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## THE 1890 CLUB NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2008

### From the President

I hope that members enjoy such activities of The 1890 Club as they are able to take part in. In this newsletter, you will find an account of what happened in 2007 and what is planned for 2008. Our next 5 year dinner is planned for 2010. In due course we are hoping the website will make it easier for members to keep in touch and will therefore be of benefit to all members.

We are indebted to the work of our Secretary, Steffan Griffiths, our Treasurer, Andrew Kojima (Koj), our fixture secretary Rob Woodhead, who is also the 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 and Kate Adlington for their literary talents in providing an account of the 2007 events.

We are in the process of developing a rotation policy for the committee, which will include changing a number of our officers for 2008. In this way, we hope to involve the growing number of University leavers who are joining the Club whilst retaining the input of those whose other commitments prevent them from continuing with the key roles. It is vitally important that we remain in close touch with each generation of University players as they leave University and throughout their subsequent careers, a task which is not always as easy as it sounds. The officers below are those who held office in 2007, please keep an eye out on our website for any changes to these in 2008 once these have been finalised.

I hope that you will look at the list of members set out at the end of this newsletter and encourage those who have not yet joined to do so. Any former member of the University hockey clubs is eligible to join, and application forms are readily available from Koj (or through any of the officers). Each year, we lose a few members whose standing orders have stopped but who have not contacted us to say that they no longer wish to remain as members. Whilst in some cases this may represent a conscious decision to leave the Club, it may be inadvertent, due for example to a member changing bank accounts. Those whose payment ceased within the last year have been retained on the list of members in italics, whilst we try to contact them to find out whether they would like to remain members.

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. I would like to repeat what I said last year about a wider purpose of The 1890 Club and why I hope that its membership will continue to grow well beyond the 262 members which are listed.

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 having taken place on 11 February in Oxford. On 4 March 2008, as well as the Men's and Women's Varsity Matches, there will be a full programme of matches, which is as follows:

<b>Time</b>	<b>Sand based pitch</b>	<b>Water based pitch</b>
9.30am	Oxford v Cambridge 1890 Men	
10.00am		Oxford v Cambridge 1890 women
11.30am	<b><i>Girls' schools match</i></b> Cheltenham Ladies College v St Edward's Oxford	
12 noon		<b><i>Boys' schools match</i></b> Abingdon v Cranleigh
1.00pm	Oxford v Cambridge College match	
2.00pm		Oxford v Cambridge Men
4.00pm		Oxford v Cambridge Women

You will see that there will be seven matches played this year on Southgate's two pitches, which is made possible by the hard work put in by Stephen Bishop and his University Match Committee and by the commitment of Southgate Hockey Club.

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 The 1890 Club is making a significant financial contribution. The 1890 Club's £10 subscription has enabled us to contribute £1,250 towards the two University Match days, after paying the running expenses of The 1890 Club. 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 £1,950 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. The day represents 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***

## Officers

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## 2008 EVENTS

### ***Monday 3 March***

Drinks at the Pitcher and Piano in Trafalgar Square from 7pm onwards. The back platform is reserved in the name of the 1890 Club.

### ***Tuesday 4 March***

Oxford v Cambridge 1890 Club matches at Southgate (9.30am men, 10.00am women)

### ***Thursday 29 May***

1890 Oxford v 1890 Cambridge men at Battersea

### ***Date TBA***

Matches v Travellers at Battersea

### ***Date 7 June 2008 (TBC)***

Men and women's matches v Cambridge in Cambridge

### ***Date TBA***

Men and women's matches v Oxford in Oxford

### ***Thursday 3 July***

1890 Oxford v 1890 Cambridge mixed at Battersea

### ***Date TBA***

Autumn Social

## REPORT ON ACTIVITIES IN 2007

### *6 March 2007 – 1890 pre Varsity Match*

6 March 2007 saw the 107th Varsity Match played on a glorious day at Southgate Hockey Club. The Oxford Boys succumbed to a very strong Cambridge side 4-3 in what was a thrilling match, with the Oxford Girls triumphing once again 3-1.

As has now become tradition, prior to the student fixtures, the Oxford and Cambridge old boys and girls, through the 1890 Club, organised teams to play each other. After a few years of Cambridge taking all the spoils in the Old Boys games, Oxford managed to prise the Lawless trophy from Cambridge for the first time in 4 years, winning 8-2, playing some excellent and exciting, in fact typically Oxford style hockey.

The Oxford Old boys squad for the day was Zoso Davies (GK), Ally Brown, Richard Brixey, Richard Blackburn, Johnnie Bradshaw, Chris Maskell, Paul Barker, Josh Smith, Tim Johnson (1), Rob Woodhead, Tom Bullock (1), Richard Arscott (2), George Bretten (1), Andrew Westbrook (1), Chris Allfrey (1), Dave Cresswell.

