

# OTTER SWIMMING CLUB

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**ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS  
2021-22 AND 2022-23**

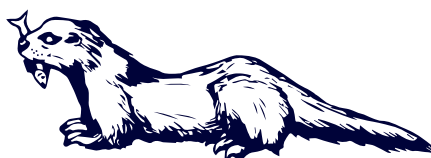
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## PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

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Paul Hindle



### **2021 and 2022 two years of on-going recovery from Covid**

2020 was not a good year for our sport. 2021 was not great either, however by the year end a proper recovery was well under way as we all started to learn to live with the virus. 2022 was all about rebuilding.

We began 2021 in another national lockdown forced on us by the Delta variant, and a mass vaccination programme underway. After March 2021 we experienced a gradual process, but certainly not in a straight line, of loosening restrictions such that by March 2022 effectively all legal Covid restrictions had been lifted. For aquatic sports generally in the UK that has not meant a return to how things were before. The impact on Otter has been significant. Several of our pre-Covid venues have either closed for good or have still not yet reopened (Crystal Palace National Sports Centre and ULU). For many of our members, working patterns and how leisure activities fit within that have changed substantially.

However things are not all doom and gloom. Over the last 18 months it has been good to see new members joining on a regular basis, and many of our members, who left London in the early days of the pandemic, gradually returning and resuming their "normal" lives. We have managed to reinstate most of our regular social events and indeed in November 2022 we held the Annual Dinner after a 3 year hiatus.

Our swimmers are once again winning medals and setting new records in the pool. In June 2022 our ladies Water Polo team won the British Water Polo Championships defeating Manchester in the final an astounding success given the lack of pool time available to them.

There are also embryonic plans for several new pools within striking distance of Central London, situations that Otter is actively pursuing, but unfortunately they can only, at best, be a medium term solution for our lack of pool time.

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to keeping the Club together in these difficult times, especially the Committee, the Swimming and Water Polo Captains, our Coaches, our pool bookers and everyone else who has a hand in the day to day running of the Club. There is still some way to go before we get fully back to "normal" but having a sound financial position and plenty of the traditional Otter spirit, I am supremely confident that all sections of the Club will return as strong as ever before too long.

Happy Swimming.

July 2023



## OTTER COMMITTEE 2020-21, 21-22, 22-23

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The principal decision making body of the club is the Committee. Its key functions are to set the strategic direction, manage financial affairs and oversee the ongoing health and welfare of the Club. In normal circumstances the Committee meets formally once every 2 months, however during the Covid Pandemic all meetings were held via Zoom on an "as required" basis. Particularly urgent matters are usually dealt with via email.

The 2020/21 Committee was elected at the October 2020 Annual General Meeting. The 2021/22 Committee was elected at the October 2021 Annual General Meeting.



	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/23
<b>President</b>	Paul Hindle	Paul Hindle	Paul Hindle
<b>Vice Presidents (Health &amp; Safety, Welfare and Coaching)</b>	Lesley Davies	Lesley Davies	Lesley Davies
<b>Hon. Treasurer</b>	Chris Eden	Chris Eden	Chris Eden
<b>Hon. Secretary</b>	(Vacant) (Lesley Davies for SE purposes)	(Vacant) (Lesley Davies for SE purposes)	(Vacant) (Lesley Davies for SE purposes)
<b>Hon. Handicapper</b>	Dave Warren	Dave Warren (Resigned during year) Mike Reys (Co-opted during year)	Mike Reys
<b>Captain of Swimming</b>	Pip Bennett	Pip Bennett	Pip Bennett
<b>Captain of Swimming</b>	Camille Vrain	Camille Vrain	Camille Vrain
<b>Captain of Water Polo Men)</b>	Leon Estrella	Leon Estrella	Leon Estrella
<b>Captain of Water Polo (Women)</b>	(Vacant)	(Vacant)	(Vacant)
<b>Committee Members</b>	James Williams (Water Polo) (Resigned during year) Sarah-Jane Law (Swimming) Ben Phelps(Swimming) (Resigned during year) Peggy Etiebet (Water Polo) Alice Dinsdale-Young (Co-opted during year) William Marsh (Swimming) (Co-opted during year)	Vacant (Water Polo) Sarah-Jane Law (Swimming) (Resigned during year) Peggy Etiebet (Water Polo) Alice Dinsdale-Young (Swimming) William Marsh (Swimming) (Resigned during year)	Alice Dinsdale-Young (Swimming) Peggy Etiebet (Water Polo)



## CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Chris Eden

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OVERVIEW

The last two financial years have been difficult ones for the club. Since the pools started re-opening in late 2021, we invested in pool time where we could, but, with so many people either working partially or completely from home, the number of members getting back into training (and, therefore, paying subs) lagged significantly.

2022 is the first full year of operation and income from members was down around 25% from the last full year of operation (being 2019). With the effects of inflation and utility prices, pool costs have in some instances gone up by around 10% if not more, as the operators seek to pass their overheads onto clubs like ourselves. Total pool costs for 2022 are broadly static compared with 2019 but both polo sections are well short of the pool time they were enjoying in 2019.

Overall, the club has observed 2 years of fairly sizeable deficits, £8.5k in 2021 and £23.7k in 2022, and this explains why it was necessary to raise the fee levels for the first time in 4 years.

As would be expected, membership numbers dwindled from 2020 to 2021 despite new joiners, although we are seeing more new people joining up through 2022 and into 2023 which is positive.

The balance sheet, as a result, has suffered. While the current position shows a cash decline of £11k since 2021 and £15k since 2020, we also had a number of creditors as at the year-end (mainly very late invoicing by pools such as Guy's Hospital) which have further drained the club's coffers.

Donations are even more needed than ever to help rebuild our balance sheet back to pre-COVID levels. If you would like to make a donation, please do reach out.

### PRIZES & GENERAL FUND AND MEMORIAL FUND DONORS

The generosity of members, either in paying over and above their regular subscriptions or in making separate designated donations, continues to help manage the Club's annual costs as well as strengthen the capital base. In addition, a number of members kept subs going through the lockdown period, and these have been treated as donations. As such, we thank the following:

*Ed Buckley, Matt Burgham, Martin Flash, Wilton Fry, John Goodbody, Nicholas Howell, family of John Iliffe, Fiona Marshall, Andrew Morton, Derek Parr, Doug Payne, Andy Richards, Elizabeth Shaw, James Stewart, Bob Thomas, Tommaso Tufarelli, Dave Warren, Garry Willetts and Thibault Williams.*

### MEMBERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION

During the year, Otter welcomed 66 new members (compared with 47 in 2021, 20 in 2020), 15 of whom were water polo players (2021: 18, 2020: 4). All new members are included in the list of current members attached at the end of this report. The average number of members during the year was as follows:-

	2022	2021	2020
Active swimmers	75	48	48
Country swimmers	8	11	16
Non-active swimmers	38	46	63
Life member swimmers	24	24	24
Junior swimmers	-	-	5
<b>Total swimmers</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>156</b>
Active polo	35	36	55
Country polo	7	4	5
Non-active polo	5	5	17
Life member polo	8	8	8
Junior polo	21	10	40
<b>Total polo</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>124</b>
<b>Total members</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>280</b>

Thanks to the considerable efforts of the following, for signing up new members, policing memberships and more:-

Sarah-Jane Law, Mike Reys, Pip Bennett, Camille Rich and Lesley Davies for swimmers; Jill Dean, Amanda Lyons, Jill Rogers, and Peggy Etiebet for ladies' polo; Leon Estrella, Omi Pantazis and Paul Hindle for men's polo.

