

Oxford University Cross Country Club The 1876 Trust Newsletter April 2024

I am delighted to be writing to you all for the first time as the newly elected OUCCC

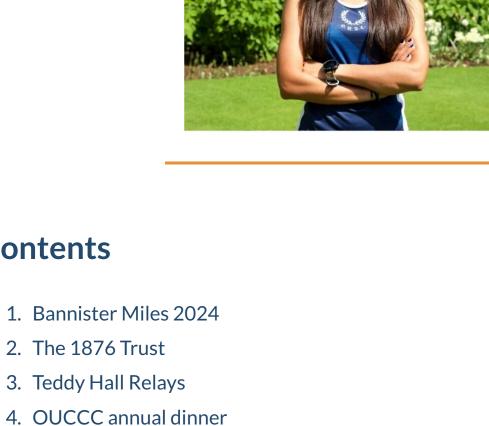
Dear OUCCC alumnus

Club Captain. It is an honour to be following in the footsteps of so many esteemed captains that came before me, most recently, Jared Martin. Upon embarking on this role, I reflected on the great history we have in OUCCC.

Looking at all the names that came before me, it was clear that I am taking on a role with great legacy and history to its name. With the first OUCCC Club Captain (known as OUHHC President at the time) being named in 1876, it is exciting to think that in just two years time we will reach the 150th Anniversary of OUCCC. Sooner still, the year 2025 marks 50 years since the first unofficial Ladies' Varsity Match. These significant milestones show the longstanding strength of our club, and the

progress we've made. I was particularly struck that by stepping into this role, I become

the ninth woman to take on the position of Club Captain. I would like to pay particular tribute to these women who paved the way for me, and those that follow me, in building progress for women in sport and our representation in sports leadership. With five of these women being in post within the last decade, it is motivating to see that the club we hold so dear places value in accommodating and facilitating gender equity. I find this to be a cause of celebration, and hope that you too, as alumni, can rejoice in the steps we are taking as a club to continuously make progress on this front. Yours in dark blue, Anika Schwarze-Chintapatla OUCCC Club Captain, 2024-5; Trustee (Ex-Officio), The 1876 Trust



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- and ask them to sign up using the link below.



Newsletter Sign-Up

Street – a first (or at least a modern one) for a running event in Oxford. To render this economical and justifiable to the Council, a big entry is essential. To encourage alumni participation, we are also happy to announce an OUCCC Alumni group for the community mile. This will allow group members to participate in the same wave. The group username is 'OUCCC Alumni' and group password is 'Hernaman1880'. You can join the group upon <u>sign-up</u> for the community mile.

Please also spread the word about Bannister Miles throughout your networks: to

friends, family, colleagues, and running clubs. Finally, why not obtain a permanent

memento of the 70th anniversary by purchasing one of our <u>event ties</u>? They will be

distributed at the garden party on Sunday 5 May. If not attending but still keen to

purchase, we can arrange delivery to you – just get in touch.

Bannister Miles Website The 1876 Trust We are delighted to announce that The 1876 Trust has successfully been registered

The 1876 Trust Website

On Wednesday 6 March, OUCCC successfully hosted another edition of Teddy Hall

Relays. In the end, we had 140 teams take part and it was great to see several alumni

represented among them. Shockingly, the weather was great on the day, producing



On the evening after Teddy Hall Relays, St Hilda's College was at capacity for the

OUCCC Annual Dinner. This proved a fantastic celebration of the year that was.

Attendees enjoyed a delicious meal, lubricated by abundant wine, before hearing

speeches from the outgoing captains, Simon Molden on behalf of The 1876 Trust, and

On the racing front, despite being one of the smaller university teams in attendance, we certainly made our mark. Naomi Kingston emerged as the women's champion, while **Thomas Renshaw** was 3rd man overall and the men's team 4th. **Rose Sheppard** and Jared Martin also picked up individual prizes. Between races, the group also threw themselves into the Isle of Man's vibrant social and cultural scene. This included watching the Boat Race with increasing

disappointment alongside a group of Peel locals, before embarking on an eight-stop,

twelve mile pub crawl across the island from Peel to Douglas. The group also attended

a very lively afterparty on the Sunday evening, where chant and boat racing skills

were honed. Time was also found to visit the Manx Museum, (taxidermised) wallabies

Among the discussion points at the afterparty was the assertion that we'd return with

"100 students and 400" alumni in 2025, winning the men's and women's team titles.