It is best to maintain the confidentiality of the Cambridge team.

Photos of the day can be viewed at <http://www.dephotos.co.uk/album.html> (follow "Hockey" and "Oxford vs Cambridge – 2007" etc.).

At this year's coming Varsity we are hoping to have a rematch of the 1998 Varsity match with many of the players from that era taking part. If you would like to become involved please contact Robert Woodhead.

Despite worries that the match may have to be cancelled, both the Oxford and Cambridge managed to field strong squads for the old girls match. The game once again was a hard fought contest with Oxford taking an early lead. Cambridge fought hard to stay in the match and finally equalised in the second half, with the match ending as a 1-1 draw. However, there was some resulting confusion over the rightful recipient of the trophy. Cambridge were quite disgruntled when Oxford were called to collect the trophy because apparently they were the last team to win the match two years ago. After some debate and much resistance by Oxford, the trophy was rightfully returned to Cambridge. The Oxford old girls team was as follows:

Kate Filochowski (GK), Kate Adlington, Miranda Hayward, Amy Garne, Sarah Bennett, Lucy Armstrong, Caroline Ford, Nicola Blucher, Vicky Griffiths, Fiona Hinds, Suse Lowrey, Chloe Hayward, Cate Reynolds.

The 2008 old girls match is shaping up to be a fantastic contest and with over 20 Oxford offering their services we might have to start introducing selection criteria! Hopefully there will be a more decisive result this year!

### *24 May 2007 – 1890 Cambridge men vs 1890 Oxford men*

The first of the 1890 summer fixtures was a repeat of the thriller played on the Varsity day with Cambridge still smarting from their trouncing. The Battersea Park pitch presented a different challenge to the water based astroturf of Southgate, and Cambridge used their experience of sand based surfaces to great effect, holding a confident Oxford to an exciting 6 - 6 draw. Scorers for Oxford were George Bretten (2), Rob Woodhead (2), Johnnie Bradshaw and Dave Sellick.

Typically, Oxford played with great adventure and were perhaps a little reckless at times, too eager to support their lone striker Ed Bevan who occasionally proved a handful for the Cambridge defence. Some excellent hockey was played on both sides and it was also good to see Dave Sellick play well and score on his return after becoming a father. Also of note was George Bretten's brace of goals, Jonnie Bradshaw's wonder goal, Chris Maskell's fearless defence and Mike Mayer's return to the hockey pitch after a lengthy absence (though you couldn't tell).

(Ed If you hadn't detected by now the reporter is a former Oxford student. Suffice to say Cambridge took everything in their relaxed stride with Robbie Hudson, a defender turned poacher, excelling in a roving role up front).

### ***10 June 2007 – Oxford 1890 vs Oxford University***

In early June the Oxford 1890 side travelled up to Oxford for the annual game against the current students. The students had a poor season by their standards coming 10th in the South Premier League and narrowly losing the Varsity match. However, they turned out a nearly full strength side despite many being in the middle of exams.

As usual it was a case of the wiser older 1890 side taking on a younger and fitter university side. However, there were moments where memories of younger fitter days were relived with Dave Sellick, Tim Johnson and Paul Barker making searing runs in the midfield and upfront. Chris Maskell again was a Tower in defence and, after an absence due to injury, the 1890 side were pleased to welcome back Axel Walther where he fitted well in a solid back three. The day also saw the debut of the young England hopeful, Dan Fox. He lived up to his billing with a couple of fantastic goals. These unfortunately were not enough to win the day which ended 5-5 (Dan Fox 2, Paul Barker 1, Tim Johnson 1 and Rob Woodhead 1), a fitting score line to what was a very entertaining match. Special mention must also go to Zoso Davies who had an absolutely storming match in goal, with some even venturing that it was his best performance for the 1890 side so far!

Hopefully the game and the BBQ that the 1890 sponsored the night before the game will continue to encourage the current students to come and join our ranks when they finish.

The old girls game finished 9-8 to the students.

### ***9 June 2007 - Cambridge 1890 v Cambridge***

Andrew Middleton raised a side of recent leavers to take on the current students, fresh from Varsity and League success. The now traditional Old Boys Games is a festival occasion, sandwiched as it is between Hawks Cocktails and Suicide Sunday. The standard of play is wholly reflective of the good night before. The current students were first to acclimatise to the early morning start, racing into an early lead. The Old Boys found their stamina later on, clawing back goals and some measure of self respect. An honourable draw was called at 2 - 2, before the 1890 Club hosted drinks and food and Saturday gradually merged into Sunday.