Thank you also to Lesley Davies for handling the Club's ASA registrations especially the annual renewal and making sure last-minute requests for registration are processed to get you into meets or tournaments; Tony Ray for running the shop; Pauline Turner and Omi Pantazis for sorting out water polo-specific kit; and Michelle Senecal, Leon Estrella and Paul Hindle for managing the pool bookings.

The Club website continues to be a key factor in attracting new members and communicate all the activities, successes and other news. Please get in touch throughout the year if you have any contributions, whatever it is relates to!

Finally, thanks one final time to Tom Burkinshaw for his stint as honorary Club auditor, keeping us on our toes! We are on the look-out for a replacement as this is Tom's last year, so please let me know if you have experience / are able to help out, and I can explain the requirements.


**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT - £**

Year ended 31 December 2022	2022	2021	2020
<b>Members income</b>	<b>93,135</b>	<b>60,158</b>	<b>46,222</b>
Subscriptions income	83,138	51,768	44,513
Special sessions	-	-	252
Match fees	7,115	5,295	-
Prizes and general fund	2,882	3,095	1,686
<b>Other income</b>	<b>2,383</b>	<b>2,934</b>	<b>1,253</b>
Capital income	1,999	1,891	1,016
Miscellaneous income	384	-	237
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>95,518</b>	<b>63,092</b>	<b>47,475</b>

<b>Pools &amp; equipment</b>	<b>(83,139)</b>	<b>(43,858)</b>	<b>(17,609)</b>
Pool hire costs	(83,097)	(43,807)	(17,609)
Equipment costs	(42)	(51)	-
<b>Coaching</b>	<b>(13,954)</b>	<b>(10,699)</b>	<b>(11,336)</b>
Coaching costs	(13,954)	(10,699)	(11,336)
<b>Activity costs</b>	<b>(20,125)</b>	<b>(12,343)</b>	<b>(9,240)</b>
Water polo expenses	(12,418)	(7,832)	(2,545)
Swimming expenses	(1,135)	(54)	(108)
Affiliation costs	(6,349)	(4,457)	(6,113)
Prizes and trophies	(223)	(474)	(474)
<b>Club activities</b>	<b>(18)</b>	<b>832</b>	<b>(2)</b>
Dinner	168	-	-
Open water races	(355)	111	-
Shop sales	169	721	(2)
<b>Administration</b>	<b>(1,985)</b>	<b>(31,710)</b>	<b>(6,238)</b>
Insurance	-	-	(2,000)
Post and printing	(16)	(1,618)	(1,652)
Bad debts	(668)	(2,385)	(1,700)
IT costs	(1,301)	(887)	(838)
Miscellaneous costs	-	(687)	(48)
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>(119,221)</b>	<b>(71,645)</b>	<b>(44,425)</b>
<b>(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS</b>	<b>(23,703)</b>	<b>(8,553)</b>	<b>(3,050)</b>

'I have examined the books and vouchers of Otter Swimming Club and have obtained all necessary explanations for me to confirm that these accounts show a reasonable view of the Club's activities for the year and its financial position as at the 31st December 2022.'  
Hon Auditor. Tom Burkinshaw


**BALANCE SHEET - £**

Year ended 31 December 2022	2022	2021	2020
Trophies	35,000	35,000	35,000
<i>Tangible fixed assets</i>	<i>35,000</i>	<i>35,000</i>	<i>35,000</i>
Investments at cost	30,142	30,142	30,142
Self insurance investment	32,261	32,191	32,188
<i>Investments</i>	<i>62,403</i>	<i>62,333</i>	<i>62,330</i>
<b>Fixed assets</b>	<b>97,403</b>	<b>97,333</b>	<b>97,330</b>
Stock	6,002	5,992	5,133
Debtors	8,552	1,479	-
Cash at bank and in hand	7,977	18,828	22,740
<i>Current assets</i>	<i>22,531</i>	<i>26,299</i>	<i>27,983</i>
<i>Creditors falling due within one year</i>	<i>(31,032)</i>	<i>(13,909)</i>	<i>(10,022)</i>
<b>Net current assets</b>	<b>(8,501)</b>	<b>12,390</b>	<b>17,851</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>115,181</b>	<b>103,613</b>	<b>115,181</b>
Computer fund	3,880	3,880	3,880
Spoon fund	7,038	7,038	7,038
<i>Sinking funds</i>	<i>10,918</i>	<i>10,918</i>	<i>10,918</i>
<b>Provisions</b>	<b>10,918</b>	<b>10,918</b>	<b>10,918</b>
Life membership fund	21,295	21,295	21,295
Memorial fund	54,707	51,825	48,730
Trophy insurance fund	32,983	32,983	32,983
<i>Capital funds</i>	<i>108,985</i>	<i>106,103</i>	<i>103,008</i>
Balance brought forward	(1,795)	1,255	(1,795)
Capital income and reserves	(23,703)	(8,553)	3,050
Result for year	(31,001)	(7,298)	1,255
<i>Reserve funds</i>	<i>77,984</i>	<i>98,805</i>	<i>104,263</i>
<b>Reserves</b>	<b>104,263</b>	<b>92,695</b>	<b>104,263</b>
<b>RESERVES AND PROVISIONS</b>	<b>88,902</b>	<b>109,723</b>	<b>115,181</b>

Investments # and value at 31 December 2022 Brunner Investment Trust 2,517 £25,673, Foreign & Colonial, Investment Trust 7,465 £67,484, JP Morgan Claverhouse Investment Trust 1,530 £10,710, Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust 14,270 £103,144.  
Total market value of portfolio £207,011 (2021: £298,136, 2020: £263,589); unrealised gain £176,869 (2021: £267,994, 2020: £233,447).





## MEMBER NEWS

### JOHN AND DOROTHY ILLIFFE AWARD

As recorded in the 2019 Annual Report, John Illiffe died on 16th February 2020. His many contributions to the club as long-standing member, water-polo player, long distance open water swimmer and Vice President and President 1990-97 are recorded there in detail. John's multiple contributions to the Club were always made with the enthusiastic participation of his wife Dorothy who predeceased him by 5 years. The contribution the two of them made to Club life and activity was remarkable and did much to sustain it.

John and Dorothy's family (son, Jonathan and daughters, Kate and Louise), have decided to mark how much Otter Swimming Club was part of their parent's life by very generously presenting the Club with a magnificent Salver in their memory, to be awarded annually at the discretion of the Club President for outstanding contribution to the life of the Club.

They have also made a notable gift to the Memorial Fund, the fund which is an important part of the Club's capital and which generates income to sustain annual activities. The salver is shown below and will be presented first at the next annual dinner.

The first presentation of the Illiffe Salver was presented to Michelle Senecal for her outstanding contribution to the club over many years, making a huge difference to the club often in the background, unbeknownst to the majority of the club. Congratulations and thank you, Michelle!



