

*St Catherine's College Rowing Society
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15th February, 2004

21st Anniversary Year 1984-2004

In this issue ...

This year is the 21st anniversary of the founding of the Rowing Society and the Chairman explains how we plan to mark this occasion. Somewhere in the vicinity of this newsletter you should also find details of the Rowing Society AGM & Dinner (6th March). There is an update on the progress of our University triallists and results from Bedford Head earlier today where our 1st crews saw their first action of the term. We've lost a few weeks with the high stream but hopefully there will now be a clear run through to Torpids (2nd-6th March). There's a piece on the Boat Club of 78/79 and an appeal from one of that era for a cox for the Vets' Head.

The Rowing Society is 21 Years Old

Bruce Mitchell, Chairman of the Society

2004 is the 21st Anniversary of the founding of the Rowing Society. The Committee has decided that the best way to celebrate would be to boost the Catz Campaign by asking St Catherine's rowing alumni to raise £45 000 to fund two rooms for the Captains of Boats in the new building and a Rowing Society Foundation Scholarship. More details will be sent out later but, in the meantime, if you want more information, contact Bruce Mitchell on email to hoo-farm@ukonline.co.uk or phone on 01684 292185.

University Triallists

Apart from the Rowing Society's coming of age, this year will also be the 150th Boat Race. Last December two newcomers to Catz featured in the OUBC Trials Race: Paul Holland (ex-Princeton), rowed no.3 in *Maul* which beat *Ruck*, stroked by Colin Smith (ex-Prince Edward, Harare, via the GB Junior Squad) by 1 length. James Woodrow is also in the squad. OUBC, have had some recent success with a Catz oarsman named 'Smith' in the stroke seat but it is quite possible that a few other factors are also taken into consideration. In the Lightweights' squad, Nick Heiney earned himself a place in their trials race but currently find himself on the subs bench.

Results

Bedford Head 15th Feb (201 entries)

Time	Overall	Category	Place in Cat
6:35	39th	S2 8	9th/11
6:36	=40th	S3 8	15th/16
8:12	=167th	WN 8	5th/7
8:20	176th	WS4 8	15th/16

NB: Only Catz 1st crews, each racing twice

Torpids 2004

Crews for Torpids are still uncertain due to the recent high stream conditions. However, the river became rowable just in time for our first crews to remind themselves how it all works before dashing off to Bedford Head (results above). All being well, Torpids will run from Wed-Sat, 3rd-6th March with divisions racing every 30 minutes from noon until 5pm (same times each day). There are four Catz crews in the fixed divisions.

Torpids 2004: Wednesday Start times

Crew	Div	Bungline	Time
Men's 1st Torpid	I	9	5.00pm
Women's 1st Torpid	I	2	4.30pm
Women's 2nd Torpid	III	11	2.30pm
Men's 2nd Torpid	V	4	1.00pm



President: Tony Hancox

Vice Presidents: Don Barton, Rev. Joseph Bell,
Sir Timothy Garden KCB, Richard Peters,
Matthew Pinsent CBE, Ben Sylvester

2004 Men's 1st Torpid



Bow: Erik Vincent
Age: 22 Hgt: 183cm Wgt: 84kg
Subj: M.Phil Develop. Studies
School: U.C. Berkeley, USA
Experience: Novice

2: Joe Wilson (V/C)

Age: 21 Hgt: 183cm Wgt: 74kg
Subj: 2nd Year Econ. & Man.
School: St Louis, N. Ireland
Experience: 2003 M2T, M2E



3: Steve Wicks
Age: 19 Hgt: 188cm Wgt: 85kg
Subj: 1st Year Econ. & Man.
School: Dauntsey's School, De-
zevizes
Experience: Novice

4: Darren Chadwick

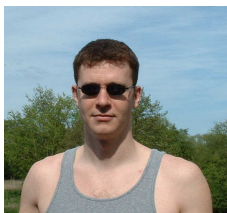
Age: 19 Hgt: 180cm Wgt: 90kg
Subj: 1st Year Human Sciences
School: Solihull School
Experience: Novice



5: Dave Royse
Age: 19 Hgt: 193cm Wgt: 89kg
Subj: 1st Year Chemistry
School: Farnborough 6th Form
College
Experience: Novice

