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Welcome to the latest edition of the Gryphens' Newsletter. While it's a little later than usual, we have plenty of goodies to fill you in on so we hope you'll agree that it has been worth the wait!

As well as including a first heads up for this year's Mays Boat Club Dinner, we are excited to share details for the formation of a *NEW* Gryphens Committee. Read on to find out how to get involved and learn all about the plans we have for the rest of the year.

As always, do feel free to get in touch with us at ncbc.development@gmail.com or read more at:

www.newnhamcollegeboatclub.co.uk

Novices 2014

This year NCBC continued its recent string of successes in introducing a new crowd of Newnhamites to all things boatie. With a total of six(!) novice boats, our presence on the river was strong, and our ability on the ergs was even stronger.

At Queens' Ergs the top three crews put our teams on the map with NW1 coming out as overall champions and NW2 also winning their division.

Following that it was time to take to the water, where NW2 won their division at Emma Sprints and all three of the top boats finished the Fairbairn's Cup with solid times.

All in all it has been another great year and a valiant effort by the Lower Boats Captains, so here's to a strong future for the senior squad!



***NEW* Gryphens Committee**

Any boatie who has seen what it takes to run a club like NCBC knows that the committee does a tremendous amount of work year on year to keep us thriving as we do. Building on their unrelenting efforts, we thought it was about time that we get some help in making the annual committee transition as smooth as possible and in maintaining the club memory through the years. As such, we have been working together with College to form a constitution and remit for a Gryphens Committee which will include both NCBC alumnae and College representatives, and are excited to say that we are now ready to fill the positions. The Committee will meet twice a year to discuss progress and plans for the Club with the current Captain and Head Coach and to offer assistance in a number of areas. We are sure that you all have experience that would be invaluable to NCBC, and so invite you to read our attached proposition and get involved. We hope that this can be the start of something to continue long into NCBC's future but we need you to make it happen! Please email Hele at ncbc.development@gmail.com to learn more and to get involved in a first meeting for the group.



Exciting news: a NEW ADDITION to the NCBC fleet

We are thrilled to announce that NCBC will officially be adding a new VIII to its racks in just a few short months. Thanks to generous funds from the JCR, earnings from our annual Short Course race and some greatly appreciated donations W1 will be heading into Bumps in a brand new Janousek. Join us for Mays to see it In all its shiny glory! In addition, we will be officially naming the vessel on Sunday 10th May at 2:30pm - if you are in the area you are all very welcome to join us for some bubbly at the boathouse and to welcome her to the fleet.

Mays Dinner: Save the date!

Though we have barely finished Lent term, us Bumps fanatics are already planning ahead to the next big event: the Mays. Following the success of last year's Mays Dinner we are pleased to be able to invite you

to celebrate with us again from the comfort of Hall in College. Official invitations will be coming to you soon but until then be sure to get the date in your diary: **Saturday 13th June 2015**. See you there!



Michaelmas Seniors

This Michaelmas, NCBC produced three senior crews: one very mighty IV as well as two Vllls.

Although the lack of Bumps races makes Michaelmas an inherently less adrenaline-filled term than Lent or Easter, all crews put in some solid practice and got back into the training schedule.

It was a long term of blood, sweat and tears (literally for all three, more applicable for certain individuals than others...) but here we are, having survived freezing mornings and dodged novice carnage (more or less... cheers Homerton)!

While we may not have won any trophies, the senior crews laid the groundwork for a strong year. And with six boats of now ex-novices free to join the ranks in Lents, it's was clear that NCBC would come out fighting for Bumps.



Senior Results: Michaelmas 2014

11/11/2014 - *Queens' Ergs*

Newnham/Jesus seniors: 6th Senior division

15/11/2014 - *Winter Head*

IV: 11:19, 4th Women's IV division
1st VIII: 10:50, 4th Women's VIII division
2nd VIII: 12:19 14th Women's VIII division

05/11/2014 - *Fairbairn Cup*

IV: 13:48.0 6th Women's IV
1st VIII: 18:41.0 13th Women's VIII
2nd VIII: 20:32.2 18th Women's VIII (5th W2)
Gryphens: 14:34.6 13th Women's IV



Gryphens take on the Fairbairn Cup

For a second year running, the mighty Gryphens took to the water to enter the Fairbairn's Cup, both demonstrating NCBC's prowess over the river and showing the current squad how it's done.

