



We are getting close to that time of year again: the annual Varsity match. There is an extra edge to it this year as John Carter bids to make history as the first man to captain his side to three wins? **FULL REPORT: PAGE 2.**

# Vincent's gets ready for the next 150 years

**W**orkers have moved into Vincent's Club to begin the transformation that will hopefully set the club on the way to another 150 years.

It is appropriate the construction work to bring the club into the 21st century, while maintaining the traditional feel and atmosphere, should begin as the club celebrates 150 years – and all thanks to the money raised by the V150 Appeal.

The plans aim to maintain the best of the old Vincent's Club, while giving the facilities a much-needed facelift. This includes the addition of a lift from the ground floor all the way up to the bar area and also the improved dining facilities on the top floor.

The success of the V150 Appeal has made this essential work possible, without which there

would have been a questionmark hanging over the long term future of the club.

The club is closed during the period of the reconstruction and will re-open in Hilary Term, 2014. The start was delayed while legal agreements with the freeholder and head leaseholder were completed, but work started at the end of August.

"We have been at 1a King Edward Street for more than 80 years, and in that time very little care and attention has been given to the premises beyond essential maintenance," explained Vincent's Club bursar Stephen Eeley.

"We have never had the funds to do the extra work. The generosity of the membership

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## Nicol to speak at Vincent's Dinner

**F**ormer Scotland and Lions international turned TV pundit Andy Nicol is the main speaker at the Vincent's Dinner on the traditional eve of Varsity Rugby bash at London's Sheraton Hotel.

Former Bath colleague, England opponent and Oxford Blue Phil de Glanville will chair the dinner and introduce his former teammate.

Nicol is one of the most respected and entertaining speakers on the after-dinner circuit with stories from his Bath, Scotland and Lions career, including being called up at the end of the 2001 tour to Australia while leading a holiday party in relaxed circumstances!



The Vincent's Dinner is one of the final events of the Club's 150th Anniversary celebrations and should be a special occasion with the usual gathering of reunion tables and club members taking the chance to renew friendships.

"We are delighted to have someone like Andy Nicol speaking at what should be a particularly special occasion as part of the 150th," said Vincent's Dinner secretary Stephen Pearson.

"He comes highly recommended from those who have heard him speak at such occasions and of course we are delighted to have one of our own to introduce him such as Phil de Glanville.

"It is quite a coup for the dinner and tickets are selling fast – but it is a big room and it would be nice to fill it for such a special occasion with such a high level of entertainment."

Anyone interested in getting tickets for the dinner, individually or as a group, should contact:

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# Sam's the man to make Varsity cricket history

Oxford captain Sam Agarwal re-wrote the Varsity Cricket record books with a run-a-ball triple century as the Dark Blues completed the third biggest victory in the history of cricket's oldest fixture.

He became the first triple centurion in the Varsity Match, with a masterful innings of 313 not out off just 312 balls to set Oxford on the way to their win by an innings and 186 runs.

Agarwal was clearly the main star of the 169th meeting of the old foes, held this year at Fenner's, but it was a solid team effort with all the batsmen contributing and then fine bowling and fielding which saw a shellshocked Cambridge team bowled out cheaply twice for 119 and 245.

Newly elected Oxford captain for 2013/14, Gus Kennedy, reported, "All who witnessed the 169th meeting of Oxford and Cambridge experienced history in the making at Fenner's this summer.

"Sam's masterful innings of 313 not out (off just 312 balls) not only obliterated the previous record for the highest individual score in the University Match (247 by Oxford's Sail Oberoi in 2005), but also challenged the more elderly spectators to recall whether they had seen a more fluent and dominant innings in this fixture.

"For Agarwal's Oxonian team-mates, it was absorbing viewing in every sense; exhilaration at his stroke-play coupled with apprehension at what audacious shot he might attempt next - epitomised by his daring ramp-shots and reverse-sweeps.

"Observers were split over the finest shot of his innings, his perfectly balanced straight six off Cambridge's left-arm spinner perhaps surpassed only by his casual saunter down the wicket to caress the ball back past their opening bowler.

"The tempo of his innings remained almost constant throughout, as he consistently dispatched Cambridge's bowlers to all parts of the ground, before declaring Oxford's innings closed at an imposing 550-7."

