



What a fantastic year for our Club!

First we celebrated 30 years since the formation of the UBBC Alumni and the epic USA tour to Harvard, Georgetown, Yale, Princeton and the historic win at the Head of the Potomac. Next we hosted the Vice-Chancellor and some of our key supporters deep in Averys of Bristol's 200 year old cellars at an extraordinary tasting of thirty years of claret and vintage cognac. Then one hundred of us dined at Leander Club during Regatta in celebration of our Club with old friends and former crew mates, fellow oarsman from near and far, supporters known and new.

That was followed by the outstanding opening of our beautiful new boathouse at Saltford; a far-sighted and wonderful endorsement of our sport by the University. That this project came to fruition is a tribute to all involved; alumni, supporters and University staff. This was a spectacular event to celebrate an essential rebuild of our infrastructure. Congratulations to all.

And then, very recently, the tremendous news that John Rutley has gifted the Club a brand new Empacher VIII. Thank you John.

So, I can't wait for 2015 and the new era that the boathouse heralds. May Santa fill your stocking with whatever you desire and Happy Christmas!

Chris Hartley
UBBC Alumni Chairman

A new era begins with a new boathouse: a view from the railway towards the river and new boathouses at Saltford



The New Boathouse

UBBC's new boathouse was officially opened earlier in September this year by Olympian Alex Partridge. Named after John Rutley, a phenomenal supporter of UBBC over the past ten years or so, it sits upon the location of the old Ladies Boathouse and extends downstream towards the weir. Monkton Combe School and Avon Country Rowing Club, who assisted in the fundraising for the enterprise, also have new buildings on the site.

I am sure that I speak for all alumni in saying that: (a) we're all extremely jealous of current UBBC members; (b) it's extremely exciting to have finally reached such a huge milestone in UBBC's history; and (c) we greatly look forward to UBBC being able to use such solid foundations to generate even more success in the future.

If you would like to visit the new boathouse then I suggest that you get in contact with the current Club Captain, Steph Harris (s.j.harris@bristol.ac.uk), and arrange a visit whilst the Club is training.

Matt Ridley, 2006-10

John Rutley Boathouse opening

During our time at Bristol rumours of a new boathouse were constantly circulating, but having heard from alumni that the same rumours had been doing the rounds for years we resigned ourselves to never seeing it happen. So when we alumnae got the invitation to the new boathouse opening we had to see the facilities for ourselves. Getting together a group of ex-UBBC rowers now living in Toulouse, Liverpool and everywhere in between was quite a task, but the promise of seeing what new members would be calling home and catching up with old crew mates was more than enough to get everyone to Bristol.

Having not seen any pictures of the boathouse, we couldn't believe what we saw at Saltford. Gone were the cramped racks, temperamental toilet and shocking pink ladies changing room of the main boathouse, as was the women's boathouse with its rotting floorboards that few had dared to enter during our time. In their place were two huge boatsheds, complete with working toilets and actual showers! The racking for the boats offered so much space - no



The inside of the new boathouse



more removing riggers to try and manoeuvre "Kit Hartley" into its spot. Everything seemed to have been thought of and there was even an erg room with its very own sick bucket.

We all felt extremely proud to be able to call ourselves UBBC Alumni and quite jealous of the opportunities that new members would now have. Stood in in warm September sunshine, it was easy to romanticise the freezing cold training sessions we experienced as 'bonding' and 'character building'. In reality I think we would have given a cox box to have been able to have a hot shower at some point!!

Jenny Jackson, 2007-10



The crowd at the opening



Gordon Trevett with Mr and Mrs Rutley



Alex Partridge cutting the ribbon

A message from our Chairman to Coach Gordon Trevett

Dear Gordon,

What a momentous day. You have every idea how much difference the new boathouse will make, how different the former sheds were and how difficult it was to pull together competitive boats with that level of pitiful and embarrassing infrastructure. Character building perhaps, but intensely frustrating and time consuming for all. Plus a real sink of potential talent. To have a new base in place is well deserved, having been dreamt about, hoped for and worked towards over many years. It is an absolutely tremendous legacy from everyone at the University who contributed. Well done you, well done them.

