

The 1927 Club



Walton Rowing Club's rebuilding project newsletter

Christmas 2009

Building progress

The builders continue to make good progress; the foundations and drainage are now in place and the studs are ready to receive the steelwork, which is due to start arriving in the second week in January.



The Committee extends a big thank-you to all those who helped clear out the boathouse and prepare for the demolition; a remarkable amount was achieved in a very short time, and work didn't stop at any time in those ten days.

Stream conditions

The temporary arrangements seemed to be working reasonably well until the stream stopped us boating for a

couple of weeks; now that it is returning to normal (yellow boards at the time of writing on our reach, but some reaches are back to no warnings) training on the water can start again.

If you have not already done so, you may find it worth bookmarking the River Thames conditions website: <http://riverconditions.visitthames.co.uk/#listC>

Yellow (and even red) boards do not automatically mean that all boating is prohibited, but they are a strong indication. Coaches will take into account all the risk factors before deciding, and novices and younger juniors almost certainly will not go out when there are red boards.

Walton Small Boats Head

Sadly, the Small Boats Head—like Burway, Wallingford and several others—was a victim of the strong stream conditions. Although the stream was dropping fast on the day, it would not have been possible to marshal and turn a large number of crews safely. Many thanks to all those who put effort into preparing it, right up to the Thursday morning when the final decision was made.



Collecting the trophy at the Elmbridge Sports Council Awards

Elmbridge Sports Council Awards

The Walton Junior Squad won the overall Team Prize at the Elmbridge Sports Council Awards; the committee felt that every age-group had really excelled itself. This award brings a prize of £250 as well as a trophy.

Angus and Sam in GB junior squad

Angus Groom and Sam Knight have been selected to take part in the GB Junior training camp in Nantes. They are two of only eight GB scullers on the camp, while Nick De Cata is also there as a coach, so Walton is very well represented.



Two-toed Christmas sloth

Turkey Triathlon

The Club will be holding its traditional post-Christmas event on Monday 28th December. Run, cycle and scull on your own or make up a team—it's the best way to shake off that Christmas sloth! The event is open to all individuals or any relay combinations. Register by 8am

at the Club - £5 donation per person. The race will be based at the Club and St Georges, but the post-race breakfast and social will be at Thames Valley Skiff Club in the warm!

Christmas holiday training times

For the more experienced junior and senior scullers, the following open sessions are planned:

Sat 19th 1pm at Walton if you want to go to the Tide-way, or 1.30pm for normal Walton session

Sun 20th Normal 8am and 10.30am sessions

Tues/Weds/Thurs 10am at Walton (finish around 12.30pm)

Sat 26th 1.30pm if you are keen!

Sun 27th Normal 8am and 10.30am sessions

Monday 28th Turkey Triathlon 8am

Tues/Weds/Thurs 10am at Walton (finish around 12.30pm)

Sat 2nd/Sun 3rd Jan Normal week-end sessions

Try to keep fit on other days by running, cycling, swimming, home circuits etc. The more work you put in now - the better your results in the Spring and Summer!

Adult Novices and Junior Beginner boys and girls should check with Alex, Gordon or Hazel for their session times. There will be extra sessions for the J15s and below to make up for the time lost at the beginning of the month.

Junior registration forms

Parents of juniors are asked to complete an updated registration / parental consent form each year; the forms for 2010 will be sent out with your subscription reminder and are also available on the Club website (click on "Useful documents" at the top of the home page).

Subscriptions

Subscriptions for 2010 are due on 1st January, or you can renew your standing order. The Club's account details are



Bank: NatWest, 73 High Street, Walton on Thames, Surrey, KT12 1DN (Sort Code 60-22-25)

Account: Walton Rowing Club, No. 02613662.

Subscriptions are held at the same level as last year, however you are invited to add a donation of £25 or more to your subscription, which will be put in the Rebuilding Fund. This will attract Gift Aid tax relief if you complete (or have previously completed) a Gift Aid form which is also available on the website.

Dinner Dance

Sarah Clarke is again organising the Dinner Dance, which will be held on Saturday 27th February (the evening of Burway Head) at the Inn on the Lake, Silvermere Golf Club.

Tickets have been held at last year's prices: £38 each. Please contact Sarah at sarahclarke216@btinternet.com or call her on 01932 247437 if you would like to come.

Please put it in your diary now—get a group of friends together and make up your own table of ten. The deadline for bookings will be about two weeks before the event.

Christmas party

The Walton Rowing Club Christmas Party will be held at the Thames Valley Skiff Club on Friday 18th December at

7:30 pm. This will be quite informal but will include the 100 Club draw. So if you want to win your bottle of champagne, make sure you are there when your number is drawn!

Have a great Christmas and make sure that the first item on your New Year's Resolutions is "Go out regularly and do lots of miles sculling" (or rowing) ☺