### ***21 June 2007 - Combined 1890 vs Travellers***

A hot evening in June saw the now regular annual game between the 1890 Club and the Travellers XI, an invitational side of National League level players based in and around London. Traditionally a tough and highly contested fixture, these games display an interesting mix from both Universities as they are played as a combined 1890 Club which gives all involved an opportunity to play along side old adversaries.

Two games were organised against the Travellers 1<sup>st</sup> XI and their Veterans side. The 1<sup>st</sup> XI was a very strong team including a number of talented national league players. The combined Oxford and Cambridge side played extremely well despite some players playing together for the very first time but, despite offering some good hockey in patches, the Travellers proved too strong, winning 6 – 4, a repeat of the previous years score line.

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 7-7 draw being the fairest result.

Once again the 1890 Club has had another great year on the field with some excellent fixtures and, at times, some fantastic hockey being played. I would like to thank all those who helped out and played in 2007. It is always difficult to organise teams and so it is great to have members 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](mailto:robert.woodhead@hawkpoint.com)).

***Robert Woodhead (with contributions from Kate Adlington)***

## 1890 MEMBERS

### CUHC Men

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

### CUHC Women

Lizzie	Ballentine	Johanna	Hodge	Lucy	Partington
Sarah	Boys Smith	Stephanie	Hurst	Rebecca	Ridgway
Rachel	Brass	Rebecca	Joyner	Heidi	Robertshaw
Sarah	Crowther	Verity	King	Christine	Robinson
Katie	de Wit	Emma	Kirschen	Claire	Rushe
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	Neil	Gallacher	Mike	Mayer
Richard	Arscott	James	Gordon	Nicholas	Montgomery
Chris	Atkinson	Will	Greswell	David	Morant
Tom	Ayres	Toby	Griffiths	William	Morris
Paul	Barker	Steffan	Griffiths	James	Nicholls
Peter	Bell	Brian	Griffiths	David	Perfect
Neil	Berry	Bryan	Hamblin	Jason	Ralph
Edward	Bevan	Sean	Hammill	Ken	Robinson
Johnathan	Bishop	Robert	Hawes	Paddy	Rudden
Steven	Bishop	Richard	Hayward	James	Schad
Richard	Blackburn	Philip	Head	Martin	Shields
Richard	Bond	Jerry	Hill	Peter	Sisson
John	Boumphrey	Nic	Holladay	<i>Josh</i>	<i>Smith</i>
Jonnie	Bradshaw	Mark	Hoskin	Trevor	Snow
Adam	Briggs	Andrew	Hughes	Andrew	Sumnall
Richard	Brixey	Chris	Iley	Philip	Taylor
Will	Bryant	Renwick	Irvine	Mark	Thomson
Chris	Burgess	<i>Tim</i>	<i>Johnson</i>	Adam	Tozzi
Martin	Copus	Will	Kendall	James	Trafford
Philip	Cuthbertson	Arshad	Khan	Nicholas	Warrington
Mark	Darbon	Will	Kinder	Nigel	Webber
Zoso	Davies	Andrew	Kojima	Boyan	Wells
Michael	Elmitt	<i>Adam</i>	<i>Laird</i>	Oliver	Wessely
Matt	Emmerton	Niel	Livingstone	Andrew	Westbrook
Joel	Evans	Richard	Luddington	Thomas	Whiteley
Chris	Evers	Richard	MacDowel	Peter	Wilson
James	Flecker	Richard	Markham	Robert	Woodhead
Robin	Fletcher	Christopher	Maskell	Jon	Wyatt
Richard	Gale	Barry	May		

**OUHC Women**

		Liz	Fox	Elaine	Noone
Katherine	Adlington	Amy	Gardiner	Charlotte	Partridge
Victoria	Anderson	Amy	Garne	Amanda	Pearce Higgins
Lucy	Armstrong	Serena	Gosling	Gemma	Roberts
Jessica	Barnes	Victoria	Griffiths	Sophie	Rooker
Nicola	Blucher	Katie	Hilsdon	Josie	Sanders
Hannah	Bowe	Rachel	Hindley	Ann	Schmidt
<i>Jacqueline</i>	<i>Broers</i>	Fiona	Hinds	Kate	Selway
Victoria	Bryant	Clare	Holt	Joanna	Sumpter
Emily	Buckwell	Lucy	Hudsmith	Rachel	Tillett
Beverley	Camfield	Alex	Hutchinson	Katie	Tindall
Christa	Clark	Nicky	Jacobsen	Iona	Turnbull
Joyce	Connell	Kate	Leyland	Bianca	Watts
Alice	Cook	Sarah	Longair	Rebecca	Weston
Sadie	Crapper	Sas	Mackie	Elizabeth	Wild
Sue	Day	Kate	Markham	Charley	Williams
Lucy	Eddowes	Emma	Matebalavu	Emma	Williamson
Caroline	Ford	Caroline	McKenna	Fiona	Worrall