It was not a one man show, though, from the determination of openers Kennedy and Ben Jeffery to see off the new ball, the disciplined knocks by former captain Ben Williams and newcomer Matt Winter, the dogged support of vice-captain Sam Westaway, or the free scoring of Tom Chadwick and Sam



**Sam Agarwal whose 313 from 312 balls was a Varsity record and sent Oxford on their way to victory by an innings and 186 runs in the ancient fixture**

Cato as Oxford pressed on towards a declaration.

Then it was the turn of the bowlers as Kennedy added, "Debutants Tom Williams and Sachin Mylavarapu both picked up five-wicket hauls in Cambridge's first innings.

"For all the considerable control and threat shown by Oxford's array of bowlers, not least Johny Marsden (son of former Vincent's Club President Bob Marsden), who could count himself incredibly unfortunate not to pick up a wicket after a hostile opening spell, the cata-

lyst for Cambridge's collapse was arguably the stunning dismissal of Akbar Ansari, a player with considerable pedigree in the fixture, caught brilliantly at short midwicket by Chadwick.

"This, some would later reflect, represented a microcosm of the professionalism and focus which imbued Oxford's performance from start to finish, qualities which were fittingly rewarded by the 3rd-biggest victory in the history of the University Match, as Oxford completed a deserved win by an innings and 186 runs."



# 150th celebrations

## *Vincent's gets itself ready for the next 150 years*

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has now allowed us to think longer term and we shall be putting in place a redevelopment which should see the Club safely through the thirty years of its new lease – and, hopefully, beyond.

"The removal company helped to vacate the premises at the end of June in readiness for the work to begin. Shortly afterwards a large section of the ceiling in the dining room fell down as if to say that redecoration and refurbishment were long overdue.

"Of particular note is the installation of a passenger lift which will run from the ground floor to the dining room floor at the top of the building.

"The dining room is to be extended to seat up to 60 diners and the bar on the second floor will be reconfigured and its efficiency greatly improved with the addition of a dumb waiter to the kitchen.

"The whole place will be rewired and the plumbing and all other facilities will be brought up to date. However, the general character of the place will remain unchanged.

"It is hoped that once the premises reopen all our members will be able to enjoy to the full the new facilities - secure in the knowledge that plaster will not fall on their heads while they are dining."



*Making merry at the Mansion House*

**V150 chairman Melville Guest, Oxford University chancellor Lord Patten, Lady Patten, Lord Mayor of London Roger Gifford, Vincent's president Marcus-Alexander Neil, Lady Gifford, Trinity College president Sir Ivor Roberts and Lady Roberts, join the guests enjoying the V150 celebration dinner at the Mansion House in London.**



## MacDonald keeps his hockey feats on ice

**I**an MacDonald may have been at Oxford 60 years ago, but the Canadian can still boast one of the most impressive Varsity Match records ever. The former professor of economics at Toronto University and an honorary life member of the Canadian Olympic Association, led the Oxford ice hockey team to a remarkable 29-0 victory over Cambridge and still holds the all-time record for goals scored for the Dark Blues.

MacDonald is returning for this year's Vincent's Dinner at the Sheraton Hotel in London on December 11th.

MacDonald was a Rhodes Scholar at Balliol from 1952-55, studying PPE and then straight economics.

"Those were days before the current Oxford Ice Arena and we made many trips to London and Southampton for practices and games against British Ice Hockey Association teams," he explained.

"We had three wins over Cambridge in the annual

Varsity Match by scores of 5-3, 7-4, and 29-0. We also went on three winter tours to Europe during the Christmas vacation, where we played some 15-16 games over 21 days each tour, with highly respectable results."

His record of 135 goals at Oxford still stands. He was offered a player-coach role in Switzerland but chose to return to academia in Canada.

"However, in 2010, I did make it to Switzerland as coach of a touring team of Oxford alumni to celebrate 100 years of Canadians playing ice-hockey in Europe," he said. "At 84 years of age, I am still playing 'old-timer hockey' twice a week – my 72nd year of active competition."

MacDonald was a member of the Board of Directors of Hockey Canada from 1979 to 1994, Chairman from 1987 to 1994. He was also named an Honorary Life Member of the Canadian Olympic Association.





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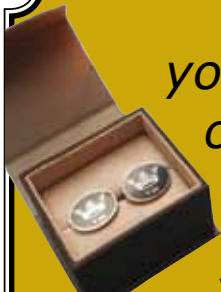
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