



## HUGHES HALL BOAT CLUB ALUMNI

### **THE JOURNAL - YEAR END EDITION 2020**

[EDITOR'S NOTE: THE CAMBRIDGE/HUGHES HALL ROWING YEAR IS FROM HENLEY TO HENLEY WITH THE RESULTS OF THE MOST RECENT MAY BUMPS AND THE HRR TYPICALLY REPORTED IN THIS 'YEAR END EDITION' OF THE JOURNAL. BUT WITH THE PANDEMIC HAVING CAUSED A MASSIVE CRAB IN THE WORLD OF ROWING, THERE WAS OF COURSE NO MAY BUMPS NOR WAS THERE THE HRR. HOWEVER...]

### **ALUMNI PARTICIPATION**

WE ARE PLEASED AS PUNCH TO REPORT THAT AS OF THE END OF EASTER TERM WE HAVE CONFIRMED OVER 685 HH ROWING ALUMNI EMAILS. OUR RESEARCH THOUGH SUGGESTS THAT THERE HAVE BEEN IN TOTAL +/- 1,200 HUGHES HALL ROWERS SINCE THE FIRST HHBC BOAT COMPETED ON THE CAM, SO WE ARE IN THEORY ABOUT HALF-WAY TO OUR GOAL OF DIGITALLY ENGAGING ALL FORMER AND WILLING HH ATHLETES WHO ROWED FOR THE BLUE AND BLUE. MANY THANKS TO THOSE OF YOU WHO SENT IN INFORMATION ON MISSING CREW MEMBERS OR OTHERWISE ASSISTED US IN FINDING LOST CREWMATES. OUR REQUEST TO YOU ALL FOR CURRENT CONTACT INFORMATION OF YOUR CREWMATES IS ONGOING, EMAIL ADDRESS: [HHBCA@HUGHES.CAM.AC.UK](mailto:HHBCA@HUGHES.CAM.AC.UK)

WE ARE ALSO SUPER PLEASED TO REPORT THE JOURNAL HAS PROMPTED THE RECONNECTION OF CREW MEMBERS, SOME OF WHOM HADN'T COMMUNICATED WITH ONE OR MORE OF THEIR CREWMATES SINCE UNI. THIS FROM A 1979 CREW MEMBER:

"I cannot tell you how surprised I was to get the newsletter and see myself in the pictures sent in of the 1979-80 crew. I am the red head rowing at 2. The pictures prompted some hazy memories of my time at Hughes Hall forty years ago.

I had never rowed in my life but some very persuasive and eager fellow learnt I was vaguely athletic and convinced me to join the eight. I can only remember being roused at some unearthly hour to get out on the river to prepare for the bumps. I remember the races themselves to be a fabulous experience and although I do not think we were fabulously successful, I do not think we disgraced ourselves either."

GREAT STUFF!! PLEASE DON'T BE SHY Y'ALL AND SEND US A PARAGRAPH AND/OR A PHOTO(S) ABOUT YOUR ROWING DAYS AT HHBC. [HHBCA@CAM.AC.UK](mailto:HHBCA@CAM.AC.UK)



[PHOTO OF THE EMMA BOATHOUSE CIRCA 1980]



[PHOTO OF THE EMMA BOATHOUSE CIRCA 2020]

## **ALUMNI DONATIONS**

IN LESS THAN A YEAR WE HAVE RAISED SOLELY THROUGH ONLINE DONATIONS GBP 2,508 ALL FROM HHBC ALUMNI!! THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!! A REMINDER THAT A SEPARATE AND DISTINCT DONATION LINK (COMPLETE WITH GRAPHIC) IS ON THE COLLEGE WEBSITE. PLEASE CONSIDER A DONATION - NO AMOUNT IS TOO SMALL: <https://www.hughes.cam.ac.uk/homepage/alumni/make-a-gift/>

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HHBC SENIOR TREASURER'S 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

*"Success across the board" summarizes best the Hughes Hall Boat Club's performance during the 2019/2020 Campaign - not only on the water but in the growing and diverse aspects of the Club's operation. One must recall that at the outset of the rowing year less than two seasons prior the women's program had only two rowers returning after the split with Lucy Cavendish. Yet during the 2020 Lent Bumps two full women's crews competed. And the men's 1st boat was hailed by many as the "Strongest Crew on the River" having gone up six stations, achieving an over-bump and collecting Super Blades for the effort.*

*It has simply been a stellar year overall dampened only by the realization at the end that the May Bumps would not take place. Be it known, however, that there isn't a person associated with Cambridge rowing who would ever doubt that the HHBC M1 would bump up in the May Bumps to the First Division - an historical first for the Club and the College after decades of Club effort by scores of HH rowers.*

***We all know that Cambridge wouldn't be Cambridge without rowing - but in today's world, Cambridge rowing wouldn't be Cambridge rowing without Hughes Hall.***

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### SUMMER NOTES FROM THE CAPTAINS

HHBC has remained active, both competitively and socially, despite the pandemic. Early on in the term we enjoyed a (virtual) evening with Hughes Hall Senior Member and Olympic Gold Medal Winner in Rowing - Steve Trapmore. We heard about his inspiring Olympic journey and received top training advice for these quarantined times. We also established an online HHBC 'Strava club', and our rowers from around the world have clocked up impressive miles of running, cycling and ergs.

The Cambridge college boat clubs did organize a 'Virtual May Bumps', in which we entered a M1 and a W1 crew. The 9 members of each crew each ran 800m for four consecutive days, and the times were entered into a computer algorithm that mimicked a bumps race. W1 put down some speedy times and ended the week up 3 places from where they started.

A fundraising effort ran alongside the Bumps competition and collectively the Cambridge rowing community raised almost £6000 for East Anglia's Children's Hospice and the Cambridge Covid-19 fund.

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## **PAST CREWS**

The project to discover and publish the names of all the crews which have competed for HHBC in either the Lents or the Mays since the beginning (1978 we think) is ongoing.

Since oftentimes the names of the rowers listed in a Bumps Program are different from the actual names of the rowers competing, there is an attempt to publish both on the Master List. Thank you to those of you who have supplied information/corrections to date. As always, any crew information you Boatie Alumni can provide please send to: [hhbca@hughes.cam.ac.uk](mailto:hhbca@hughes.cam.ac.uk)

Here are the links to the updated research results:

### **1978 - 1989:**

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1td6Rkn40dMbYaQ5wSmqEMtAoJG1qch6FcNvywN9M5Y/edit?usp=sharing>

### **1990 - 1999**

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xJ9Jnpdvp-GmP6Eu8P9-PxVFpNyHG8alkxZ9OtFRVyc/edit?usp=sharing>

### **2000 - 2009**

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1c7RNSlgrTuKzaVfgrgzBkP3\\_7I-xM8t\\_f0-88kaAhw/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1c7RNSlgrTuKzaVfgrgzBkP3_7I-xM8t_f0-88kaAhw/edit?usp=sharing)

### **2010 - 2019**

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10soAVmMCGtXiFYv4WHhgMvO-3YPot8o52ulYoMhpq9w/edit?usp=sharing>



## One final and heartwarming note from our Women's Captain Imogen Binnian:

During this pandemic we finally got around to hanging my blade from Lents last year, but first had to take a photo of it with my Grandad's blade from Mays 1952! Sadly I never got to meet him but it is lovely to have the two together. We will have to forgive his choice of college though...



“WHOSE HALL? HUGHES HALL!”



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