

Tom Harvey for CUFC President



Intro – What do I see as the role of the President?

It may seem unsubtle, but I consider the job of the President is to preside. We're going to elect people into a load of different roles, each of which carries a particular set of duties. My job as President is to facilitate the efforts of those elected to meet those goals in whatever way I can. The President has a number of executive functions to carry out, and these I shall do, but when it comes to other committee members responsibilities I want the atmosphere of the committee to allow those whose passions have taken them into particular roles to take up the responsibility for that area of the club's functioning as the club mandates them to do by voting for them. Should goals conflict (for instance the Treasurer's, and, let's be honest, everyone else's) I will moderate to achieve the best balance.

Why Me?

I have spent two years in the club fencing for the Men's Blues Team in both sabre and epee. This last year I have spent as both Intermediates Secretary and Beginner's Secretary. This has required me to organise coaching (from members and external coaches), dinners and matches, construct and execute coaching plans, delve into the contents of the cupboard and do a lot of coordinating with other members of the committee. I think this has given me a flavour of many other committee roles, which will serve me well in coordinating them all. On a more personal note, I want CUFC to be the very best it can be. I've had some of my greatest highs and lows of the last two years through this club of ours and though it can occasionally be a demanding mistress (15 hours a week I spent training or coaching alone in Michaelmas) I do love it dearly. I believe that I can serve the club best from the President's chair, so I hope I can count on your support in voting me into it.

Aims:

Obviously there's a proviso here that those elected to the positions with more specific roles will have their own ideas as to what needs doing and how it is to be done, but here are the areas I want to focus on next year:

Winning: I like winning, winning is good. This is why I will work closely with the captains and the beginners' Sec to ensure all 6 teams paint Oxford's streets light blue next year.

Membership/Beginners: We got 55 signups off the back of the fresher's fair and taster sessions last year, I want to at least equal that again this year. I also want to build on the excellent work of Matt Fitton in growing the Club's media presence, so as to attract more members and sponsorship.

Funding: Our main revenue stream is membership, in addition to enlarging this I want to work with the Press and Sponsorship Officer find us some sponsorship.

Intermediates: At the moment provision for intermediates at the club has a great deal of room for improvement. That is partially on me, I'll admit, but I was doing two jobs this year and there were limits to what I could do. I think we could provide more in terms of matches and associated socials (see my other manifesto for details).

Kit: If my plans for raising membership work out we may well need more. We should also consider replacing some of the ageing stuff. I'd also like to find a way of doing some long term planning with the armourer and treasurer to get find the funds for an annual maintenance budget.