A small but keen group of eight current students, led by new Men's Captain Sam

Waite, participated in the Isle of Man Festival of Running. There, they were joined by

alumni Chris Daniels, Andrew Arbour, and Mara Yamauchi, with Mara attending as

the festival's special guest.

and Manx cats were among the attractions.

Following on from our recent BUCS Cross Country successes, some of our athletes have been making the transition to track season already. This culminated in 2 particularly stunning performances at the BUCS indoors championships from Alexandra Shipley (Blues XC no. 145, Worcester/Green Templeton), and Charlotte Buckley (Blues XC no. 150, Oriel).

With a gold medal in her sights right from the off, **Shipley** delighted us with a front

running 1500m race, comfortably taking the win, and bringing a gold medal back to

Oxford. Meanwhile **Buckley** in the 800m gave us all a stellar show, running a tactically

perfect race and dipping under the line to get her that Silver medal. Glued to our

screens back in Oxford, this was the most exciting race that many of us had watched in

a long time! Other OUCCC athletes taking part in this competition included **Ella Fryer**

coming an impressive 5th in the 800m, whilst Alexander Gruen (Blues XC no. 479,

Balliol), and Jonathan Cornish did us proud in the 3000m, coming 7th and 11th

On the last day of term, OUCCC athletes were split between UK Intercounties Cross

respectively.

Obituary - Jo Dering

where she became a much loved and respected Head of Sixth Form. One of our alltime great athletes, she will be sorely missed by OUCCC. Dates for your diary

• Saturday 7 December – Alumni & Blues Varsity Match*, Wimbledon Common,

Blues, claiming the first five finishing positions. During her time at Oxford, Jo also

Jo gained selection for both England and Great Britain. In 1991, she travelled to Spain

for the IAAF World Indoor Athletics Championships. Running a time of 4.13.1, she

Upon leaving Oxford, Jo became a Maths teacher at Larkmead School in Abingdon,

became women's record holder for 1500m, the mile, and 3000m.

grateful. They are listed below: Andrew Arbour Alice Beverly

Fiona Brown

David Bruce

Jamie Darling

Giving to OUCCC

Thank you to our supporters

c.12pm.

If you are considering making a regular donation or transformative gift, or would like to know more about how your donation would make a difference, feel free to check The 1876 Trust website or get in touch by emailing trustees@the1876trust.org.uk. Hearing from you

Last month, I attended both the OUAC and OUCCC annual dinners. In attendance, we

had an alumni couple (Lucy and Steven) who were commemorating 20 years since

they first met at an OUAC annual dinner. This touching story made me wonder how many other beautiful memories like this existed amongst our alumni! I would love to hear from all of you, sharing memories, experiences, or even just recollections of what day-to-day life was like as an OUCCC member during your time in Oxford! If your experience was anything like mine has been thus far, I have no doubt you all share a host of cherished memories with the club. I hope that one day I too, will look back on my time in Oxford fondly, and look forward to opportunities where I can reconnect with the club I hold so dear, and the friends I made. With that in mind, I hope that some of you will reach out and share your memories with me (anika.schwarze-chintapatla@trinity.ox.ac.uk) or our Alumni & Sponsorship

Rep, Jared (jared.martin@stx.ox.ac.uk). I can't wait to hear from you – and hopefully I can share some of these memories in the next alumni newsletter!

