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2007 EVENTS

Monday 5th March

Drinks at the Pitcher and Piano in Trafalgar Square from 7pm onwards

Tuesday 6 March

Oxford v Cambridge 1890 Club matches at Southgate (10am men, 10.30am women)

Thursday 24 May 1890

Oxford v 1890 Cambridge men at Battersea

Thursday 31 May (provisional date)

Men's elite and veterans matches v Travellers at Battersea

Saturday 9 June

Men and women's matches v Cambridge in Cambridge

Saturday 16 June

Men and women's matches v Oxford in Oxford

Thursday 5 July

Oxford v Cambridge mixed at Battersea

Date TBA

Autumn Social

From the Secretary

A newsletter has been long overdue, but the absence of a newsletter does not mean an absence of activity.

The 2006 Varsity matches

The 2006 annual pre varsity social was a great success, with 50 members joining us in the Pitcher and Piano in Trafalgar Square on 6 March. The age range was pretty impressive – we had representatives from both the 1960s and 1970s and there were also lots of new members, with several recent leavers joining up to the club on the evening.

The event provided a great opportunity for seeing close friends – it's remarkable how many of our members are still in close contact with old team-mates, living together or even engaged! For others, it was the opportunity for a reunion after several years, including a group of Oxford and Cambridge men from the 1980s who hadn't seen each other in 10 years. There was also plenty of Oxford-Cambridge mingling – with ex rivals on the hockey pitch now going on holidays together, and drinking together. There were a few last minute sign-ups for the 1890s hockey matches the next day, and plenty of keen 1890 supporters as well.

Early on the following morning, as a prelude to what turned out to be excellent Varsity matches, the 1890 Old Boys and Girls arrived at Southgate on a crisp March morning to relive some old times and re-ignite some old rivalries.

As always the standard in the boys game was very high with both sides having a mixture of recent and older alumni. A fast paced game from the outset, Cambridge as ever proved the fitter and more organised team, dominating the early exchanges. Oxford, however, showed flashes of skill but found it hard to sustain a consistently high level, and in the end a 2-2 draw was a fitting result. George Bretten netted two excellent goals for the Oxford side, both coming from well worked short corner routines. The Cambridge girls won their game, details of which were quickly forgotten as the teams became consumed by the social side of the day.

3 June 2006 - 1890 games vs Oxford University

On 3rd June, the men's Oxford 1890 team gathered in Oxford for an Old Boys game against the current Blues team. As ever this proved to be a very popular fixture, with 18 members of the 1890 club in the squad!

In recent years the Blues have been the stronger side winning a number of the recent encounters, but it proved to be a day for the 1890 side with a convincing 7-4 triumph with goals from Armitage, Barker (2), Bevan, Fulford and Woodhead (2). Despite the young boys having superior fitness and youth on their side the 1890 team drew on the experience of a number of the senior players to dominate the fast paced and exciting game.

The 1890 Club girls match against the current Oxford Blues team seemed to those playing like the hottest day of the year. This had not deterred the current students though and they had turned out in force. However, having called on last minute reinforcements (a couple of sprightly youngsters and one super hero!) the oldies put up a good fight and thoroughly enjoyable game was had by all. The game was followed by some hard earned beers and a BBQ in the Blue.

These fixtures provide an extremely valuable link between the 1890 club and the current students and so it was a great success to have so many old players along for the day and the festivities after the game.

A suitable date could not be found for the games at Cambridge in 2006, which has been rectified in 2007.

22 June 2006 - 1890 games vs Travellers

June the 22nd saw the annual game between the 1890 club and the Travellers XI, an invitational side of National League level players based in and around London. There were two games organised, against the Travellers 1st XI and the Travellers Veterans XI.

Always a very difficult but highly contested fixture, these games are the only ones to bring the Cambridge and Oxford players in the 1890 club together in the same team and play as a true 1890 side.

The 1st XI was a very strong side with a number of high class national league players. The combined Oxford and Cambridge side played extremely well despite some players playing together for the very first time but despite playing some good hockey in patches, the Travellers proved too strong, winning 6 - 4.

The Veterans game, despite suffering from a lack of players, turned out to be a highly competitive, if a little slower game! Both sides showed that age does not affect the great skill and touch showed by both sides, and an exciting game was fought right to the end, with a 6-6 draw being the fairest result.

1890 Summer Social – Drinks at the International Bar, St. Martin’s Lane, London Friday 8th September, 2006

As part of the drive to increase the activities and profile of The 1890 club, a summer drinks event was organized in Central London on 8th September. There was a great turn-out of about 45 members, from 2006 leavers through to a member from the 1970s. Oxford was definitely the dominant side when it came to numbers, with lots of recent leavers, but Cambridge gave them a run for their money when it came to pints per head. Word of the event had got around and a few “ringers” – including some Oxbridge rowers also came along.

We had a private room at the International bar, which we hired for free, with a minimum spend at the bar. By midnight, there was some concern that the target £600 spend would not be met – it didn’t require much encouragement for everyone to step up a gear, and by 2am, as we started filtering home, the target had been well exceeded, much Oxford-Cambridge bonding had occurred, and we’d gained a few new members from amongst the most recent leavers.

