Oxford University Cross Country Club

Alumni Newsletter

May 2024

Dear OUCC Alumni,

The last few months have been extremely busy for OUCC with key events including BUCS Indoor Athletics Championships, Barcelona Hills, and the Athletics Stage Match. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting so many of you at the Barcelona Hills Garden Party and hope you all enjoyed reminiscing about your time at Oxford and catching up with your friends and wider cross country community at the achievements of our current athletes. Our Raptors Barcelona team for the Relishes in Oxfordshire, and Hogwarts and Hobbits Marks in 1988 and remaining Athletics and Stage Marks.

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Thomas Bassinder, Jack Pidgeon, and Roger Woodcock in contention in the Sunday Mile

On Sunday 5 May, OUCC and PUMA, welcomed 200 guests to Merton College for the longest alumni gathering in years. Since then, we have been humbled to receive a number of emails and messages from alumni who have been inspired to reconnect, to get in touch with old friends and make cross country contributing the achievements of our current athletes. Our Raptors Barcelona team for the Relishes in Oxfordshire, and Hogwarts and Hobbits Marks in 1988 and remaining Athletics and Stage Marks.

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Andy Robinson gets to know the Marsell brothers

Later, Women's 75 Elite Theatre was filled to capacity for a screening of Beatbreaker, a film about the life of Oxford University Athletics Club Alumnus and Olympian Ben Ainslie. Thereafter, some technical difficulties part way through halftime for Hampton proceedings. All generations of alumni from the 1970s to the 2020s were represented in the audience, and it was great to see so many people, including members and their predecessors over the past 70 years was one of the most upbeat parts of the whole weekend's celebrations.

Bannister Miles - Monday

Great Cross country the Cambridge Mile Field Day, Jonathan Brooker, A.G. Houghton Brady

Monday began with the Bannister Cambridge Mile, in which 1,000 runners ran under 4 hours to Alistair's Mile Field by the Ivy Night Bowl. There was a fantastic atmosphere, with spectators lining the track, and the Oxford Cross Country Club was well represented on every alumni material, including a lasting impact with effect of the day four years **Hillier**. Men taking part colored and Kenton with world record holders, **Nicholas Ch** Kenton, **Ben Ainslie**, **Ben Ainslie**, **Ben Ainslie**