

# THE INTER-UNIVERSITY CROSS-COUNTRY RACES 2008



## OXFORD UNIVERSITY CROSS-COUNTRY CLUB

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## CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY HARE AND HOUNDS



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From Thames Hare and Hounds' Headquarters,  
Memorial Playing Fields, Roehampton Vale  
on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> December

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### ORDER OF EVENTS

1.00 pm	17 <sup>th</sup> Old Blues' Race (Mob Match – all alumni welcome)	4 miles
2:00 pm	33 <sup>rd</sup> Ladies' Race (Six-a-side, four-to-score)	4 miles
2:45 pm	118 <sup>th</sup> Gentlemen's Race (Eight-a-side, six-to-score)	7½ miles

#### Starters

Ladies' Race: E. J. Pooley (Trinity Hall)  
C. U. H. & H. 2002 & 2004

Gentlemen's Race: M. J. Bishop (St. Hugh's, New College  
& St. Catherine's)  
O. U. C. C. C. 2000 & 2003-06 & Captain, 2002

#### Officials

Referee: M. J. Bostelmann  
President, Thames Hare & Hounds

Clerk of the Course: L. Mathews  
Captain, Thames Hare & Hounds

Medical Officer: Dr D. M. Justins, Thames Hare & Hounds

Chief Pioneer: N. Malynn, Thames Hare & Hounds

Records, Timekeepers  
& Pioneers: Members of Thames Hare & Hounds

## CAMBRIDGE LADIES

1. **A. M. Anderson** (*Westholme School, Blackburn and Girton*)  
(2007 – 2<sup>nd</sup>; 2008 – World Junior Mountain Running Championships – 7<sup>th</sup>)
2. **L. K. Barklie** (*Kendrick School, Reading and Magdalene*)  
(2006 – 12<sup>th</sup>)
3. **P. H. R. Keen** (Captain) (*Havant College and Murray Edwards*)  
(2007 – 10<sup>th</sup>; 2006 – 1<sup>st</sup>)
4. **C. Roach** (*Christleton High School, Chester and Trinity*)  
(2007 – European Junior Cross-Country Championships – 4<sup>th</sup>)
5. **H. V. Rollins** (*Uppingham School and Corpus Christi*)  
(2007 - Northamptonshire Cross-Country Champion)
6. **N. Taschimowitz** (*The Kings of Wessex School, Cheddar and Trinity*)

### Reserves:

7. **J. F. Mackey** (*The Downs School and Selwyn*)  
(2008 – Cheetahs, 11<sup>th</sup>; 2007 – Cheetahs, 11<sup>th</sup>; 2006 – Cheetahs, 10<sup>th</sup>)
8. **E. L. Figures** (*Penglais Comprehensive School, Aberystwyth, Jesus and Lucy Cavendish*)  
(2008 – Cheetahs, 8<sup>th</sup>; 2005 – Cheetahs, 5<sup>th</sup>)

## OXFORD LADIES

9. **C. Ansell** (*Adams' Grammar School, Newport and Merton*)  
(2007 – 3<sup>rd</sup>; 2006 – 8<sup>th</sup>; 2005 – Turtles, 4<sup>th</sup>)
10. **C. Bates** (*Peter Symonds College, Winchester and Hertford*)  
(2007 – Turtles, 4<sup>th</sup>)
11. **R. S. Deegan** (Captain) (*Audenshaw School, Manchester, St. Hugh's and Christ Church*)  
(2006 – 7<sup>th</sup>; 2005 – 3<sup>rd</sup>; 2004 – 7<sup>th</sup>)
12. **J. R. Leitch** (*Ysgol Gyfun Aberaeron, St. Edmund Hall and Balliol*)  
(2007 – 4<sup>th</sup>; 2002 – 10<sup>th</sup>; 2006 – Turtles, 2<sup>nd</sup>; 2004 – Turtles, 5<sup>th</sup>; 2003 – Turtles, 5<sup>th</sup>;  
2008 - Represented Wales in International Cross-Country Championships - 25<sup>th</sup>)
13. **C. R. Plateau** (*Headington School and Oriel*)  
(2006 – 10<sup>th</sup>; 2007 – Turtles, 1<sup>st</sup>)
14. **M. Sikes** (*Wake Forest University, North Carolina and Lincoln*)  
(2007 – N.C.A.A. Indoor and Outdoor 5000m Champion; 2007 - U.S.A. Outdoor  
Championships 5000m – 3<sup>rd</sup>)

