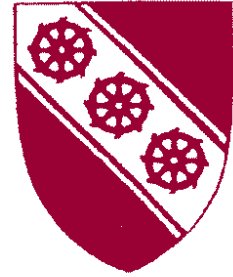


**St Catherine's College Rowing Society**  
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**In this issue . . .**

Results, reports and pictures of the term's rowing, featuring Bedford Regatta as well as Eights, the Ben Sylvester Award and News from Alumni. Bruce Mitchell also writes of the recent death of Bill Hunt.

**Results**

**Bedford Amateur Regatta 13th May**

*College Eights*

- St Catherine's bt Corpus (Cam) 2 L
- Univ/Nephthys bt St Catherine's 2 L

*Novice Coxed IV's*

- St Catherine's bt Peterborough City 5 L
- St Catherine's bt Corpus (Cam) 3 L
- Reading bt St Catherine's 1 1/2 L

*Novice VIIIs*

- CCAT bt St Catherine's 3 L

*Novice VIIIs - Plate*

- St Catherine's bt Harrow School 1 L
- Bedford School bt St Catherine's 2 1/2 L

*Sen 3 VIIIs*

- St Catherine's bt Broxbourne 1 L
- St Catherine's bt Bedford School 1 ft
- St Edwards School bt St Catherine's 1 1/2 L

*W Sen 3 Coxed IV's*

- St Edwards School bt St Catherine's 3/4 L

*W Novice VIIIs*

- Pemb/St Catz bt Clare Coll. easily
- Pemb/St Catz bt CCAT easily
- Pemb/St Catz bt Worcester Coll 1/2 L
- Balliol Coll bt Pemb/St Catz 3 L

*W Sen 3 VIIIs*

- Pemb/St Catz bt Jesus (Cam) 1 L
- Pemb/St Catz bt Pembroke (Cam) rowed over

**Eights 24-27th May**

	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Finish
Men's I	+1	+1	+1	+1	5th Div I
Women's I	+1	=	=	=	2nd Div II
Men's II	+1	+1	=	+1	2nd Div IV
Women's II	+1	-1	-1	=	11th Div IV
Men's III	-1	-1	-1	+1	12th Div VII

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St Catherine's	
Hertford	
University	
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Lincoln	
Keble	
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Worcester	
Brazenose	
Merton	
St Peter's	
St Anne's	
Mansfield	
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Wolfson	
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Linacre	
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Magdalen II	
Corpus Christi	
St Hugh's	
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New College III	
Exeter III	
Pembroke V	
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Trinity III	
Christ Church IV	
Worcester III	
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Hertford III	

For those of you who imagine that the guns during Eights are still fired by someone who is essentially (a) grumpy (b) old and (c) male, I'm afraid that nowadays you'd be wrong on every count.



## 2006 St Catherine's Eights

### Men's 1st Eight

B James Bolton  
2 Stephan Moelvig  
3 James Hutton  
4 Peter Goult  
5 Justin Puleo  
6 Colin Smith  
7 Bruce Magee  
S Bastien Ripoll  
C Nick Brodie

### Women's 1st Eight

B Claire Palmer  
2 Bailey Cahall  
3 Joelle Abrahams  
4 Bianca Rautenbach  
5 Sarah Boddy  
6 Alice Newton  
7 Clare Shakespeare  
S Amy Banham-Hall  
C Timothy Rooney

### Men's 2nd Eight

B Simon Christian-Edwards  
2 Malcolm Spencer  
3 Leo Masson  
4 Jack Gillions  
5 Dominik Moser  
6 James Mee  
7 Ralf Schneider  
S Michael Tran  
C Fleur-Estelle Shaw

### Women's 2nd Eight

B Leora Rothenberg  
2 Rachel Brettel  
3 Emma Farrow  
4 Zara Chidoub  
5 Rebecca Lewin  
6 Nicola Squire  
7 Grace Shortland  
S Juliet Raine  
C Alyssa Lubet

### Men's 3rd Eight

B Alexander Lazare  
2 William Gregory  
3 Jamie Menzies  
4 James DeMellow  
5 Thomas Ward  
6 Fergus O'Sullivan  
7 Henry Haslam  
S Oliver Phillips  
C Sophie Kasiri

Bianca, counting down  
the Women's 2nd Eight



The Women's 2nd Eight

Throughout the term, Bianca Rautenbach put in an enormous amount of time and effort running the novice training programme for the women. Despite the fact the 2nd Eight that eventually raced consisted mostly of complete novices, the girls showed an enormous amount of spirit and managed to keep Catz W2 in the fixed divisions, meaning next year's 2nd Eight will not have to Row On.