- 11. Hearing from you

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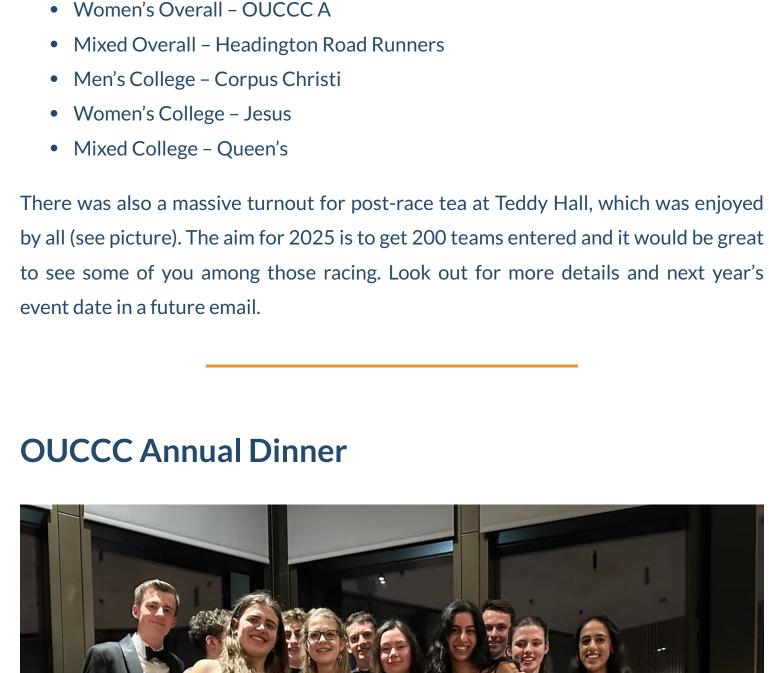
either event. Spectators are also welcome throughout the day at Iffley Road Track. For the Community Mile, we have managed to secure the full closure of the High

with the Charity Commission (Charity Number: 1207635). The trustees held their inaugural meeting at St Cross College on Wednesday 28 February. Topics discussed included improving alumni engagement, expanding grassroots participation in running, and developing a fundraising strategy to support the (increasingly expensive) work of OUCCC, building up to the club's 150th anniversary in 2026. Feel free to peruse the Trust's website to find out more.

some speedy racing. Winners were as follows:

Men's Overall – OUCCC A

Teddy Hall Relays 2024





While 500 attendees might be a little ambitious, it would be great to have a large number of current students and alumni (Leeds had about 90!) travel to the Isle of Man next year. Save the dates: Friday 18 - Sunday 20 April for what promises to be another really enjoyable weekend!

Other racing successes: BUCS Indoors & more

Country and the first Birmingham University Track Meet of the year. At the former, it was fantastic to see OUCCC alumnus, **Jack Millar** finish in an outstanding 5th place. In Birmingham, meanwhile, new Club Captain, Anika Schwarze-Chintapatla, ran an excellent 6.59.4 in the 2000m steeplechase to go 4th on Oxford's all-time ranking. Most recently, Saturday 6 April saw strong OUCCC representation in the podium positions at the English National Road Relays. In the women's race, current student Charlotte Buckley and alumnus Emily Carroll helped Thames Valley to a gold medal. On the men's side, meanwhile, current student Naphtali Moulton and alumnus Jack

With great sadness, OUCCC notes the passing of Jo Dering in January of this year following a brief illness. Jo matriculated at Exeter College in 1988 and participated in her first Blues Varsity that same year, placing 4th. Injury meant that she was unable to compete in 1989 but she returned in 1990 to claim an emphatic individual victory by 19 seconds. Captained by Davina Manship, it was a dominant display for the Dark

narrowly missed qualification for the final.

Millar helped Bristol & West to team silver.



Alex Gaskell Alex Howard Robert Bowyer Larry Mathews Bethanie Murray Jonathan Brooke

A heartfelt thank you to all of those who have donated to the club in the past year as

well as those who have contributed to cover the cost of Varsity Kit. We are extremely

Simon Molden

Christopher Phillips-Hart

Phillip Scarr

Nick Scroxton

Amid rising costs, alumni donations help us continue to provide high-quality services to our members without having to impose substantial additional costs, as well as events to the wider public. Please see our donation page if interested in making a regular donation to the club.

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