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Welcome

On behalf of everyone at OUCC, welcome once again to our newsletter. In this edition, we will report on a successful Michaelmas term for the whole club, as well as looking ahead to an exciting Hilary term, with the Alumni Drinks on the **12th of February** and a tour to India in March.

Once again, we would really appreciate if you could pass this newsletter to teammates and friends, encouraging them to sign up at the following [link](#). We hope to build a wide network of friends of OUCC, sharing the success of the club on a termly basis. We hope you had a restful festive period and look forward to Oxford cricket in 2026.

OUCC Committee 2025-26

Welcome Drinks

Following a trialling process for the University's new intake that featured a record number of trialists, with well over a hundred students submitting applications and attending trials for the men's and women's teams, we were delighted to welcome both squads, including returners and successful trialists, to Vincent's for the OUCC Welcome Drinks in Week 3. This was an excellent opportunity for the squads to re-unite after the long summer vacation and for some to get to know each other ahead of the season.

Varsity Dates 2026

We are pleased to announce provisional dates for Blues Varsities.

4-Dayer: 30th June - 3rd July

Arundel: 20th - 22nd June

T20s at Lord's: Thursday 7th May



Alumni Drinks

Following on from the success of last year's inaugural Alumni Dinner, we are pleased to announce that we will be hosting an Alumni Drinks event in central London in February. The event will be held on the **Thursday 12th February**, with details of location to follow.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible there to connect with friends from OUCC.



New Committee

We are delighted to announce the members of the OUCC Student Committee for the 2025/26 academic year:

Junior Women's Committee 2025/26

Blues Captain: Hannah Davis (St John's) and Ella Austin (Brookes)

Secretary: Ella Gallagher (Hertford)
Treasurer: Evie Mayhew (St Edmund Hall)

Social Secretaries: Georgia Munro (Brookes) and Eve Griffiths (St Edmund Hall)

Welfare Officers: Hannah Sutton (Magdalen) and Chloe Thomas (Pembroke)

Outreach Secretary: Jacqui Sanitt (Exeter)



Junior Men's Committee 2025/26

Blues Captain: Saqlain Choudhary (Oriel)

Authentics Captain: William Marriage (New)

Blues Vice-Captains: Henry Nicholls (Lady Margaret Hall), Vivek Narayan (Harris Manchester)

Club Secretary: Dhruv Talati (Brasenose)

Treasurer: Nathan Schofield (Hertford)

Club Welfare Officer: Alexander Andrews (New)

Social Secretaries: Timon Basu (Oriel), Amogh Karpe (Corpus Christi)

Cuppers Secretary: William Marriage (New)

OUCC on tour

We are delighted to announce that OUCC will be running its bi-annual tour to India this year. Notably, it will be the club's first ever combined tour, featuring both the Women's and Men's Blues Squads, and will be from the 15-25th March 2026, to Bangalore and Goa. The tour will be an excellent opportunity for both squads to both experience the local culture and to prepare for what promises to be an exciting season, with the women's and men's sides pushing towards further success in BUCS and improved performances in their respective Varsity fixtures.

Men's Touring Squad:

Henry Nicholls
Vivek Narayan
Amogh Karpe
Chris Carnegie
Darshy Pandey
George Gardiner
Jai Chandra
Max Kirkby
Nathan Schofield
Robbie Hardwick
Tilak Patel
Timon Basu
William Marriage



Bangalore (above) and Goa (below)



Women's Touring Squad:

Hannah Davis
Ella Austin
Maisie Wright
Jemima Vereker
Georgia Munro
Evie Mayhew
Jacqui Sanit
Sophie Goodman
Charlotte Maple
Shari Haggett
Thara Padmanabhan
Ella Pal
Kiera Nash
Bella Bingley

Hall of Fame

'Of all the cricketers known to me who, from one cause or another, achieved less than their true deserts, Roger Kimpton would top the list.' So wrote E.W. Jim' Swanton, who knew a few cricketers in his long career as a cricket writer.

Roger Kimpton came up to Brasenose in 1934 from Melbourne Grammar School in Australia. He played four years for Oxford from 1935-38 and, although there are others who made a greater weight of runs, it was Kimpton's style of batting which had people running to The Parks to watch him bat.

He was small in stature and a quick-footed, wristy player, who also kept wicket. In his second game for Oxford he scored 160 in 150 minutes against Gloucestershire, his last 50 coming in just 25 minutes, and followed this with 84 in quick time against Yorkshire.

He made good use of his first year by winning the Freshman Singles title at tennis and taught himself golf, in which he also won a Blue.



Roger Kimpton

In his second year, in 1936 he scored two centuries in the first match of the season, again against Gloucestershire, and then a 70-minute hundred against Lancashire. He was injured for the Varsity match that year but played for Oxford and Worcestershire in the next two seasons.

In 1937 he scored 1,568 runs for Oxford and Worcestershire and played for the Gentlemen against the Players at Lord's, top-scoring with 59. In all he scored 2412 runs for Oxford over the four seasons.

Hall of Fame

At the end of the 1938 season Kimpton returned to Melbourne, and a role in the family flour-milling business W.S. Kimpton and Sons, but also learned to fly. The war then put a stop to any further cricketing ambitions.

On its outbreak, he joined the Royal Australian Air Force and flew 140 bombing missions in the Pacific War, commanding 75 Squadron and winning the Distinguished Flying Cross for 'outstanding courage on numerous operational sorties, and aggressive and determined leadership which proved an inspiration to the pilots under his command'.

With the war over, he returned to the family business as a partner, modernised and expanded it, becoming in the process one of Australia's leading businessmen. His cricket career was largely over but he came to England in 1949 and made one appearance for Worcestershire, making 93 in 80 minutes wearing borrowed gym shoes.

And John Arlott echoed Swanton when writing that Kimpton's name was always noted when conversation turns to 'the lost men of cricket who might have been among the great without the war'.



Kimpton and Son's flour mills

Acknowledgements

OUCC extends its sincere thanks to all members and sponsors for their support throughout 2025. Our club is built on a proud history and a generous community, and we are grateful to everyone who attended matches and supported OUCC over the past year. Looking ahead to 2026, we remain committed to strengthening the club on and off the pitch for all members, past and present.

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