post match banquet, and other events included a barbecue for senior tour members and some of the Oxford & Cambridge team on a balmy midsummer evening. Which was to prove the lull before the stormy weather of the next day’s match.
The match featured real problems with rain, thunder and lightning. Our guests were rather more concerned than we were, asking if the 10000m would be interrupted if the storm broke mid-race; and whether the pole vault uprights might be struck by the lightning. However, these worries did not stop them from winning those events, and the overall match, by a record margin.

There were several good races, in very difficult conditions. Ben Ellis made a popular and emotional comeback after long injury: he ran excellently in the 100m and 200m, winning the latter. The men’s 800m and Mile were both very hard-fought races, but in both, the Oxford & Cambridge runners (Rory Graham-Watson and Jon Cook) were just beaten. The Mile time of 4:09.29 is a new Track record. Dan Chenoweth (Harvard) achieved a very tough double in the 5k record. The Mile time of 4:09.29 is a new Track record.

Matching the men, the women’s 800m and 1500m were also good races, with meet records in both. In the 800m, Lizi Brathwaite was only narrowly beaten in a fascinating race in which the OUAC President Catriona Witcombe acted as a "hare" and did the first lap in under 60 seconds. Hannah Mayer of Harvard set a new record in the Javelin. - Chris Thorne

### Men

100m
- Ben Ellis (Cambridge): 10.95
- George Kenyon (Cambridge): 11.01
- Matthew Bieszard (Yale): 11.46

200m
- Ben Ellis (Cambridge): 21.92
- Mark Dyble (Cambridge): 22.10
- Nathan Molina (Yale): 22.54

400m
- Ben Carne (Cambridge-guest): 48.94
- John Dingus (Harvard): 49.04
- Julian Sherwin (Harvard): 50.83
- Casper Eliot (Oxford): 51.11
- Humphrey Waddington (Cam): 54.99

800m
- Brian Hill (Harvard): 1:50.33
- Brian Paixon (Harvard): 1:50.75

1500m
- Dan Chenoweth (Harvard): 3:51.23
- Jake Shelley (Oxford): 3:58.01
- John van Deventer (Yale): 4:09.29
- Julian Shier (Yale-guest): 4:19.12
- Tom Frith (Oxford): 4:19.88
- Brian Hill (Harvard): 4:29.88

5000m
- Dan Chenoweth (Harvard): 14:21.45
- Chris Bannor (Cambridge): 14:56.51
- Stewart Richardson (Harvard-guest): 15:19.89
- Robin Brown (Cambridge-guest): 15:23.27

10000m
- Dan Chenoweth (Harvard): 31:00.5
- Kurt Ruegg (Harvard): 33:03.9
- Aaron Watanabe (Harvard-guest): 31:06.9
- Will Mackay (Cambridge-guest): 31:47.8
- Fabian Downs (Oxford): 32:29.6
- Anupam Das (Oxford): 35:17.2

110m hurdles
- Josh Mouland (Cambridge): 16.58
- Ed Moyse (Cambridge): 17.31

400m hurdles
- Robbie Paris (Harvard): 55.3
- Aaron Mason (Oxford): 55.9
- Josh Mouland (Cambridge): 61.1

3000m s/c
- Matthew Bogdan (Yale): 9:10.43
- David Bruce (Oxford): 9:12.85
- Nathan Richards (Yale): 9:23.48
- Matthew Clark (Cambridge-guest): 9:45.68
- Matt Grant (Cambridge): 9:52.93

High Jump
- Louis Percent (Cambridge): 1.86
- Julian Sherwin (Harvard): 1.81
- Bilen Ahmet (Cambridge): 1.76

Pole Vault
- Nico Weiler (Harvard): 4.51
- Bilen Ahmet (Cambridge-guest): 4.11
- James Douglas (Oxford): 3.91
- Tom Wagner (Cambridge): 3.71

Fedor Garin (Harvard) no height

### Women

100m
- Hannah Mayer (Harvard): 11.77
- Casper Eliot (Oxford): 11.81
- Matthew Clark (Cambridge): 11.76

200m
- Hannah Mayer (Harvard): 23.22
- Nathan Molina (Yale): 23.44

400m
- Hannah Mayer (Harvard): 54.99
- Casper Eliot (Oxford): 51.11
- Matthew Clark (Cambridge): 50.83

800m
- Hannah Mayer (Harvard): 1:58.01
- Nathan Molina (Yale): 1:50.75

1500m
- Nathan Molina (Yale): 4:19.04

5000m
- Hannah Mayer (Harvard): 15:23.27
- Casper Eliot (Oxford): 15:23.27
- Nathan Molina (Yale): 15:23.27

10000m
- Hannah Mayer (Harvard): 31:00.5
- Casper Eliot (Oxford): 31:00.5
- Nathan Molina (Yale): 31:00.5

110m hurdles
- Casper Eliot (Oxford): 18.31
- Nathan Molina (Yale): 18.31

400m hurdles
- Hannah Mayer (Harvard): 55.3
- Casper Eliot (Oxford): 55.3
- Nathan Molina (Yale): 55.3