With our own Liz Waters on the steering, the brave four took on the winter weather and made it

to the finish line in style with a time of 14:34.6. The evening's BCD was well deserved and it was great to see the NCBC spirit still going strong for those involved.

If you're missing that thigh-burning feeling too or fancy another shot at taking down those

college rivals then watch out for next year's call to arms!

Cox: Liz Waters

S: Patricia Rosewell

2: Fran James

3: Jenna Dittmar

B: Jo Burch



Lents Bumps success for W1..

After making it through Fairbairns in one piece and eating the inevitable body weight in mince pies, NCBC returned to the river to fight for their position in this year's Lent Bumps. After W3 narrowly missed out on their piece of the fun due to a reduction in division size for this year (coming second of nineteen non-qualifying crews), W2 and W1 prepared to fight on their behalf.

Day one saw gutsy row-overs for both crews, with W1 finishing just a length behind the overbump crew, Caius I. The remaining three days saw some misfortune for W2 who fell to some mighty crews behind them. W1, however, were allowed to shine and subsequently put Catz I, Caius I and Clare I in their place to finish 7th on the river. As they always

say: good crews go up two, *great* crews up three and lucky crews get blades. So here's to another year of great crews, and who knows—maybe next year we'll get lucky.

To see the excitement for yourself, check out the youtube evidence: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJ-J5p6NCCSZqiFOGgOposg>



...and regatta glory for the lower boats

While Bumps didn't yield much fruit for the rest of NCBC, W2 and W3 both had successes in regatta races this term. In February, W2 went all out in Pembroke Regatta, reaching the final where they came in overall second to a strong Jesus W2. Meanwhile, W3 and W4 were training up after both also being beat-

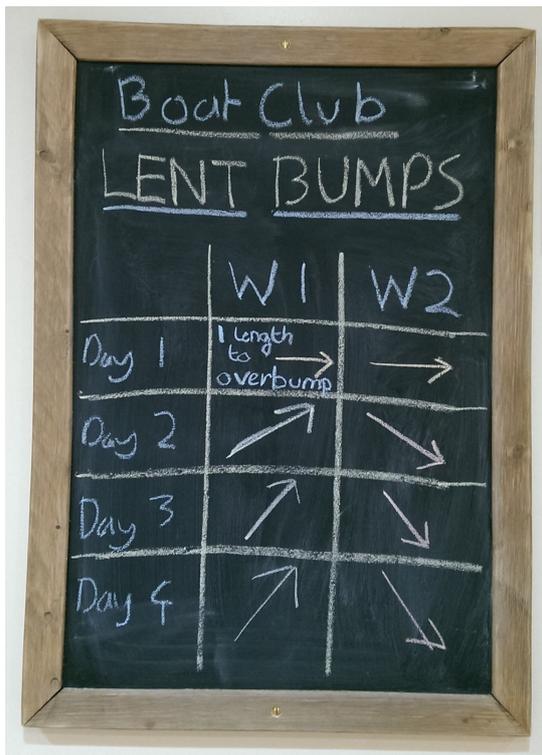
en by their respective rival Jesus crews. The hard work paid off for W3, who beat Fitz W2 and First and Third W3 to win the end-of-term Talbott Cup. Here's W2 wizzing home after a hard day's training.

Newnham Short Course praised

Once again NCBC strapped on their high-vis marshal jackets and faced the wintery Lent term conditions to run our annual Short Course race. With a total of 76 crews to organise this year, we had a big job on

our hands. Thankfully, everyone pulled together through the snow and the whole day ran without a hitch, with other clubs contacting us specifically to let us know what a good job we did! Here's Hilary modelling our fabulous marshal hats, a small token for a good day's work.





Dates for your diary:

- ⇒ 14th March 2015 **WeHoRR**
W1 will be making the trip down to London to take part in the big race
- ⇒ 11th April 2014 **BNY Mellon Boat Races**
Time to see the University women take to the tideway for the first time
- ⇒ 10-13th June 2015 **May Bumps**
Let battle commence!
- ⇒ 13th June 2015 **Mays Dinner**
Join us to celebrate NCBC's efforts at the end of another May Bumps campaign



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