## OBITUARIES

### JOHN GORDON

*By John Goodbody*

John Gordon, who died aged 75 last August, was a leading and versatile swimmer for Otter in the 1960s. For five years from 1964, he was a regular competitor for the club as well as making many appearances for both Britain and England on backstroke and on the individual medley.

His highlight was reaching the final of 440 yards individual medley at the Commonwealth Games in Jamaica in 1966, while he was also a member of many hugely successful Otter relay teams at the ASA Championships in this period.

This began in 1964 when swimming on backstroke, John was followed by George Hill on breaststroke and the Olympians Murray McLachlan (fly) and Tony Milton (free), the club took the National medley championship.

Otter would probably have retained the title the following year but for a curious incident. When John was preparing to swim the backstroke leg, he was told that a blood test had indicated that he was suffering from glandular fever. He withdrew from the squad and Otter lost by 1.5 seconds. It then transpired that the positive test had been wrongly attributed to him and in fact was that of a Mrs Joan Gordon.

In 1967, the club came second in the medley relay but won the freestyle relay, with the squad consisting of John, Jim Stewart, Dave Dickson, captain of the Australian team, and Tony Jarvis, the 1968 GB team captain.

John later became a significant figure in the development of Masters competitions, winning world titles, as well as coaching Spencer Club, which he founded.



*John Gordon (front left) with the 1964 SCALDIS team*



## NEW BABY OTTERS (NOW TODDLERS!)

George Wall, son of Will Wall, was born on 18 September 2021 and he is already enjoying his swimming, however, he has a bit to learn about lane etiquette. In his most recent swimming lesson he poo'd in the pool ending the class abruptly!



Congratulations also to swimming captain Camille Rich, nee Vrain, who not only got married to Simon in the summer of 2021 but gave birth to baby Bernie in October too!



## SPECIAL MENTION

...to our five Otter members who turn 80 years old in 2023 - Bob Thomas (April), James Stewart (June), Martin Flash (June), John Goodbody (July), John Towers (September). We all hope you celebrate appropriately!!

2023 is also the 70th Anniversary of the Otter team who won the National UK 4x100 metres medley relay. The team consisted of Ron Roberts (freestyle), Norman Trusty (backstroke), Phil Penny (fly), and Andy Richards (breast). Ron and Phil passed away a while ago but by chance in 2021 Roger Sharpley met up with Andy recently, who lives in Goring and still swims in the Thames. He had not been in touch with Otter for many years but immediately sent a donation to the Club!

We no longer in touch with Norman Trusty but believe he is still alive.



*Andy Richards*





## CLUB PERFORMANCE: SWIMMING

BY ALICE DINSDALE-YOUNG

Most swimming competitions were not able to commence until the last half of 2021, due to Covid interruptions, this meant there were only a few opportunities to race, so even though our report covers 2 years, it's still shorter than normal!

### JULY - SEPTEMBER 2021

It's always a challenge to perform so soon after the festive season, but 12 swimmers did Otter proud in the South East Regionals this year, and there were plenty of medals shared around.

Esther Worthington swam several masters' best times. It was a clean sweep for Fraser Peh, taking 3 gold medals in all 3 of his races, and for Oli Samy also going 2 for 2.

### SWIM ENGLAND MASTERS NATIONALS

29-31 October 2021

#### 42 MEDALS OVERALL:



We had 20 Otters representing at the Swim England Masters Nationals in Sheffield at the end of October 2021. Nationals is often the highlight and peak for most of our competing Otters and this year was no exception.

Some notable performances include Derek Parr and Roger Lloyd-Mostyn who claimed a medal in all their individual events (that was 8 events for Derek!); Carla Thornewell who was the fastest female Otter over the 100m freestyle; Catherine Demont and Sarah Jane Law for 1st and 3rd in the 100m butterfly, respectively; Chris Morgan, Nico Barber and Amy Barton for strong performances in the longer distance events; Kelvin Yew for travelling from Singapore to dominate his age group and Megan McDonagh for her Otter debut.

We also had four very successful relays. Our mixed 4x200m freestyle team (Chris Morgan, Alice Dinsdale-Young, Sarah-Jane Law and Nico Barber) won gold, alongside the men's 4x100m freestyle team. The men's 4x50m freestyle (Luis Martinez Del Polo, Paul Goudie, Peter Rae and Simon Williams) claimed silver and the men's 4x50m medley team (Paul Goudie, Luis Martinez Del Polo, Chris Morgan and Peter Rae) won bronze.

While there was some controversy, amongst some masters teams, about Loughborough University winning the Otter 150 cup, Otter finished a respectable 5th. Hopefully we can go claim it back next year!



### BRITISH MASTERS LONG COURSE 2022

17-19 June 2022

#### 33 MEDALS OVERALL:



Sixteen national titles were won by Otter swimmers at the British Masters Championships 2022 held in Aberdeen (17-19 June). The small but mighty team of ten Otters also collected 12 silver and five bronze medals for a total of 33 podium finishes, marking a thoroughly successful trip to the northeast coast of Scotland.

The premier event in the domestic masters swimming calendar was attended by 613 swimmers representing 179 clubs from all across the country, the state-of-the-art Aberdeen Sports Village hosted the three-day competition as it did back in 2017.

Every single Otter swimmer returned home with at least one individual medal, a particularly noteworthy feat which has not been achieved in recent years, if ever. The terrific ten are Amy Barton (25-29), Megan McDonagh (25-29), Alice Dinsdale-Young (30-34), Fraser Peh (30-34), David Adamson (35-39), Elizabeth Shaw (55-59), Derek Parr (75-79), Anthony Ray (75-79), Robert Thomas (75-79) and Peter Vider (75-79).



Making up for their numerical paucity with abundant quality, the compact Otter squad swam their way to an impressive seventh in the overall team standings. Ten club records were also rewritten over the weekend.

### SWIM ENGLAND MASTERS NATIONALS 2022

28-30 October 2022

#### 49 MEDALS OVERALL:



Another year in Sheffield, saw a crew of 20 Otters competing at the Swim England short-course Nationals. There were so many superb performances, across all ages, really show-casing Otters=s strength and depth.

### BRITISH MASTERS LONG COURSE 2023

2-4 June 2023

#### 46 MEDALS OVERALL:



Let's start with the big news! For the first time in at least 3 years, Otter has broken two British records! Huge congratulations to Roger Lloyd-Mostyn, Bob Thomas, Derek Parr and Tony Ray who broke the British Long Course records for the 4 x 100 medley and 4 x 200 freestyle relays, both in the 320+ category. This winning quartet also took gold in a further 2 relays during the weekend.

Not content with this success, there are plans in the pipeline to aim for another record (look out for this in 2024!)

Although not quite record breaking, we did also have some other excellent relays. The women's 120+ 4 x 50m freestyle relay of Amy Barton, Megan McDonagh, Alice Dinsdale-Young and Catherine Demont and the mixed 4 x 100m freestyle relay of Gina Hobson, Fraser Peh, Martin Sartorius and Amy Barton also took gold.

Other notable swims came from Liz Shaw, who won in the 200m freestyle but left the weekend with a medal of each colour. Will Roberts, competing for Otter at Nationals for the first time, took home 3 silvers and Chris Morgan broke the Otter record for his 800m freestyle in a time he could help but be pleased with!