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The match was won by Oxford with 61 points, Cambridge were second on 47 points, Harvard came third with 36 points and Yale were last with 34 points.
Team manager Sally Hughes' highlights of the women’s match:

1) The women’s 4x400 team - they pushed the Americans very close in what is traditionally an exceptionally strong event for our transatlantic cousins, running 3:51.49. (I believe this may be a record for a combined Oxbridge side (the Varsity Match record is 3:54.9)

2) Liz Brathwaite’s duel with Kate Grace of Yale in the 800m. Although it was a very different duel from the captivating men’s mile, the sheer (world championship!) pace set by Cat Witcombe on the first lap, and the huge gap that Liz closed on the second lap, made for a gripping finish. Not to mention that both girls were three seconds inside the previous match record!

3) Nadine Prill (right) becoming the first ever OUAC blue in the 200m (25.60 into a headwind). She is one to watch for the future, having run 24.99 as a junior. She improved her season’s best by half a second.

Sam Hitchings (Oxford-guest) 36.81
Josh Mouland (Cambridge-guest) 25.29

Javelin
Andrew Bograd (Oxford) 63.13
Nick Farnworth (Harvard) 58.18
Laurent Stephenson (Oxford) 49.07
David Szabo (Cambridge-guest) 48.92

4 x 100m
Harvard-Yale 42.4
Oxford-Cambridge (Dyble, Kenyon, Houlden, Ellis) 43.8

4 x 400m
Harvard-Yale (- 48.8, - 50.4, - 50.4, - 50.0) 3:19.5
Oxford-Cambridge (Mason 54.6, Eliot 51.2, Cook 51.0, Houlden 50.9) 3:27.7

Women
100m wind +1.5 m/s
Adelle Jackson-Gibson (Yale) 12.48
Chelsea Celistan (Harvard) 12.68
Kate Laidlow (Cambridge) 12.80
Faith Norster (Oxford) 13.11

200m wind -1.0 m/s
Christina Twicken (Harvard) 25.18
Nadine Prill (Oxford) 25.60
Shannon Conway (Harvard) 26.01
Faith Norster (Oxford) 27.12

400m
Meisha Brooks (Harvard) 56.56
Gabby Kelly (Yale) 56.87
Kate Laidlow (Cambridge) 56.89

3000m s/c
Nicole Silva (Harvard) 9:32.93
Jenna Poggi (Yale) 9:33.39
Lizzie Thompson (Cambridge) 9:34.44

4000m
Rebecca Toth (Harvard) 10:21.14
Rachel Apfel (Harvard) 10:25.84

800m
Kate Grace (Yale) 2:05.32 rec
Lizi Brathwaite (Oxford) 2:05.59
Annellies Gamble (Yale) 2:11.37
Meg Looney (Harvard) 2:15.48

400m hurdles
(Prill 58.1, Witcombe 58.2) 3:49.27
Oxford-Cambridge (Prill 58.1, Witcombe 58.2, Brathwaite 58.3, Houlden 58.4)

Results:
Mens Competition:
Harvard & Yale 15 wins,
Oxford & Cambridge 5 wins

Women’s Competition:
Harvard & Yale 15 wins,
Oxford & Cambridge 2 wins

Combined:
Harvard & Yale 32 wins,
Oxford & Cambridge 7 wins
Narrow win for Achilles men. No women were present but they had done enough to join the men at the top of the season’s tables.

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**Lee Valley, 16th July**

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**LICC 2011 Series Results**

**Woodford Green, 20th August**

Narrow win for Achilles men. No women were present but they had done enough to join the men at the top of the season’s tables.

**LICC MEETING**

| 5000m          | 3     | James Chettle 16:25.3 |
| 400m Hurdles race 1 | 1     | Aaron Mason 57.6 |
| 400m Hurdles race 2 | 3     | Martine Bomb 01:05.16 |
| 400 racer 2       | 5     | Emily Craven 01:09.69 |
| 800m race 2      | 3     | Sophie Dundovic 02:24.1 |
| 100m race 1      | 1     | Bilen Ahmet SM 02:27.72 |
| 100m race 4      | 7     | Amin Ahmadnia 12.06 |
| 100m race 5      | 2     | Robert Harle 11.77 |
| 100m race 6      | 7     | Alan James M35 13.10 |

**LICC 2011 Series Results**

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**Women**

| Men   | Achilles | 109 | 60 | 83 | 0 | 14 |
| 2Woodford | 9 | 20 | 49 | 49 | 12 |
| Enfield | 27 | 119 | 47 | 0 | 10.5 |
| Highgate | 71 | 50 | 20 | 0 | 9 |
| Highgate | 27 | 18 | 16 | 0 | 4.5 |

**Points**

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**Result**

**Achilles Athletes of the Match:**

Onakeno Mario-Ghae (Cambridge)

Joanna Klaptoetz (Oxford)