The University has an obligation to deliver a balanced education to its students and no other sport promotes better balance, better academic results and more lasting affection and support. Where else, other than at a gathering of UBBCoarsmen, could you see a tide of Bristol colours covering generations of Bristol Alumni? What other sport can let you sit down and count, by the hundreds, alumni wearing Bristol colours?

Now the base is in place, the University has to complete the task of maximising and supporting its potential. I will ensure that those who supported the project are publicly thanked. It would not have happened without them.

Thank you very much for all your efforts, it is a great stepping stone and an impressive legacy

Kind regards and well done,

*Chris Hartley
UBBC Alumni Chairman*



Simon Hinks, UoB Director of Sport



Callum Gathercole and Jay Olenicz, both of whom are in training to row across the Atlantic - see www.thewaterbabies.co.uk



View from the new boathouse balcony



An Alumni VIII crew rowing past at the opening



The Alumni VIII crew from the row past



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ABC: Avery's. Bristol. Claret.



Why would UBBC Chairman Chris Hartley open 30 years of some of the finest Bordeaux wine, deep below Bristol's city streets in Avery's 200 year old cellars in the company of University staff, UBBC crew and Alumni? With Master of Wine Matthew Hemming in attendance, vintages stretching back to 1978 and names like Lafite and Margaux, it might seem obvious why the Vice Chancellor and other distinguished guests were there. Yes, it was a party: recognition of supporters old and new and a celebration.



Walking through the long tunnel into the cellars, lined by current crew clapping in every friend and guest, and then emerging into vaulted ceilings was amazing. Finding a string duet and a sea of glasses with French cheese and fine company was even better.



Unquestionably, a new boathouse will further cement all this for the University.

This was in part a 'thank you', certainly a celebration and for most, an education. There are advantages to being a friend of the Boat Club.

Then came the cognac...

Chris Hartley, UBBC Alumni Chairman

Bristol crews fly the flag for Bristol University like no other. In a world where academic excellence is no longer enough, UBBC delivers breadth, challenge, engagement, excellence and deep seated loyalty.

The Leander dinner

The second best rowing club in the world, (whose members have won more than one hundred Olympic medals) is in Henley-on-Thames. And they wear cerise (not pink!) socks. So what better location for a crew reunion, celebration and spectacular dinner than Leander Club during Regatta week? One hundred past and present UBBC and friends enjoyed an entertaining evening of catch up and memories, speeches and stories: "We really were that fast", "Were you really ever friends with Madame Lycra?". Toasts followed an entertaining question and answer session with Michael "Big Boy" Guerrieri, Georgetown University, Men's Heavyweight Freshman Crew Coach. Careers were changed when we heard the extent of the rowing programmes and size of salaries in the US. Full interview to come in the next edition...



Alumni members at the Henley dinner: Mac Fearnough (1956-58), Tony Cooke (1955-57), Richard Berry (1955-58)



Jezz Moore with the new Varsity trophy



Nonesuch BC: The 2015 Henley Campaign

Just less than a year after Nonesuch put in a superb performance at Henley Royal Regatta, a fresh Nonesuch squad was ready to take on the summer regatta season. The campaign started with a training weekend just before Metropolitan Regatta. With the new boathouse still not completed we got a taste of the difficulty faced by the current UBBC member with most of the equipment stored outside or in a shipping container. Wellies were essential since the tunnel under the railway was always thick with mud, and the solitary portaloo was not the most welcoming.