### THE OTTER HALF-MILE

The Otter Half-Mile was held at Henley Sailing club on the River Thames at Wargrave, near Henley on Friday 16 July. This was the first Otter event that has been held since the 150th celebration events in 2019 and it was a welcome return to Otter traditional social activities! While there were still some Covid lockdown restrictions in place, this did not have any impact on a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

The weather was glorious, with 24 in attendance although very well attended by the "mature" Otters, 15 swimmers completed the handicap swim event, being led off by David Skidmore OBE with Matt Burgham chasing the field from the back, 6 minutes and 30 seconds later.

The race for the win was very close, with just 4 seconds between first and second, although it was the only female in the race, Alice Dinsdale-Young who won, with Ric Jones in second.

Many thanks to Jeff and his team at Henley Sailing club for hosting us and an extra special thanks for Dave Warren for organising. This was his last event as Hon. Handicapper after many years in the role. Thanks for all your hard work making these events happen, Dave!



The Otter Half-Mile was also held in July 2022. Again, another outstanding event with fantastic hospitality. This time Chris Daniels came away with the win in another tight and highly fought contest! Well done Chris! And huge thanks to Mike Reys, who has done a fantastic job in the role of Hon. Handicapper since Dave's retirement!





### VETS 50 FREE

If you believe the banter on the Mature Otters mailing list, this has to be the most important event of the year. Martin Flash won this back in 2019 before the pandemic hit and prevented us from doing much swimming, let alone racing.

Unfortunately for Martin, he couldn't quite beat his handicap time this year (2022). Two gentlemen however managed to beat the expectations: Anthony Ray and Simon Williams! The rest of the field came very close to their handicap time and all finished within 0.6s. Well done to David Addison, Bob Thomas, Martin Flash and Chris Daniels.

Simon Williams was definitely too fast for the rest of the field and deservedly cycled home with the cup securely fastened on his back. Well done to Simon. I'm sure he realises his handicap for future events has just become slightly more challenging!

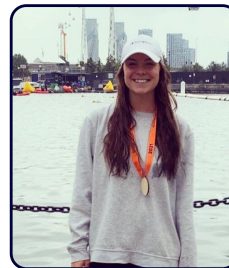


### OTHER COMPETITIONS



After multiple cancellations, Pip Bennett, one of our swimming captains, headed to the World Aquathlon Championships at the end of October 2021 in El Anillo, Spain. The storms that were forecast certainly made their presence felt but athletes were grateful that during the race itself it remained dry. The course involved a 1 km open swim, a very steep and long run out to transition followed by a 5 km trail and road run. On his international multisport debut, Pip finished with a bronze in the men's 40-44 category. Excellent result, well done Pip!

Otters Pip Bennett, Ed Buckley and James Manning recently competed in the English Aquathlon Championships (750m swim, 5km run) in Nottinghamshire at the Sywell Aquathlon (Sunday 19 June 2022). It was a strong Otter performance as all medalled in their respective age groups with Pip taking Gold in the 40-44 age group, despite having to vault a closed gate during the run and getting a nasty wound on his arm. Ed and James took silver in their age groups, 45-49 and 25-29 respectively. The event was a good warm up for Pip and Ed before the British Aquathlon Championships in July and the Worlds in Slovakia for Pip later this year.



Rosie Galvin has been competing in long-distance open water events for the past few years. Most recently she competed in the Dock2Dock 15km, coming 2nd in her category (female, non-wetsuit). Last summer she was also part of an English Channel relay, in prep for a solo attempt (hopefully) next summer.



On Sunday 26th September, the "As Keen As Mustard" SwimRun event was held at Bewl Water, Kent. Whilst slightly overcast it was a great event for everyone involved. In his first SwimRun James Manning won his age group and took the silver overall in the 6km race.

Lei Ping had great success at the 5km Half Oceanman in Madeira, Portugal in September 2022. She came 3rd in her category.



There have been numerous other amazing results throughout the last 2 years. Please do remember to look at the news section on the Otter website to keep up to date on all the latest performances.



## CLUB PERFORMANCE: LADIES' WATER POLO

Peggy Etiebet

Having maintained a core offering throughout the covid-19 period by way of online land and tactics training sessions 3x a week, or training outside at Divers Cove Godstone when permitted or early sessions at Whitgift School pool the Women's Water Polo section entered January 2021 in a fairly strong position personnel and mood wise.

The major issue for us coming out of the pandemic was the closure for refurbishment of Crystal Palace National Sports Centre - our training base. A huge thanks goes to our team manager Helen Bullock and parent Tony Hughes who did a lot of work finding us alternative pools and to Amanda Lyons for taking over sub treasurer duties to enable us to continue during this period. Otter women are now back to our original training base at Queen Mothers Sport Centre in Victoria and Allyn's School, Dulwich.

### BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS - JULY 2021

This was probably the first over 18 Swim England endorsed competition held after the pandemic restrictions were relaxed. It was hosted by Otter at K2 at Crawley and billed as water polo for all the ages. As well as the senior games there were junior games between the GBR u17 and Otter u17 team and u14 teams from Croydon Water Polo and Worthing Water Polo. Otter won the

Championship with Tyldesley Water Polo as runners up. Prizes were given by Swim England

President Ian Mackenzie, Swim South East President, Brian DeVal and Rachel Bayley, Head of Performance Operations at Swim England



*Otter women's team as British water polo champions!*

### BRITISH WATER POLO LEAGUE - 2021-22

This started again in September 2021 (there had been no league since March 2020). Otter's first team, captained by Katy Cutler came 2nd in Division 1 and 4th in the Super Fives (i.e. the top 5 teams in the UK). Otter Lutra (the second team) was, likely for the first time in the league's history, a fully u18 team. They came 1st in Division 3 and went on to win Championship 2 gaining promotion to Division 2. It was a remarkable team performance led by Sarah Ellis-Keeler as captain with Sarah, Grace Turner and Pippa Danielson all top scorers.

### CHAMPIONS CUP BWPL - MAY 2022

The Championship Cup is a tournament between the top 4 teams as determined by the Super Fives results. In this Otter claimed third place defeating Coventry 18-11. Lucy Bullock, a very promising 17 year old, lead the scoring with 5 goals.

### CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL OF WATER POLO - MAY 2022

This is an invitational festival tournament for the top 4 clubs in the UK. This time around Otter won beating Manchester 12-5 in the final with massive contributions from two Otter players who had returned home from the USA where they were on university water polo scholarships - Lily Turner, University of California Berkeley and Kathy Rogers, University of Michigan.

### BWPL 35/60 EVENT - JULY 2022

British Water Polo League celebrated 60 years of men's national league water polo and 35 years of the women's competition in July 2022 at Parliament Hill Lido, Hampstead Heath. Otter were invited to field an over 40 masters team as part of the celebrations, recognising that Otter (men's) had been a founder member of the men's national league. It was great to see old names like Tracey Allen and Claudia Ferrone who had been stalwarts of their time in the Otter first team as well as our team manager Karen McDonagh and Lindsay Williams, who at 19 years a member, is the longest running Otter member still playing in BWPL!







## TOURNAMENTS ABROAD - SEPTEMBER 2022

The squad went to two tournaments in September 2022 to set us up well for the 2022-23 BWPL season. Both were extremely well organised by first team goalie Laura Fitzharris. The first trip was to Barcelona and the BIWPA (Barcelona International Water Polo Academy) women's tournament.

