

# The 1927 Club

## Walton Rowing Club's rebuilding project newsletter

June 2010



### Phase 1 complete

The builders left site as planned at the beginning of April. For those who have not visited the Club since then, the new building does look fantastic, and has made those cold days operating out of two tents at the back of St Georges all worthwhile.



A team of volunteers has sealed the concrete floor, painted the walls and ceiling white, and installed racks so that now all our "good" boats are back in the boathouse.

We have installed temporary changing-rooms in one of the boat-bays, and are able to use the one disabled toilet downstairs. The gym has been set up as a temporary



clubroom, with a bar in one corner, and we have applied for our licence to be reinstated, which will take up to eight weeks.

### Utility connection problems

The one bugbear is in the electricity and gas connections: first it took several weeks just to persuade the utility companies to quote us for reconnecting the supplies, now they are trying to charge us almost £20,000 for the reconnection! We are fighting this completely unfair and disproportionate charge (if we were a residential property the charge would be a few hundred pounds) but unfortunately in the meantime we have only a very limited supply of electricity, by courtesy of St Georges, and no gas, so no showers.

We are working hard to get these charges reduced, involving Sport England and writing to our new MP. But if anyone knows the solution, please contact Richard Thiemann or Mike Hendry.

### Phase 2

On 23rd May we held an opening party, at which Charterhouse and Cranmore both named new quad sculls. There was a barbecue which lasted all afternoon, and we were able to show many people the new facilities and—we hope—inspire many to help raise funds or contribute to the phase 2 work.

This will involve fitting out the whole of the upper floor, starting with the walls and floor. There is a range of sub-projects and tasks, ranging in value from £1,500 to £50,000, which will get us progressively closer to a fully-finished clubhouse. There is a full list of these projects at the back of this newsletter; please let us know if you are able to help with any of these.

### Spring Head

On April 10th we were finally able to run the Spring Head, which replaced the cancelled Small Boats Head in December. We had 150 crews in two divisions; the weather was great and such a contrast from our usual date that we are planning to make this a regular event (as well as the traditional December one).

### JIRR

At the Junior Inter-regional Regatta in Nottingham Walton was selected to represent the Lower Thames in all boys' J14 events, as well as MJ15 and WJ16 doubles. Oli Knight won the singles comfortably, overtaking the umpire's launch and two crews from the previous race in the process! He and Harry Gaywood also won the doubles by a large margin, while the quad led in the first half of each of its races but finally finished tenth. Elliot Tarrant and Callum Gathercole won bronze in the J15 2x, while Holly Jones and Sam Ball won the B final.



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### Marlow Spring

Marlow Spring was another very windy day, but successful for the Club as we came back with nine pots, despite

the J14 events being cancelled. They included singles wins for Sam and Oli Knight, every combination of Junior doubles and quads for Hannah, Holly, Julia, Sophie and Sam, J15 double (Callum and Elliott) and quad, WIM3 fours for April, Annie, Sophie and Fiona with Kieran coxing, and the Masters eights.

### Walton & Weybridge

Everyone enjoyed the good weather for this regatta, and our crews really excelled themselves with 14 wins in IM3 2x, Mas 2x, WJ16 2x, J14 4x, WJ15 2x, J15 2x, IM2 2-, Mas Nov 1x, Nov 1x, WIM2 8o, J14 1x, J15 4x, Mas 4x and J 4x.



WIM2 eight at Walton & Weybridge

### Weybridge Ladies

At Weybridge Ladies the following day Hannah and Julia won the WIM2x, and we also had a new WJ13 crew winning, with Honor, Becky, Emma and Alex, coxed by Vicky.

### Munich

Angus Groom was in the GB junior quad which took silver in the quads in Munich.

### National Schools

Yet another superb set of results at Nat Schools in Nottingham: Harry and Oli again won the J14 doubles, and Oli joined Callum, Elliott Tarrant and Andrew Bedford to win the J15 quads, with Ali Douglass coxing. Callum and



National Schools J15 champions

Elliott won the bronze in J15 doubles, while Angus was just overtaken in the last 500m to take silver in the J18 singles.

