



**50<sup>th</sup> MODERN PENTATHLON VARSITY MATCH**  
**CAMBRIDGE vs. OXFORD**

Bradfield College & Blewbury Equestrian Centre, Friday 30<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007

**The Modern Pentathlon Varsity Match 2007, Bradfield College**

Dear Friend,

You are cordially invited to the 50<sup>th</sup> Modern Pentathlon Varsity Match, contested between the Cambridge University Modern Pentathlon Club (CUMPC) and the Oxford University Modern Pentathlon Association (OUMPA). As always, this event represents the pinnacle of the sporting year for our two teams; the culmination of months of training and focus, carefully balanced with their academic and other pursuits.

It was 50 years ago that Cambridge Pentathlete Zoltan Mezei formed the Cambridge University Modern Pentathlon Club and challenged Oxford to do likewise. The first Pentathlon Varsity Match was contested in 1958 which Cambridge went on to win. A strong tradition of pentathlon was founded at the two universities with a match being held in alternation every year since. The current tally in the men's team competition is 27-21 to Oxford and in the ladies 20-10 to Cambridge. Many distinguished individuals have passed through the pentathlon clubs of both universities and all are valued as Old Blues. Cambridge has the honour of hosting this 50<sup>th</sup> Varsity Match.

For the 50<sup>th</sup> Varsity Match 2007 we are delighted to return to Bradfield College in Berkshire, where the match was held in 2005. Bradfield College is an excellent venue for the match providing first class sporting, catering and accommodation facilities. We are very grateful to all the staff at the school and Bradfield College Enterprises for hosting us. The riding phase is the only event to be held off site and will take place at the first class Blewbury Equestrian Centre, near Didcot. Once again the staff and horses at this venue are second to none and will facilitate a professional and exciting riding phase.

My thanks go to all of those engaged in fund raising to make the Match a success. Special thanks go to those altruistic individuals who have offered sponsorship. The CUMPC Old Blues Supporters Club has formed a charity – the CUMPC Charitable Trust, to secure funding for this and future varsity matches. Your support for this charity over the year is warmly welcomed. Without your help this competition would not have been possible.

The Pentathlon Varsity Match is becoming an increasingly sophisticated affair with athletes attaining ever higher standards. The match itself could not take place without the generous and professional help offered pro bono by many dedicated volunteers. My thanks to all those who have helped to plan and run the varsity match. We hope that the match will provide an excellent sporting spectacle for our valued spectators.

Finally, to the athletes, whom the show is all about: in the words of the indomitable Gerry Polton, Varsity Well.

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*Varsity / 'va:siti / v.tr. To discharge one's responsibility maximally in the context of a Varsity Pentathlon, i.e. athletes perform beyond ability levels; supporters perform with alarming enthusiasm and vigour, etc.*



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### **Varsity Match Officials**

Varsity Match Director:	Mr Cahir King
Sponsorship Co-ordinator:	Ms Rebecca Pope
Results Directors:	Mr Jamie Frith & Mr Ben Measures
Shooting Director:	Mr Sam Gage
Fencing Directors:	Mr Ben Halsted & Mr Mark Chacksfield
Fencing Presidents:	Dr Stephanie Cook & Mr Rob Colliver
Swimming Directors:	Ms Fiona Boyd & Mr James Graham Brown
Riding Directors:	Ms Jenny Arrand & Mr Daniel Carroll
Riding Judge:	Ms Elizabeth Brown
Collecting Ring Supervisor:	Ms Pat Arrand
Running Directors:	Ms Julie Middleton & Ms Becca Duncombe
Officials and Scorers:	Members of CUMPC & OUMPA Old Blues
Old Blues' Club Presidents:	Mr Cahir King & Mr Ben Measures

### **Timetable of Events**

#### **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

- 12:00 Teams arrive, **STANLEY HOUSE, BRADFIELD COLLEGE**
- 14:00 Welcome and introductions, **BIG SCHOOL**
- 15:00 Draw for the riding event, **BIG SCHOOL**
- 17:45 Dinner for competitors, **SCHOOL DINING HALL**
- 19:30 Shooting brief for competitors, **BIG SCHOOL**
- 20:00 Officials Meal **EXTERNAL VENUE**