With 7 teams from Spain, Germany, and Malta we took a squad of 15 and it was a really enjoyable bonding and learning experience. We came runners up to Sabadell, Spain.



The second trip was to the EU Nations Club Competition in Prague where we took 13 players, largely juniors this time. They played club teams including from the Czech Republic, Sweden, Hungary, Slovakia, and Austria coming 7th of 10 teams. As a young team it was a fantastic achievement.



## BRITISH WATER POLO LEAGUE - 2021-22

Otter had a pretty impressive 2021-22 season led again by captain Katy Cutler. They came 2nd in division 1 with Katy, Toula Falvey, Mhairi Nurthen and Emily Campbell-Lamerton all making the top 10 scorers in the division. This was repeated in Super Fives where they again came 2nd with Sarah Synder joining the roster of top scorers. Otter Lutra, led by captain Lucy-Mai Helliwell came a very creditable 5th in both division 1 and championship 1.

## AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES - WATER POLO SCHOLARSHIPS

Three members of Otter's elite junior development programme joined previous Otters in USA on water polo and academic scholarships to help further their water polo careers, in September 2022. A huge congratulations to Sarah Ellis Keeler (UC Davis (California)), Natasha Gerhardstein (UCLA) and Mia Mutadich (Cal Tech).

## INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION

During this period Otter had a number of international representatives. In September 2021, Lucy-Mai Helliwell (capt), Sarah Ellis-Keeler, Grace Turner, Sarah Mdaoukhi and Lucy Bullock all represented Great Britain at the u17 European Championships at Sibenik, Croatia. In July 2022, Lucy Bullock, Pippa Danielson with Natasha Gerhardstein as first reserve, represented Great Britain at the u19 European Championships in Nattanya, Israel with Katy Cutler as assistant coach.

Additionally Mhari Nurthen, Rebecca Mulcahy, Erin Andrew, Imogen Smith, Emily Campbell- Lamerton, Toula Falvey, Kathy Rogers, Katy Cutler, Lily Turner and Lucy Bullock were members of the England and Great Britain squad led by Nick Buller as head coach, Peggy Etiebet as assistant coach and Karen McDonagh as one of the team managers and represented England at various competitions including the EU Nations Water Polo Cup in Brno, Czech Republic in June 2022.

Roisin Cunningham Smythe represented Ireland at the EU Nations Water Polo Cup in Brno, Czech Republic in June 2022.

## THE FUTURE

The period 2021-22 was one of highs and lows for Otter. We had fantastic headline results and brilliant country representation but due to the loss of Crystal Palace our elite junior development programme suffered and we were not able to enter any teams in the National Age Group Championships.

We are resurrecting this in 2023 and hopefully will have more to report on that front next year having entered a 2007 team in the Conference League and an u19 team in NAGs. Another area we are seeking to grow stronger in, in the future is our social polo offer for adults. We entered London League for the 2023 season and are looking to arrange more social events. However, we still one of only 3 clubs in the country with two teams in BWPL and we are consistently winning tournaments at the highest level - the players, parents and volunteers have much to be proud of.



## CLUB PERFORMANCE: MEN'S WATER POLO

### 2021 - 1ST TEAM

*By Omi Pantazis*

After a long year of inactivity and a whole season without access to pools because of COVID-19 nor any competition, it was good to get back to business in May. The prolonged period of lockdowns and the inevitable self-reflection brought many changes to the Otter world. Some of the 1st team's main pillars sought their fortunes away from London, including the long-term team member and friend, Daniel Shunn. Even though we miss every member that leaves the Otter family, we are happy to see them progressing. "Hasta la Vista" guys.

Rebuilding was the order of the day for Otter. Thankfully, some great new players joined Otter, such as "El Rapido" Guille Herrera-Blanco, Nate "the Great" Perren, our new goalie Alex Davies, Quentin Peres and 2 more Greeks, the defensive wall George Mavropoulos and Christophoros Vossos, the leftie with the deadly assists. On top of that, we are proud of 3 young home-grown Otters that broke into the first team, gaining some valuable game time in London and British Water Polo Leagues. These include our goalie Paolo Alfe and the drivers Jaego Thursfield and Sasha Smeulders; the future of Otter.

Our "return to the pools" happened in parallel with the tentative return of London Water Polo League games. The summer 2021 LWPL format was a much changed hybrid one off, with no promotion or relegation; several teams declined to take part or were only able to put one team into the competition. The Otter team was not best prepared, many players were still on their way back to the UK and a proper semblance of fitness, and not surprisingly we suffered many defeats, without any real cost though, staying in the Premier Division for its proper restart in 2022. As already stated, it was rebuild time, results do not come overnight and Coach Mario had lots of things to work on.



*Omi Pantazis in possession*



*Nathan Perren in possession*

Otter, having been elevated in March 2020 to the 2nd division of British Water Polo League, started the 2021/2022 season with some tough games and results. However, the team kept growing stronger

and more complete and the progress orchestrated by Super Mario training routines was more than obvious. The team's improvement became clear in the last weekend of Phase 1 in later November at Haberdashers where Orion Ganase, pushing retirement back for another year, delivered top performances in front of his proud son and scouts from Trinidad's National Team who mistook him for a teenager. That weekend also marked the last dance for Otter legend Pier Luigi Spagna, who left British pools behind with a card as red as the red in the Cuban flag. We salute Pier Luigi and drink to his new beginning in Milan.

Starting from the bottom and having mastered the art of bouncing back, Otter is ready to race to the top again, we just need to trust the process. Championship 2, here we come.

### 2021 - 2ND TEAM

*By Paul Hindle*

With pool-time short, the emphasis during the year for Otter Men's Water Polo was rebuilding for the 1st team. We declined to enter an Otter 2nd team into the Summer 2021 London League competitions. We did, however, enter a team in the 2021/2022 Thameside Water Polo Association league and cup competitions; we will report on those in the 2022 Annual Report.

### 2022 - 1ST TEAM

*By Omiros Pantazis (Captain)*

After a turbulent 2021, and despite water polo pool time still a huge issue for us, Otter came back stronger into 2022, continuing to build a strong core team with experienced Otters, as well as new team members. We had to say some difficult goodbyes, including to our "lefty with the deadly assists" (Christophoros Vossos) who has returned to his sunnier home country in Greece. Even though every member that leaves the Otter family is a gap that can never be filled, we are excited for Chris' future. See you soon Chris.

Strengthening the core of Otter, we welcomed some great experienced players, including "the Terminator" Conor Flynn, the "all-rounder" Oliver Webb, centre back Luca Camossi, the "brains of Otter" Alvaro Romero, as well as Christoforos Sirapoglou with his deadly shots. In addition, the reflexes of Alex Davies established him as the goalie of Otter's first team. Moreover, in continuation from last year, Otter focused on developing and growing new talent in the team, building on the already promising group of Sasha Smeulders, Jaego Thursfield and Paolo Alfe that transitioned to the Men's squads last year. We are excited to welcome Jaime Rodriguez-Algaba, Max Cauberghs and the "young but fierce German dancer" Moritz Barth. As our team grows and the "Juniors" get useful experiences, the future of Otter looks brighter than ever.



