

HUGHES HALL BOAT CLUB
Alumni Journal No. 1
(Inaugural Issue – Michaelmas 2019)

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the Hughes Hall Boat Club Alumni Journal. The Journal is slated to be published electronically four times a Rowing Year (Henley to Henley) in furtherance of an overall effort to find, connect, highlight and celebrate anyone and everyone who has ever rowed for Hughes Hall.

Introduction

- In the past three years the HHBC W1 has gone up 12 stations in Bumps and the HHBC M1 has gone up 11 stations. HHBC now sits at its highest stations in its history. And this coming year the Club has a genuine chance to achieve a place in a 1st Division for the first time ever. All Bump results can be found here: <http://www.cucbc.org/bumps/results>
- The success of the Club has been built upon decades of effort by all those men and women who at some point sat in a Hughes Hall Boat or otherwise contributed to a Hughes Hall rowing program. Each one of you deserves to be recognized and celebrated.
- In the recent past, a Hughes Hall Boat Club Advisory Committee was established - its mission to “bridge” communications and resources between the College and the Club and its Rowing Alumni. Members include the officers/captains from the current HHBC; the College President & Bursar, Development Staff, Senior Member(s), and an Alumni Liaison.
- The Club, Committee & College now work together as a mutually supportive unit with four agreed upon long-term goals (in no particular order of priority): *Hughes Hall Boathouse; *Head of River; *Win at Henley; *Engage with Alumni.
- The student rowers run the day-to-day Hughes Hall Boat Club with the Advisory Committee meeting once per term. The College provides support and/or resources when and if requested and/or needed.
- Last year during fresher orientation, 250 new students(!) signed-up to participate in rowing for Hughes Hall – completely overwhelming the Club’s extremely limited resources. It was the largest number of new rowing-interested students of any of the University’s college rowing clubs. A grand majority had to be turned away despite the yeoman efforts of the Club to accommodate as many interested students as possible.
- The Club runs on a shoestring budget and is likely financially the poorest on the River Cam – which is a real testament to the extraordinary efforts of all rowers past and present who, despite a fundamental lack of resources, have created a winning rowing tradition of effort, discipline, commitment and fun.

And so we begin.....

- Please do complete the attached form and email to:
- Good News(!): As a sign of support the College has generously agreed to match any financial contributions made to the Hughes Hall Boat Club during this Rowing Year (Henley 2019 – Henley 2020.) Please take advantage of this extraordinary opportunity by way of the attached form as any donation (no matter how small) will be effectively doubled.

- The next issue of this Journal will report on the progress vis-à-vis the above as well as provide Michaelmas Term racing results. In addition, there will be an article on the history of the women's side of HHBC, complete with photos and including the interesting story of the Hughes Hall/Lucy Cavendish merger and eventual split.
- Needless to say – out there with you all can only be a BOATLOAD of information, stories, history, photos, blades, blazers and legends. By way of this Journal, we intend to develop an interactive forum by which the estimated +/- 1,200 of you can contribute whilst hopefully enjoying and reminiscing over stories of past great times with Hughes Hall Rowing.

“Ready all, Row!”