

Announcement from the Chairman

Welcome to the first edition of the Cadwallader Club newsletter, which announces our campaign to mark some forthcoming and significant anniversaries for Jesus rowing. In 2014 the Cadwallader Club marks its 40th year; and 2015 is the 200th anniversary of the first known bumps race, where Jesus College raced with Brasenose in the earliest recorded instance of what was to become a great racing tradition.

To celebrate these remarkable anniversaries the Cadwallader Club is launching a programme of events that will:

- Celebrate the history and achievements of the College boat club;
- Reconnect the Club with as many former College rowers as possible; and
- Build Cadwallader's funds so that we can support College rowing in the new and evolving context of the modern sport.

We hope you find this an interesting read. We will be updating you regularly and look forward to you joining us in celebrating the history of a club that was there at the very beginning of the unique Oxbridge tradition of bumps racing.

Best wishes

Pat Tyrrell, Chairman.

Forthcoming events – and dates for your diary

The launch of the campaign will take place at a **drinks reception in London on 6th February 2014** at which we hope to see as many Cadwallader members as possible. It will be held at the Oxford and Cambridge Club - 71 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5HD from 6.30pm, tickets costing £25. All supporters and friends (including non-rowers!) of Cadwallader Club are welcome. Formal invitations will shortly be sent out, but to register your interest please contact JCBC.Cadwallader@gmail.com

Summer Vllls in 2014 – we will be formally naming the new Men's first VIII on **Saturday, 31st May 2014**. We anticipate that College will hold an informal drinks reception at the boat house on that day. JCBC will be hoping that the Women will continue their extraordinary run of 3 consecutive years of blades in either Torpids or Eights; that the Men will reap the benefit of their hard work so far this winter; and that the Club will continue the sheer depth of participation in College rowing that it showed with 8 crews participating last year.

The **40th anniversary dinner will be held on Friday, 19th September 2014**. The dinner will celebrate this significant anniversary for the club, and we expect to mark the occasion in style.

Summer Vllls 2015 will see a joint celebration with Brasenose of the anniversary of the first bump, along with a row past to recreate that very first race. Our current proposal is for the 1815 Club (our equivalent at BNC) and Cadwallader to come together between 12.00 and 3.00 pm to have lunch on the Brasenose sports ground which is near to the finish line for Eights. We hope to be able to stage the race at around tea-time with authentic boats and kit recalling the race in 1815. Further details will be announced at the Cadwallader dinner in September 2014.



Rebuilding links with Cadwallader Club members

One of the aims of our new approach is to try and reconnect with as many ex-rowers as possible – our contact list is not as comprehensive or as up to date as we would like. With our programme of events we would like to link up with as many people as possible – so we ask all members who receive this newsletter to connect us in with ex-JCBC rowers you are in touch with. Please do forward this newsletter and let JCBC.Cadwallader@gmail.com know of any new contacts.

Our aims and strategy

The Cadwallader Club actually consists of two entities. The club exists for social purposes and every year we host a not for profit dinner in College open to all ex-oarsmen and women and supporters of College rowing. But there is also the lesser known Cadwallader Trust – the charity set up to support and sustain College rowing.

The Trust has traditionally supported College rowing through the purchase of new boats. The cost of a new boat nowadays is around £24,000, and we have been able to regularly contribute more than half the cost of a new boat every 3 years or so – though like everything these costs are increasing. But it has become clear that the sort of support we offer needs to broaden out beyond capital purchases. College rowing is getting increasingly structured – gone are the days that many old members will remember where the captain of boats coached the lower crews and the First VIII could be coached by an old member of the College who gave his services for free. To be successful crews now need support from a paid coach and to participate in training camps and racing. The Men's 1st VIII has struggled for several years to rise above the bottom half of the Second Division and it is clear that, without greater involvement in coaching and training, it will be difficult to remedy this.

Our aim is to secure the future of college rowing at Jesus – both in terms of participation and achievement of the crews. And we also aim to secure the future of the Cadwallader Trust in the long term. Cadwallader Club has recently been taking a much more active involvement in the management of the boat club, supporting the students in their selection of coaches and implementing training plans. We have also facilitated training camps and awaydays on the Tideway (most recently on 2 November when the Women trained from Thames Rowing Club) and supported coaching costs. This is already creating a change within JCBC as they participate in a much wider range of regattas - both the men and women aim to compete at the respective Eights head of the river races (a prestigious time trial race with 500 boats competing over the boat race course in reverse).

We want to guarantee our support for this wider array of activities in to the future as well as continuing to support equipment purchases on a regular basis. We cannot currently afford to commit to do so in the long term, and so we are undertaking an ambitious fundraising project to coincide with our significant anniversaries and social events. We hope you will be able to support us in our ambition over the coming 18 months. Every little really does help – and we hope by setting out our objectives you understand what we are trying to do and why.

Recent donations and support

Recent donations made by Cadwallader Trust to JCBC include:

- £12,000 in July 2013 to pay half the cost of a new Men's 1st VIII;
- £3000 to refurbish the boat Queen Elizabeth I – this directly supports both Men's and Women's rowing and now means that JCBC has the best condition boat stock they have ever had; and
- Support for training camps for the Men and the Women on the Tideway in London – the next will be held in early January 2014.

JCBC news

Cadwallader members may be interested to read the Three of Harts [here](#) – a newsletter published by the students.

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