6: Evan Burfield (Captain)

Age: 27 Hgt: 193cm Wgt: 96kg
Subj: 2nd Year PPE
School: Thomas Jefferson HS,
USA
Experience: Varsity VIII, Occo-
quan BC, 2003 M1E



7: Justin Puleo
Age: 22 Hgt: 196cm Wgt: 91kg
Subj: Visiting Student
School: Harvard, USA
Experience: Varsity Crew



Str: Dan Blakey

Age: 25 Hgt: 185cm Wgt: 90kg
Subj: D.Phil Neuroscience
School: Grenville College, De-
von & U. Warwick
Experience: 96-99 U. Warwick;
99-01 Norwich RC; 2002 M1T,
M1E



Cox: Alastair Ross
Age: 20 Hgt: 166cm Wgt: 60kg
Subj: 2nd Year Materials Sc.
School: Dr Challoner's Gram-
mar School
Experience: Novice

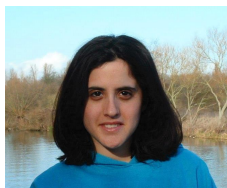
2004 Women's 1st Torpid



Bow: Jennifer May Lee
Age: 20 Hgt: 160cm Wgt: 52kg
Subj: Visiting Student
School: University of Michigan,
Ann Arbor, USA
Experience: Novice

2: Elizabeth Owens

Age: 21 Hgt: 172cm Wgt: 65kg
Subj: Visiting Student
School: Colorado College, USA
Experience: Novice



3: Annie Rosenzweig
Age: 21 Hgt: 162cm Wgt: 59kg
Subj: Visiting Student
School: Yale University, USA
Experience: Novice



4: Kassy Long

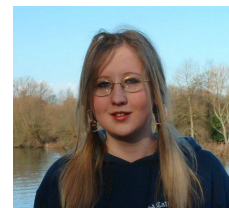
Age: 21 Hgt: 158cm Wgt: 53kg
Subj: Visiting Student
School: Georgetown University,
USA
Experience: Novice



5: Lydia Hutchinson
Age: 18 Hgt: 176cm Wgt: 58kg
Subj: 1st year Chemistry
School: Burgess Hill School
Experience: Novice



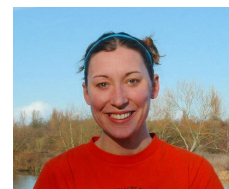
6: Emma Willis (V/C)
Age: 19 Hgt: 168cm Wgt: 65kg
Subj: 2nd Year Biology
School: The Queen's School,
Chester
Experience: 2003 W2T



7: Katharine Pierce (Capt)
Age: 20 Hgt: 172cm Wgt: 62kg
Subj: 2nd Year Maths & Phil.
School: Kodaikanal Interna-
tional School, India
Experience: 2003 W2T, W1E



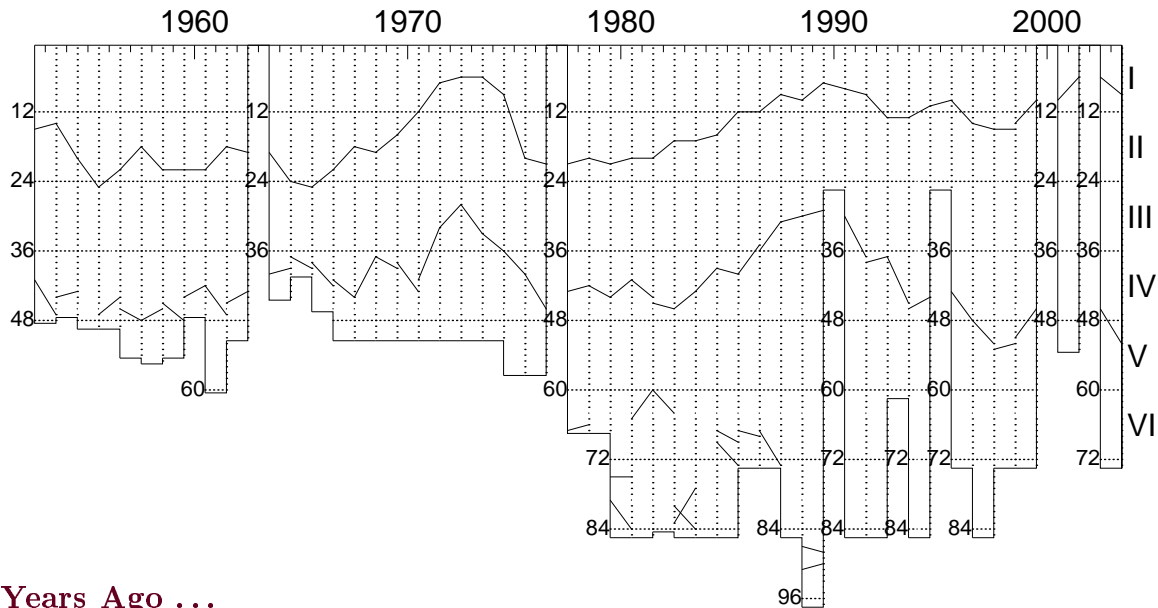
Str: Carolyn Aler
Age: 20 Hgt: 173cm Wgt: 65kg
Subj: Visiting Student
School: Washington University,
USA
Experience: Novice



