



HUGHES HALL
BOAT CLUB
ALUMNI

THE JOURNAL - LENT TERM 2021 - PANDEMIC YEAR

MAKING THE BEST OF IT

Suffice it to say that Cambridge College Rowing during the Lent Term was, at best, hypothetical. The highlight for the University as a whole, however, was the spectacular wins by both the Men's and Women's Blue Boats over Oxford - the Boat Race being held without fanfare or fans on the River Great Ouse in Ely, rather than on the Thames.

Well Done Light Blues! GDBO! :-)

Speaking of the Blues - our own Dara Alizadeh (Hughes Hall Graduate Student; Blue Boat President 2019; Boat Race Winner 2019; Blades for HHBC in May Bumps 2019) has been awarded a place in this summer's Olympics where he will be competing for Olympic Gold in a single scull - arguably the most formidable of races.

Congratulations Dara!!!



News from the Captains:

Everyone would rather forget this year's Lent Term as it relates to rowing since there was no rowing and very limited erging. We spent the time training as best as we could, usually alone - or by way of ZOOM, watching and encouraging others through a screen.

However, "Always look on the bright side of life! Ba-dum, ba-dum, ba-dum ba-dum ba-dum." (Did you know the original Monty Python troupe all rowed at Uni? True story!)

So April 17 & 18, 2021 represented a bright side of rowing life we hadn't seen in months as both the seniors and the novices were able to have outings - which outings were indeed splendid.

And since no one knows enough to be pessimistic, we remain excited about Easter Term even though CUCBC has officially cancelled this year's May Bumps. CUCBC has though made it clear it will create an

alternative competition which will allow the Clubs to boat crews and race against one another.

Chuffed too are we to report that the interest momentum we worked so hard to create before Covid remains extant as the novices are returning to the Club with keen interest! Thus, we should indeed have a strong presence going into whatever 'official' race format will be declared for Easter Term.

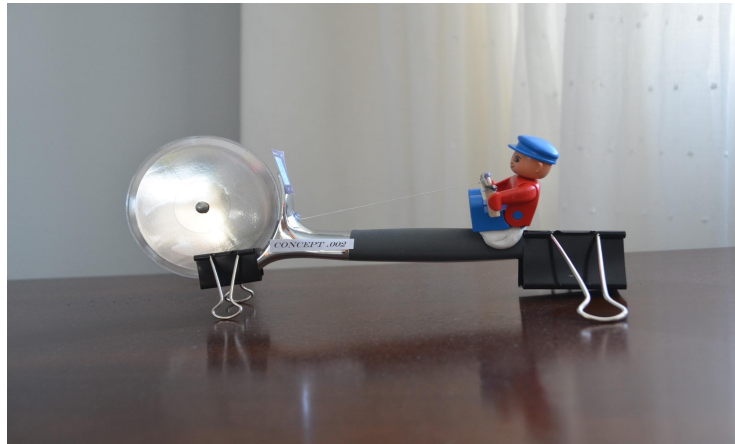


ALUMNI PARTICIPATION

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.

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[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 THIS PANDEMIC SHOULD PERHAPS HAVE THE WORDS "PANDEMIC YEAR" NOTED THEREON. LET'S HOPE IT WON'T BE "PANDEMIC YEARS." ON THE OTHER HAND, IT REMAINS AMAZING TO ME THE THINGS ROWERS CAN CREATE WHEN FORCED INTO ISOLATION.]



ALUMNI DONATIONS

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>

THE 'DO THE HOOT!!' CAMPAIGN

OVER A YEAR IN ITS PLANNING, THE HUGHES HALL BOAT CLUB ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IS READY TO LAUNCH A "DO THE HOOT" CAMPAIGN DESIGNED TO RAISE FUNDS FOR A DEDICATED HUGHES HALL BOATHOUSE. THERE HAVE BEEN PRODUCTIVE AND ONGOING DISCUSSIONS WITH ANOTHER CLUB WHICH COULD VERY WELL RESULT IN A SHARED COST STRUCTURE. WE ALSO HAVE ENGAGED IN EFFORTS TO SECURE A PARCEL OF LAND ON THE CAM. BUT WHILE WE ARE OPTIMISTIC, WE ARE ALSO REALISTIC. SECURING THE USE OF REAL ESTATE ON THE CAM IS NO MEAN FEAT AND 'IT'S NOT THE MONEY, IT'S THE MONEY!' WHEN IT COMES TO THE USE OF SUITABLE LAND AND THE BUILDING OF A NEW BOATHOUSE.

SO WITH THAT TEASER, WE INVITE YOU TO BE ON THE LOOK-OUT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE CAMPAIGN AND FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASSIST IN THE EFFORTS. THE ULTIMATE GOAL FOR THE HUGHES HALL BOAT CLUB MEN & WOMEN? 'HEAD-OF-RIVER'; HENLEY CHAMPIONS; WORLD CHAMPIONS; & OLYMPIC MEDALISTS. (NOT NECESSARILY IN THAT ORDER.) :-)

'HOOT FOR HUGHES!!!'



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"WHOSE HALL? HUGHES HALL!"



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