## BRITISH WATER POLO LEAGUE

2022 started with Otter positioned in Championship 2 of the British Water Polo League, fighting to secure one of the top three spots that would enable the team to compete in Division 2 next season. The first match weekend of the league was an especially tough one with Otter competing in three games over 48 hours. With exhaustion as our greatest opponent, Otter managed to win only one game. However, we came back stronger in the following League weekend winning 2 out of 2.

At that point, Otter required only one more win to secure a spot in Division 2. However, the odds were not in our favour and after an intense head-to-head game, with incredible performances from our scoring machine Telemachus Pissas and our "do everything for Otter" Orion, the score disappointingly ended at 17-17. Nevertheless, in an incredible turn of events, due to Solihull dropping out of the League, Otter was gifted a chance to compete in Division 2 in September once again. This opportunity, however, was not taken advantage of to its full potential, as after a long break during the summer, the Otter team was rusty and required a significant build-up of fitness level and endurance.

As expected, the team suffered losses, despite some great individual performances, and only achieved 2 wins in Division 2 (phase 1 of the BWPL season). As a result, we will play in Championship 2 for phase 2 of the season starting in January. Nevertheless, Otter is ready to fight hard to earn back its place in the Division 2 for the 2023/24 BWPL season.



*Telemachus Pissas rising and taking a shot*



*George Mavropoulos sinking the competition*



*Omiros Pantazis meditating*



*Alex Davies ready for the penalty*

## LONDON WATER POLO LEAGUE

Otter's performance in the London League was one that highlighted important lessons & opportunities for the team. The outcome was disappointing as Otter were relegated, and will compete in the 1st Division in 2023. This outcome was broadly expected due to great team absenteeism during the summer, as players were still on their way back to the UK - Otter was not able to leverage the entire core team, leaving players exhausted during the games and rendering training scattered and less effective.

Nevertheless, there is a silver lining to every Otter story. The London League was a great opportunity for our younger players to earn significant game time, learning side-by-side from the more experienced Otters and building up experience against challenging opponents. After some difficult games, these players came out stronger on the other side as more mature and experienced water polo players. Hence, the team, now stronger than ever, is determined to return to the Premier Division next season.

## 2022 - 2ND TEAM

*By Paul Hindle*

2022 was mostly about rebuilding, integrating new members and transitioning more juniors into the Men's Water Polo group after the pandemic; whilst for the Leagues it was all about getting back to a semblance of normality.

The 2021/2022 Thameside League season was significantly disrupted by limited pool availability.

In the London Water Polo League's Summer competition the Otter 2nd team finished in the top half of Division 2, a creditable result after all the disruption.





## CLUB PERFORMANCE: OTTER JUNIORS

By Paul Hindle

### 2021

Our Juniors squad managed to get back into the water in April with the reopening of the St Paul's Girls School pool to external hires, and piecemeal use of the QMSC diving pit and the LAC during the interregnum between indoor Water Polo restarting for juniors and then for adults. Sadly, we have not yet been able to restart the Sunday sessions at Crystal Palace, and the consequence of us being unable to offer that pool time has meant that, understandably, a good number of our juniors departed for other clubs; we are sorry to see them leave and wish them all the best for their future journeys in Water Polo.

We entered a team into the London Water Polo Leagues under 16's Winter 2021/2022 competition and will report more on that in the 2022 Annual report, (but the sneak preview is that in March 2022 we were crowned as winners of Division 3 with a very young team, most of whom will be able to compete in the 2022/2023 competition and some even in the 2023/2024 competition).

A good number of our junior squad, Paolo Alfe, Sasha Smeulders, Jaego Thursfield, Robert van der Zwan, Jaime Rodriguez Algaba, Luke Buckland, and Milly McDonagh started the transition to our senior squads. Paolo Alfe made his debut in October for the Mens 1st team in the British Water Polo League; a "baptism of fire", but one on which he has thrived.

Many of our players have also been attending regional training sessions with a view to representing the Swim England London Region in their relevant age group categories. They included Robert van der Zwan, Carolyn Bosman, Kian Buckland, Louis Useldinger, Sophie Schonbach, Luke de Palma Vieira, Yuvi Sarda and Sofia Pecce.

### 2022

As referred to in the 2021 Report, a very young Otter team were crowned champions of Division 3 of the London Water Polo League's Winter 2021/22 mixed under 16 (born 2006 or later) competition. Freddie Cartwright, Fernando Alvarez, Robert van der Zwan, Carolyn Bosman, Kian Buckland, Louis Useldinger, Sophie Schonbach, Sofia Pecce, Daniel Gvozd, Marko Vlahutin, Felix Welter, Luke da Palma Vieira, Yuvi Sarda, Mehrad Bozorgzadeh and Damiel D'Souza all contributed to the success of the team.

Thanks to our success in the earlier Winter competition Otter was allocated to Division 2 of the London League's Summer 2022 mixed under 15 (born 2008 or later) competition. It proved to be quite a step up in playing level. Luke da Palma Vieira, Yuvi Sarda, Mehrad Bozorgzadeh, Sam Kemp, Charles Paolini, Joseph Matthews, Yuvi Sarda, Matthew Dionisio, Richard van der Zwan, Alexander Gonzalez-

Garcia, Freddie Brown, Tom Useldinger, Max Murray, Sebastian Sheard, and Joe Becket-Aller all contributed to the team and learned a lot along the way.

In 2021 the family of George Hancock (see the 2020 Annual Report) donated a new trophy to the Club for the "Most Improved Junior Water Polo Player" of the year. The coaches decided that for 2021 the trophy should be awarded to Paolo Alfe. Paolo joined our Junior Water Polo group in 2016 aged 11; in 2021 he represented the Otter Men's team in the British Water Polo League.







## MATURE OTTERS

By Charles Doxat

During 2020/21 most of the Mature Otters continued to pool-swim whenever the Covid rules allowed, and when not, could be seen swimming or even cavorting in the sea, rivers and lakes around the country.

Meanwhile, the social consequences of being a Mature Otter were taken much more seriously with monthly get-togethers (when allowed !) at the "Jugged Hare" - despite the exorbitant price of a pint there. Our Annual Supper went ahead at the nearby SeaFresh restaurant on December 2nd 2021.



*Annual Dinner 2021 for Mature Otters with 92-year-old Dennis Warnford-Davis*

The next Mature Otters 2022 Annual Supper in fact took place in early 2023 (January 12). Sadly it was missing the oldest member - Dennis Warnford Davis who died aged 93 on December 31st. The day after his funeral (March 2) we had a gathering in the "Jugged Hare" to mark his departure.



Subsequently it was decided that the "Jugged Hare", with its increased busyness (Thursday being the new Friday) and prices, should be binned. Instead regular suppers at SeaFresh would be better coupled with a new WhatsApp group for on-going news, information and banter. Fair to say the standard of banter has been poor so far, but what else can one expect from so-called Mature Otters! Incidentally any older Otter wishing to join the group please contact Charles (doxat@doxat.com) for an invite link.



### GOLF AND SUMMER LUNCH

After a 2 year gap forced on us by the pandemic, the 2022 Otter Golf tournament and Summer Lunch took place at the Ealing Golf Club on Friday 23rd September.

