

Oxford University Cross Country Club Alumni Newsletter

BUCS 2025

We hope this newsletter finds you well! We are keeping this edition deliberately short

Dear OUCCC alumnus

and it will be complemented by a more extensive offering, containing our usual features, later in February. The purpose of this newsletter is twofold. First, to update you about the British University Cross Country Championship which took place in Cardiff on Saturday 1 February. Second, to provide a reminder about the OUCCC annual dinner on Wednesday 12 March. It is great to see several alumni signed up already, but we would be delighted to see more of you there. More information about annual dinner is provided below. We hope that you find it useful, and that you enjoy reading about an extremely successful weekend for OUCCC – and Oxbridge sport – at BUCS. **Annual Dinner Tickets**



2. Upcoming Event: OUCCC Annual Dinner 2025 3. Thanking our supporters

1. Report: BUCS Cross Country Championship 2025

vibrant Cardiff nightlife. Despite getting tucked up in bed early following a pasta- and

This year's course was multi-lap, flat, and fast, though with just enough mud to pull on the legs and tree roots to induce wariness. First up was the Women's Short Course. The Oxford team had some absences from Varsity but nevertheless put in a strong performance. The 5th placed university overall, we narrowly missed out on a team medal. Indeed, had OUCCC member Klara Hatinova (34th) been racing for Oxford, it

Oxford Scorers: Beth Rawlinson (St Hugh's) – 13th (19.48) Anika Schwarze-Chintapatla (Trinity) – 20th (20.01) Sarah McGrath (Queen's) – 49th (20.45) **Team Result:**

2nd - Loughborough - 16 3rd - Cambridge - 71 4th - Edinburgh - 78 5th - **Oxford** - 82

Christopher Parker (Corpus Christi) – 6th (24.33) Ethan McColgan (St Anne's) – 10th (24.49) Jared Martin (St Cross) – 12th (24.53) Jack Johnson (St Cross) – 14th (24.54) **Team Result:** 1st - Loughborough - 16



Rebecca Flaherty (St Catherine's) – 11th (28.03) Charlotte Buckley (Oriel) – 13th (28.11) Jemima Ridley (Lady Margaret Hall) – 32nd (29.27) **Team Result:** 1st – Cambridge – 17 (won on countback) 2nd – Birmingham – 17 3rd - Loughborough - 30 4th - **Oxford** - 34

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Afterwards, much merriment was enjoyed at The Great Western, Turtle Bay, The Prince of Wales, Cardiff Students' Union, and...well...you get the picture. We returned

year since the coronavirus-induced hiatus in 2021.

weekend well-spent.

affordably as possible.

250

200

150

2nd – Loughborough – 42

3rd – **Oxford** – 56

4th - Cambridge - 87

We are now genuine rivals to the best teams in the country. But there remains a gap to Birmingham and Loughborough, and we are fighting an uphill battle against the vastly greater resources of these two performance hubs. However, the Cambridge women's result this year shows that in the right circumstances, triumph is possible. With alumni support, we want to give OUCCC the long-term financial position to establish structures – increased coaching provision, some day even an annual scholarship – that can allow us to bridge this performance gap while also allowing even more people to

experience this very special weekend, making lifetime memories and friendships, as

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The evening will begin at a central Oxford pub for pre-drinks. We are still awaiting

venue confirmation on this but will inform all attendees about the location in good

time. This will be followed by dinner, including prizegiving and speeches, at St Edmund

Hall. Afterwards, we will retire to Vincent's Club. If you haven't attended a club event

in a while and remain a bit unsure about what to expect, see the testimony below from

"I would encourage any alumni to come along to the OUCCC annual dinner, to talk with

fellow alumni and current students, and to learn about what Oxford running has become in

the 2020s. Last year I went along to the dinner with some apprehension. It was my first

OUCCC event in decades — well, aside from the Teddy Hall Relays earlier that same day—

and I remembered the, ahem, "spirited" club dinners of my youth. It turned out to be a

brilliant evening of conversation and celebration, that left me feeling that Oxford running is

alumnus Colin Phillips about his experience last year:

in great hands with the current generation." Full details about annual dinner are provided in the bullet points below. If you have any questions, please get in touch. Sign-ups will close later in the month. • Date: Wednesday 12 March. • Time: Drinks from 6.30pm; dinner at 7.30pm. • Location: Oxford pub for pre-dinner drinks, St Edmund Hall for dinner. • Cost: £55 (non-drinking), £60 (drinking).

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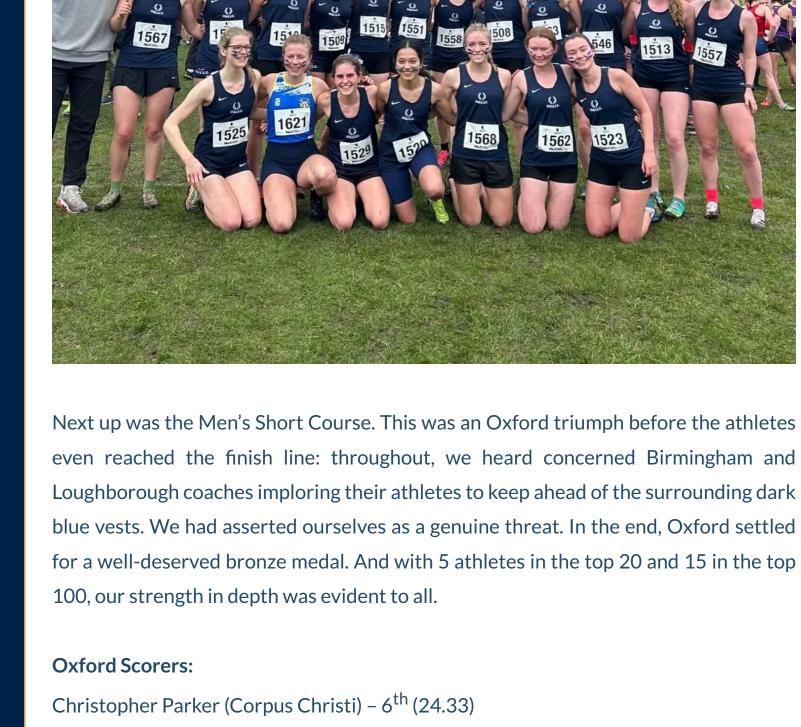
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Report: BUCS Cross Country Championship 2025 Over 60 OUCCC members made the trip to Cardiff last weekend to take on the BUCS Cross Country Championship, held in the excellent venue of Bute Park. Our bus journey on Friday was uneventful and quiet, a striking contrast with the pizza-fuelled team meal, many of us were nevertheless exposed to the local clubbing scene as dance music pounded through our hotel room walls until 6am. Thankfully, none of the races had particularly early starts and all athletes made it to the start-line unscathed.

1st - Birmingham - 6

would have been a team bronze.



2nd – Birmingham – 29 3^{rd} – Oxford – 42 4th - Cambridge - 143

- the first time since Oxford's win in 2000. **Oxford Finishers:** Laia Casajoana (St John's) – 10th (28.00)
- 1st Birmingham 25

to Oxford on Sunday morning, some with sore heads, all tired, but all also happy with a

With all four teams among the top five universities, this year felt like a statement.

There is now an clear big four in British university cross country running: Birmingham,

Loughborough, Cambridge, and us. We have shown noticeable improvement year on

Men's Short **Upcoming Event: OUCCC Annual Dinner 2025**

• Dress Code: Black tie or equivalent (Blues blazers encouraged).

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