Metropolitan Regatta was our next milestone. One of the great things about alumni rowing is the laid back and relaxed atmosphere, whether it be training or in a race situation. With this in mind, a few social beers were had the night before Sunday's VIII racing. Time trials in the morning gave all VIII's a placing, which would then go on to make up semis and various finals. The early morning time trial saw us at the bottom of the IM1 category on time, but, looking at the crews which were Thames Cup eligible, we were in quite a strong position. We were put in semi-final E with a mix of club and Uni crews. The racing was, as predicted, very close and it highlighted our strengths and weaknesses. We proved to be a very 'racey' crew, able to absorb pushes and put in our own effective bursts, but we were lacking in the fitness department compared to our rivals. The top 3 finishers went through to the E final with one place remaining for the 7th fastest from the two semi-finals. At the finish line we knew we were in fourth so would have to wait for the times of the second semi. After a long wait at the results board we got the news we had been waiting for; the crew in fourth in the other semi got a time 8 seconds slower than



Nonesuch BC take the lead over Nemesis BC (Manchester University Alumni)



The Henley Crew: Seb Tjornlund (cox), Chris Scrimshaw, Andy Turner, Andrew Farr, Alex Steventon, Tom Judd, Ed Walton, Hugh Cooper and Henry Sperling

us. And the icing on the cake, that crew was UWE!

The final promised to be tougher and was composed of several possible Thames Cup crews, so it would be an excellent time to make ourselves known and see where we fit in. As with the semi we attacked the start hard and were in third place at the 500m mark, although all 7 crews were within a length of each other all the way to the finish. It was character building close racing, great stuff! At the finish the “15, 15, 10, 10, 10” call was made and we started to move up through the gears. We closed right up to the crews fighting for second, but it was not quite enough to better our position and we finished in 5th (less than 2.5 seconds behind 2nd). we couldn't have asked for a better race to provide motivation for the training we would need to do to achieve our Henley goal.

After a few more solid weeks of training it was time for Marlow Regatta. After a frantic morning for myself and Andrew Farr (we were both looking after our own Shrewsbury crews who were also racing) we met up for a brief pre-race chat and got on the water. We knew that there were a number of possible Thames Cup crews also competing in

IM1 8+ and we wanted to show our progression since Met. The time trial went well, albeit a bit shaky at the start, and finished with another gutsy finish sequence. We ended up 20th in IM1 but an estimated 7th against our possible Henley competitors, and half a second ahead of Nemesis, Manchester's alumni crew. In the final, from what we learnt at Met, we knew we had to give it a bit more in the middle portion of our race to ensure that we were still in the hunt when it came to the finish line. We had a race plan and we executed it exactly how we wanted. A big start had us ahead of the whole field and we really worked it through the middle 1k to maintain our position. Our finish sequence is one that we thought could outrow anyone if we got it just right, though with the energy we had exerted in the first 1500m it was going to take something special to hang on to the lead. In the final 500m our new rivals, Nemesis, rowed through us to take the C Final victory. It was a tough race with a very unfortunate end but gains were definitely made. Also in time we would get our own back on Nemesis....

The day after, we had organised an afternoon of training back in Bristol to finalise the crew selection for Henley Qualifiers. Francis had been with us

since the very first training session but unfortunately the seat racing results were not in his favour. He played a huge part in the campaign and was essential in the excellent results we had to that date. Those results, coupled with last year's Nonesuch success, were no doubt all added up in deciding the amazing news we were about to get. Just after leaving Saltford we found out that Nonesuch BC had, very unexpectedly, pre-qualified for the Thames. I'll remember the moment for a long time; excitement and shock. Thoughts went immediately to dreams of an easy Wednesday draw and every possible race situation.

Leading up to the Wednesday we had some great training on the Henley stretch and watched the final regatta preparations taking place. After qualifiers, Shrewsbury kindly allowed Nonesuch to use their 2007 Henley winning Empacher in place of the Vespoli we had been using. On the Sunday we waited with crossed fingers during the draw to see who we would race in the first round. It turns out the luck was on our side as we got drawn against our new rivals, Nemesis! Based on what happened at Marlow we knew we would have to dig deep in the last quarter of the race so that we didn't get overhauled on the line again.