After a thoroughly enjoyable evening the summer social looks set to become an annual event in the 1890 calendar.

Conclusion

We are indebted to the work of our Treasurer, Andrew Kojima (Koj), of Rob Woodhead who has taken on the role of fixture secretary as well as Oxford men's secretary and to Tash, Liz and Ali for their work as team secretaries as well as to many other members who all help to make it happen. I am also indebted to Rob, Tash and Liz for their literary talents in providing accounts of the 2006 events.

I hope that members enjoy such activities of The 1890 Club as they are able to take part in. We have a website, www.1890.co.uk, which Koj is doing a great job developing and which in due course we are hoping will make it easier for members to keep in touch and will therefore be of benefit to all members.

I hope that you will look at the list of members and encourage those who have not yet joined to do so, especially in the light of what Mike says below. Any former member of the University hockey clubs is eligible to join, and application forms are readily available from Koj or me (or through any of the officers).

Steffan Griffiths

From the Fixture Secretary

As you can see from the match reports above, it has been a great year for the 1890 club on the field, with some excellent fixtures and at times, some wonderful hockey played. I must thank all those who helped out and played in 2006, it is always difficult to organise teams and so it is fantastic to have people who are keen to play for this wonderful club.

I look forward to playing with some of you in the coming months and if you are keen to get involved in any of the games please do get in contact (robert.woodhead@hawkpoint.com).

Robert Woodhead

From the President

I would like to say something about a wider purpose of The 1890 Club and why I hope that its membership will continue to grow well beyond the 242 members which it has today.

I hope that members enjoy membership of The 1890 Club, but that they evaluate their membership not merely in terms of what they get from it directly, but also in terms of the benefits which a strong 1890 Club bring to current and future members of the University Hockey Clubs.

The 1890 Club takes its name from the date of the first men's match, which is also around the date of the first women's match, and the University Matches remain the focus of the current members of the University Hockey Clubs.

Each University Hockey Club runs three men's and three women's teams, with the four University hockey matches between the second and third teams taking place this year on 12 February. There are plans to extend the matches on the day of the Blues Matches in 2008 by playing also a girls schools match, thus providing a satisfying symmetry with men's and women's matches being played by each of School teams, The 1890 Club and the Universities. St Edward's, Oxford and Cheltenham Ladies College have agreed to play the girls school match in 2008.

The special nature of the University matches is greatly enhanced for those taking part by the strong match programme on the day and by the support which the matches receive, much of it due to former players who are eligible to join the 1890 Club. Members should not underestimate the positive impact which this has on members of the two University Clubs.

There is one further important contribution which The 1890 Club makes, which is financial. The University Matches are expensive to run and sponsorship is not easy to find, either for the University Matches themselves or for the University Clubs and here The 1890 Club is already making a significant contribution.

The 1890 Club's £10 subscription has enabled us to contribute £1,000 towards the two University Match days, after paying the running expenses of The 1890 Club, as we did last year. Some members have also contributed sums over and above the £10 subscription to the 1890 Trust, which was formed in 2005 to enable 1890 Club members to make further contributions towards Oxbridge hockey. The 1890 Trust has cumulatively received over £1,000 which is being held for the benefit of the University Matches and the University Hockey Clubs.

The direct financial support of The 1890 Club has been an important factor in enabling the Blues University Matches to remain the very special event that they are, following their enforced move at short notice from the National Hockey Stadium. Without sponsors, the Blues day last year managed to break even only through the Universities paying for their own tankards, although this year it is hoped that these can be paid for and a surplus generated, thereby avoiding the need to call upon the 1890 Trust for support.

Rather than seeing the University Matches as a potential financial burden, however, I am convinced they also represent a showpiece event which has the potential of generating surpluses which can be ploughed back into University Hockey, especially if sponsors for the Matches can be found. That happy scenario would allow The 1890 Club and the 1890 Trust then to provide resources which can make a real difference to the financially hard pressed University Hockey Clubs. Just think what we could do to benefit University Hockey if our membership doubled and if those who were able to afford it voluntarily increased their subscription. Any sum over £10 is treated as a donation to the 1890 Trust and is paid across to a separate account.

Our subscription is set at a level which might fairly be regarded as a nominal for the individual but which with the collective will of former Oxbridge hockey players can make a real difference to future generations of Oxbridge hockey. Please, therefore, retain your membership and consider topping up your standing order, and encourage others to join us.