### Reserves:

15. **C. R. Kane** (*Westholme School, Blackburn and Christ Church*)  
(2008 – Turtles, 1<sup>st</sup>; 2007 – III<sup>rd</sup> team, 1<sup>st</sup>)
16. **M. O. Johns** (*Sevenoaks School and St. Edmund Hall*)  
(2007 – Turtles, 5<sup>th</sup>; 2006 – Turtles, 5<sup>th</sup>)

## CAMBRIDGE GENTLEMEN

17. **C. A. M. Bannon** (*King Henry VIII School, Coventry and Downing*)  
(2008 – Northern Schools' Cross-Country Champion)
18. **R. B. Brown** (*Sullivan Upper School, Co. Down and Jesus*)  
(2007 – Spartans, 4<sup>th</sup>)
19. **M. J. R. Clark** (*Poole Grammar School and Homerton*)  
(2007 – 9<sup>th</sup>)
20. **S. Dobin** (*Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys, Canterbury and Trinity*)
21. **M. A. A. Grant** (*St. Albans School and Queens'*)  
(2007- 8<sup>th</sup>; 2006 – 10<sup>th</sup>; 2005 – Barbarians, 4<sup>th</sup>)
22. **J. M. Kelly** (Captain) (*Harvard University and Jesus*)  
(2007 – 3<sup>rd</sup>; 2006 – 5<sup>th</sup>; 2007 – National Six-Stage Relays Gold Medallist)
23. **W. J. Mackay** (*Kimbolton School, Huntingdon and Robinson*)
24. **T. R. Pattison** (Secretary) (*Henbury High School, Macclesfield and Downing*)  
(2007 – Spartans, 2<sup>nd</sup>; 2008 – Represented England in Home Countries' Cross-Country Int.)

Reserves:

25. **D. Murray** (*Tytherington High School, Macclesfield and Magdalene*)  
(2008 – Spartans, 14<sup>th</sup>)
26. **J. R. Third** (*Epsom College and Corpus Christi*)  
(2008 – Spartans, 6<sup>th</sup>)

## OXFORD GENTLEMEN

27. **D. J. Bruce** (*Winchester College, Lady Margaret Hall and Green Templeton*)  
(2007 – 6<sup>th</sup>; 2006 – 4<sup>th</sup>; 2005 – 9<sup>th</sup>; 2004 – Tortoises, 2<sup>nd</sup>)
28. **R. C. Franzese** (Vice-Captain) (*Watford Grammar School and Worcester*)  
(2007 – 5<sup>th</sup>; 2005 – 6<sup>th</sup>; 2007 - South of England Under 23 Cross-Country Championships - 2<sup>nd</sup>)
29. **A. Heyes** (*Notre Dame High School, Sheffield and St. Hugh's*)  
(2008 – Under 20 Inter-Counties' Cross-Country Championships – 31<sup>st</sup>)
30. **I. D. Kimpton** (Captain) (*William Farr Comprehensive School, Lincoln and Lincoln*)  
(2007 – 2<sup>nd</sup>; 2006 – 6<sup>th</sup>; 2005 – Tortoises, 2<sup>nd</sup>)
31. **S. Ledger** (*Dronfield Henry Fanshawe School and St. John's*)
32. **J. M. Mercer** (*Ermysted's Grammar School, Skipton, Pembroke and Green Templeton*)  
(2007 – 10<sup>th</sup>; 2006 – 16<sup>th</sup>)
33. **M. A. Osborne** (*University of Western Australia and New College*)  
(2007 – IV<sup>th</sup> team, 10<sup>th</sup>; 2006 – IV<sup>th</sup> team, 9<sup>th</sup>)
34. **T. W. Samuel** (Secretary) (*Westminster School and Brasenose*)  
(2007 – Tortoises, 9<sup>th</sup>)

Reserves:

35. **A. P. Chetwynd** (*Sutton Grammar School, St. Edmund Hall and Keble*)  
(2008 – Tortoises, 1<sup>st</sup>; 2006 – 7<sup>th</sup>; 2005 – 13<sup>th</sup>; 2004 – Snails, 4<sup>th</sup>)
36. **C. McGurk** (*The Becket School, Nottingham and Wadham*)  
(2008 – Tortoises, 3<sup>rd</sup>; 2007 - IV<sup>th</sup> team, 12<sup>th</sup>)

## THE 2007 INTER-UNIVERSITY RACES

(\* denotes team captain)

*The 32<sup>nd</sup> Ladies' Race: Oxford won by 13 points to 29*

1.	C. A. Birch	Merton	Oxford	24:24
2.	A. M. Anderson	Girton	Cambridge	24:34
3.	C. Ansell*	Merton	Oxford	24:38
4.	J. R. Leitch	Balliol	Oxford	24:56
5.	A. F. Crocker	New College	Oxford	25:01
6.	L. E. M. Gibson	Worcester	Oxford	25:03
7.	E. H. Crowley	Linacre	Oxford	25:31
8.	L. A. Spence	Wolfson	Cambridge	25:39
9.	A. H. Porteous	Jesus	Cambridge	26:16
10.	P. H. R. Keen	New Hall	Cambridge	26:52
11.	H. L. B. Owles*	Selwyn	Cambridge	27:18
12.	S. Deakin	Girton	Cambridge	27:50

*The 117<sup>th</sup> Gentlemen's Race: Cambridge won by 32 points to 47*

1.	P. Natali	Christ's	Cambridge	39:06
2.	I. D. Kimpton	Lincoln	Oxford	39:19
3.	J. M. Kelly	Jesus	Cambridge	39:25
4.	O. S. Bristow	Queens'	Cambridge	39:29
5.	R. C. Franzese	Worcester	Oxford	39:45
6.	D. J. Bruce	Green	Oxford	40:01
7.	M. J. Armstrong	Trinity Hall	Cambridge	40:17
8.	M. A. A. Grant	Queens'	Cambridge	40:46
9.	M. J. R. Clark	Homerton	Cambridge	40:54
10.	J. M. Mercer	Pembroke	Oxford	41:08
11.	N. A. A. Howarth	Christ Church	Oxford	41:35
12.	D. R-H. Yu	Trinity	Cambridge	41:40
13.	G. Ash	Keble	Oxford	41:55
14.	T. M. Douglas	Christ Church	Oxford	42:06
15.	S. Knackstedt	Downing	Cambridge	43:03
16.	J. Pearson	St. Anne's	Oxford	43:45

J. D. C. Darling (St. John's) was Oxford captain.

A. Duncan (Girton) was Cambridge captain.

## PREVIEW OF THE 2008 INTER-UNIVERSITY RACES

*by Nick Altmann, C.U.H.&H., 1991-94*

The 33<sup>rd</sup> Ladies' Race looks as if it will be another tight contest with both teams fielding runners with previous 'Varsity Match form. Cambridge would look to be holding a stronger hand, but Oxford have a number of accomplished athletes and showed their strength-in-depth by emphatically dominating the Turtles-Cheetahs Race last Saturday.

Cambridge calls on the experience of their captain and 2006 race winner, Polly Keen (Murray Edwards), along with last year's second placed finisher Anna Anderson (Girton). However, fresher Naomi Taschimowitz (Trinity) has been setting the pace during the season and could well be their first runner home. With the well-regarded talents of Charlotte Roach (Trinity) and Helen Rollins (Corpus Christi), and Lauren Barklie's (Magdalene) previous experience of the race, they form a solid outfit.

Without last year's winner Courtney Birch (Merton), Oxford's most experienced entrant is captain, Rachel Deegan (Christ Church). However, it is their skipper from last year, Catherine Ansell (Merton), who appears to be in a better position to challenge at the front. With Oxford not competing against Thames this year, and their runners generally adopting a rather sparse racing schedule, it is not easy to forecast the current form of the remainder of their team. However, if she can race anywhere near her best, then American, Michelle Sikes (Lincoln), may be their secret weapon. Her record over 5,000m on the track includes multiple national college championship victories and a best of just outside 15 minutes.