The big day arrived and, due to work commitments from some in the crew, we had an evening race. This turned out to not be a bad thing as the wind was starting drop and the water was flattening out. The atmosphere in the boat tent is always a nerve wracking one, with some crews celebrating and others reaching for the toolbox to de-rig. The race plan was simple; we expected to be a length behind off the start, so we would get onto our race rhythm and grind out the win through the middle section. After getting in front, we would continue to stretch them until they broke and, if it was close, our finish sequence in this faster boat would get us to the line first (I have butterflies just writing this). We had something to prove after losing to Nemesis at Marlow and we wanted to push them right to the line this time. Many of the crew had never won a race at Henley, including myself, and this provided an extra motivating factor. On the start line we were pretty relaxed, we even struck some good poses for the photographer just next to the starting hut. This joking quickly stopped as the umpire started to call the crews to get ready. A few deep breaths and the race was under way. All I

remember of the start was that it was quick! Adrenaline was definitely flowing and apparently we were rating 53 - Nemesis just went backwards in my peripheral vision. This was unexpected, being ahead at the start, and we pulled out about a length lead pretty quickly. The settle to our race rhythm was not the best as we never really settled in to our strong 35. We were at around 37, but I was in the stroke seat and I was nervous that if we settled they would start to edge back. They put in a few strong bursts and were yo-yoing off our stern through the middle section. Coming into the last quarter, where we had been rowed through in the past, the gap between us started to increase every stroke of our finish sequence. Coming through the Enclosures we knew we had done it and smiles started to appear. Crossing the line was a great feeling! The verdict was called as 2 3/4 lengths, which was a massive achievement given the Marlow result.

Later on evening we discovered we were drawn against Sport Imperial in the next evening's race. We knew they were a very strong crew who rowed very well. They had been far ahead of us at previous events, so the plan was to go

out, shock them off the start and hang on for as long as possible. However, having already achieved our goal, anything extra on the Thursday was just a bonus! At the start we tried to use the rate to get the shell up to speed as quickly as possible, as per the Nemesis race. This time the roles had changed round and Sport Imperial went off very quickly, getting a joint fastest time to the Barrier for the day. We had a much better settle down to rhythm and, coming into the Enclosures, we knew we had been beaten but still put in a sprint to finish off what had been an epic campaign. The boat went back on the rack and the celebrations began - another crew might have thought we were through to Friday!

Looking back to when the first message went out trying to gauge interest in this year's regatta season, there are far too many anecdotes to talk about in this article. Every training weekend, night out, car journey and regatta has been quality and that feeling of being part of a squad is one which I'm already missing and looking forward to being a part of again next year.

Chris Scrimshaw, 2009-13



A View from the Launch

This year I have a new launch; Sir Eric. Donated by some very kind and generous UBBC alumni, it is a new and excellent twin-hull coaching machine with a large windscreen to help keep out the cold from my aging bones on frosty mornings. Gordon Bleu, my faithful steed for the past 10 years, is still going strong in the hands of our numerous other coaches. One of these coaches is Tony Larkman, who is now being paid to coach our senior women in a more permanent role, having helped UBBC out over the years.

The quality of our intake has also been very good for both our men and women squads, with many ex school 1st VIII rowers currently in training. We are, therefore, technically “well-endowed” this year, which helps a lot. We also have a lot of novice rowers from last year carrying on and trying to get into the top senior boats. Due to the large numbers rowing we are now short of rowing boats to keep everyone going! Additional boats are next on our list and we certainly have the space inside the new clubhouse. It is very much shaping up to be a very good few years coming up by way of success for the UBBC.

At the new clubhouse opening I was humbled by the amount of alumni support. Tears of joy were welling up. Almost all of my 2003/2004 1st VIII turned up and once again rowed at Saltford. Numerous others also turned up from various past years. We also had several of the 1st VIII that rowed in the mid 1950's, when we used to come 7th in the HORR, and it was great to see them and talk to them. The new boathouse has been a huge success with a great atmosphere prevailing among both experienced and novice rowers.

This past year has been enormous for the UBBC and while large numbers of UBBC alumni have been tremendous in their support I would personally like to thank Chris Hartley, Michael Jeans, Tom Davies, David Phillips, Ed Renwick, and of course all of our Nonesuch rowers.