#### **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

- 07:30 Breakfast, **SCHOOL DINING HALL**
- 08:00 Shooting detail 1, **OLD GYM**
- 09:00 Shooting detail 2, **OLD GYM**
- 10:00 Shooting detail 3, **OLD GYM**
- 11:00 Shooting detail 4, **OLD GYM**
- 11:45 Lunch, for all competitors except ladies teams, **SCHOOL DINING HALL**
- 12:00 Ladies fencing, **OLD GYM**
- 15:00 First swimming warm up (Gents, Reserves), **THE SPORTS COMPLEX**
- 15:20 Reserves' swimming (three heats of four)
- 15:40 Gents' swimming (three heats of four)
- 16:00 Second swimming warm up (Ladies, Old Blues)
- 16:20 Ladies' swimming (three heats of four)
- 16:40 Old Blues' Biathlon Challenge - swimming
- 17:45 Dinner for competitors, **SCHOOL DINING HALL**
- 18:45 Riding brief from riding director, **BIG SCHOOL**
- 19:00 Gentlemen's fencing, **OLD GYM**



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**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

- 07:00 Breakfast for competitors, **SCHOOL DINING HALL**
- 07:30 Teams depart Bradfield for **BLEWBURY EQUESTRIAN CENTRE, DIDCOT, OXON**
- 08:00 Demonstration of horses
- 08:30 Walk riding course
- 09:00 First rider begins warm-up
- 09:30 First competition round commences (riding continues to 12:45)
- 12:00 Return to Bradfield College
- 14:00 Walk running course, **BRADFIELD COLLEGE ESTATE**
- 14:30 Old Blues' Biathlon Challenge - running
- 14:50 Reserves' running
- 15:10 Ladies' running
- 15:30 Gentlemen's running
- 16:30 Tea and presentations, **BIG SCHOOL**
- 19:30 Match Dinner – ticketed for athletes and old blues (**SCHOOL DINING HALL**, for 20:00)

