



HUGHES HALL  
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EDITOR'S NOTE: IT HAS BEEN AN HONOUR AND A PRIVILEGE TO HAVE INITIATED THE HUGHES HALL BOAT CLUB ALUMNI PROGRAM TOGETHER WITH ITS CONCOMITANT ALUMNI JOURNAL. BUT NOW, AFTER SEVEN YEARS AND NINE ISSUES PRODUCED (ALL AVAILABLE ON THE COLLEGE WEBSITE BTW), IT IS TIME TO MOVE ON AND MAKE WAY FOR YOUNGER BLOOD. THUS, I'M PLEASED TO REPORT THAT DR. CAROLINE TROTTER OF THE HUGHES HALL FELLOWSHIP (AND A HENLEY CUP WINNER (!)) WILL BE THE NEW BOAT CLUB SENIOR TREASURER EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE CLUB AS AND WHEN YOU CAN BY COACHING, DONATING, ADVISING & ETC. HUGHES HALL ROWING IS CLEARLY A STAR ASCENDING AND IT IS UP TO US ROWERS - BOTH PRESENT AND PAST - TO HELP KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING AT ITS CURRENT WARP SPEED. THANKS TO YOU ALL AND ESPECIALLY TO THE OVERALL CAPTAINS WHO HAVE CONTINUED TO TIRELESSLY MANAGE AND BUILD THE CLUB DURING THE LAST SEVEN YEARS: ANDREW STARK, NAZHIF ZAINI, MANJA NEUMAN, COLM Ó RIADA, IMOGEN BINNIAN AND, NOW, ELEANOR MINOGUE. WELL DONE!!

J.W. COOK '83

## FROM THE 2021 - 2022 BOAT CLUB PRESIDENT

The 2021-22 rowing year was always going to be an exciting one, with the return of Bumps and a full regatta calendar which we had all missed over the last two years. The Club started the year strong with record numbers of students trying rowing during the first weeks of Michaelmas, and the novice squads continued through the term with some good results in the novice regattas. The senior crews also hit the water with full momentum and had a successful start to the year, with several great results for the club- including a men's 4+ competing in Fours Head for the first time in HHBC history, and a women's senior 8 racing in the Fairbairn cup for the first time in many years.

Lent term saw three crews racing in Lent Bumps, which included many students for whom this was their first ever Bumps campaign. There was some great rowing throughout the week, as well as some lessons learnt to be taken forwards to the Mays! The end of the term was marked by W1 racing in WeHoRR, and the crew achieved an excellent time, beating many other Oxbridge college W1s. Unfortunately, the crew had to race for time only due to three very last-minute subs into the crew because of illness. A couple of weeks later our M1 crew raced in HoRR, who also put in an impressive time and finished 10<sup>th</sup> in the Medium Academic category.

Over the Easter break many Hughesians stayed in Cambridge and continued training both on and off the water. This hard work paid off with a fantastic string of successes throughout Easter term, including: W1 1<sup>st</sup> place at Head of the Cam; M2 1<sup>st</sup> place at Champs Head (plus our Head Cox, Sam, won the 'Champion Cox award!'); M1 and M2 1<sup>st</sup> places and W1 2<sup>nd</sup> place at 99s Spring Regatta; M2 1<sup>st</sup> place, M3 3<sup>rd</sup> place and W2 2<sup>nd</sup> place at X-Press Head. Additionally, our W1 crew had the amazing opportunity to race at the Trinity Regatta in Dublin, the first international appearance for a HHBC crew! We hope to be able to send more crews to this fantastic event in the future. Later in the term we also enjoyed our 'alumni day', which included two crews with a mix of alumni and current students going for an outing with some side-by-side racing along the reach. We then christened our new women's 4+, with the name 'Freeling- Cook', to mark our gratitude to the outgoing college President, Anthony Freeling, and the Club Senior Treasurer, Jeff Cook, both of whom have been instrumental in the growth and successes of the club.

Easter term was polished off with the much awaited (since 2019) May Bumps, and what a campaign it was... HHBC had 4 crews racing, including a W2 crew for the first time in HHBC history! No Hughes crew was bumped the entire week, and the club finished the week +11, -0. This included M1 bumping into division 1 for the first time ever, and winning blades by moving up 5 throughout the week!

The outgoing captains would like to extend huge thanks to everyone who has helped the Club this year. It has been an exceptional year and that wouldn't have happened without the dedication of our coaches and support from our alumni network. I. Binnian



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## **A BIG THANK YOU!!!**

Many thanks to all who have donated to the cause. Keep those donations coming. Realizing our own Boathouse remains the priority!!

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**...and finally:**

The Boat Club Senior Treasurer is asked every year during the Easter Term to submit a formal report to College. This year's report, my last, was the result of much research and designed to highlight not only the success of the program and its overall contribution to College but to also honour the hundreds of Hughes Hall Rowers who have contributed to the program's success since 1965/1979.

**Here's the link:**

**[https://www.icloud.com/iclouddrive/0a3EeERte-PljiFr82cwrfCaA#Senior Tresurer's Report 2022](https://www.icloud.com/iclouddrive/0a3EeERte-PljiFr82cwrfCaA#Senior%20Treasurer's%20Report%202022)**

**P.S. - Hughes Hall Rowing shall forever be grateful for the eight years of steadfast support received from our retiring College President Dr. Anthony Freeling - who is about to become the University's next Vice-Chancellor! (BTW - Any wonder? Dr. Freeling is a rower having rowed for Lady Margaret back in the day.)**



Photo courtesy of Imogen Binnian

**BRAVO - AND THANK YOU DR. FREELING!!!!!!**