Cox: Ben Gander
Age: 19 Hgt: 170cm Wgt: 60kg
Subj: 2nd Year Computer Sci-
ence
School: Stantonbury Campus,
Milton Keynes
Experience: 2003 M2T, W3E



St. Catherine's Men's Torpids 1953 - 2003



25 Years Ago ...

In 1979 Women's divisions in bumps were still a relatively new concept, only made practical by 5 formerly male colleges (including St Catherine's) having recently decided to go 'mixed'. Together with the 5 women's colleges, this doubled the number of colleges capable of putting out women's crews. 1979 was only the second year of women's rowing in Torpids, for which Catz boated two crews (the 2nd crew actually starting ahead of the 1st crew on one day). That was also the last year of the rather complicated '2-lane' Torpids system: with odd-numbered crews and even-numbered splitting into two lanes off the start and attempting to bump the crew in their lane. Interesting idea, but with many coxes struggling to steer through the Gut let alone keep to their lane, carnage was fairly routine.

Although not quite in the forefront of the feminist movement in Oxford rowing, the 1979 Summer Eights programme lists a certain J. Winterson as rowing in the no.4 seat of our women's 3rd Eight.

From the 1979 *St Catherine's Year*

The Ladies decided to forego their own chance of success by demonstrating just how many things can go wrong in a race; stopping dead in the Gut, causing a multiple pile-up, was a real coup, but it resulted in their being placed lower than the ladies' seconds who had an exciting year too. Unfortunately the boat refused to steer left, so that the Ladies' seconds were forced into a foray amongst the houseboats, and later into a head-on collision with a Christ Church boat which was sitting at the raft. Nevertheless this was our most successful Torpid boat since it actually stayed level (in the water and on paper).

A few individuals stand out from the common herd: Karen Troy, the ladies Captain, rowed for the Blues Lightweight crew; Sally Lincoln coxed the ladies Blues at Henley; and Jane Griffiths seemed assured of her Blue, but unfortunately had to withdraw from training due to back trouble.

Rob Hughes' reign of terror as Captain of Boats was probably largely responsible for the fleet of nine boats which took to the water in Eights; and his virtuoso performance at a JCR meeting in Trinity resulted in the commissioning of a new purpose-built Ladies' shell [*Trespassers W.*].

Cox Wanted for Vets Head (21 March)

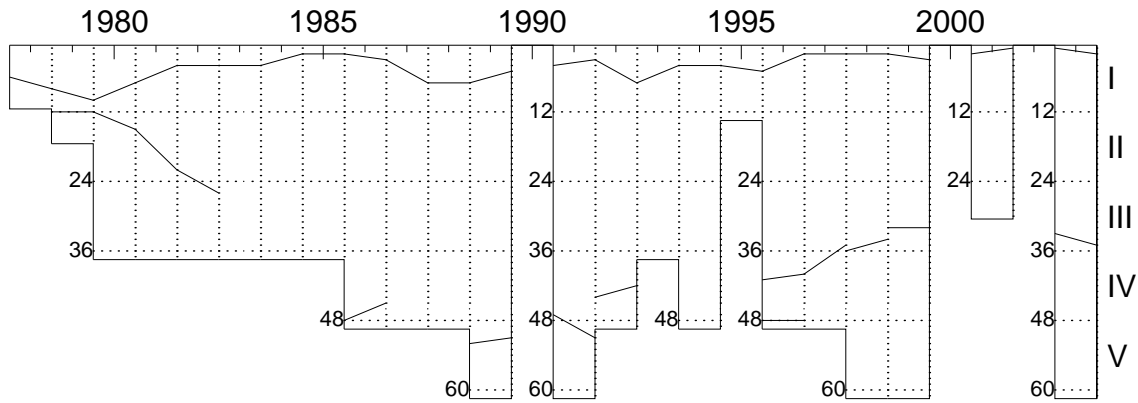
From Steve Thompson (M.72)