Five Otters: Charles Doxat, Mike Reys, Peter Rae, Orion Ganase and Paul Hindle took part in the golf Tournament. The Ealing golf course was in its usual great condition and the greens unbelievably fast and true. The winner of the George Rope trophy (first awarded in 1923) was Mike Reys .

The Summer Lunch was not as well-attended as prior to the pandemic, as unfortunately, a number of former stalwarts were unable to attend. Starting with drinks on the grass terrace before moving inside for a lunch prepared for us by the Ealing Golf Club's excellent catering staff. Additional Otters attending the lunch were: Sue Doxat, John and Maureen Fox, Martin Flash, Mark and Dru Grundy, Ric Jones, Colin Ball, Peter Vider and wife, and Hugh Turner. A lovely day, enjoyed by everyone.



## LIST OF MEMBERS 2022

### Life Members

1946 Warnford-Davis, Mr D.M.  
 1949 Millner, Mr J.R.  
 1950 Cooper, Mr G.G.  
 1951 Milton, Mr H.P.  
 1952 Raw, Mr E.  
 1953 Gill, Mr A.G.  
 1953 Thorogood, Mr P.  
 1953 Vandersteen, Mr M.H.  
 1954 Dussek OBE, Mr I.J.  
 1956 Doxat, Mr C.  
 1959 Grundy, Mr M.D.  
 1960 Downs, Mr M.C.  
 1960 Goldberg, Mr M.D.  
 1960 McLachlan, Mr M.L.  
 1965 Thornton, Mr B.  
 1966 Gawler, Mr D.  
 1966 Thomas, Mr R.  
 1967 Pointon, Mr G.H.  
 1967 Wigginton, Mr A.B.  
 1971 Craig, Mr A.R.  
 1971 Goodbody, Mr J.B.  
 1971 Jones, Mr R.H.  
 1976 Mackenzie, Mr J.  
 1976 Miller, Mr D.R.  
 1979 Marshall, Mr F.  
 1980 Redpath, Mrs E.M.  
 1981 Courtney, Mr M.  
 1981 Plumley, Mr J.  
 1983 Woodward CMG.OBE, Ms B.  
 1984 Goudie, Mr P.A.  
 1985 Grace, Mr P.M.  
 1990 Williamson, Mr P.K.  
 1992 Hopkins, Mr R.  
 1993 Levitz, Mr M.D.  
 1997 Phillips, Mr R.  
 1997 Wake, Mr M.  
 1998 Gallagher, Mr N.R.  
 1998 Vider, Mr P.A.

### Active, Non-active, Country Members

1946 Payne, Mr D.B.  
 1954 Morton, Mr A.J.  
 1955 Chaney, Mr A.J.  
 1956 Harford, Mr R.S.  
 1959 Kennedy, Dr W.J.  
 1959 Towers, Mr J.F.  
 1960 Lloyd-Mostyn, Dr R.H.  
 1960 Parr, Mr D.R.  
 1960 Skidmore OBE, Dr F.D.  
 1962 Flash, Mr M.H.  
 1962 Stewart, Mr C.J.  
 1964 Fox, Dr J.S.  
 1966 Nalson, Mr J.K.  
 1968 Palmer, Dr R.J.

1972 Foxon, Dr M.  
 1974 Sharpley, Mr R.F.  
 1975 Bedford, Mr J.  
 1975 Turner, Mr H.  
 1976 Hindle, Mr P.E.  
 1979 Flash, Mr G.M.  
 1979 Kirk, Mr P.G.  
 1984 Fraser, Mr T.M.  
 1985 Stewart, Mrs M.J.  
 1987 Davies, Miss L.  
 1987 Evans, Mr P.  
 1988 Wain, Mrs A.L.  
 1988 Willetts, Mr G.  
 1991 Kendall, Mr T.H.  
 1993 McMenemy, Ms E.J.  
 1994 Amos, Dr M.J.  
 1994 Rae, Mr P.J.  
 1994 Ray, Mr A.A.  
 1995 Fraser, Mr A.  
 1995 Gallagher, Mr M.  
 1997 Bree, Dr S.  
 1997 Evans, Mr B.E.  
 1997 Fry, Mr W.G.  
 1997 Hardy, Mr V.  
 1997 Powdrill, Mr G.  
 1999 Buckley, Mr E.J.  
 2000 Hindle, Mr J.E.  
 2001 Shaw, Miss E.A.  
 2002 Dean, Ms M.E.  
 2002 Monk, Mr G.P.  
 2003 Hobson, Dr G.  
 2003 Eden, Mr C.G.  
 2003 Ward, Ms D.  
 2003 Paynter, Miss D.  
 2004 Boldon, Mr E.M.  
 2004 Williams, Mrs L.J.  
 2005 Etiebet, Miss P.E.  
 2005 Buller, Mr N.  
 2005 Lievesley, Miss A.  
 2005 Comiskey, Mr G.M.  
 2006 Senecal, Miss M.L.  
 2006 Estrella, Mr L.  
 2006 Adams, Mr C.J.  
 2006 Walton, Mrs S.  
 2007 Ochocinska, Ms A.  
 2007 Hasnain, Dr C.A.  
 2008 Mulcahy, Miss R.  
 2008 Wall, Mr W.A.  
 2008 Williams, Mr T.  
 2008 Shkurka, Miss E.  
 2009 Burgham, Mr M.R.  
 2009 Caldwell, Mr O.J.  
 2009 Ganase, Mr O.A.  
 2009 Sirianni, Mr P.  
 2009 Kruesmann, Dr M.  
 2009 Warren, Mr D.  
 2010 Burkinshaw, Mr T.

2011 Bond, Mr I.  
 2011 Wright, Miss S.E.  
 2011 Shannon, Miss H.  
 2011 Csizsinszky, Mr D.  
 2011 Thorpe, Miss V.  
 2012 Barber, Mr N.  
 2012 Reys, Mr M.  
 2012 Gillespie, Mr C.  
 2012 Gauer, Miss J.S.  
 2012 Nurthen, Ms M.L.  
 2013 Reynolds, Miss O.  
 2013 Bennett, Dr P.S.  
 2013 Woolley, Mr R.  
 2013 Dean, Miss I.A.  
 2014 Cartwright, Ms E.  
 2014 Bonavota, Mr G.  
 2014 Sambrook-Smith, Mr J.  
 2014 Rimbach, Mr W.  
 2014 Williams, Mr S.B.  
 2014 Bion, Mr A.  
 2015 Demont, Miss C.  
 2015 Rich, Ms C.  
 2015 Braine, Mr S.  
 2015 Keith, Miss I.  
 2015 Rogers, Miss K.  
 2015 Martinelli, Mr I.  
 2016 Adamson, Mr D.  
 2016 Campbell-Lamerton, Miss E.  
 2016 Corjon, Mr N.  
 2016 Dinsdale-Young, Ms A.  
 2016 Fincher, Mr H.  
 2016 Goff, Mr S.  
 2016 Law, Ms S-J.  
 2016 Marnat, Ms E.  
 2016 Manning, Mr J.  
 2016 Mills, Mr P.  
 2016 Morten, Mr S.  
 2016 Parsons, Mr M.  
 2016 Pryke, Mr A.  
 2016 Sartorius, Mr M.  
 2016 Wan, Mr M.  
 2017 Caignard, Mr A.  
 2017 Canlan-Shaw, Mr J.  
 2017 Elsaadany, Mr R.  
 2017 Harfield, Ms A.  
 2017 Moscaticello, Mr M.  
 2017 Pantazis, Mr O.  
 2017 Phelps, Mr B.  
 2017 Pitt, Mr G.  
 2017 Pryzwara, Ms S.  
 2017 Stops, Mr C.  
 2018 Barton, Miss A.  
 2018 Ball, Mr C.  
 2018 Fernandez, Mr P.  
 2018 Hearn, Mr J.  
 2018 Juxon, Mr R.  
 2018 Marsh, Mr W.



