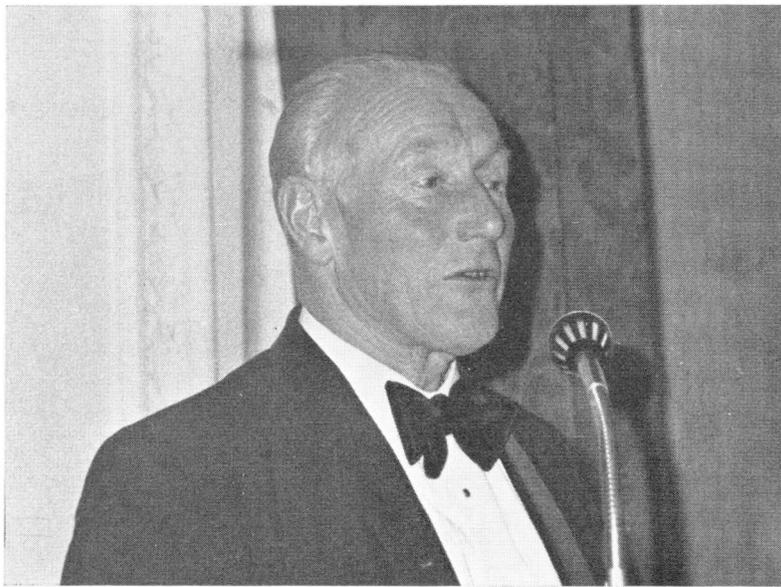




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The Wyfold Four at Bedford, July 1971

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MEMBERSHIP :

Honorary	20	University	59
Full	121	Student	16
Life	136	Junior Full	9
House	123	Cadet	67
Country	140	Junior Cadet	31
Overseas	80		
Total	802		

STAFF :

Boatman : N. McIver

Stewardess : Mrs. M. G. Davies

CAPTAIN'S REPORT—1971

by D. L. Cruttenden

THE regatta results, detailed more fully on later pages of this Journal, show that, sadly, 1971 was not a particularly fruitful year as far as Thames crews were concerned. At the start of the season I said that the year was going to be essentially one of reconstruction as I felt that the time had come to form our first eight from the younger oarsmen in the Club. In doing so our resources were stretched to their limit, and, as a result, successes at regattas were hard to come by.

Basically the problem with the first eight was that they never really had confidence in themselves, and it was only after hard work by Alan Hawes at Henley that the crew rowed in the way of which it was capable. However, its performance in reaching the Friday round of the Thames Cup was some recompense for earlier disappointments; while their race against Metropolitan R.C. on the Thursday was certainly their best row of the summer. After Henley we formed a new eight from a mixture of the older hands in the Club and some University members which unfortunately developed a nasty habit of losing in finals.

The Juniors, after a promising start to the season, had an unsettled patch in early summer, and this took the edge off their later racing in spite of their settling down into an extremely keen crew.

Until early June we had a variety of fours boating, but none of them looked strong prospects for the Wyfolds. However, eventually another crew materialized—if that is the right word—and under Bill Williams' guidance, took us all by surprise and reached the semi-finals of the Wyfolds.

In the small boat department we scored a number of successes. These included Jack Beresford again winning the Veteran 70 pennant in the Scullers Head of the River, which was a great example to us, especially in view of his unfortunate illness earlier in the year. We had two Youth Pairs boating from the Club, one from Ealing Grammar School under David Gramolt's direction, and the other looked after by Ian MacRae. Both won open events but unfortunately were not successful at the Youth Championships, where the Thames pair had to withdraw when stroke injured his back.

Looking at the season as a whole I think we did not achieve all we had set out to do, and any measure of success will be seen in the coming year, when we shall know how many of last year's lessons are remembered.

In conclusion I should like to thank the Officers and other members of the Club who contributed so much effort and time during 1971, whether coaching, coping with the administration, or keeping the bar well stocked. Last, but by no means least, I send my personal thanks and those of all members to Norman McIver, our boatman, and Mrs. Davies, our Stewardess, for their sterling work on our behalf throughout the year.

COMMITTEE REPORT, 1971

THIS year must be looked on as a period of consolidation rather than as a highly successful rowing season. At the end of the year the total membership stood at about 800, and one hundred and fifty members rowed in competitive events during the year. We were represented in many home regattas in all classes and also attended Ostend regatta. A team of 27 members represented us at Henley Royal Regatta.