_C.J.R. Thorne_
It was a case of honours—even after the 2011 ‘Varsity Cross-Country Races at Roehampton Vale on December 3rd. In the 36th ladies’ race, Cambridge’s hopes took a severe blow in the preceding week with the loss of overwhelming favourite for the individual honours, Naomi Taschimowitz (Trinity). However, with Lucy Gossage (Downing) running a strong race, it was still a Light Blue who headed the field home in 23 minutes, 17 seconds. Gossage’s run was all to no avail, however, as a string of five Dark Blues behind her had formed by the halfway point and never looked like faltering. The Dark Blue quintet was led home by fresher, Jessica Chen (Somerville), in 23 minutes, 33 seconds, and it ensured the team result went back to Oxford for the fifth year in a row, by 14 points to 25. Oxford now leads the series by 23 wins to 13.

The 121st Gentlemen’s Race was a case of the missing men, with both sides having lost a number of key members to injury, illness and ineligibility. This made it a very open contest, both for the individual honours and the team event. From the early stages, it was the Light Blues’ Robin Brown (Jesus), in his fourth appearance, who took on the challenge at the front. Behind him, it was very close, but by half way a crucial Cambridge pack from sixth to ninth was forming to tilt the balance in their favour. As the race entered its last two miles, Richard Franzese (Wolfson) started to reel in Brown. He duly took the lead in the last mile and emerged onto the Memorial Playing Fields twenty yards clear and maintained the gap to match his 2008 victory. Having missed last year’s race due to injury and shown indifferent form in the lead up to the contest, it was something of a surprise, yet a deserved win. Behind him, despite Oxford having three of the first five home, the Cambridge middle-order pack remained solid and meant that they were able to record their first win (by 35 points to 43) in the series since 2007. Oxford’s overall lead now stands at 61 wins to 60.

Earlier in the day, David Bruce (Blues’ winner in 2009) and Fraser Thompson (winner 2002-04) led the Dark Blues to a resounding success in 20th Old Blues’ Race, by 48 points to 181 in a nine-to-score event. Oxford now leads the series by 12 wins to 8.

Simon Molden

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**The 2011 ‘Varsity Cross-Country Races**

**Saturday, 3rd December 2011**

It has come to our attention that there may have been a Ladies’ ‘Varsity Cross-Country Race in November 1975 at Oxford; however, no records of this race exist. If anyone is able to help out, please contact Simon Molden at simon@scmolden.co.uk, or on 07825 226922.

**The 36th Ladies’ University Cross-Country Race 4 miles**

| 1. | L.M. Gossage | Downing | Cambridge | 23:17 |
| 2. | J.P. Chen | Somerville | Oxford | 23:33 |
| 4. | H.J. Munn* | St. Hugh’s | Oxford | 23:54 |
| 5. | T.A. Carleton | Magdalen | Oxford | 24:02 |
| 6. | C.E. Mullarkey | Trinity | Oxford | 24:12 |
| 7. | R.S. Moore | St. Cat hernie’s | Cambridge | 24:29 |
| 8. | M. Rocke | Churchill | Cambridge | 25:12 |
| 12. | R.S. Penfold | Emmanuel | Cambridge | 26:50 |

Oxford won by 14 points to 25

**The 20th Old Blues’ Cross-Country Race 4 miles**

| 1. | D.J. Bruce | L.M.H. & Green Tem | Oxford | 20:36 |
| 2. | F.K. Thompson | Wolfson & Pembroke | Oxford | 20:49 |
| 3. | A.S.G. Walsh | St. Anne’s | Oxford | 21:26 |
| 4. | B.P. Reynolds | Brasenose | Oxford | 21:38 |
| 5. | S.C. Molder | Christ Church | Oxford | 22:22 |
| 7. | R. Hewitt | Jesus | Cambridge | 22:41 |
| 9. | E.J. Catmur | Jesus | Oxford | 22:45 |
| 11. | C.G. Assmundson | St. Catherine’s | Oxford | 23:05 |
| 14. | L.A. Richardson | Jesus | Cambridge | 23:44 |
| 15. | S. Rutherford | Girton | Cambridge | 24:01 |
| 16. | A.P. Gaskell | St. Anne’s | Oxford | 24:21 |
| 17. | A.W. Arbour | University | Oxford | 24:25 |
| 18. | E. Moffett | Wolfson | Cambridge | 25:06 |
| 21. | C. Witcombe | Keble | Oxford | 26:41 L |
| 22. | M.D. Coley | Wolfson | Cambridge | 33:01 |
| 23. | P.J. Leek | Jesus | Cambridge | 33:02 |
| 24. | S.W. deM. Leathes | Emmanuel | Cambridge | 37:52 |
| 25. | D.C. Jenkins | Emmanuel | Cambridge | 37:53 |

Cambridge won by 35 points to 43

L.A. Caldwell (Jesus) — 5th in 2009 and 7th in 2010 — was Oxford captain
WORLD DOUBLE DECATHLON CHAMPIONSHIPS

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A select group of Achilles supporters gathered in the very pleasant surroundings of the Harvard Faculty Club on 21st October, for a reception and dinner organised by AAF Chief Executive Tom Blodgett. I had been invited by Tom to be guest speaker, which enabled me to point out to my wife, Diana, some of the sights of Harvard which I’d visited as an athlete in 1973 and again as Team Manager in 2005. I was also able to repatriate the trophy that Harvard and Yale had somehow left behind at Wilberforce Road during the summer.

