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Hello past legends of OUCCC!

I hope everyone is well. For those that don't know me, my name is Belinda. I studied biology at Pembroke and was Secretary (2020-21), then Women's Captain (2021-22). I am very excited to now have the role of Alumni Rep/Leaving Legend which involves keeping past members up to date with the club and vice versa. In recent years, the club's alumni relations have fallen by the wayside and myself, along with Tom, Charlotte and the rest of OUCCC are keen to improve them.

These emails, which will be full of club and alumni updates, form part of our plan to keep you in the loop. We are also hoping to improve alumni attendance at key events through the year, including Cuppers, Varsity, Teddy Hall Relays and Annual Dinner (future information about these events below).

These all promise to be brilliant events so get them in the diary and encourage others to come along too. In the mean time, if anyone has any suggestions about how we can improve alumni relations, feel free to email me at: belinda.dow@hotmail.com, or to reach out via social media.

Although we will email out the majority of information, please can you all join the Old Gits Facebook Group if you have Facebook so we can keep you up to date with everything going on.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2446988887>. Furthermore, if you have any friends who are not receiving these email and would like to, can you please direct them to the OUCCC Alumni webpage where they will find the sign-up form. <https://ouccc.org.uk/ouccc-old-members>

Upcoming Alumni Events

Cuppers - Saturday 22nd October 2022

This year we are very excited to announce we will be hosting an alumni race at Cuppers! This will be followed by a lunch (Details will be posted on this Facebook event: <https://fb.me/e/3LfPdh0U2> and will also be emailed) and the option to stay on for the whole club social in the evening.

II-IVs Varsity - Saturday 26th November 2022

This brilliant event returns home to Shotover this year so come and support our 2nds, 3rds and Mob match runners.

Blues Varsity/Old Gits Race - Saturday 3rd December 2022

Test yourself out on the brutal terrain of Wimbledon Common before cheering the Dark Blues to certain victory. A Facebook event for this will be created in the near future but for more information about Blues Varsity and the Old Gits Race then please see the [website](#).

Save the date

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THR's are one of the highlights of the OUCCC calendar and this year they are being combined with our end of season dinner (Details of this will be confirmed soon). It would be great to get a big turn out to both events and so please get this date in your diaries now.

From the Club Captain - Thomas Renshaw

Preseason training camp update

Preseason training camp was a massive success again this year. Venturing up to our Secretary's (Thomas Barrett) local area, North Yorkshire, we enjoyed 6 days of beautiful weather and running around the Yorkshire Three Peaks. A fantastic summary of the Club's adventures over the week was written by four of our incoming Freshers who attended the camp and can be found [here](#).

Michaelmas update

With Michaelmas now in full swing training has begun again in earnest with Varsity at the end of term very much on everyone's minds. Expectations are high after last year's dominate performance across the two Varsity weekends, having the vast majority of our runners finish before the Tabs even managed one, never mind two, of their runners home just showed how strong our depth was last year. The resultant 7-1 victory over those in minty green will be hard to top this year but is something we will no doubt be striving to do.

The Club looks forward to another term of an action packed racing and social events with Cuppers in a couple of weekends time and our first social of the term with OUAC this Wednesday. Belinda, our new Alumni Rep, is putting together a raft of new and improved events for alumni young and old to attend and stay involved in the Club. The first of which will be Cuppers where alumni are welcome to come along and race, followed by an alumni lunch, the details of which are further down in this email.

Finally from me, OUCCC Annual Dinner will be held this year in the evening after Teddy Hall Relays (Wednesday 8th March 2023). The exact college it will be held in is still to be confirmed but it would be fantastic to get a big alumni turnout both in the Teddy Hall Relays and at the dinner afterwards. Please do put the date I your diaries now and once the venue and time are confirmed within the next few weeks I will be sure to let you all know.

New Website

Over the summer I, along with members of the committee, put together a new website for the Club. Please do take the time to have a look through the new website and let me know if you have any additions or changes. I have provided a summary of a few of the highlights below. A massive thank you must go to Simon Molden as without his help I would not have been able to put together many of the sections of the website. The history sections of the website, created out of his historical records, would not have been possible without him. Finally a big thank you must go to Jared Martin, my Vice-Captain this year, who, using Simon's archive, wrote a new history of the Club. It is a fascinating read and I would encourage you all to go and have a look.

History of the Varsity Match:

This section of the website now contains a list of every man and woman to ever compete in the Blues Varsity Match. Listed in order of their debut year (and alphabetically if multiple people debuted in one year) this list assigns each runner their own unique Varsity number. The plan this year is to incorporate this number and the associated Varsity Match heritage into the race by adding each individual runner's number onto their vest they will wear on Wimbledon Common. Do go have a look, find yourself or have a look at some of the famous names to have run for OUCCC.

History of II-Vs Varsity:

II-Vs (now II-IVs) Varsity has a long and distinguished history and so I have tried to put down in writing a history of the matches that does it justice. We will also as part of this, this year, be reintroducing the Tortoises logo onto the Varsity Match vests. I would love to also have logos for the Snails and Turtles created and so if anyone has an artistic flare and would like to help design a new logo for these teams then please get in touch with me or Belinda.

Alumni section:

Finally this new alumni section of the website will, along with these emails, be used as a way of communicating with alumni. Simon and Belinda have access to this section of the website and will be keeping it up to date with all the upcoming events. Do continue to check back here regularly for more information.

Please do get in touch if you have any other ideas about alumni events.

Kind regards
Thomas