Gordon Trevett, Head Coach



UBBC Club Captain's Update

After what had felt like a rather long, wet and trying winter, the regatta season seemed to appear and disappear in a sunny haze for UBBC. Following senior and novice camps at Gravelines and Dart Totnes respectively, the first fixture of the regatta season was the Varsity Boat Race against UWE for the Challenge Cup. Unfortunately we lost the blade races 3-1, so probably the less said about this the better! Thankfully the courageous Novice Women made sure it wasn't a clean sweep for UWE.

The following weekend UBBC packed up all of the boats it owned and headed to the unusually calm shores of Holme Pierrepont in Nottingham for the biggest ever BUCS regatta. The 3-day event always has a great atmosphere and this year was no different with UBBC members lining the banks to cheer one another on. There were some impressive performances, especially from the scratch men's and women's 4x's who managed to finish 6th and 5th in the Championship and Intermediate categories respectively. As always there were some solid performances from our Novice VIII's , with an 8th for the men and a 10th for the women, both in huge fields.

With BUCS out of the way each squad's focus shifted to Henley and the other summer regattas. The first wins of the season came on the Sunday of Reading Amateur Regatta in mid-June with the Novice Women's 1st VIII and Senior Men's 1st VIII winning their respective divisions.

Women's Henley fell at the end of June. UBBC had two crews entered, the Senior Women in the Academic 4+ category and the Novice Women in the Academic 8+ category. Both made it through the time trials, which was a massive achievement in the case of the Novice Women as they were up against crews far more experienced than them. The 4+ were then knocked out in the first round by UL, who went on to win the event, and the 8+ by Tethys BC, again in the first round. Henley Women's Regatta continues to grow ever year as does the standard of racing. It is far more relaxed than HRR if you haven't experienced it I'd encourage you to put next year's date in your diary (19th - 21st June)!

Whilst the women's squad were done and busy enjoying a few end-of-season ice creams and drinks, the men's squad were continuing full steam ahead towards HRR qualifiers. Unfortunately,

as none were pre-qualified, the UBBC crews had to brace the rather fierce headwind in the Friday qualifiers. After a rather tense wait in the boat tents (turns out U is quite a long way down the alphabet...) it was announced that the Senior Men's 1st VIII had qualified for the Temple. At the draw the following day one senior man is reported to have been overheard saying “wouldn't it be hilarious if we drew Brown..?” With fate tempted, it turns out it wasn't actually that funny when they did. As Wednesday came around, they faced their opponents determined to give it their all and to enjoy the experience. They lost with an easily verdict to a crew that would eventually be beaten in the Temple final by Oxford Brookes (this should give you some idea of the might of GB funded Brookes compared to the rest of men's university rowing in the UK!).

Another momentous event happened for the club in between Reading and Women's Henley; we finally got to move our boats into the new boathouse! In one day, with the whole club in attendance, we moved all the boats down from the field, scrubbed and washed away the remnants of the long winter hovering above the grass and finally placed them in their new home. Although the facilities block was not finished at this point, it did mean that all of last year's long-suffering members were able to spend the last few weeks of the season happily boating from a boathouse (rather than a field).

With the finishing touches put to the facilities over the summer the boathouse was finally ready for it's opening on 27th September, which was a momentous day in UBBC history. It was magnificent to see and meet so many UBBC alumni and others that had been involved in the project. The day also really brought home the sense of community UBBC has in its present and past members and how the completion of this project has been one of, if not the, greatest act of teamwork in this UBBC's history.

Over the summer the club was also delighted to welcome Tony Larkman, a former GB rower and Head Coach at Thames RC, to the UBBC team as Head Women's Rowing Coach. Tony is undertaking this role alongside his Head Coach role at Bath University, but has already had a significant impact on the Women's squad.