The Women's 1st Eight

## Women's Boat Club Report

### Amy Banham-Hall, Women's Captain

This term has seen St Catz women successes both in College bumps racing and in an external regatta.

Two weeks before Eights, St Catz hit Bedford Regatta in force. The women teamed up with Pembroke to enter several composite events. Those without points from each college entered the Womens Novice Eights races, performing extremely well to beat Worcester (chasing Catz in Eights) in the semi-final but losing out to Balliol in the Final.

The other girls entered a Senior 3 Eight but, apparently, our performance in beating the Cambridge Head crew was so awesome that our opposition (another Cambridge college crew) decided not to show up for the final, meaning we went home with pots and points though feeling slightly cheated out of the opportunity to fight out a final!

For the 1st boat, Eights got off to a perfect start, quite literally, as we managed to bump Oriol (the Torpids Head crew) before hitting our stride. The next day we were chasing Keble. Another flying start brought us to within half a length of them by the end of the Gut. However, their crew (probably about twice the size of our girls) deserve credit for their guts, and managing to remain composed as they held us off through the rest of the course. Friday followed a similar pattern although this time Keble, rowing as Sandwich boat, bumped Merton. The final day brought bitter disappointment to our crew. Once again we moved up rapidly to have overlap on Merton and were going for the bump when the klaxon was sounded and the division stopped. The Merton cox raised his hand but the bump was not awarded as it was judged to have been just after the klaxon. We shall have to wait until next year for the joy of bumping back into Division I!

This year, though we have no blades to show for our efforts, we have achieved more than our bump shows. Not only have we managed to stop the fall of successive Catz W1 crews over the last few years, but we have proven to be one of the fastest women's crews on the water. I think, if Summer Eights were side by side races, the results would have been a lot different!

In eight years of rowing, I have never had such fun, or experienced such a strong sense of team spirit as I have since coming to Catz. I have learnt a huge amount over this year being Captain, and wish Bianca all the best for next year, when, I am sure, Catz girls will continue to go up!

## Men's Boat Club Report

### Peter Goult, Men's Captain

Back in College after the Eton training camp, M2 and W1 began training regularly under the coaching of Matthew Elliott, and Amy and I began to hand over the captaincy to next year's victims, Mal and Bianca. They set up a novice training programme, and with the help of some other individuals were able to create a beer VIII (M3) and a W2.

The next big fixture was Bedford Regatta, in which Catz men entered two competitions with M1, a novice VIII and a IV. It was excellent race experience for all concerned despite not winning anything.



The Men's 3rd Eight, attempting to bring a touch of class to the otherwise vulgar brawl that is Men's Div VII.

Summer VIIIs went very well, with the Beer VIII qualifying and adding a considerable atmosphere to the boathouse, M2 bumping 3 out of four days, very narrowly missing out on blades on the Friday due to the two boats ahead of them bumping out at the top of the division, leaving them without anyone even to overbump. They produced a hugely impressive crew speed given the diversity of rowers in the boat and the quality bodes well for next year.



The Men's 2nd Eight, closing on Univ II on Friday, but Univ were to catch SEH II first.

M1 were a little more difficult. With two Blues, the Isis stroke and cox, a Harvard Varsity oarsman an Olympic lightweight gold medallist all becoming available to row for Catz this term, it was set to be interesting. But with crew members disappearing to Denmark, Germany, France and Croatia, and technical problems with the boat (which had to be returned to Sims for fixing) we only got about 4 outings in before the first day of Eights.