### National Masters Champs

At Thames Ditton in May Ian Robinson and Glyn Groom won the Masters C/D 2x.

But that was just a warm-up for the National Masters in Nottingham, where the Walton veteran squad took three golds and a bronze. Captain Neil West and Richard Hosking got the ball rolling by winning MC doubles, sculling down Wallingford in the last few strokes. In tough races in the middle of the afternoon the MD quad disappointingly missed out on a medal finishing a close fourth, the MD coxless four rowed through for a bronze and the ME coxless four finished a creditable fifth.

With most people tripling up fatigue was starting to set in when Neil and Richard, together with Mike Everington and Richard Smalman-Smith, sculled down Tees in the last few strokes to win MB quads. With just time to swap in Glyn Groom for Mike the crew returned to the start and this time beat Tees by one length to win MC quads. Unfortunately after a generally fine day the weather had deteriorated by the time the IM MD quad raced but a good time was had by all.

### Henley Womens

At Henley Womens' Regatta we had a Club coxed four and a Lightweight pair. The pair had to compete in an Elite division and only just lost to the eventual winners Neptune—a great result for a junior pair.

### Junior beginners' courses

Hazel Thiemann ran two very successful junior beginners' courses in May, one for girls over five Saturdays and then one for boys during the half-term week. Most of those who complete the course go on to join the Club, so thanks to the many helpers, including several of the older juniors. Demand is high, and the next course will be in August (23rd—27th), run by Brian Martin.

### Forthcoming regattas

At Henley Royal (June 30th—July 4th), Angus Groom will be in a composite quad with Westminster School in the Fawley cup; the Club also has a Fawley crew which must qualify on Friday evening (10 out of 55 to qualify) and a Wyfold four (14 out of 60).

For those who have not attended Henley before, it is worth getting tips from regulars as to the best places to park and picnic. Many members are also members of the Stewards' Enclosure and will be happy to introduce guests—this is a very special day out and a part of the summer social scene. Wherever you go, you can be sure of some excellent racing.

The juniors will be competing at Egham, Kingston and Burway Regattas, while we will also have a contingent travelling to Scotland for the National Champs on 16th—18th July.

### Social events

We held another successful open day at the Club on 20th June; another is planned for 1st August.

Some Walton and Cranmore parents are organising a Barn Dance in Cobham Village Hall on 9th October; details will be available shortly but please put it in your diary now!

## Phase 2 tasks

Earlier we said we would list the tasks that need doing for phase 2. Here is a selection:

Item	What does it consist of?	What does it give us?	How much would it cost?
Blockwork and screed	Paint-grade blockwork walls to first floor; lay pipe for underfloor heating and screed over whole of first floor	Walls and floor upstairs; needed for any of the following	£23,000
Fire escape and balcony	Steel fire escape stair; steel frame, timber deck and glass balustrade for balcony. Both installed by crane.	A complete external appearance; also both needed to allow us to occupy the first floor.	£32,500 (£11,000 fire escape, £21,500 balcony)
Internal walls	Blockwork walls to changing-rooms, kitchen, bar etc	Separate spaces for each function; allows work to continue separately in each	£4,000
Mechanical services	Second gas boiler; heating supply; hot & cold water; ventilation & heat recovery	Heating and hot water (also need elec.)	£38,000
Electrical services	Lighting, sockets, extend fire alarm	This is probably the minimum to allow us to use the first floor	£13,500
Joinery	Doors throughout first floor	Appearance	£7,000
Ceilings	Suspended ceiling to changing-rooms etc		£4,500
Plumbing fittings	Showers, toilets, basins etc	Working changing-rooms	£12,000
Tiling	Tiling to shower & toilet areas	Part of above	£1,500
Decoration	Paint blockwork & doors		Paint cost only!
Kitchen	All kitchen fittings & units	Working kitchen	£5,000
Bar	All bar fittings & units	Working bar	£8,000
Floor finishes	Non-slip vinyl in changing-rooms, bar & kitchen; carpet in bar & function-room; stair-carpet & nosing	Finish inside appearance	£10,000
External	Make good concrete apron, paths, landscaping	Finish outside appearance	Some hours of hard work ...