Some, including current Harvard Track Head Coach Jason Saretsky, joined the group for drinks before we sat down to eat. Once we’d enjoyed the excellent meal, Tom updated the gathering on the very impressive recent AAF fund raising activities, before introducing Bob Steele (New College and OUAC President in 1970/71, but practising orthopaedic medicine in Delaware for many years), also a member of the mighty touring team of 1973, to respond to the toast ‘Oxford & Cambridge’. It was particularly good to see Bob again: we reckoned that we had last met some 36 years before, at the wedding of Paul Temporal (St Edmund Hall, 1970-74). The Harvard / Yale team of 1973 was represented too by thrower Steve Niemi (Harvard co-captain in 1974/5), looking extremely slim and fit: I couldn’t help reflecting that his weight loss more or less equated to the weight I’d gained in the intervening years (sadly with a somewhat different distribution).

It was probably something of a first for Achilles dinners that teleconferencing technology was used, to enable David Scharer (St Edmund Hall 1961-67) to entertain us from his home in Texas with stories of his athletic career, which culminated in his becoming one of the top UK 400m hurdlers. We were further inspired and amused by other speeches from the floor, notably by John Thorndike (Harvard ‘49 and donor of the Boal Hammer Awards), who recounted how Yale had almost totally dominated the 1949 dual meet with Harvard, except for his event (hammer) where Harvard placed first and second: sadly for John that event was not included in the match against Oxford & Cambridge later that summer.

Geoff Hill (who seems somehow to be at both Harvard and Cambridge simultaneously) proposed one of the Loyal Toasts, and other guests included Bill Okerman (Harvard Captain 1975/6 and Friend of Harvard Track), and Brian Hill (Harvard ’11), who was joined by his father, together with recently retired Yale Head Coach Mark Young. Diana and I were delighted to be guests of Mark and his wife Joan at their home north of Boston for a couple of days afterwards.

All in all a memorable trip: it is of course always wonderful to see New England in the fall and to revisit Soldier Field (see attached photo) and other Harvard sporting venues that hold such great memories for anyone who has been fortunate enough to participate in the Transatlantic series. I commend future events of this type to any Achilles members who might be able to get there: one word of warning, though. The dinner has a habit of coinciding with the “Head of the Charles” regatta – supposedly the largest rowing competition anywhere, with c9,000 oarsmen taking part. It is a great event to watch but, the U.S. being the entrepreneurial country that it is, just imagine what that influx of people does to hotel prices in the Cambridge area!

- Peter Crawshaw

The American Achilles Foundation has raised, and through such dinners continues to add to, a substantial capital sum which helps fund the travelling expenses of the Oxford & Cambridge team when it visits the USA every fourth year.
Looking through the Achilles archives while researching ‘Running With Fire’ his excellent new ‘warts and all’ biography of Harold Abrahams, Mark Ryan discovered that our former Chairman, before he went back up as President CUAC in the autumn of 1922, took an Achilles Club team to Prague and Budapest. Achilles had been founded just two years earlier, and this was only the second in a long line of subsequent international sorties, which happily continue to this day.

David Thurlow takes up the story:

Abrahams was going through a period of boredom with athletics. He had run in the 100, 200 and relay in the 1920 Olympics at Antwerp but reaching neither final.

The 1922 tour came two years after a visit by an Oxbridge team to the US to run in the Penn relays. They had a lousy voyage across the Atlantic but somehow, more by accident than design, had broken the world 4x800 record with a time of 7.50.4.

Abrahams took his little team to the Balkans, one of the earliest tours by the newly formed club. The first had been to Rome the year before after a terrible overland journey.

Bill Milligan (later Lord, as Lord Advocate; member of the 1920 Record setting Penn relay quartet with 1920 OG 400m gold medallist Bevil Rudd, Henry Stallard – who turned a 20y deficit into a 20y lead and was to finish 4th in the 1924 OG 1500ms - and Wilf Tatham) wrote briefly about it in the third and final edition of Modern Athletics by the Achilles Club:

‘The travelling was (if possible) even more uncomfortable than that suffered on the road to Rome but it was otherwise a very successful trip although there was an acute language difficulty, DGA Lowe being the only member of the party who could make himself understood at all. No one who was on the trip will have forgotten the lessons learned about the horrors of inflation – I still have a restaurant bill for three athletes in training for 1,315,000 crowns.’

And that was it. So with the help of the Editor I did some research. I found two paragraphs in The Times about Budapest but nothing about Prague. Gyorgy Csiki had the full results for Prague (see below).