**Sunday 1st April**

- 08:30 Breakfast
- 09:30 Depart Bradfield

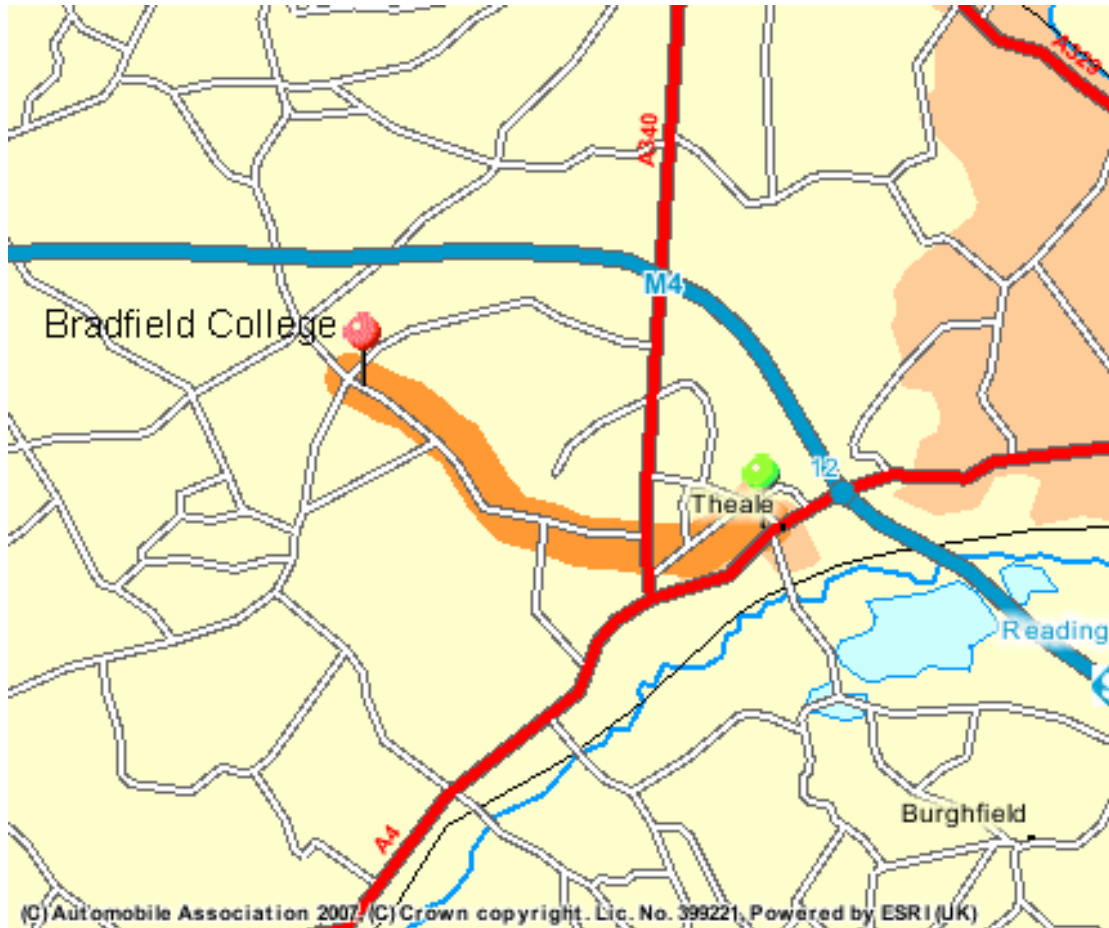


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### Getting to Bradfield College, Berkshire

[www.bradfieldcollege.org.uk](http://www.bradfieldcollege.org.uk)



- Take the M4 heading west from London
- Leave the M4 at junction 12 (signposted Theale, Reading) then at roundabout take the 1<sup>st</sup> exit onto Bath Road (A4) (signposted Theale)
- At second roundabout take the 2<sup>nd</sup> exit and continue on Bath Road (A4) (signposted Pangbourne, Newbury).
- At third roundabout take the 3<sup>rd</sup> exit onto the A340 (signposted Pangbourne)
- On that road turn left when you see the signpost for Bradfield, Ashampstead, Yattendon, and Compton).
- Bradfield College is a series of grand buildings scattered throughout the village of Bradfield.

