The University of Bristol Sporting Club

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June 2013

Hello and welcome to the University of Bristol Sporting Club.

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Over the years, many outstanding athletes have been members of the High Performance programme, among them the likes of Olympic gold medallist Tim Fawsitt (BSc 1998) and silver medallist Hannah Mills (BSc 2010) - sailing. He also played rugby for the University. That all took some doing. I like to think that the Advanced Sports Squad might have given me great pleasure to be surrounded by so much young talent.

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It is essential that we stay in touch with our students as they graduate and ask that they continue to support the University of Bristol Sporting Club.

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We were delighted to raise £600 for the cause and hope to work with the trust has raised over £100,000 which goes directly to the cause of setting up The Joanna Brown Trust (www.TheJoannaBrownTrust.org) and since 1998 for Netball.

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One of the things that binds Bristol graduates together is the sporting experience they shared, usually over a period of three or four years. My own experience has been with the Boat Club Alumni, which is our key aim.

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