I am carrying on my role as UBBC Captain for another year and am excited

to build on the significant steps forward we took last year in club development, despite the difficulties of not having a boat house. I also look forward to creating a sustainable and, importantly, competitive boat club which is fit for its stunning new home. I'm pleased to report that membership numbers are up on last year and that 3 weeks into term we had over 150 UBBC members on the books; 34 Senior men, 26 Senior Women, 28 Novice Men and, somewhat terrifyingly, 56 Novice Women plus coxes. I'm sure the new boathouse has had a large impact on these numbers and they show that, even just 3 weeks after its official opening, everyone's hard work is paving the way for the next, hopefully, highly successful chapter in UBBC history.

Steph Harris



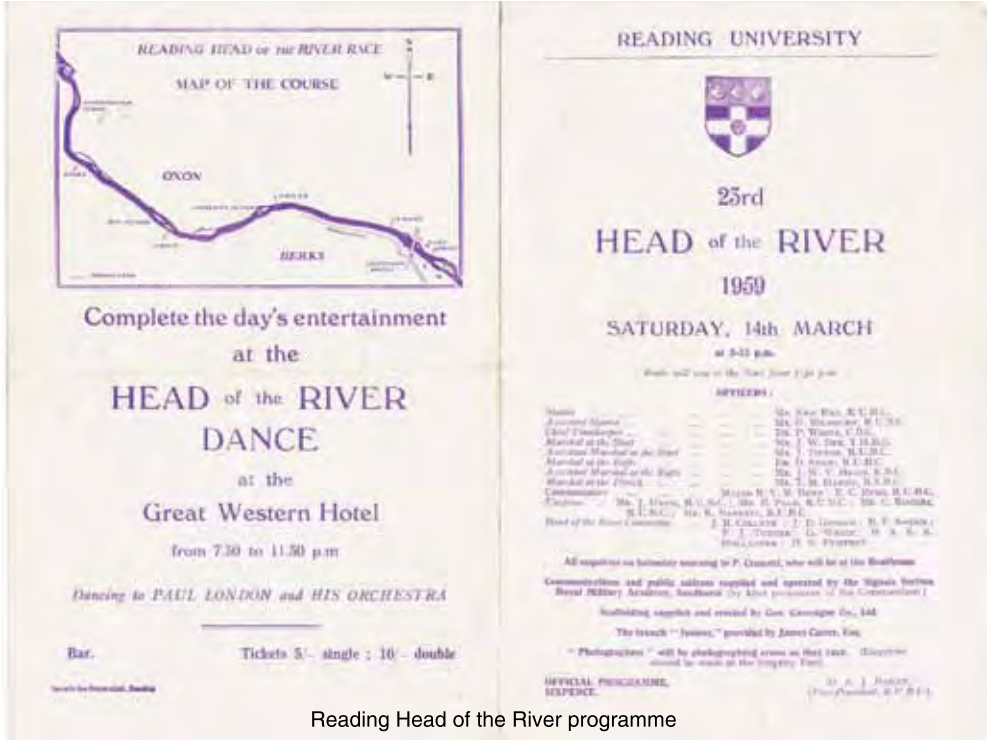
1959 UBBC Crew

As our distinguished readers will be aware, we are always on the lookout for memorabilia and good stories from UBBC's past. In response to our Spring 2014 Newsletter, Chris Lawson, cox of the 1959 3rd VIII at the Head of the River Race (HORR) and Reading Head of the River Race, got in contact.

In 1959 the 3rd VIII started 202nd in the London HORR and ended 98th equal. The 1st VIII went from 25th to 35th equal, the 2nd VIII 76th to 72nd and the 4th VIII from 281st to 264th. A gain of 104 places is seriously impressive, so apparently the crew were rather pleased with themselves!

Alongside this article are pictures of various items Chris found in his loft relating to the self-declared “peak of his life's sporting career”. Chris believes that the crew was: Stroke J.H. Tratt, 2. B.W. Lowrie, 3. John W. Stone, 4. Noel Hawkby, 5. J.W. Bryant, 6. Rich (?) Anthony, 7. J.B. Hughes, 8. Vladimir Edward Kacas and Cox: Chris G. Lawson.