The 118<sup>th</sup> Gentlemen's Race is also without an obvious favourite, although Oxford may edge it on paper.

With two-time winner Paulo Natali (Christ's) no longer eligible to run, Cambridge's challenge will be led by captain James Kelly (Jesus), a member of Thames' local rivals Belgrave Harriers. By running strongly in Cuppers and the Mob Match against Thames, he has shown himself to be in good shape. Behind him, he has a relatively inexperienced team, with only Matt Grant (Queens') and Matt Clark (Homerton) returning from last year. However, both Tim Pattison (Downing) and Robin Brown (Jesus) – reserves 12 months ago - have shown good improvement. An intriguing selection is that of Sam Dobin (Trinity), who attracted plenty of media attention last year by breaking Lord Burghley's record for the Trinity Great Court Run, the sprint around the college quadrangle immortalised in the film *Chariots of Fire*. It seems unlikely that this remarkable turn of speed will be of much value over the 7½ miles of Wimbledon Common, but he will at least be confident of negotiating the course's sharper corners.

Oxford comes to the race off the back of a resounding win in the Tortoises-Spartans Race, and this strength-in-depth may be the key to them securing a team victory. Experience may tell too; David Bruce (Green), Richard Franzese (Worcester) and last year's runner-up Ian Kimpton (Lincoln) have shown well in recent races and have appeared in many Blues matches between them. In addition, the course should hold no concerns for Tom Samuel (Brasenose), who has been a member of Thames Hare and Hounds for a number of years.

Overall, the scene is set for two tight contests over what is expected to be a very heavy course.

*Nick Altmann is a former captain and secretary of Thames Hare and Hounds and captain of Cambridge. The wayward nature of his sporting predictions was highlighted this year at the European Football Championships where he confidently placed bets against Germany and Spain before the tournament began, thus making them both destined for the final.*

## INTER-UNIVERSITY RACE COURSES

The courses currently used for the Inter-‘Varsity Races were introduced in 2000. Both of them start and finish at Thames Hare and Hounds’ Headquarters on the Memorial Playing Fields, Roehampton Vale.

### *Ladies’ course (4 miles)*

Referring to the map opposite, and not including every point past, the ladies’ race proceeds from the start to the finish via the following:

*A – B – C – E – U – W – P*

### *Gentlemen’s course (7½ miles)*

The gentlemen’s race proceeds from start to finish via:

*A – B – C – E – V – F – T – B – C – E – U – W – P*

The courses feature a number of prominent landmarks. The infamous watersplash is reached shortly after the start, runners crossing Beverley Brook from the playing fields.

The Windmill provides a good viewing point to spectators. The ladies’ race passes here once and the men’s race three times. Refreshment can be enjoyed at the café.

The muddiest part of the course is invariably the dreaded Butts. Only a mile or so from the finish the boggy conditions sap the strength from the toughest of competitors.

Spectators who follow the races round the Common are asked to be aware of their position at all times and avoid causing irritation to other users of the Common. The Common is shared by many sports including a golf course, the fairways of which may not be immediately obvious. While the races themselves do not cross any of them, spectators are likely to if they are following the races. We also ask you keep off of the sports pitches on the Memorial Playing Fields, where the races start and finish. Our ability to host these races on the Common depends on your co-operation.