2018 Martinez del Pozo, Mr L.  
 2018 McLean, Mr T.  
 2018 Morato, Mr J.  
 2018 Morgan, Mr C.  
 2018 Murphy, Mr A.  
 2018 Storonsky, Mr N.  
 2018 Wisdich, Miss S.  
 2018 Zavitsanos, Mr N.  
 2019 Barton, Ms L.  
 2019 Black, Ms. C.  
 2019 De Giovanni, Mr C.  
 2019 Duggan, Mr T.  
 2019 Falvey, Ms. T.  
 2019 Gerhardstein, Ms. N.  
 2019 Gorokhovik, Mr F.  
 2019 Irwin, Ms. E.  
 2019 James, Mr A.  
 2019 Stoychev, Mr V.  
 2019 Thornewell, Ms. C.  
 2019 Worthington, Ms. E.  
 2020 Black, Mr A.  
 2020 Wan, Mr M.  
 2021 Addison, Mr D.  
 2021 Anthony, Mr M.  
 2021 Banham, Mr M.  
 2021 Bates, Ms S.  
 2021 Bottill, Mr D  
 2021 Chen, Mr L.  
 2021 Chen, Mr Z.  
 2021 Cosford, Ms L.  
 2021 Daniels, Mr C.  
 2021 Dryden, Mr M.  
 2021 Dufour, Ms J.  
 2021 Ferri, Ms A.  
 2021 Harris, Ms E.  
 2021 Hatchley, Mr J.  
 2021 Henriques, Mr E.W.  
 2021 Herrero Blanco, Mr G.  
 2021 Howell, Mr N.  
 2021 Lobo, Mr D.  
 2021 Mavropoulos, Mr G.  
 2021 McDonagh, Ms M.  
 2021 Mountford, Mr T.  
 2021 Nada, Mr M.  
 2021 Palma, Ms R.  
 2021 Perren, Mr N.  
 2021 Perry, Mr O.  
 2021 Pitsios, Mr M.  
 2021 Spink, Ms D.  
 2021 Sprange, Mr T.  
 2021 Staniszewski, Mr M.  
 2021 Steven, Ms R.  
 2021 Stokes, Mr L.  
 2021 Tomalcova, Ms A.  
 2021 Vossos, Mr C.  
 2022 Alfano, Mr A.  
 2022 Bartkowski, Mr D.

2022 Baxter, Mr D.  
 2022 Beckmans, Mr C.  
 2022 Benrimoh, Mr S.M.  
 2022 Bingham, Mr H.  
 2022 Boyer, Mr M.  
 2022 Bradford, Ms I.  
 2022 Brice, Mr O.  
 2022 Camossi, Mr L.  
 2022 Croydon, Mr R.  
 2022 Cummings, Mr M.  
 2022 Dapsich, Mr F.  
 2022 Elphick, Ms S.  
 2022 Estrabaud, Mr P.  
 2022 Etman, Mr M.  
 2022 Farahat, Mr A.T.  
 2022 Ferreira, Mr M.  
 2022 Flockhart, Mr D.  
 2022 Flynn, Mr C.  
 2022 Fontaine, Ms J.  
 2022 Grebert, Mr K.  
 2022 Hajonides, Mr J.  
 2022 Hawkes, Ms N.  
 2022 Herrera Oropez, Mr G.E.  
 2022 Hodges, Mr P.  
 2022 Hughes, Mr J.  
 2022 Hunter, Mr R.  
 2022 Irwin, Mr B.  
 2022 Johnson, Ms S.  
 2022 Kelly, Mr A.  
 2022 Kempster, Mr B.  
 2022 Lavelle, Ms E.  
 2022 Lucas, Ms D.  
 2022 Mackay, Mr A.  
 2022 Marquet, Ms E.  
 2022 McClure, Mr G.  
 2022 McIntyre, Mr A.  
 2022 Meumann, Ms B.  
 2022 Mills, Mr O.  
 2022 Monkhouse, Ms E.  
 2022 Pearce, Ms E.  
 2022 Pelmore, Ms M.  
 2022 Ping, Ms L.  
 2022 Pissas, Mr T.  
 2022 Queiroga, Mr A.  
 2022 Roberts, Mr W.  
 2022 Romantini, Ms S.  
 2022 Simmons, Mr C.  
 2022 Smerkis, Mr V.  
 2022 Truslove, Ms K.  
 2022 Robinson, Mr H.  
 2022 ten Hag, Mr W.  
 2022 Thwaite, Mr S.  
 2022 Wearne, Mr S.  
 2022 Webb, Mr O.

### Junior Members

2015 Andrew, Miss E.  
 2015 Cogni, Miss E.  
 2015 Cutler, Miss K.  
 2015 Smith, Miss I.  
 2016 Ellis-Keeler, Miss S.  
 2016 Helliwell, Miss L M  
 2016 Turner, Miss G.  
 2017 Alfe, Mr P.  
 2017 Buckland, Mr K.  
 2017 Buckland, Mr L.  
 2017 Danielson, Mr P.  
 2017 Greenslade, Miss R.  
 2017 Hughes, Miss I.  
 2017 Lyons, Miss J.  
 2017 McDonagh, Miss M.  
 2017 Mdaoukhi, Miss S.  
 2017 Thursfield, Mr J.  
 2017 Thursfield, Mr T.  
 2018 Bullock, Miss L.  
 2018 Schonfeld, Mr R.  
 2018 Smeulders, Mr S.  
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 2019 Schisano, Miss M.  
 2019 Schonbach, Miss S.  
 2019 Smeulders, Mr N.  
 2020 Rodriguez-Algaba, Mr J.  
 2021 Bozorgzade, Mr M.  
 2021 Da Palma Vieira, Mr L.  
 2021 Ferguson-Lewis, Mr A.  
 2021 Gerhardstein, Mr A.  
 2021 Osovtsov, Mr A.  
 2021 Pajero, Mr M.  
 2021 Pizziol, Mr L.  
 2021 Tala, Ms A.  
 2021 van der Zwan, Mr R.  
 2022 Aliboni, Mr M.  
 2022 Beckett Aller, Mr J.  
 2022 Cauberghs, Mr M.  
 2022 CK, Mr A.K.  
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 2022 Kelly, Ms K.  
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 2022 Paolini, Mr C.  
 2022 Primavesi, Mr T.  
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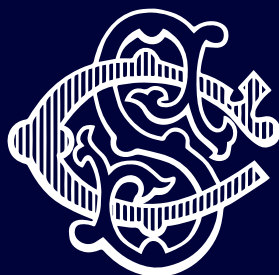
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