

# FCBC Easter Term

Dear Billygoats,

I hope you have had a relaxing summer break! Fitzwilliam Boat Club had a really successful and productive Easter term with some great senior results from both the men's and women's sides of the club.

Here is a quick summary of last term's rowing activities for each boat written by the respective coaches or captains. There is also some exiting news regarding our brand new website at the end of the newsletter.

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**M1** Coached by Antony Moule, Alex Markham and Stephan Muller.

Due to exams, M1 didn't get the full crew together for a few weeks. The City Head-to-Head showed this, coming 11<sup>th</sup> out of 13 M1 crews entering, despite a strong first leg. Nottingham City Regatta gave us some useful multi-lane experience, entering the novice category, and having outright won our first heat with clear water, came an annoying 4<sup>th</sup> in the final, just 0.2 seconds behind 3<sup>rd</sup>.

M1 had a strong performance in May Bumps this year, with the crew punching above their weight. Day 1 – Strong row over with Girton behind & 1 whistle on Emma in front. Day 2 – Row over in front of Girton, who were then bumped by Peterhouse. Day 3 – Bumped by Peterhouse on Ditton corner. In our attempt to push away (which almost work) we gained on Emma, putting us within a length of them. Day 4 – Exiting row over ahead of Churchill (overlap down the reach). This puts M1 down just 1 place, placing 14<sup>th</sup> in division 1. Peterhouse were definitely on the up, and so this is a result to be extremely pleased with! We've upped the training and are starting to get back the M1 attitude and crew focus needed to row in division 1.

**W1** Coached by Antony Moule, Silvia Breu and Alan Marron

The most exiting event of the term has been our new boat: the Nicky Padfield. Thank you to Nicky for naming and breaking in the new boat at the naming ceremony!

Whilst for W1 there was a lot to work on, the crew tried their best and showed fighting spirit and had great fun during the term. In Mays we had a great row over on the first day and unfortunately some brutal bumps on the second, third and final day by Jesus, Darwin and Emmanuel. (The Nicky Padfield survived with no major injuries!). This means W1 dropped down 3 places now lying 7<sup>th</sup> in May Bumps Division 4. It's been a tough term and a challenging May Bumps but the women's side has come out stronger and more experienced.

It has not been the most successful year in terms of results but we have much to look forward to in the next year starting with our training camp in early October. The new Women's Captain is Chloe Withers for the next year 2014-15.







## W2 *Coached by Anna-Rosa Gejlsbjerg*

With last minute crew changes and trying to worm in training sessions around exams, the road to Bumps for W2 has been a rocky one; as such, the first time the crew rowed together was on the first day of Bumps! However, despite this, the crew remained committed and positive. After very narrowly missing out on bumping First & Third on day one (3 whistles galore all down Plough Reach!), we were unluckily bumped down the next two days by strong Anglia Ruskin and Jesus crews. Despite this, the crew showed true Billy Pride on the final day and – despite almost being bumped at Billy Field – managed to finish with a safe row-over. Special thanks to Anna-Rosa to the help she gave us in the limited time we had and to Marguerite Cornu who stepped in to row the week before Bumps having not rowed since Michaelmas Term! Row Billy!!

## M2 *Coached by Matthew Bergin, Robert Doe and Mike Parrott*

Following on from a disappointing Lent Term, M2 continued to have issues with achieving a consistent crew with a different crew on each day of May Bumps. However, despite bumps by Clare, Kings and Jesus on the first three days, M2's rowing has developed considerably since Lent and the bumps were not conceded without impressive fights. M2 regrouped on the final day to achieve a convincing and strong row over to go down 3 overall, finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in division 4 with a great deal more experience, focus and determination going into next term.



## Boat Club Dinner – Mays 2014



## Racing in Michaelmas Term:

- University Fours: Oct-Nov 2014
- Queens Ergs: November 2014
- Clare Novices: 27-29<sup>th</sup> November
- Fairbairns Novices: December 2014
- Fairbairns Seniors: December 2014

## Fitzwilliam College Boat Club – New Website Launching

Fitzwilliam College Boat Club is pleased to announce that a new website for the club has been developed and is a big improvement on the current website. It will be updated much more regularly with the latest news, results and crews, both from current Fitz rowers and Alumni. We would really like to develop the Alumni section on the website however so if you have any photos of a reunion row then please email them to [wm273@cam.ac.uk](mailto:wm273@cam.ac.uk).

The website is due to be launched in the next couple of weeks and the new address will be sent around via email once this has happened.

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