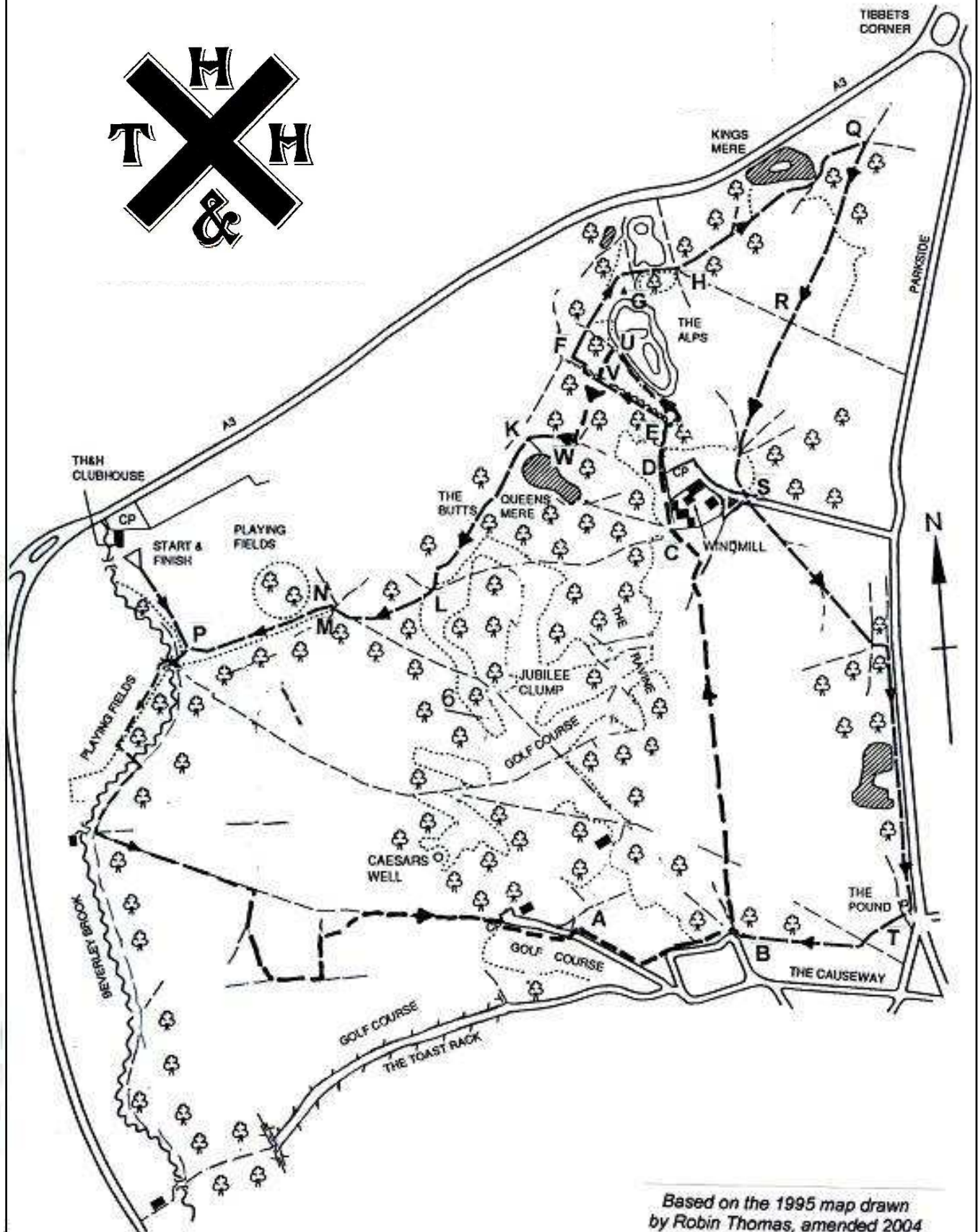
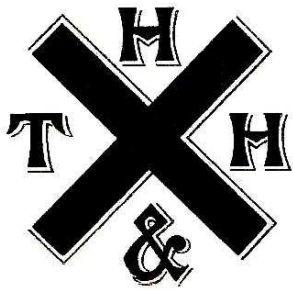
Many thanks,

Larry Mathews

*Captain, Thames Hare and Hounds*

# INTER-UNIVERSITY RACE COURSES

## ROEHAMPTON VALE & WIMBLEDON COMMON

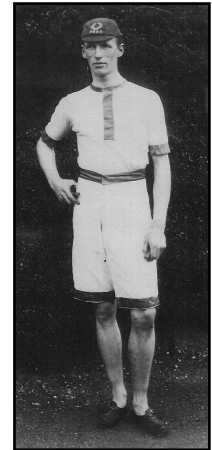


Based on the 1995 map drawn  
by Robin Thomas, amended 2004

## THE REVEREND WILLIAM POLLOCK HILL

*by Simon Molden, O.U.C.C.C., 1995-98*

One of the things that is most striking about the history of the gentlemen's race is that after 117 contests, Oxford and Cambridge are separated by just one victory. This suggests that it has been a fiercely contested event with neither side able to establish a lasting dominance. While that may be case of the last twenty years, it certainly does not hold true of how things were in the late-Victorian era. A casual glance at the results shows that after Oxford's initial victory, Cambridge reeled off seven straight wins. Had such a level of dominance persisted much longer so early in the race's history, it is possible that interest may have waned and we would not be gathering here today. Although there are a number of reasons why and how Oxford finally overcame their initial problems, one stands head and shoulders above the rest: William Pollock Hill.