Chris also added: “The reason why I joined the Boat Club is unusual. I think it all happened long enough ago not to put anyone's career at risk by telling of it. I was being interviewed for a scholarship to read Physics when one of the



distinguished looking academics on the other side of the table courteously asked, “Excuse me, Mr. Lawson, but might I ask how much you weigh?”. I was, and remain, fairly small, but before I could answer, one of the others said “Ha, President of the Boat Club!”. The weight question being dealt with satisfactorily, I then got asked if I would be interested in joining the Boat Club, even though I could lay no claims to having been near a rowing VIII, never mind steering one. But when I was awarded the scholarship, I felt I ought to try it out, and after a decidedly erratic first attempt to keep the boat going

along the river and not into its banks, enjoyed my afternoons on the water and developed a loud voice, which has been more useful subsequently than the steering skills.”

Finally, Chris's message to current UBBC members is that he “hopes that current members are getting as much enjoyment out of the sport as I did apart from the panic of nearly putting the boat into the bank in the Reading race”.

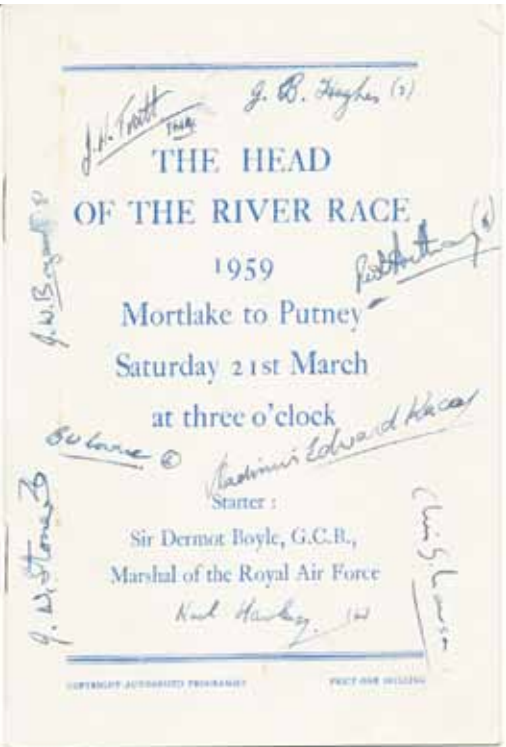
If anyone else has any further memorabilia or stories they would like to share then please get in contact!



The 3rd VIII at HORR 1959



The cox's number, including crew signatures, for the 3rd VIII at HORR 1959



The 1959 programme, including crew signatures

Nonesuch BC “dominate” Henley Town and Visitors' Regatta 2014



The victorious IV-



Nothing is lonely with a single under you

After the 'death or glory' of HRR, Henley Town and Visitors' Regatta always allows a more relaxed approach to racing. A great opportunity for fun competition and to watch Alumni members remember why training is important. All this in a stunning location and usually gorgeous weather...

This year was a classic, with Nonesuch putting a strong entry (VIII, IV+ and IV-, with Chris Heywood and Lottie Hudson in singles).

The VIII (Poppy Mathers, Adam Rushton, Andy Turner, Andrew Farr, Hugh Cooper, Chris Heywood, Francis Benyon, Jon McCann, Henry Sperling) got off to a very eventful start; on the way to their race a huge 'day-hire' barge meandered into them, destroying a rigger and rendering the boat unusable. Unsurprisingly, it then proceeded to rain in biblical proportions. After a quick shout across to their opposition (Upper Thames RC) the crew limped over to UTRC boathouse and took up their very generous offer of a lovely Empacher (one of many in the boathouse!).

Back on the water, it dawned upon the VIII that the Upper Thames crew were actually a combination of both of their HRR winning fours. After kindly offering Nonesuch the choice of station, their cox pointed out that he was now on the side of the river that he won his Henley final. Still, the Nonesuch crew were confident that their quick start would surely break Upper Thames early on in the race (it didn't). Nevertheless, Nonesuch put up a good fight, narrowing UTRC's lead to a mere 1¼ lengths at the finish not a bad result

against a crew of recent Henley winners on their home water!