First those who were on the trip:-

DGA Lowe was Douglas Lowe, winner of the 800ms at the 1924 and 1928 OG, secretary of the AAAs and a QC.

Leader of the party was Harold Abrahams, OG 100m gold 1924, Olympian Wilfred Tatham, a versatile man who finished in the top six in one event or the other at the AAAs every year from 1920 to 19340 except 1925.

With them were Olympian 1920/4 William Seagrove; Milligan; high jumper and Olympian Robert Dickinson; hurdler, Olympian and later antiques dealer Leopold Partridge; and JS Brewis, an Oxford long jumper Blue .

The Prague visit came first over three days 9, 10 and 12 September. For some reason the short sprint was run over yards not metres and Abrahams won in 10.4. Lowe was second over 400ms - 53.8 to 53.6 – and it was a 1-2-3 for Achilles in the 1500ms with Tatham winning in 4.23.4 with Seagrove and Milligan close behind.

Dickinson was third in the high jump with 1.70 behind Max Pettera 1.75 but surprisingly Achilles did not have a team in the 4x100m relay won by SK Slavia in 49.8.

Performances were good for those days, good but not exceptional.

Double Olympic 800m Champion Douglas Lowe ran 110m hurdles

From there they took the train to Budapest for a two day meet September 17 and 18.

Harry Edward, silver medallist at 100 and 200ms at Antwerp in 1920, had run 22 for his favourite distance on the same track in July. In this meet Abrahams who had failed in both sprints in the OG, could not match his fellow Poly athlete’s performance and came second a tenth behind Ference Gero (10.8) who had earlier that year run 10y, 10.9 and 22.4.

He was to go on and run in both 1924 and 1928 OG reaching the quarter finals in both sprints and being in the Hungarian 4x100 team which finished fourth.

He ran a life time best of 10.5 in 1928 making him the fastest European apart from the Germans that year and also posting a 21.9.

Brewis was fourth in the 100y in the September meet and this was followed by another win for Lowe with 2.01.3 in the 800ms.

Tatham won the 1500ms with 4.08.9. He had won the MC with the Coldstream Guards in WWI, run the 400mh in the 1920 OG and 800 in 1924 and was fourth in the BE 1930 440yh.

Kurunczy won the 400 in 50, equal fifth best in Europe in 1922, Dickinson was second in the high jump while Achilles on the second day finished third in the 200m in 22.8 and a long jump of 6.90 for second. Partridge managed 15.2 in winning the 110m.

To finish the meeting Achilles won the relay.
The first Oxford v Cambridge Varsity Sports might have taken place in 1863, but arrangements foundered, and they were not held till 1864. The Sports are nevertheless the world’s oldest regular fixture.
OUAC President Bob Steele, Hon Sec Paul Dennis
CUAC President John Rix, Hon Sec Ben Bolton-Maggs

The Michaelmas Term of 1970 had seen Cambridge win the Freshmens, Field Events and Relays Matches, so there were hopes, at any rate on the banks of the Cam, that Oxford’s run of six successive victories in the full Varsity Match could be broken.

There was little activity in the first part of 1971, but in late April and early May both Universities held their usual matches against such clubs as Woodford Green, Eastern Counties, RAF, London and Loughborough Universities, such clubs as Woodford Green, Eastern Counties, RAF, London and Loughborough Universities. These were held concur- rently.

**Results**

- **100m** R. Saunders (C) 23.2, L. Oldfield (C) 23.6
- **200m** M. Dixon (C) 50.0, L. Stevens (O) 50.2, M. Hart (O) 50.0, S. Parkin (C) 50.6
- **400m** P. Crawshaw (O) 1:57.7, A. Reekes (O) 1:57.7, N. Joseph (C) 1:58.5, A. Macphie (C) 2:00.3
- **5000m** T. Shamo (O) 15:08.1, R. Forster (O) 15:08.1
- **100m hurdles** S. Caswell (C) 16.7, D. Howells (C) 17.7, N. Winter (O) 20.1, H. Davies (O) 20.7
- **200m hurdles** M. Dixon (C) 26.8, R. Saunders (C) 27.7, M. Law (O) 27.9, H. Davies (O) 29.7
- **400m hurdles** S. Caswell (C) 59.5, D. Brown (O) 60.9, B. Davis (O) 65.7, P. Crawshaw (O) 66.5
- **Javelin** R. Barr (C) 50.11, H. Hubbard (O), J. Mar- shall (O)
- **Discus** R. Edwards (C) 33.80, M. Mayo (C) 33.36, R. Forber (C)
- **Shot** R. Edwards (C) 11.71, D. Ireland (C) 11.42, R. Naylor (O) 12.21, N. Nops (O) 11.68
- **Triumph Jump** J. Fisher (C) 12.72, M. Stone (C) 12.62, J. Keating (O) 10.12, B. Davis (O) 10.32
- **High Jump** G. Gray (C) 1.80, H. Hubbard (O) 1.75, E. George (C) 1.75, C. Day (O) 1.65
- **Pole Vault** P. Hey-Shipton (O) 3.05, A. Rastovio (O) 2.75, N. Walford (C) 2.60, R. Smith (O) no height
- **Long Jump** J. Fisher (C) 12.72, M. Stone (C) 12.62, S. Whitelaw (O) 12.43, C. Day (O) 12.25
- **Shot** R. Edwards (C) 11.71, D. Ireland (C) 11.42, R. Smith (O) 10.78, R. Mungin (O) 8.44
- **Hammer** in any of the Oxford matches.
- **Steeplechase** J. Rix (C) 9:58.6, J. Keating (O) 9:58.6, J. Keating (O) 9:58.6, J. Keating (O) 9:58.6, J. Keating (O)
- **5000m** P. Lennon (O) 15:17.4, P. Maggs (O) 15:17.4
- **10000m** P. Lennon (O) 30:21.5, J. Ellicock (C) 30:21.5
- **400m hurdles** M. Dixon (C) 26.8, R. Saunders (C) 27.7, M. Law (O) 27.9, H. Davies (O) 29.7
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**Result Alverstone 115, Centipedes 71**

