

The 1927 Club

WALTON



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Walton Rowing Club's newsletter

Since the last newsletter the regatta season has ended and we are now well into the autumn heads, so a newsletter is overdue ...

Captain's meeting

At the Captain's meeting in July, Nick de Cata was elected Captain. Nick was Captain from 1999 to 2008 and so is well known to most members.



Lee and Matt with Ken Roberts at Nottingham

The new squad co-ordinators and contact points are:

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Please contact these co-ordinators if you have any questions about your squad arrangements.

Henley

Although we had four entries for Henley Royal, three of these did not make it through the qualifiers, and the Fawley quad, although a selected crew, went out on the Thursday to a very strong Dutch crew.

Nat Champs

This year the traditional Nat Champs at Nottingham was restricted to junior crews only, with separate events for masters and seniors. Alice Jefferies, Nina Giambrone, Tilly Catlin & Katie Giambrone won silver in WJ16 4x; all four girls are J15 so have another chance to get gold next year.

Cameron Christie won the B final in his J14 singles

event—another very good result for a young athlete.

Lee Mount and Matt Georgiou took the bronze in J 2x and were selected to race for England at the Home Countries International, also in Nottingham. At that event they won their race comfortably, leading from start to finish.

Junior Worlds

Callum Gathercole and Morgan Bolding represented the Club at the World Junior Championships in Trakai, Lithuania in August. As at Munich, they were joined by several former members of the Walton squad. Callum's quad was disappointed only to reach the B final, while the eight, with Morgan, Oli Knight and Harry Lonergan came

fourth overall, despite being only ½ length behind winners Germany.

Maidenhead

Whilst our juniors were doing club and country proud in Lithuania our novices and masters were doing their bit at Maidenhead. Fresh from the beginners' course run by Mike Everington earlier this year, Mike Green, Safi Saleem, Adam Clark and Tim Adams, coxed by Izzy Fish, won novice fours after two close races.

Richard and Hazel Thiemann won mixed masters C 2x and narrowly lost to the winners from Marlow in mixed masters D 4x along with Mike Everington and Jane Alsop. The novice masters C coxed four of Ian Wilson, Jamie Milbourne, Ciaran Gannon and Brian Lawry, also coxed by Izzy, had a fine race losing to the winners from Maidenhead. Adam Constable lost in IM3 1x to the winner from Maidenhead by ½ length in a re-row after a dead heat.



Maidenhead winners

Autumn Heads

Club crews have started the autumn heads off well with several wins and great performances at the Pairs Head and the Silver Sculls.



At the Pairs Head Neil West and Glyn Groom won Masters D doubles, while Ali Jackson and Steve Heywood won Masters C mixed doubles. Matt Georgiou and Lee Mount came third in junior doubles.

At the Silver Sculls we had almost sixty competitors, who produced four wins: Ali Jackson was yet again the fastest woman (her fourth win at this event), while Nina Giambrone won WJ16 singles, closely followed home by Tilly Catlin. Hazel and Richard Thiemann won Masters C mixed doubles while Neil and Glyn again won Masters D. We also had four second places: former French junior doubles champion Sigmund Verstraete, who is currently working and rowing at Walton, narrowly missed the Silver Sculls, while Adam Constable came second in IM3 singles, Sophie Thean in WJ singles and Ed Wilkinson in J14 singles.

At Teddington Small Boats Head, Navid Mohamadzade and Michael Cleary won J16 doubles, while the Masters C eight and J14 double (in each case the only entry in their event) were both pleased with their row.

Walton Small Boats Head

All eyes are now on our own event, to be held on Saturday December 7th. It finally looks as if the bridge will be fully clear of obstructions (the last piles were removed on Saturday!), so now we must simply hope for good weather and a calm stream.

The event needs a very large team, doing everything from timing and marshalling to running the bar and catering. Please help if you can; even if you are racing in one division, the event lasts all day. There is a notice-board next

to the kitchen on which you are invited to sign up, or contact Mike Bishop directly (07595 717510, mike_bishop@btinternet.com).

