



# NEWSLETTER



## Cambridge Regatta

The club competed at Cambridge Autumn Regatta on 9th September. This was a memorable event with Suvid Jain winning his first pot in the open coxless quad with Gwilym Andrew, Alec Smy and Dan Nash. Gwil and Alec added to their pot collection with a win in the J16 2x while Gatley Searle and Oscar Brice won the Open 2x. Everyone raced well and managed to avoid the infamous bank near the finish line. Evie Andrew and Lou Hinkley, Ellie Garnham and Ellie Nichols and Toby Ray all won their first races before being knocked out. Others racing were Dan Dignam, Dan Fazackerley, Maksim Marjonovic and Will Edwards coxed by Ellie Nichols; Kornelia Wadja and Abigail Ryley and Mark Smith.



## Milton Keynes Regatta

A good number of juniors attended the recent regatta at Milton Keynes. Despite the weather being awful, there were a good number of wins.

Winners -- Dan Dignam in Op J15 1x; Dan Fazackerley and Maxim Marjanovic Op J15 2x; Alec Smy and Gwil Andrew Op J16 2x; Dan Nash and George Lindsell-Mansbridge Op J18 2x; Louise Hinkley and Alice Ray W 2x; Will Edwards, Dan Dignam, Dan Fazackerley and Maxim Marjanovic, coxed by Ellie Nichols, won Op J15 4x+.

Also competing were Toby Ray, Finn Brice, Ellie Nichols, Ellie Garnham, Abigail Ryley, Rosie Shepherd and Kornelia Wadja. Well done to everyone.

A huge thank you to Alice for holding the fort and organising everyone in the absence of Paul and Wendy. Thank you also to Lou, Neil and Kelly Hinkley for their help on the day, and towing the trailer.



## Club Races

The club recently held the annual Club Races. Despite the awful weather, everyone had a good day.

The winning quad was George Lindsell-Mansbridge, Kornelia Wadja, Dan Heathcoote, Iva/Archer Pigg, coxed by Elle Nichols. The doubles was won by Gwyl Andrew and Libby Jackson.



## St Neots Head

Some of the juniors recently competed at St Neots Small Boats Head. There was a win for Ben and Alex Hunter in J15 2x, Toby Ray and Finn Brice won their race in the Mini Head at J13 2x, and Toby Ray also won J13 1x.

Others who competed were Abigail Ryley, Rosie Shepherd, Will Edwards, Dan Fazackerley, Maksim Marjanovic, Dan Dignam, Gwyl Andrew, Alec Stry and Libby Jackson. Libby competed in the Mini Head at WJ13 1x, although she didn't get a win she secured 2nd place which was a good effort for her first race.



## Huntingdon Head of River

The annual HBC Head of River recently took place. Even though the entries were slightly lower this year, the day was still a great success.

Huntingdon rowers Dan Fazackerley and Maksim Marjanovic won their J15 doubles. Maksim also won the J15 single race. Abigail Ryley and Rosie Shepherd won their Womens J17 doubles. Edward Adams won the Masters B singles race, and a composite crew of both Huntingdon Boat Club and St Ives Rowing Club won the Masters 8. This crew consisted of Andy Wood, Iain Rickerty, Mark Smith, Edward Adams with Pip Woodford, Jon Dolby, Paul Ashmore, Tony Bennett from St Ives, coxed by Alice Ray.

Also competing for Huntingdon were Louise Hinkley, Evie Andrew, Dan Dignam, Alex Hunter, Ben Hunter, Siobhan Weaver, Wendy Jones, Suvdi Jain, Elle Nichols and Ellie Garnham.

Toby Ray and Finn Brice rowed in the Mini Head at J13 2x, Evie Ray and Libby Jackson rowed at J12 2x. A quad consisting of Daniel Grant, Milosz Wadja, Noah Shepherd and Ross O'Keane, coxed by Elle Garnham, also rowed the Mini Head course.

Huge thanks have to go to Jon Deacon for organising this event. He puts in a great deal of work behind the scenes to make sure the day goes smoothly. Thanks to all advertisers in the programme and sponsors of the event.

We were lucky to have a vast array of cakes donated, homemade soup from Carmen Sanchez and a constant supply of bacon rolls and burgers from the barbecue. Manning the food side of the event is never easy so a very big thank you to everyone who helped out on the day – this was much appreciated.

Further thanks to all those who marshalled, sat in chilly safety boats, at the start, finish or landing stage and those who were warm but hectic behind the bar or calculating race times. Thank you to Terry and Jill from Purvis Marine for supplying and manning a safety boat for us again.



## Dates for the Diary:

**HBC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
– Friday 30th November 7pm

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**  
– Friday 14th December 7.30pm  
Any raffle prizes would be much appreciated. Please can all raffle tickets, sold or unsold, be returned by Saturday 8th December.

**JUNIOR PRESENTATION EVENING**  
– Saturday 15th December

All juniors and their families are invited to this event. Food and a disco will follow the presentation.

### NEW YEAR'S EVE

The club has booked singer Bondy this year. It will be a ticket event, price to be confirmed. It would be great to see a good turnout.



The recent Cheese and Wine evening was well attended and a good night was had by all. Thanks to Sarah Adair, Alice Ray, Chris Yallop, Frank Balls and everyone who helped organise the night.

During the evening, Frank had his head shaved in aid of Macmillan, raising over £500! Well done Frank.

## WINTER TRAINING TIMES FOR JUNIORS

Wednesdays and Fridays 5-6.30pm.  
Saturdays 9am-11am – remember to bring plenty of layers.

### Kit

The latest kit order has arrived and we now have long leggings and club t-shirts available for sale.

*Kit modelled by Andrew Meredith!*



## FUNDRAISING

We applied to Huntingdonshire District Council's Community Chest fund and were successful in achieving a grant of £2,500 towards the renovation of the landing stage area. This will be a big help but it is an expensive project so if anyone knows of any funding available please let us know.

The club has also received £5,000 from Freemans Trust.

So far, the club has raised £659

through easy fundraising. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/huntingdonboatclub>

On 24th November the club has been invited to the Godmanchester branch of the Co-Op to be presented with a cheque for over £2,000. All members are welcome to attend – time to be confirmed. This money should buy the club a commercial level leg press machine for the gym which will last many years.



The club recently took delivery of a new coaching/safety launch. This boat is lovely and smooth and allows us to keep up with crews in training without washing out river users.

*...But of course, it does help to put fuel in the boat!*



## Sponsored event

We presented £10 Cineworld vouchers to the people who achieved the most distance in four different categories at our recent sponsored event – Year 6 and under, Daniel Grant, 26.7 miles; Years 7 and 8, Toby Ray, 27.1 miles; Years 9 and 10, Tom Starling, 40.7 miles; Years 11 and 12, Suvid Jain, 38 miles. Well done to everyone involved.



### Bar opening times:

Monday 6pm-9pm	Thursday 6pm-9pm
Tuesday 6pm-9pm	Friday 6pm-11pm
Wednesday 6pm-9pm	Saturday closed
	Sunday 12-4pm