Unfortunately I had been ill all the summer term with Glandular Fever, which was diag- nosed during the training camp in the Easter vac. just before the start of term. I did go to the Varsity Match, hiring a mini-bus to take some of the team, and equip- ment such a pole vault poles.

The afternoon is a blur, and my wife (although not my wife then) cannot remem- ber anything either. She has the same mem- ory as a pole vault poles. She has the same mem- ory as a pole vault poles. She has the same mem- ory as a pole vault poles.

Whilst we were at White City the match record

- **Oxford’s win** would have been more comfortable had Richard Gyles not stumbled in both his hurdles races.

40 YEARS ON….

OUAC and CUAC in 1971

- **Oxford’s run** of six successive victories in the full Varsity Match could be broken.
- **Freshmen’s Match** at Oxford on October 28. Here Cambridge won, but only by a narrow margin: 95 points to 91. The usual new talent showed itself - this year in the form of John Hemery (Hurdles and Javelin) and Warwick Ewers (Steeplechase), Oxford, and Doug Gunstone (3000m) and the extrovert “Biff” Hannibal (Triple Jump), Cambridge.

Next up were the **Field Events Match**, also at Oxford, in early November. Cambridge won 5 of the 7 events (High Jump, Pole Vault, Long Jump and Discus). There was still no Hammer in any of the Oxford-Cambridge matches - Clement Jackson’s revenge still holding sway!

The final competition of 1971 was the **Relays Match**, held at Milton Road on November 10: this saw a strong Oxford resurgence, winning by 6 of the 7 races, losing only the long relays (now 4 x 1500m).

**I remember this 1971 season quite well - I had been Senior Treasurer of CUAC for some 6 years, had not yet seen a Cambridge Varsity match victory for “my” money, and was getting a bit res- tive. In fact I was destined never to see a Varsity Match win during my first tenure (the tie in 1973 was my swansong); so I had to return for a second spell as CUAC Senior Treasurer (1987-1999), before I could taste a victory.**

- Chris Thorne
Achilles Medals for 1986 were awarded to Dwayne Heard, who placed third in the UK Championships long jump and achieved 7.59 during the season, and Trevor Burton, who was ranked 7th in the UK Merit Rankings, and ran 51.4 for 400m Hurdles.

Jon Ridgeon won the AAA Indoor 60m Hurdles title in 6.67 secs. Mike Powell placed 8th in the High Jump with 2.05m. In the National Cross-Country Championships, Julian Goater placed 16th, Richard Nerurkar 27th, and Jeremy Barton 34th.

Schools matches featured regularly. A very pleasant afternoon was spent at Eton, where team of mainly Oxford based members covered all the events and Jon Brooke and Giles Clifford gave good chase in their hand-capped 1500 and 800 races. And in a match against Marlborough alumni Barton and Brooke were to the fore.

Later in the summer a classie Achilles team faced the Southern Counties AA and others at Crystal Palace. Trevor Burton won the 400m hurdles in 51.80 and the 200m an hour later. The other Achilles winner was Lyndon Hitchcock, 7th 400m 54.14, Richard White, 3rd 800m 1:50.8, Jon Kell, 4th 100m 11.5 and 5th 110mh 15.58, Dwayne Heard 7th 100m 11.8 and 3rd Long Jump 6.94, Dom Emery, 3rd 400m 48.7 and 6th 200m 22.77, Neil Leach 7th 1500m 3:37.43, Jerry Barton 8th 1500m 3:59.99, Jon Brooke 5th 3000m s/c 9:19.99, Phil McDonnell 3rd High Jump 2.05, Mike Powell 7th High Jump 1.90 and 7th Long Jump 6.41, Nigel Spikey 4th Hammer 51.42, Simon Clark 5th Hammer 49.52, Ian Jackson 6th Discus 40.92, George Murrell 7th Triple Jump 13.24, Richard Nerurkar 5th 3000m 8:16.0, David Gilbert 10th 3000m 8:42.0; Pete Fulcher 5th Javelin 60.18, John Kitching 6th Javelin 55.80. Also competing were Nigel Clarke (Pole Vault), Neil Stoodley (3000m s/c), Giles Clifford (800m) and Tony Shiret (110mh).