Circuit training

On Tuesday and Thursday evenings there is circuit training at Halliford School gym from 7 to 8 pm. Steve Heywood is also running circuits for Masters at the Club on a Thursday evening.

Beginners courses

Through the year we have run three courses for junior beginners and three for adults; these have all been well attended and most of those attending have gone on to join the Club. The next courses will now start around Easter next year.

Coaching courses

We now have six Club members doing UKCC Level 2 courses with British Rowing, and at least two more on waiting-lists. The Club pays all course fees for members wanting to attend any of these courses, on the understanding that they will coach crews at Walton afterwards. We always have more crews needing coaching than coaches available, so if you are interested in attending a coaching course, please contact Ken Roberts or Mike Everington.

Boat & blade purchases

In the last few months we have purchased two new fly-weight singles, to replace several boats that were no



Look, Mummy—no piles!



Junior beginners course and helpers, July

longer repairable, and a lightweight double. These boats are all marked with their weights (50-60 kg and 60-75 kg respectively) and may only be used by competent scullers within those weight ranges. The intention is to mark all club boats with their weight range and to have a register showing who can use which boats.

We have also bought several new pairs of Concept2 'Smoothie' sculls; racing crews may use these sculls but for normal club outings you should continue to use the older (mostly blue-handled) sculls—or buy your own!

Boat maintenance

Most crews are now more careful about washing boats down after outings, and tying down any outside boats. However, some crews are still not taking enough care; this not only means that the next user has to cope with the grit and grime but also shortens the life of the boats and costs money in repairs.

If you find a problem with a boat, then you MUST put it in the book upstairs and not just put the boat back on the rack. If a boat needs adjustment, then ask a coach to help you adjust it.

Safety and security

There are also some important messages about security; please remember that the Club's safety and security depends on everyone behaving responsibly. So please:

- Make sure that all boats and blades you have used are put away after your outing
- Make sure the sculling-shed and compound are

locked—don't assume someone else will do it

- Close and spin all combination padlocks after opening them—don't leave the combination exposed. The sculling-shed can be closed using the black button inside the door.
- Check the front door closes behind you when you leave
- Do not obstruct fire escape routes (the yellow hatched areas on the boathouse floor); bicycles must be kept outside and trestles put under boats or on the new racks which will shortly appear!
- Petrol and gas containers must be padlocked in the sculling-shed and not left in the boathouse
- Do not use the first-aid boxes every time you need a plaster for a blister; this is not an emergency and you will probably be better cleaning it carefully once you get home, and then covering it if necessary.

Volunteers needed

There are two roles in particular for which we currently need a volunteer:

- Someone to run the 100 Club; for many years this was a very useful source of income for the Club. You need to recruit new members and collect £12 a year from them and existing members, and run a draw at the Club once a month, normally on a Sunday lunchtime.
- A kitchen monitor, to check (at least once a week) that the kitchen is kept in a tidy state and any materials needed are ordered (Tim Adams handles the actual ordering).

Please contact Mike Everington or Mike Hendry if you could help with either of these roles.

Club kit

With colder weather now upon us, and Christmas coming up, this is a good time to get your splashtop, gilet or woolly hat. Peter Knight (pssoknight@tiscali.co.uk) looks after all-in-ones, splashtops and gilets, while Mike Hendry (mike@mikehendry.com) will be happy to sell you a polo

shirt, woolly hat or cap.

Regatta fees

Finally the usual plea from Peter Knight: please check the board and pay any regatta fee arrears. If you race regularly, you should try to keep your account in credit so that he doesn't have to chase you the whole time. The Club can now take credit and debit card payments, so speak to Peter if that works better for you.

Christmas party

There will be a Christmas party at the Club on Friday 20th December. Members of all ages and their families are welcome. Further details will be posted at the Club nearer the time.

Turkey Triathlon

The Club will be holding its usual Turkey Triathlon on 27th December—time to be confirmed. Run, scull and cycle on your own or in teams. This event is suitable for J15s and above; start your training now and look out for the notice!



WRC splashtop