



## HUGHES HALL BOAT CLUB ALUMNI

### THE JOURNAL - MICHAELMAS TERM 2020 - PANDEMIC YEAR

[EDITOR'S NOTE: MOST COLLEGE BOATHOUSES ON THE CAM HAVE WITHIN THEIR CLUB ROOMS 'HONOUR BOARDS' WITH THE MENS AND WOMENS FIRST BOAT CREWS LISTED FOR ALL PAST MAY AND LENT BUMPS - SOME BOARDS GOING BACK TO THE EARLY 19TH CENTURY. EVERY ONE OF THOSE BOARDS - WHATEVER THE COLLEGE - HAS "WAR YEARS" IN GOLD LEAF WRITTEN NEXT TO THE RESPECTIVE CREWS EACH YEAR FROM 1940 - 1945. I GOT TO THINKING FOR FUTURE HISTORICAL REFERENCE THAT ANY REPORTING ON CAMBRIDGE COLLEGIATE ROWING FROM MARCH 1, 2020 THRU THE END OF THE PANDEMIC SHOULD PERHAPS HAVE THE WORDS "PANDEMIC YEAR" NOTED THEREON. LET'S HOPE IT WON'T BE "PANDEMIC YEARS."]

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### MAKING THE BEST OF IT

From the Captains: "The Hughes Hall Boat Club in keeping with the age old rowing adage : 'When the going gets tough the tough get rowing' managed to crack-on with a productive Term, the Pandemic notwithstanding. Had the Pandemic somehow subsided by the start of October, the Term was bound to have

been a good one on the water for Owl rowing with 17 senior men and 10 senior women returning to the squad, including the new addition of some rowers with tremendous prior experience. When it was evident the Pandemic was going to throw a huge spanner into the works, the HHBC Committee instead worked diligently to make sure interest in the club remained high within college. Their efforts were successful with 35 novice men and 25 novice women joining for primarily a land-based training program during Michaelmas. Ultimately, the seniors were able to get on the water for 8 sessions prior to lockdown, and two crews of novices (both men and women) had a taster session on the water. Additionally, 4 novice coxes enjoyed taster sessions with senior crews; that all the novices are keen on continuing their training next term bodes well for the program.

Further, given the difficult circumstances, the club quickly adapted again and provided over 40 virtual sessions over the 8 weeks of Term ranging from circuits to yoga. The squad proved a valuable resource in connecting members for safe group runs and training partners during lockdown. Collectively, the senior men logged over 3100km and 300 hrs of collective training during the Term. Looking ahead to next Term, the club hopes to return to on-water rowing under our comprehensive safety plan. Much commendation goes to our club safety officer, Ismail Sami, for invaluable work in securing our ability to row, albeit for a limited time, this term.”

[Editor’s Note: And much commendation goes to the President, Captains and all Club Committee members for their outstanding work in continuing to keep an otherwise growing program successful and productive during these times!]



HHBC W1 after their last outing before lockdown.

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## **ALUMNI PARTICIPATION**

Happy to report our email list of HHBC Alumni Rowers continues to grow and we encourage all of you out there to get in touch with your old crew members and have them contact us by way of email so they can be included in future Journals.

[HHBCA@CAM.AC.UK](mailto:HHBCA@CAM.AC.UK)

Since the last journal, we received photos from the 1984 HHBC Crew(s) sent in from an anonymous source. If anyone can identify these rowers or has any great stories or other anecdotes regarding these crews (or any past crews) - please let us know!







## **ALUMNI DONATIONS**

WE HAVE RAISED SOLELY THROUGH ONLINE DONATIONS IN EXCESS OF 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>

## **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: [hbc@hughes.cam.ac.uk](mailto:hbc@hughes.cam.ac.uk)



Here are the links to the updated research results:

**1978 - 1989:**

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1td6Rknb40dMbYaQ5wSmqEMtAoJG1qch6FcNvywN9M5Y/edit?usp=sharing>

**1990 - 1999**

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xJ9Jnpdvp-GmP6Eu8P9-PxVFpNyHG8alkxZ90tFRVyc/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>

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## **LASTLY: WHO SAYS ROWERS AREN'T CREATIVE?**

One alumnus stuck in the USA is passing the time by building LEGO sets.

One day, we're told, he decided to combine his love of rowing with his welcome and time-consuming pastime of building something LEGO. So he contacted LEGO and was sent two photos of rowing-related LEGO creations which are on display at LEGO-Land in San Diego, California.

He's now in the process of replicating that Boathouse and shells. Perhaps his LEGO Boathouse (albeit in blue) might be the model for the Hughes Hall Boat Club Boathouse which, with respect to its construction, is not a question of "if", but "when."



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE!! STAY SAFE!**

**“WHOSE HALL? HUGHES HALL!”**





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