

NEWSLETTER



Junior Presentation Evening

This was held 15th December, and was a chance for the juniors and their families to enjoy an end of season get together

The Captain's Choice shield went to Dan Dignam, Daniel Fazackerley and Maksim Marjanovic. Paul couldn't choose between them as they have all done really well and improved so much.

The Girls Junior Choice went to Libby Jackson

The Boys Junior Choice went to Toby Ray

The Russell Lucas shield for the most wins of 2018 went to Toby Ray. Toby really deserved this as he has put so much effort in his training on and off the water.

Certificates for most improved were awarded to Libby Jackson, Daniel Grant, Joshua Moller Edwards and Ben Rosevear.

Joe Brice and Tom Starling were also presented with some sweets from Paul for all their help at training sessions.

After the presentations, everyone enjoyed food and a disco. As always, thank you to all who contributed towards the food.



Christmas raffle



A huge thank you to members and their families that sold raffle tickets and donated prizes. The club made a profit of £336.26 which will go towards the next fundraising project.

There were 46 prizes this year and the three main ones were won by

- 1) TV - Ryan Adair
- 2) Hamper - Olivia Bocking
- 3) Soup Maker - Stephen Power

New Year's Eve

2018 went out with a bang with fireworks to see in the New Year. Bondy was great as usual and those who attended enjoyed themselves. With chilli on the menu, what more could you ask for at £5 a head! Thanks to all the people who came, and to everyone who donated food.

Junior rowing

Could all juniors attending rowing sessions please remember to wear layers in cold weather and bring a change of clothes.

Clothing

Mid layers and jackets have been requested so we will be looking in to putting up a list for new orders. This will also be sent out via email.

HBC Committee

Thanks go to Frank Balls for his work at the club for the last few years as House Steward, and we welcome Chris Yallop as the new House Steward.

Also massive thanks to Jon Deacon for his many years as Regatta secretary. Jon has done an amazing job and will still be involved with the planning of our annual event, staying on the committee, but taking a step back in workload due to the arrival of his son Freddy - congratulations to Jon and Fran! Chris Jones is the new Regatta Secretary.

2019 Committee

- Chairman: Andy Wood
- Secretary: Iain Rickerby
- Captain: Paul Adair
- Vice Captain: Dan Heathcote
- Treasurer/Membership: Wendy Jones
- House Steward: Chris Yallop
- Welfare: Alice Ray
- Social Secretary: Sarah Adair
- Press Secretary: Sally Evans
- Regatta Secretary: Chris Jones
- Jon Deacon

FUNDRAISING

GYM: As you will have seen in the last newsletter, the club received funding from the Co-op Communities Fund. This was given towards our project to upgrade the club gym.

Those of you who use the gym or pass through it whilst at the club will hopefully have noticed the huge difference that has been made. The Co-op funding enabled us to buy new weights and machines and also to repair and upgrade some of our existing equipment. The whole gym area has also been fully redecorated. Antibacterial cleaner has been purchased to clean down the equipment after use. Huge thanks to the Co-op Communities fund and to all those who spent money in there helping to increase the level of funding received. Please help to keep it this nice.



LANDING STAGE PROJECT: The last newsletter also gave the good news that we have received funding from the District Council and Freeman's Trust towards the repair of the existing landing stage. This work will be underway very soon. Way back in August we also applied to be in the Tesco Bags of Help funding boxes again. We were recently notified that we will be in the token boxes during March and April. This funding will help towards the cost of the second stage of the Landing stage project which is to add a floating extension to the existing pontoon. This will enable easier access to the water for a bigger part of the year. Please make sure you shop in Tesco when you can during March and April and make sure you put your token in the box! Please pass this on to your families and friends. The cause who achieve the most tokens will receive £4000 and this will make a huge difference to our project funding.

Don't forget you can also help by using EasyFundraising when you shop online. This has raised the club £683.62 to date but with the number of members we have now this could be so much more. It doesn't cost you a thing! <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/huntingdonboatclub>

Membership

Some people still have membership fees owing from 2018. Payment reminders for monies owing will be sent out again and we would be grateful if you could settle these asap. You may have noticed that the gym door code has recently been changed. Paul's mobile number is on the gym door so if you haven't been told the new number yet, give him a call.

Letters have recently been sent out providing information regarding how to pay 2019 fees. If you are a member who has already settled your 2019 fees or are paying monthly by direct debit please note you will not receive a letter. This is to save time and printing costs of sending letters to such a large number of members. Letters will go to those not yet paid with no direct debit payment set up.

Membership has largely remained the same as last year:

Full senior rowing: £240 or £20 per month

Junior rowing: £150 or £12.50 per month

Gym: £80 or £6.67 per month

Associate/social £25 (1 person) or £38 per couple

Associate to full member £13 (an associate whose partner/spouse is a rowing or gym member

Senior citizen: £10 per year

Boat racking: This is the only thing that has changed. This will remain at £40 per year for those who race for the club but will go up from £80 to £100 for those who don't represent the club in competition.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Saturday 30th March, 7pm
Michelle Green will be hosting a Body Shop party. Everyone welcome.

Saturday 6th April
80's Night

Friday 26th April
Quiz Night

£2 entry – no more than 5 in a team. Cash prize to be won.

Saturday 11th May
Annual Dinner Dance

This will be held at Great Stukeley Village Hall this year. Live music by Dancefloor Inferno, 3 course meal £25 per ticket. The Robert Davey and Maurice Brown trophies will be presented on the night. A list will be going up nearer the time for anyone who wishes to attend and also to pick your menu choices.

Saturday 8th June
Gala Day

This is a good fundraising event for the club. If anyone can spare any time on the day to help on the barbecue could you please let Sarah know.

Saturday 6th July
Club Barbecue

Live music and plenty of food. Price TBC.

CHANGING ROOMS: The men/boys may have noticed that work has been going on in the men's changing room over the last couple of weeks. Frank has been busy tiling the shower area and a full upgrade to the showers and changing areas will be complete in the near future. Thanks also to Paul for painting the changing rooms and Chris Yallop for putting the lights in and helping Paul.

BAR NEWS – Guinness is now back on draft, and we also have a Gin Bar!