By the time William Pollock Hill went up to Keble from King's College School in 1886, the rot at Oxford had well and truly set in. Unlike its Cambridge counterpart, the Oxford University Hare and Hounds were, at that time, part of O.U.A.C. and financially dependent on them. While this had not mattered too much in the club's very early years, by 1880, the attitude of the athletic authorities, and that of its Treasurer, Clement Jackson (Hertford), in particular, had hardened. In short, they were dead against cross-country running as they felt it made a man slow for the "path."

The main consequence of this was that O.U.A.C's best milers and three-milers were strongly discouraged, and sometimes prevented, from taking part in cross-country. However, when Pollock Hill arrived, he chose to ignore this pressure and his performances in the race – three wins and a second place (in 1887) – provided O.U.A.C. with a much-needed object lesson. This culminated in the 1888 race, which saw Oxford's first win for eight years and one that "...delighted the hearts of the numerous spectators who assembled at the University Arms."

In the years that followed, Oxford won six of the next seven races to bring them right back into the contest. William Pollock Hill was indeed a pivotal character in the race's history and perhaps now, 120 years after this landmark victory, it is appropriate to give thanks to the man who made such a significant contribution to ensuring that the Oxford-Cambridge cross-country rivalry is still so close and keenly fought.

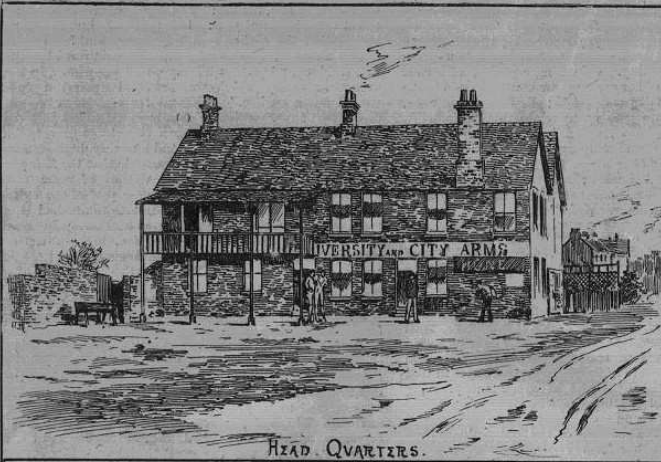
## BEIJING 2008

Four Oxbridge Cross-Country Blues participated in the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing - the highest representation since 1956 in Melbourne.

In the Ladies' Marathon, Mara Yamauchi (née Myers, St. Anne's, 1992-94) performed with great distinction, finishing sixth in 2 hours, 27 minutes and 29 seconds, a mere 22 seconds off the bronze medal position and less than a minute behind the winner, Constantina Tomescu of Romania. Mara was also the top Briton, finishing 17 places ahead of Paula Radcliffe.

The other Dark Blue there was Tim Berrett (Brasenose, 1984-85). Competing for Canada, it was his fifth consecutive Games, having first appeared in Barcelona in 1992. He finished 38<sup>th</sup> in 50km walk.

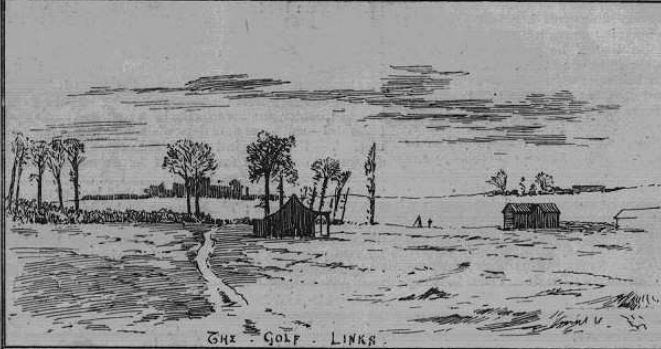
On the Light Blue side, Andy Baddeley (Caius, 2000-03) finished ninth in the 1500m and is regarded as one of Britain's brightest middle distance talents. However, pride of place goes to Emma Pooley (Trinity Hall, 2002 and 2004) – started of today's ladies' race, who took silver in the Cycling Time Trial (and also finished 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Road Race).