Mike Barford

1890 MEMBERS

CUHC Men

Neil	Appleton	Ken	Ebenezer	Gary	Nienow
Jonathan	Arscott	Richard	Egglesfield	Peter	Nienow
Ian	Ashby	Adrian	Garne	Gordon	Nurse
Mike	Barford	Lyn	Graham-Taylor	John	O'Keeffe
Jeremy	Barham	Miles	Harris	Jeff	Onions
Nick	Barker	Timothy	Hill	Giles	Osborne
Ian	Bateman	Nick	Hooper	Philip	Outram
Mike	Bawden	Robbie	Hudson	Ronald	Peacock
Richard	Beer	David	Hulbert	John	Perry
Paul	Bevan	Tom	Jameson	Geoffrey	Powell
Roger	Brass	Charles	Jenkins	Bill	Priestley
Oliver	Brew	Ian	Jones	Rick	Raumann
Hugo	Bush	Kevin	Julian	Malcolm	Read
Russell	Cake	Roger	Key	Mark	Rushton
Colin	Campbell	Keith	Lewis	Simon	Shercliff
Colin	Carter	Chris	Lipscomb	James	Sleigh
Milo	Carver	Richard	Little	Paul	Sorenson
Trevor	Castledine	Richard	Lloyd	Stephen	Sweet
David	Churton	Ken	Lochhead	Mark	Thorpe
Mike	Cochrane	Brian	Lott	David	Tough
Rob	Cole	John	MacCormick	Axel	Walther
Gareth	Collins	David	Mansfield	Henry	Ward
Peter	Colville	Jon	Mayer	Peter	Webb
Bernie	Cotton	Will	Mayes	John	Webb
Alastair	Cotton	Tom	McCarthy	Timothy	Wigmore
Peter	Croft	Graeme	Menzies	Roger	Wilcock
Colin	Davis	Rory	Mitchell	Gwyn	Williams
Jon	Drury	Peter	Morris	Timothy	Young

CUHC Women

Sarah	Boys Smith	Stephanie	Hurst	Lucy	Partington
Rachel	Brass	Rebecca	Joyner	Rebecca	Ridgway
Sarah	Crowther	Verity	King	Heidi	Robertshaw
Katie	de Wit	Emma	Kirschen	Christine	Robinson
Hannah	Dent	Alex	MacDonald	Helen	Savage
Claire	Frith	Ashley	McDonald	Natacha	Simon
Sophie	Gilder	Sarah	Moss	Sian	Turner
Susan	Hayes	Martha	Newell	Kandy	Varnish
Sandra	Healy	Jenny	Opie	Nicola	Wakefield
Megan	Healy	Jenny	Parkinson	Rachel	Wheeler
Liz	Hewer	Sarah	Parry-Jones	Anna	Worth

OUHC Men

Chris	Andrews	James	Gordon	Mike	Mayer
Richard	Arscott	Will	Greswell	Nicholas	Montgomery
Chris	Atkinson	Toby	Griffiths	David	Morant
Tom	Ayres	Steffan	Griffiths	William	Morris
Paul	Barker	Brian	Griffiths	James	Nicholls
Peter	Bell	Bryan	Hamblin	David	Perfect
Neil	Berry	Sean	Hammill	Jason	Ralph
Edward	Bevan	Robert	Hawes	Ken	Robinson
Steven	Bishop	Richard	Hayward	Paddy	Rudden
Richard	Blackburn	Philip	Head	James	Schad
Richard	Bond	Jerry	Hill	Martin	Shields
John	Boumphrey	Nic	Holladay	Peter	Sisson
Jonnie	Bradshaw	Mark	Hoskin	Josh	Smith
Adam	Briggs	Andrew	Hughes	Trevor	Snow
Richard	Brixey	Chris	Iley	Andrew	Sumnall
Will	Bryant	Renwick	Irvine	Philip	Taylor
Chris	Burgess	Tim	Johnson	Mark	Thomson
Martin	Copus	Will	Kendall	Adam	Tozzi
Philip	Cuthbertson	Arshad	Khan	James	Trafford
Mark	Darbon	Will	Kinder	Nicholas	Warrington
Michael	Elmitt	Andrew	Kojima	Nigel	Webber
Matt	Emmerton	Adam	Laird	Boyan	Wells
Joel	Evans	Niel	Livingstone	Oliver	Wessely
Chris	Evers	Richard	Luddington	Andrew	Westbrook
James	Flecker	Richard	MacDowel	Thomas	Whiteley
Robin	Fletcher	Richard	Markham	Peter	Wilson
Richard	Gale	Christopher	Maskell	Robert	Woodhead
Neil	Gallacher	Barry	May	Jon	Wyatt

OUHC Women

Katherine	Adlington	Serena	Gosling	Amanda	Pearce Higgins
Lucy	Armstrong	Victoria	Griffiths	Gemma	Roberts
Nicola	Blucher	Fiona	Hinds	Sophie	Rooker
Jacqueline	Broers	Clare	Holt	Josie	Sanders
Emily	Buckwell	Lucy	Hudsmith	Ann	Schmidt
Beverley	Camfield	Alex	Hutchinson	Kate	Selway
Sadie	Crapper	Nicky	Jacobsen	Rachel	Tillett
Sue	Day	Sarah	Longair	Katie	Tindall
Jo	Dyer	Sas	Mackie	Bianca	Watts
Lucy	Eddowes	Kate	Markham	Rebecca	Weston
Caroline	Ford	Emma	Matebalavu	Charley	Williams
Liz	Fox	Caroline	McKenna	Emma	Williamson
Amy	Gardiner	Elaine	Noone	Fiona	Worrall
Amy	Garne	Charlotte	Partridge		