After undertaking a scientifically planned, highly technical carb-loading session in Wetherspoon's, the IV+ (Jon McCann, Felix Chapman, Hugh Cooper, Francis Benyon, Henry Sperling) boated for their first race. Their heat was a particularly exciting race, with the lead changing between all three crews numerous times before Nonesuch powered across the line first to go through. However, Nonesuch were narrowly beaten in the final by Llandaff RC, in spite of Nonesuch cox Henry Sperling's strict dietary preparation (81kg).

Later on in the day the IV- (Zane, Andy Turner, Jon McCann, Adam Rushton) took to the water. Having previously been beaten in the doomed VIII's final, the self-proclaimed 'big deals' had a score to settle. They charged off the stakeboat and, in spite of some creative steering from their bowman, unleashed some savage speed and aggression on their rivals. After several minutes of persistent warnings from the umpire, and literally inches away from disqualification, their great length and strong finishes allowed them to surge ahead into the distance and destroy their opposition (verdict: canvas).



In the smaller boats, Chris Heywood stormed through his heat to reach the final of IM2 1x. The weather also decided to storm through to the final and the spectators crammed themselves into the hospitality tent to witness his race in a torrential downpour. A dramatic race, his opposition from Wallingford edged across the finish line just ahead, beating him by the closest margin of the day (1ft). In the womens' singles, Lottie Hudson had a similar result, easing through her heat only to come up against strong opposition in the final. Despite a valiant effort (and slightly better weather) her opposition proved too strong, extending an unassailable lead and crossing the line first to take the title.

Nonesuch BC had an excellent attendance at this summer's Henley 'T&V'. With preparation following the time-honoured formula of snapped riggers, Wetherspoon's lunches and 'big chat', it has consistently proved to be a great event for welcoming the newer members into Nonesuch BC racing. All this before collecting beautiful antique trophies from the Mayor of Henley and heading to Henley RC to drink the bar dry afterwards. Long may it continue!

Adam Rushton, 2004-08



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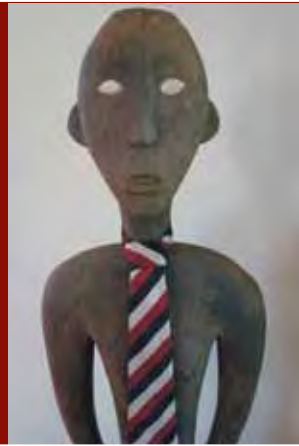


Call for email addresses

We do not have email addresses for many of our members and we are starting to send out our newsletters and event updates electronically. If you have not received this newsletter by email by the New Year then please email James.diaz-sokoloff@uk.bp.com and we'll update our records with your email address.

UBBC Ties

In need of a UBBC tie?
If so, please contact Emma Mckie at
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£25 per tie



UBBC Alumni Social Events Calendar 2014

31 January: Quintin Head

Join Nonesuch BC at Quintin Head and meet for drinks in The Ship (Mortlake, near Chiswick Bridge) afterwards.

29 March: Head of the River Race

Join us at the Head of the River Race for post-race drinks. Venue to be announced - please either check the Facebook group wall for details nearer the time or contact Adam Mackenzie by email.

TBA: Varsity

Come along and watch UBBC and the Nonesuch crews at Varsity.
Date not yet finalised, but will be publicised on UBBC's website.

4th July during Afternoon Tea: Pimm's at Henley Royal Regatta

Join us for Pimms in the usual parking lots S5 and S6 at Henley Royal Regatta. If you haven't been before, go to the corner of Lion Meadow, opposite the boat tents and nearest to Remenham Lane, and look out for UBBC blazers!

Nonesuch BC and UBBC Racing Calendar

31 January - Quintin Head

14 March - Women's Head of the River Race

29 March - Men's Head of the River Race

25 April or thereabouts - Varsity

2nd - 4th May - BUCS Regatta, Nottingham

13th/14th June - Reading Regatta

20th - 22nd June - Henley Women's Regatta

1st- 5th July - Henley Royal Regatta

1 August - Henley Town & Visitors