In the Varsity Sports on 17th May, Oxford won the men’s match by 124 points to 97. The weather was appalling: a persistent drizzle became heavier as the afternoon wore on and a stiff breeze sprang up. In the circumstances, Dwayne Heard’s record long jump of 7.40, breaking the old mark was part of the victorious 4x100 team, and placed second in both the 100 and triple jump. The Hammer competitors also coped well with the conditions, all four exceeding their listed previous bests.

100: 1, JONATHAN KELL (C) 11.5; 2, Dwayne Heard (O) 11.5; 3, Paul Kuenstler (O) 11.6; 4, Brian Corr (C) 11.6. 200: 1, DWAYNE HEARD (O) 22.7; 2, Ian McDonald (O) 22.8; 3, Nick Robinson (C) 22.9; 4, Dominic Emery (C) 23.0. 400: 1, MARTYN BOWEN 48.6; 2, Dominic Emery (C) 49.2; 3, Paul Rowbotham 49.2; 4, Mark Hardie (O) 50.2. 800: 1, PAUL ROW-BOTHAM (C) 1:52.9; 2, Ian Silvester (O) 1:53.8; 3, Jamie Bevan (C) 1:55.0; 4, Peter Laws (O) 1:57.4. 1500: 1, JEREMY BARTON (C) 3:55.1; 2, Andy Geddes (O) 3:56.0; 3, Andy Robinson (O) 3:57.8; 4, D. Benton (C) 3:58.1. 5000: 1, JON BROOKE (O) 14:46.7; 2, Jeremy Barton (C) 14.48.1; 3, Dave Gilbert (O) 15.06.0; 4, Andrew Millett (C) 15.27.3. 3000SC: 1, ANDREW KING (O) 9:29.9; 2, Tim Berrett (O) 9:34.2; 3, James Yeats (C) 9:50.3; 4, Ian Lloyd (C) 9:54.4. 110H: 1, JONATHAN KELL (C) 15.4; 2, Andrew Fischer (C) 15.5; 3, Douglas Campbell (O) 16.0; 4, Rahul Yadav (O) 16.0. 200H: 1, DEREK WILSON (C) 24.8; 2, Ian McDonald (O) 25.4; 3, Neil Bussey (C) 25.6; 4, Mark Hardie (O) 26.2. 400H: 1, MARK HARDIE (O) 53.6; 2, Derek Wilson (C) 55.1.; 3, David Hitchcock (C) 56.1; 4, Tom

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The 1986 Varsity Cross Country Men’s Match was won by Oxford, 25-45, with Richard Nerurkar across the line in a record 37 mins 11 secs teammate Andrew Geddes second. Javier Pes led the Cambridge challenge in third. **Finishing order:** Nerurkar (O), Geddes (O), Pes (C), Lloyd (C), Robinson (O), Brooke (O), Yeats (C), Matthews (O), Forster (C), Connell (C), Gilbert (O), Benton (C), Millett (C), Laws (O), Rossetti (O), Brien (C).

The Ladies’ Match also saw a course record of 15 min 43 seconds by Vicki Vaughan of Oxford, who led her team to a victory that was almost denied by superior Cambridge packing, with points even at 19-19. **Finishing order:** Vaughan (O), Olney (C), Head (O), O’Neill (C), Redcliffe (O), Shelley (C), Springman (C), Gainsford (C), Kitchen (C), Hoyle (O), Simpson (O), Gibb (O).

The Millipedes and Alligators clubs were led by Andy King leads a phalanx of Oxford runners across Wimbledon Common en route to team victory.

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Competitors smashed their previous bests. She also won the 200 by a clear margin, and rounded of the day with an albeit unavailing final 4x400 relay leg timed at 59.5. Hilary Lissenden was top scorer of the day, with wins in the 100, High Jump and 4 x 100, and third place in the 200.

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**OLYMPIC GAMES**

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**OXFORD/CAMBRIDGE V. PENN/CORNELL** Iffley Road on Wednesday 18th June.

The visitors won the Men’s match by 12 events to 7, and the Ladies’ match by 13 events to 2. Home wins came from Emery, Rowbotham, Geddes, Brooke, Heard, Goodwin and Madsen, and from Caesar and Gore.

A lighthearted non-scoring match in which an Achilles team participated was held at Cambridge three days later, while some of the visitors competed in the AAA Championships. The highlights were Undergraduate Ground Records of 14.5 by Jonathan Bell in the high hurdles, and 64.6 by Suzi Caesar in 400m hurdles. The match was followed by an excellent dinner at Jesus College.
The 1985 US Tour, then and now....
1st March 1987. The men’s Relays Match was won by Oxford, 4-3, and the ladies’ by Cambridge 4-1. Highlights were remarkable legs of 1.50.2 for 800 and 4.04.0 for 1600 by Andrew Geddes of Oxford, and some very close-fought contests in the ladies’ 4x100 and 4x400. Achilles teams finished ahead of both Universities in the men’s 4x100, 200 and 400.