HEAD QUARTERS.



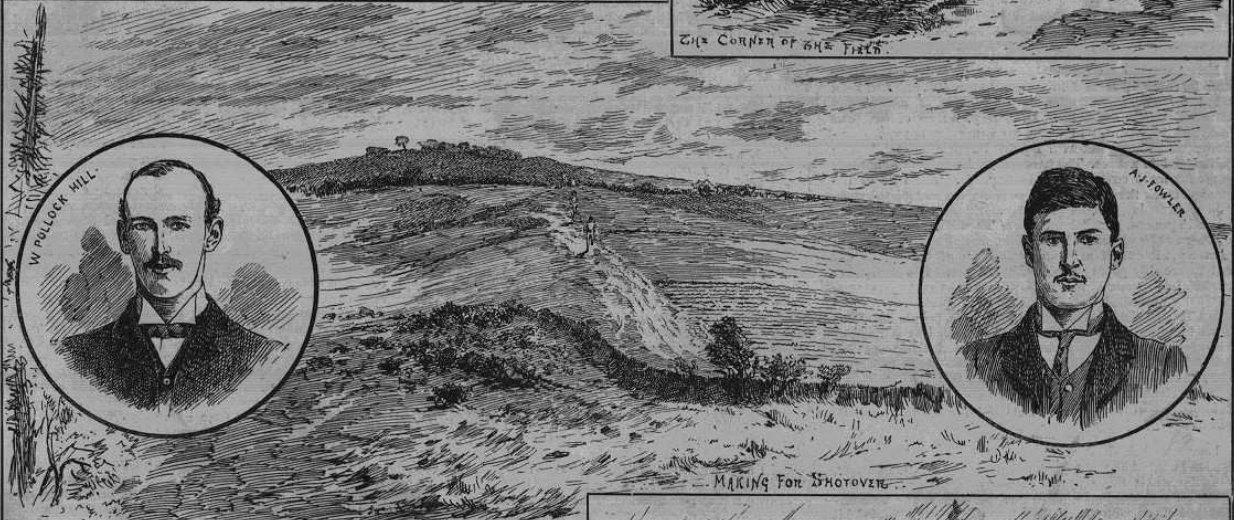
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THE GOLF LINKS.



THE CORNER OF THE FIELD.



W. POLLOCK HILL.

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THE RUN IN.

Oxford's breakthrough 1888 victory as seen by *The Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic New*





## THAMES HARE AND HOUNDS

Thames Hare and Hounds was formed in 1868 making it the oldest cross country club in the world.

The club provides competition for men and women of all standards on the road and country. Events range from club handicaps to regional and national championships. There are also a number of friendly “mob matches” against other local clubs that may be scored as many as 60-a-side.

The club consistently fields full teams in regional and national events at senior and veteran level as well as competing in the high quality men’s and ladies’ Surrey Cross-Country Leagues. In recent years the club has achieved a number of successes such as winning the men’s UK marathon championships at London and taking bronze medals at the Ladies’ Southern 4-Stage Road Relays.

The Club meets for regular runs at its headquarters on Wimbledon Common. Wednesday evening training runs depart from here at 7.30 p.m., after which refreshments are taken at the Albert Arms pub on Kingston Hill. Runs tend to last between five and ten miles. There is usually a Sunday morning run of ten to twelve miles departing Robin Hood Gate in Richmond Park at 10.00 a.m. A number of Thames runners also do a high quality session at the Kingsmeadow track from 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday nights.

In addition to training and competition there are regular social occasions. As well as more formal functions such as the Annual Dinner and the Wine Party, smaller events are arranged throughout the year on a more impromptu basis.

For further information see the club’s website, [www.thameshareandhounds.org.uk](http://www.thameshareandhounds.org.uk), or contact one of the below:

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