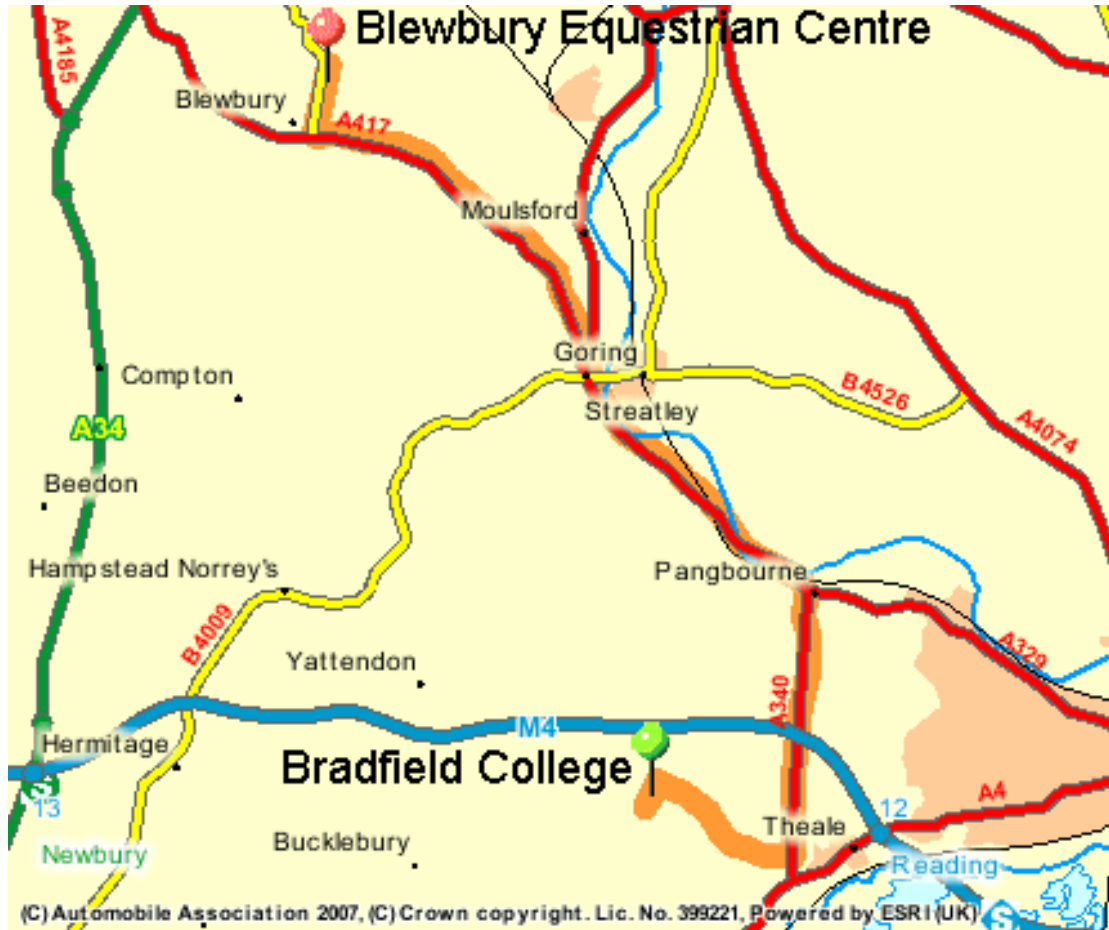


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### Getting to Blewbury Equestrian Centre

[www.blewburycentre.co.uk](http://www.blewburycentre.co.uk)



#### Directions from Bradfield College

- From Bradfield travel towards the A340 signposted Tidmarsh and Pangbourne.
- At T-junction turn left onto the A340 (signposted Pangbourne)
- A340 Continue forward onto the A340. Entering Tidmarsh
- A340 Continue forward onto Tidmarsh Road - A340. Entering Pangbourne
- A340 At mini-roundabout bear left onto the A329 (signposted Wallingford, Wantage)
- A329 Basildon Park (NT) A329 Continue forward onto the A329. Entering Lower Basildon
- A329 Continue forward onto Reading Road - A329. Entering Streatley
- A329 Turn left onto the A417 (signposted Wantage)
- A417 Turn right onto the B4016 (signposted Didcot)
- B401 Arrive at OX11 9NH, Blewbury
- Total time for journey 32mins.



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**Directions from M4 (London)**

Vehicles less than 7.5 tonnes gross: Leave at junction 12. Head for Pangbourne (A340). Straight across small roundabout in Pangbourne continue to Streatley. Straight over traffic lights at Streatley and bear left onto A 417 (Signposted Wantage) towards Blewbury. At entrance to Blewbury turn right at Garage signposted Didcot (B4016). Blewbury Centre is 1/2 mile on left.

**Directions from M40 (Birmingham)**

Leave M40 at junction 9 onto A34 towards Oxford. Stay on A34 until exit signposted Didcot/Milton/Wantage. Head for Wantage (A4130). At roundabout (garage) turn left onto A417. Drive through Harwell, Upton and Blewbury. On leaving Blewbury turn left at Garage signposted Didcot (B4016). Blewbury Centre is 1/2 mile on left.

**Directions from M40 (London)**

Leave M40 at junction 6. Turn left off slipway towards Watlington (A329). Go through Watlington and turn left out of village towards Benson (B4009). Pass through Benson and join A4074 to Wallingford. Through Wallingford towards Didcot. On entering Didcot bear left at roundabout, under Railway Bridge and turn left at next roundabout signposted Blewbury (B4016). Pass through East Hagbourne and Blewbury Centre is on right on entering village of Blewbury (3 miles from Didcot).

**Directions from M4 Swindon**

Leave M4 at junction 13 onto A34 towards Oxford. Leave A34 at Chilton exit signposted Wantage (A417). At end of slipway turn right, across A34, and then bear left at roundabout. At end of road turn right (A417). Pass through Upton and then Blewbury. On leaving Blewbury turn left at Garage signposted Didcot (B4016). Blewbury Centre is 1/2 mile on left.