Dear Anu,

You might remember that you invited myself and Rowland Hill to an alumni event at St Catherine's College when we enjoyed a row on the Isis. Well, I am still at it! Furthermore, we have assembled a strong Veterans' eight this year at Trafford Rowing Club in south Manchester. Our only problem is that our cox is a 12 year old boy and the Tideway, we feel, will be too much for him. Do you think that anyone at St Catherine's would enjoy the experience? There would be a good lunch in it.

Steve would be equally willing to hear from any alumni with coxing experience. Obviously anyone capable of reaching Trafford RC for the odd training outing would be most welcome, but he'd be happy just to know there'll be someone available in London on the day. Contact me and I'll pass the message on.

St. Catherine's Women's Torpids 1978 - 2003



News from Alumni

Andrew Nicoll (M.88) I'm currently at The Oratory School in South Oxfordshire. I met members of the Society at Henley Women's Regatta last year in the tent sponsored by PwC which is also involved the careers education programme at The Oratory. The school Boat Club gets larger every year and any boatie from my, or any other generation, from Catz is more than welcome to pop down.

Emily Thomas (M.92) I continue to read and enjoy your newsletters and every time I think I should type a few lines to let you know what I'm up to, on the assumption that you can always just press the delete button if it's too dull! So ... after leaving Catz I worked for 4 years (unsurprisingly, as a doctor!) in Tommies and Lewisham in London before getting married and moving to California. I'm now living close to San Francisco (and despite being in the same state as Rich Law (M.95) we seem to have managed to be at opposite ends!) with husband Colin (rowed for Trinity) and my 8 month old daughter, Holly. Not rowing at the moment, but finding myself looking enviously at the boats on the bay ... Hope all is well with the Catz boaties!

Sarah Askew (M.96) My life seems to have been taken over by college rowing yet again (St Edmund's College, Cambridge this time). What started out as doing a bit of coaching for the novices has escalated into coaching the Men's 2nd VIII and rowing in the Women's 1st VIII. Trying to get used to all the early mornings (I'm doing 4 or 5 a week at the moment) and fit in circuits, erg sessions etc. while still putting in the occasional appearance in the lab. Lent bumps appear to be approaching rapidly and I'm hoping to continue my record of not being bumped. Quite apprehensive about sitting on a bung line again though — it's been 6 years since I last had to do it, and

just thinking about the 1 minute gun still makes me nervous!

Simon Evans (M.98) I'm living in Bristol, having just started a PhD in October. My housemates found out I used to row and keep asking if I'm going to take it up again (we live right by the river after all) but I'm too used to free time and lie-ins to go back to rowing. My girlfriend can't believe I was ever rowing captain. I did notice there's a UWE vs Bristol Boat Race though, so I might go and see that.

Coming Up ...

In the next newsletter, as well as Captains' reports on Torpids and the various University Boat Races there will be a feature on the Boat Club of 35 years ago (68/69), under the Captaincy of Aidan Dunn, so if you rowed that year send me a few lines to let me know what you're doing now. News and contributions from alumni of other years also welcome.

Anu Dudhia

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Diary

- 21 Feb 2004 Burway Head
- 22 Feb 2004 Isis Winter League 'E'
- 27 Feb 2004 Rowing On
- 1 Mar 2004 Deadline for replies for RS Dinner
- 3-6 Mar 2004 Torpids
- 6 Mar 2004 Rowing Society Dinner & AGM
- 21 Mar 2004 Henley Boat Races
- 28 Mar 2004 The Boat Race
- 26-29 May 2004 Eights