The Men's 1st Eight. With 7 different nationalities in the crew, they decided to settle for displaying the Boat Club Flag.

Despite this, we had quick starts and lots of horse power and bumped Teddy Hall, New College, Exeter and Oriel (giving the last one spoons — Yes!), all in the Gut or by Donny Bridge, winning us blades, and putting the Men's 1st boat 5th on the river, its highest ever position in Torpids or Eights.<sup>1</sup> With the successful Torpids (finishing 6th on the river), it is also the first time that a Catz 1st boat has won 'double' blades.

I have handed over Captaincy to Mal, now becoming President of the Boat Club, and I am confident he

<sup>1</sup>It also means that I am no longer a member of the last Catz Men's 1st Eight to get blades (1982)! - Anu Dudhia

will do an excellent job. The College has invited us to chalk our blades up in the new quad and is throwing us a double bumps supper in 8th week. It has been a tempestuous but rewarding year and St Catz is looking bright for the future, moving towards its rightful position as one of the top few rowing colleges in the University.

## News from Alumni

### Richard Peters (M.82)

I have now moved from Ho Chi Minh City to Bangkok to take up a regional role in PricewaterhouseCoopers for the Asian Region. Whilst this role requires me to come back to UK on regular basis has not yet coincided with a Rowing Society event. Do still come back for Henley Royal Regatta and Wimbledon Tennis each year.

### Richard Cooke (M.83)

I'm currently living in leafy Cheshire and despite driving past Warrington Rowing Club every time I go to Sainsbury's I've not been in a boat since rowing in the 41 club event between Oxford and Henley with a few old mates from Southport rowing club in 1996.

I'm married to Marion (nee Cosgrove) who studied History at Catz and, to use that inimitable phrase, never set bum in a boat. We have a three year old girl called Grace. Work currently involves trying to convince people to place orders with us to build them substations in the sea to connect their offshore wind-farms to the grid. At the time of writing we currently have a 100% record for the UK, that is to say we've built the first one and there aren't anymore yet!

## Ben Sylvester Award

This year's Benjamin F. Sylvester Jnr medal for the person who is judged to have made the greatest contribution to the rowing life of St Catherine's has been awarded to Darren Chadwick.

'Daz' learned to row at St Catz, was last year's Men's Captain and has continued to play an active role as this year's President: coaching novice crews, designing the new Men's 1st VIII blades, fundraising and, despite having finals this term, even subbing in the 1st Eight on the Wednesday of Eights. Some comments from those who nominated him:

'Without doubt he has been a central figure to St Catherine's Boat Club this year, a source of inspiration, motivation and fun'

'Daz has been, and continues to be, a unifying party between the interests of both the men and the

women within the club, someone that any member can turn to.'

'The humour and fun he brings to the Boat Club, which makes SCCBC the best place to be on the river'



The RS Chairman, Kevin Skinner (left) presenting the 2006 Ben Sylvester Award to Darren Chadwick.

## Coming Up ...

In the next newsletter there will be reports on the summer's rowing, varying from the depths of the alumni paddles to the heights of the World Championships (Dorney Lake, 20–27th August), where we hope Andy Triggs Hodge (M.04) will be defending his title in the GB coxless 4-. There will also be a look back at the Boat Club of 10 years ago — 1996/7 — when Richard Law and Em Thomas were captains. Items for the News from Alumni section always welcome, but I'll be chasing up those of you who rowed in those years in particular.

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## Bill Hunt

### From Bruce Mitchell, RS President

It is with much regret that I report the death of Bill Hunt. Professor, the Reverend Ernest William Hunt was awarded an M. Litt. when at St Catherine's Society in 1951. Shortly after, he became Professor of Theology at St David's College, Lampeter in the University of Wales.

He always took a keen interest in St Catherine's. He did not row but he was a strong supporter of St Catherine's crews and in recent years was a familiar figure on the towpath in his wheelchair.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of a donation, in memory of Professor Hunt, from Mrs Hunt to the Rowing Society Foundation Scholarship fund.