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(At the Boat House)

The official newsletter of the Girton College Boat Club,
to keep you updated as if you were on the boat!

President's message

Hello boaties! As summer approaches GCBC is well underway it's rigorous training for May Bumps, as well as juggling revision for end of year exams. It's all go for our 6 teams, with new crew line ups, coaches, and (of course) big socials. It's a thrill to have taken over as the new president at such an exciting time for the club, amidst some of the chonkiest friends I have, and I can't wait for what the club has in store for the future!

Jonah Gibbon
GCBC President, 2022-23

Lent Term

From the grueling depths of winter, our teams stayed strong training hard for what was an excellent term of racing. It started with an amazing training week hosted by our captains Jan and Emily, ending in 2k tests to determine crews. Most novices from Easter absolutely crushed it, with two going straight into first teams!



W1 marshalling for Newnham Head

In January the club undertook our incredibly successful Ergathon, helping raise over 8 grand for our new Filippi 8+. We would all like to give a massive thank you to all alumni/donors who helped achieve this! It is currently being manufactured in Italy and will hopefully be here in time for Mays, however they are currently experiencing difficulties due to covid shenanigans ☹️

Later in March two of our W1 rowers headed down to WEHoRR to help our friends in Corpus, who didn't have enough rowers to compete. Katherine and Imogen put in their usual big shift, and placed 154/301, with an impressive time of 23:41!

The return of the bumps format to the Cam was marked by GCBC success. M1 unfortunately did get bumped twice, but also

rowed over on the two other days of racing, maintaining their strong positioning near the top of division 2. W1, who were thrust into the upper echelons of racing, impressively managed to row over on the last day of bumps, finishing 4th in the second division. W2 raced a hard-fought getting on race, and unfortunately did not make it to bumps despite their valiant effort. However, the real GCBC heroes of Lent Bumps were M2. Half fresh-faced novices, half battle-hardened seniors, this motley crew clicked together in the last week before the getting on race and roared through their competition. Narrowly missing out on the coveted blades they bumped a total of 3 times and sailed into the next division (zero M2 bias from writers). The Easter holidays closed in, the training took a back seat, and most rowers headed down to watch the boat races in London to help support CUBC's most recent addition, our lightweight fresher Orlando, helping bring the win in his race back to Cambridge!



Summers on its way!
With raising temperatures,
GCBC returns with its first
newsletter of the year!

Sponsorship

GCBC is looking for a sponsor to help us with the rising cost of repairs, equipment, and coaching. If you know of a company that might be interested in forming a partnership with us or you would like to discuss details of sponsorship, please drop us a line

at
treasurer@girtoncollegeboatclub.com

Alternatively, if you would like to help us keep going with a donation, then please get in contact with our [treasurer](#).

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Upcoming Term

GCBC is ready to take the Cam by storm this June. Both the men's and women's sides of the boat club are training furiously, and our prospects look excellent for the upcoming races. M1 are high in division 2 and have set up a rematch with Gonville & Caius M2 on the first day, which promises to be a nail-biter of an opening race for our boys. Meanwhile, W1 go into their bumps campaign in a strong position in the first division and they too will have to fight hard to work their way up the standings. Girton M2 and W2 are both in the lower divisions with W2 having to make their way through the getting on race this year – both crews are gearing up for action-filled campaigns. Finally, our new batch of LBCs are beginning to train M3 and W3 respectively, both of which are showing early promise and will hopefully prove to be crack squads worthy of the big GCBC!

Getting Involved

With easing restrictions, there is so much you can get involved with! We warmly invite you all to watch Mays and cheer us on, with a BBQ happening from 12-5 on Ditton Meadows on that final Saturday 18th. All you'll need is cash to pay with, and a loud voice for those YEAH GIRTONS! Any

alumni are encouraged to join us for our annual BCD that evening, with a drinks reception in the evening at

Girton College. Tickets cost £61.00 - in order to book one, please email our president Jonah at president@girtoncollegeboatclub.com by the 10th June, with the names of guests attending, your crew and the year you graduated, and any dietary requirements. You'll then receive an email about how you can transfer the cost of the ticket, and more information about the night itself. Be sure not to miss it, it'll promise to be a great evening! For the unlucky few that can't attend, do remember there is always CamFM student radio where you can tune into the chaos of Mays live!



Lent Boat Club Dinner

FUNDRAISING

After our successful fundraising, the boat club is in a financially strong position. However, our long-term goal is to increase the finances in our endowment fund. If anyone is interested in helping us, no matter how small the donation, do please reach out to our Treasurer

Owen at
treasurer@girtoncollegeboatclub.com

BLUES WATCH

Orlando, a fresher studying History, raced (and won!) the lightweights' boat race this year. He'll now be stroking our M1 team to victory in Mays!

Niamh, one of our fastest W1 rowers, is currently racing in the development squad for CUBC, putting in those extra watts. With any luck she'll be heading to Henley with them this year!

Meet our rowers!



Niamh Casstles – W1

Hi, I'm Niamh and I'm in my third year studying Veterinary Medicine at Girton! I noviced with GCBC in Easter Term last year, rowing as stroke for NW1 in June Eights Regatta, and have totally fallen in love with the sport. In Michaelmas this year I was lucky enough to make selection for W1, and have had the pleasure of rowing with them since! I was very excited this term to make it onto CUBC's Development Squad, competing at BUCS in a 4+ and coming 5th in our category. My favourite thing about rowing for Girton is the community we've built and the friendships I've made here, we have such a bond as a crew and there's a real element of each putting in the work for the others, which is hugely motivating. One of my favourite rowing memories is LBC'ing in Michaelmas this year, and trying to keep my eyes on the boat instead of getting distracted by every dog I saw on the towpath... I think bumps is going to be one to watch... and as our current social sec, I'd love to extend an invitation for you to join us - we'd love your support if you can make it!