

University of Cambridge

Website	http://www.cufencing.org.uk/		
Facebook and Twitter			
Contact email address(es)	Club Captain: Ellie Wigham eew28@cam.ac.uk Coach: Pierre Harper. Others TBC		
Size of fencing club	Adv. 20 Intermediates. 15 Beginners. 50		
Cost to Join (Athletic Union and fencing club fees where appropriate)	£79 for Adv and Intermediates £20 a term for beginners. This changes every year		
Venue details (where/size/quality/storage for personal kit)	We have a brand new venue opening in summer 2013. In the West Cambridge site a 10 min cycle from town. Plenty of storage for personal kit.		
Coach(es)	Pierre Harper twice a week. Others tbc		
Additional coaching costs	~£5 a lesson lasting 15/20mins		
Details of beginners courses (cost/coaches)	Beginners currently coached by Advance fencers		
Club night information (number of pistes/footwork/free fencing etc.)	Currently self directed footwork followed by free fencing. Beginners and Intermediates more structured.		
Composition of club (experienced fencers/any weapon speciality etc)	We have a number of experienced fencers of both gender across all three weapons.		
Does the club run out of term time?	Currently yes, however with moving to the new venue we are unsure about the next academic year.		
Club equipment to use for training and competitions?	Adv have own kit however there is club kit available for beginners and intermediates.		
Teams entered into BUCS, which leagues and finishing positions for last year	Team	League	Final Position 12-13
	Men's	Championship	1 st
	Women's	Championship	2 nd
Do you send fencers to the BUCS individuals, does the AU pay for transport and entry fees?	Yes we send everyone who wants to compete, the club pays entry fees however this year athletes had to pay for transport.		
Do club members attend open competitions?	Yes		
Do you have other regular matches? Friendlies, local leagues etc.	We have the annual varsity match against Oxford held in Feb/March. Also an Old Blues match against alumni in November.		
What about social events? After training, dinners, parties etc.	We have a number of black tie social events throughout term. Also 'swaps' with other sports clubs. We have dinner after training once a week.		
Can elite fencers get sports grants, scholarships or other help from the University? Please give details of where from and how much.	Athletes do not get sports grants from the university however can get support from their college, however this varies very significantly between colleges from nothing to £800 a year. There are also annual Hawks bursaries awarded by the Hawks club (http://www.hawksclub.co.uk/hawks-trust/introduction.aspx) ranging from £100 to £750. For female athletes there is the annual ospreys bursary of around £100		
Hall of Fame – list some fencers who are currently at your university or who are recent alumni.	Currently: Abbie Harvey, Harriet Hall, Grace Stafford, Alex Craig, Emma Byatt, Matt Rowland, David Burnside, Harry Boteler, Matthew Fitton, Richard Morris plus internationals from America, Australia and Poland. Alumni include: Sophie St Clair Jones, Alex O'Connell, Anthony Crutchett, Danny Ryan, Mary Cohen, Phil West.		

What is the best thing about your university fencing club?	We have a lot of very experienced young fencers and are therefore very successful in both BUCS and Varsity matches. The varsity match is unique and prestigious in OxBridge and such a great event to be part of.		
What is the worst thing about your university fencing club?	The club does not cater well to Intermediate or Beginner fencers, currently without an external coach. The university does not support international competition due to the high work load of our degrees and lack of funding however can be done (O'Connell competed in '08 Olympics while at Cambridge).		
Anything else we should know?	The club is currently undertaking a lot of change with a completely new venue and a new set of coaches, I am looking to develop the club further over the next couple of years, and this will be a very exciting time for the club.		
Any advice for prospective applicants	Cambridge degrees have a heavy workload however don't let that put you off if you would like to fence internationally, both can be and have been achieved		
If there are local clubs that university fencers sometimes attend then please list the following information for each:	This website has a good summary. http://www.camfc.org.uk/		
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Coach(es)			
Additional coaching costs			
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Composition of club (experienced fencers/any weapon speciality etc)			
Club equipment to use for training and competitions?			
Does the club have any teams and if so what leagues/events do they compete in?			
Do club members attend opens competitions?			
Any other information?			