

Lent Term 2006



**Newnham
College Boat
Club**

NCBC News

Committee Changeover

A new committee for 2006-2007 now take over the responsibility of the club, with many new ideas and lots of enthusiasm; we hope they will have a successful year.

Captain: Bee Heller

Vice Captain: Rachelle MacMillan

Captains of the Lower Boats: Thalie Chapman and Harriet Eldred

Treasurer: Tosin Farinre

Secretary: Katy Morris

Social Secretaries: Katie Hall and Lucy Osborne

Development Officer: Ellie Hughes

IT Officer: Fran Darby

Safety Officer: Jodie Haughton

Regatta Secretary: Libby Richards

Triallists and The Women's Boat Race

This year there were three Newnham rowers trialling to be in the CUW Blue Boat: Emma Collinson (hwt), Jenny Reid (hwt) and Chloe Squires (lwt).

Of the three, Jenny Reid successfully made it to the power house of the Blue Boat, seat 5, and faced Oxford on the 1st April. Unfortunately, Cambridge lost by half a length to a more experienced Oxford crew in a nail-biting race with Cambridge pushing Oxford every stroke to the finish.

Newnham were able to assist CUW this year during trialling by lending them our 1st VIII boat The Baroness O'Neill and a set of our blades.

Sculling at NCBC

Newnham have very kindly been donated a scull this year by Tim Granger, our previous head coach. This has enabled several girls to learn to scull and to take part in small boats events this term, including Second Trinity Challenge Sculls, where Newnham had a 3rd place finish.

A new Head Coach for NCBC

Finally, this term we have a new head coach, Vicki Marsh, who took on the role in January this year. This meant she could relieve the Captains of some of the workload and provide some extra support setting training and crews this term, helping move the boat club onwards for, hopefully, great results in May Term.

New website for NCBC

The website is back at <http://www.srcf.ucam.org/ncbc> but please be patient as some pages are still being loaded.

For comments or queries on the website please contact fd241@cam.ac.uk.

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Lent Term for NCBC:

This has been an exciting term for Newnham College Boat Club with 3 Vllls competing on the river with impressive results.

Highlights of the term were, of course, the Lent Bumps and this year sending two crews to take part in the Women's Head of the River Race (WeHorr) on the tide-way, which was an amazing experience for all who went.

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The Gryphens

Events for The Gryphens this term:

- ◆ May Bumps 14th to 17th of June, please come and watch if you can, support from the bank is always appreciated!
- ◆ Gryphens table at Boat Club Dinner, 6.30pm Sunday 18th June 2006
- ◆ Mays Boat Club Garden Party, 12pm—3pm 20th June 2006
- ◆ Old Girls Row on the River, 10am 20th June 2006, before the Garden Party.



A Committee for The Gryphens

We are planning to start a Gryphens Committee made up from Gryphens members. The role of this committee would be for The Gryphens to take more control over how the society is run, establishing new contacts, organising social events and managing Gryphens funds.

If you would like to find out more about what the committee involves please contact eh310@cam.ac.uk.

Lent Term Crews and Results

Newnham I

- ◆ 3rd in Cambridge Head to Head out of all women's crews and 26th overall out of 60 crews competing.
- ◆ 3rd overall in Newnham Short Course
- ◆ 3rd place finish in Robinson Head
- ◆ In Lent bumps the 1st VIII rowed over the first day and impressively bumped Lady Margaret BC I on the second day. Then they went on to chase Jesus hard and fast on the last two days, moving up on them considerably being stronger technically, but weren't quite able to catch them over the length of the course.
- ◆ In the Women's Head of the River Race the 1st VIII started 193rd but finished 73rd out of 265 boats which is a great achievement.



Crew from Bow to Stroke:
Becky Scholes, Katt Preston, Rachelle MacMillan, Emma Collinson, Rachel Ranger, Rachael Jefferies, Bee Heller, Chloe Squires.
Cox: Libby Richards

Newnham II

- ◆ Joint 2nd with Emmanuel II in the 2nd division of Newnham Short Course, only a few seconds behind the winners Caius.
- ◆ In Pembroke Regatta Newnham II made it to the finals against Jesus II and lost very narrowly in the most exciting side by side race of the day.
- ◆ In Lent Bumps the 2nd VIII had bad luck initially being bumped by Wolfson I on the first day then bumped by Caius due to a damaged blade on the second day. They rowed over on the third day then bumped St Edmunds I on the last day, so going down one overall.
- ◆ Excitingly the 2nd VIII also had the opportunity to go to the Women's Head of the River Race this year where they finished 162nd out of 265 boats, beating several college boats including Lady Margaret II and Emmanuel II.



Crew from Bow to Stroke:
Harriet Eldred, Jess Phillips, Lucy Osborne, Ellie Hughes, Katie Hall,
Katy Morris, Jodie Haughton, Tosin Farinre.
Coxed by: Fran Darby and Athena Goulimis
Coaches: Tom Withnell, Jotham Steed, Tom Coker, Tom Dignum.

Newnham III

- ◆ In Newnham Short course they finished 3rd place in their division, losing narrowly to Jesus III.
- ◆ In Pembroke Regatta they also made it through to the final against Jesus (again!) in another exciting race but unfortunately Jesus were the victors.
- ◆ In Lent Bumps Newnham III got off to an exciting start with a tussle with FaT Trinity II on the first two days, but on the last day they were able to Bump Trinity Hall III, going up 1 overall.



Crew from Bow to Stroke:
Steph Cole, Sarah Booth, Caro Rupp, Liz Simons, Thalie Chapman,
Holly Tuckwood, Florence Hirondele, Jackie Greenwood.
Cox: Lewis Westbury
Coached by: Tom Withnell, Luke Kelly and Jude Lawson.

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Review of the year by outgoing Captains, Chloe Squires and Rachel Ranger:

It doesn't seem like a year ago that we took on the responsibility of Captaincy, and now we are handing it over ourselves to the new committee. This has been a year of ups and downs, it's been a struggle but we have had a fantastic time. Captaincy is inherently stressful but has been incredibly rewarding, with late night panics about subs or finding coaches, getting everyone organised and ready for races more than outweighed by the days when it all came together: be it summer evenings when everyone is moving together and the boat flies, the fourth VIII getting blades in 2005, the club spirit and celebrations at social events. We would never have survived this year without the help of so many people. The committee has been fantastic—we cannot thank you enough for all your hard work. We also owe a big thank you to our Head Coach and the rest of our brilliant team of coaches for giving up their time for the club, The Gryphens for their help and support over the year and Tim Granger for his donation of his scull to the club this year.



NCBC taking part in the Women's Head of the River Race, March 2006.

