

Gryphens Newsletter Michaelmas 2017



Gryphens IV Fairbairns 2017. (L-R) Leanne Fiddian, Gill Houston, Katie Phillips, Jo Withers, Coz Pearce

Future Dates

Lent Bumps Tuesday 27th February to Saturday 3rd March 2018

Lents BCD Saturday 3rd March 2018

May Bumps Wednesday 13th June to Saturday 16th June 2018

Mays BCD Saturday 16th June 2018

Pegasus Cup Due to NCBC's outstanding 2017 May Bumps campaign we were awarded the Pegasus Cup as the 'most successful college boat club'. This was presented at BCD by Richard Naisby and included a very large keg of beer from Milton Brewery providing 126 pints!

Michaelmas 2017 Boat Club Dinner including the Pegasus Cup Presentation

NCBC has again shown what a great club it is in both Senior and Novice racing, with many wins as well as top place finishes in races throughout the term. This sets us up well for bumps campaigns next term and the term after, where we have a chance at headship in both Lents and Mays! We are looking forward to inviting you to celebrate these events with us.

Novice

This year we had 44 novices, making up 5 novice boats. There were wins in both NW1 and NW2 divisions at Queens Erg, NW2 2nd at Emma Sprints as well as being the fastest NW2 in Fairbairns, and 9th overall. It will be extremely exciting to see what the novices can achieve as they become senior rowers next term.

Senior

W1 had many successes with wins at Autumn head and 'Stern IV' winning Uni IVs. They then topped off the term by finishing as 4th fastest boat at Fairbairns and 'Stern IV' finishing 2nd in the 4+ category.

W2 was the 'Happiest crew on the river' always finding time for photo opportunities and being an extremely good W2 crew on the river too, finishing as the 3rd fastest W2 at Fairbairns.

Gryphens

We had one crew participating in Fairbairns in the Senior IVs category, doing fantastically well for a scratch crew placing 14th before college crews as well as a crew from Oxford. There was also BCD afterwards which was well attended by Gryphens and current crews alike.



Michaelmas Term Results

University IVs Newnham had two boats competing with 'Stern IV' and 'Bow IV' of W1 making up the IVs. Both crews did particularly well, with 'Stern IV' ending up winning the competition.

Autumn Head W1 won! After only one outing together as a full crew due to illness and being very close to the start of term this was a fantastic result covering the 2.7km course in 11 minutes exactly, a huge 26secs ahead of the next W1 crew (Downing)- it was a fantastic start to the term.



Queens Ergs is an indoor rowing machine (erg) relay race in crews of 8, with everyone rowing 500m each with 10 seconds between each for people to switch over on the erg. We had 3 novice crews entered as well as a mixed senior crew with Jesus.

Newnham have a history of doing very well at Queens ergs and this year we did not disappoint! We won the NW1 and NW2 division, as well as the mixed senior crew coming 2nd.

Queens Ergs 2017. Winners of Novice Division 1 and 2

Fairbairns

As mentioned previously these are the results of Fairbairns which took place 30th November (Novice) and 1st December (Senior):

Vllls

W1 4th in Senior Div. 1

W2 3rd W2 in Senior Div. 2 (22nd overall)

NW1 7th in Novice Div.1

NW2 1st in Novice Div. 2 (9th overall)

NW3 3rd in Novice Div. 3

IVs

W1 2nd in Senior IVs

Gryphens 14th in Senior IVs



W1 Fairbairns 2017. 'Matching crews go faster'

Looking Ahead

Headship Opportunities

As Michaelmas ends crew are now looking ahead to the Bumps, both Lents and Mays. The current standings of Crew are as follows:

Lents

W1	4 th Div.1
W2	12 th Div.2
W3	15 th Div.3

Mays

W1	4 th Div.1
W2	5 th Div.2
W3	4 th Div.3

As you can see W1 has a chance of headship in both Lents and Mays. Therefore, it would be great to get as many Gryphens out and on the tow path to support all our crews through the Bumps (see Future dates). All are also invited to BOTH Lent and May BCDs in Newnham's Formal Hall to celebrate the success of the club in the Bumps.

Invite to the BCDs will follow in due course, but please save the dates for now.



W2 on a Christmas outing
complete with Tinsel, Santa hats
and Reindeer antlers!

If anyone is ever around Cambridge and would like to help coach/follow an outing, then please let us know! Dev Officer (Pippa)
ncbc.development@gmail.com

A HUGE thank you to those who have donated to NCBC. We plan to use these donations to repair equipment and are even looking to buy a new VIII! So far, we have replaced the broken speaker and cox box system in the 2nd VIII and are replacing the broken and holey shoes in the boats.

We would love to hear your stories of your time in NCBC! If you have any photos and a short story or few words, please email them to Pippa (ncbc.development@gmail.com) so we can put them on our website.

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