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Oxford University Cross-Country Club Old Members' Club

The Oxford University Cross-Country Club Old Members' Club - more commonly known as the Old Gits - was founded in February 1998. The aims of the club are as follows:

- to support the current generation of OUCCC members in any way possible and, by so doing, contribute to the continued strength and success of the club;
- to ensure as many old members of OUCCC come along to, and hopefully compete in, the 'Varsity Match Old Members' Race and the Teddy Hall Relays, and to organise a social occasion during the evening to coincide with these events;
- to produce a twice-yearly newsletter with reports of OUCCC's results and details of forthcoming events;
- to fundraise for large capital projects to benefit the current members of OUCCC;
- to maintain a database of OUCCC alumni;
- to maintain an OUCCC Old Members' website.

Our database currently has over 120 old members, all of whom receive the bi-annual newsletter. If you would like to join this list, please e-mail the club at ouccc_oldmembers@yahoo.co.uk.

Fundraising

Perhaps the most important of the club's aims is supporting the current OUCCC generation and for this reason, our fundraising role is vital. In 2006, we made our first donation to the club with £5,000 going towards the resurfacing of the Roger Bannister Track at Iffley Road. Our fund is based on contributions from old members, most of whom donate a small amount (about £2-£3) on a monthly basis. Our account is administered by the University's Development Office and, therefore, we are able to benefit from Gift Aid relief on all donations.

All of the money raised goes back to OUCCC – none of it is used for the administration of the club. As you may be aware, the University is keen to see all sports clubs move towards a position where they are funded by their alumni and, for this reason, the donations old members make are vital to the long-term health of OUCCC. There is no subscription for joining the Old Gits, but we would very much welcome any donations from old members who wish to join. Details and forms can be found on our website – www.ouccc-old-gits.co.uk.

Supporting OUCCC

The club also provides a means for old OUCCC members to stay in touch with the club and each other long after they have gone down and, by so doing, encourages as many old members as possible to come along to support the current generation in the 'Varsity Match in December and run in the Old Blues' Race, which is run over the ladies' course before the two main races. There is now a trophy for the individual winner of the race. This trophy was originally won by the 1990 OUCCC team at the Cric Relays in Paris.

Committee

The club's activities are administered by a small committee, who are:

Chris Daniels	Worcester	1988-1991
Simon Molden	Christ Church	1995-1998
Andy Weir	Magdalen	1988-1992
Larry Mathews	Merton	1986-1990
Jeremy Bradley	University	1994-2002

If you would like to be added to the old members' database and receive the bi-annual newsletter, please contact us at ouccc_oldmembers@yahoo.co.uk.

In addition, the club has a *Facebook* group – Oxford University Cross-Country Club Old Members' Club – which will be kept up-to-date with information.

Simon Molden
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