Winners: Men’s events: 4x110h Ox. 65.9; 4x200 Ach. 1.33.3; 4x800 Ox. 7.51.5; 4x100 Ach. 44.6; 4x200h Cam. 1.48.7; 4x1600 Ox. 17.29.0; 4x400 Ach. 3.22.2. Ladies’ events: Medley (200/600/400/800) Cam. 5.35.2; 4x100 Ox. 51.4; 3x800 Cam. 7.29.2; 4x200 Cam. 1.49.4 (Rec); 4x400 Cam. 4.11.2 (Rec).

In order to make amends for the speech at the VM dinner, I’ll keep the captions & reminiscences brief…

Team PPE & others as the Yellow Submarine – there must be a story behind this shot, whatever it is, it escapes me – Tim Berrett

CUAC ladies’ team spirit was so strong that even stretching could not be done alone.
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Graham Dugdale 1970 Christ Church Ox LEICESTERSHIRE
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Rob Smith 1970 Pembroke Ox KENT
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Julian Ellis 1972 Selwyn Cam OXON
Adam Chedburn 1973 University Ox TYNE & WEAR
Glyn Reynolds 1973 New Ox OXON
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BOOK REVIEWS

Catherine Beale matriculated at New Hall, Cambridge in 1885, but confesses to never having joined CUAC (she spent all her time playing Hockey). Since graduating, she has become a first-rate historical sleuth, and successful author. Her stamping ground is the English-Welsh border country, where several surprising things were happening in the mid-nineteenth century, often concerning and influencing athletics.

Born out of Wenlock” (2011, DB Publishing £12.99) tells the story of Dr William Penny Brookes, an enterprising local doctor in Much Wenlock, Shropshire. In 1850 he founded the Much Wenlock Olympian Society, initially a self-improving club for the locals, with library and other such facilities. It soon developed into something much larger, and its major feature was the annual Olympic Games, a multi-sports extravaganza, begun in that same year and continuing to this day. These games soon came to the notice of influential people throughout England, and Brookes formed liaisons in the English north-east; he and his associates also put on an annual Olympic Festival in Liverpool between 1862 and 1865, which drew large crowds. But their plan to hold the 1866 version of the Festival in London brought Brookes and his friends into conflict with a set of recently graduated Cambridge University athletes, including Richard Webster (later Lord Alverstone) and John Chambers, who had decided that English Athletics should be organised by their own hastily established Amateur Athletic Club. This group jumped in ahead of Brookes, and their AAC championships, held at Beaufort House on 23 March 1866, rather outshone Brookes’ National Olympian Association’s effort four months later at the Crystal Palace. No “Olympic Games” were subsequently held in London, although Brookes continued with his Wenlock activities, and extended his interests to include fostering physical education in schools.

The 1890s Brookes corresponded with, and was visited by Baron de Coubertin, and was influential in the founding of the International Olympic Committee. Sadly his anticipated visit to the Athens Games of 1896 was prevented by his death, at age 86, just 4 months before the Olympics began. Brookes and Much Wenlock have been somewhat overlooked, and Catherine’s book should go a long way to remedy this.

The Arkwright family, particularly John (1785-1858) and his son Johnny (1833-1905), direct descendants of Sir Richard Arkwright of “spinning jenny” fame, are the subject of “Champagne and Shamboles” (2006 Sutton Publishing £20.00). This details their inheritance of Hampton Court, Herefordshire and of the estate’s rise and decline, in parallel with the fortunes of agriculture, through the nineteenth century. Johnny was one of twelve siblings, and the need to subdivide the birthright was a major concern of the family. Seven of the twelve were sons, and their education was shared between Oxford, for the odd-numbered sons, and Cambridge, for the even. Henry, the fourth son, was the sporting star, winning a cricket blue at Cambridge as a freshman in 1858 and later romantically dying in an avalanche on Mont Blanc when he was only 28. Henry was a contemporary, at both Harrow and Trinity, with Robert Barclay, who was heavily involved in the setting up of the first two Cambridge University Athletic Sports in 1857 and 1858. Edwin Arkwright, the fifth son, who went up to Merton College, Oxford in 1859, had almost certainly heard about Cambridge athletics from brother Henry, who he hero-worshipped. This may have influenced him in his key role as the Secretary of the group who set up the first Oxford University Athletic Games. He is his handwriting that initiates the first pages of the famous Oxford University Grand Annual Games “Minute Book” of 1860.

The period 1850-1880 covers what might be called the “prehistory” of organised athletics in England. Oxford and Cambridge were in the vanguard of this, Cambridge predominantly with the 1865 AAC, then Oxford equally so with the 1880 founding of the Amateur Athletic Association, thus initiating the “historic” era. Catherine Beale’s two books put that period into a wider perspective, and are a fascinating read.