The purchase of a new racing coxless four, to be named 'Sparrow' and two restricted sculling boats was put in hand. However, it must be recognised that the present rate of replacement of our boats is not adequate to prevent the average age of the fleet increasing at a dangerous rate.

The cooking equipment in the Club kitchen was replaced during the year to assist House activities to contribute more effectively to the overhead expenses of the Clubhouse.

A change is to be introduced into the next Club accounts so as to show more precisely the relation of the cost of our rowing activities to Clubhouse expenses, an attachment to this year's Annual Accounts demonstrating the picture in part.

A number of projects are under consideration for the coming year. Additional training equipment is being purchased for the gymnasium, and the existing overhauled. Studies have been put in hand to carry out the first stage of re-furbishing the boat storage accommodation and the workshop. The Big Room is to be redecorated, and, it is hoped, new heating and lighting will be installed. A new eight is being purchased.

Steadily rising costs have rendered revenue from all sources insufficient to permit the Club to replace its assets properly. Not only is the age of the Club fleet giving concern, but the fabric of the Clubhouse is not receiving the maintenance attention it really needs. The Committee is therefore forced reluctantly to the conclusion that revenues must be increased so that the Club may retain its position in the rowing world, and, as one step towards this, it is intended to reappraise the whole subscription structure.

Your Committee would specially draw members' attention to the efforts of the boatman, Norman McIver, in maintaining the Club fleet in the best possible condition, and of the Club Housekeeper, Mrs. M. Davies, in looking after the Clubhouse and providing excellent catering, and of Arthur Andersen & Co. in preparing the Annual Accounts and advising on the Club's financial affairs.

1972

THE rowing scene in this country is changing. National emphasis has been transferred onto the international aspects of the sport, and much heart searching by those in authority has followed the country's lack of success in recent international championships. The advent of a six-lane, 2000 metre, course at Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham, has done much to stimulate this new outlook ; and we shall see, in July 1972, how far the concept of multi-lane racing for our National Championships affects our traditional racing. We hope the National crews for the Olympic Games and the squads from which they are drawn will appear at these Championships, if only because we have only too few other chances of seeing how they develop.

Indeed, it would seem to be the gradual increase in pre-occupation with international affairs that has had most effect so far on the operation of the rowing clubs of the country. International squads cream off the men who would in older times have been distributed among the clubs ; and while this is clearly to the advantage of the international aspects of the sport, it leaves the clubs with lower attainable standards. Let us hope that those members of the winter training squads who are not finally needed for international racing will come back to their clubs to give them the help so badly needed.

To the looker-on from the sidelines, it would appear that most emphasis is still being placed by so many on fitness and strength, with some neglect of development actually in the racing boat. Gone seem to be the days when Steve Fairbairn could say 'all that matters is moving the boat' with the corollary that all possible means to that end need attention. Steve developed his oarsmen's rowing muscles in the boat ; and with them he developed their skill. Who is to say he is wrong, especially in the light of modern performance and what is happening in other countries ? Regular attendance at championship regattas shows only too clearly how the best foreign crews have been gaining skill, especially in boat handling, over the past few years; and, as they have done so, how their performance has gained in ease of movement and the speed that comes with it. As a result they look more and more like the great crews of the past when they are racing—and let it not be forgotten that we had our share of them.

With the advent of an international outlook, the ARA has revised its 'Rules of Racing,' and the changes introduced affect all oarsmen racing this year. Primarily designed to bring the Rules into a position where they apply to multi-lane racing as well as to our traditional courses, there are still many innovations that merit the careful notice of all engaged in racing. A note of these appears later in this Journal.

THE 'SENATOR GEORGE'

by Jack Beresford

THE bows of the 'Senator George,' probably the most famous eight Thames ever owned, have come back to the Club again after many years, through the generosity of Reg Aldington.

After the first world war, G. C. Bourne continued the experiments he had started before it at Oxford in boat design. He eventually based his ideas on the shapes of certain fish, notably sharks and dogfish, and, using these to design his hulls, produced eights of revolutionary design which proved to be extremely fast. They were the first streamlined eights. Early in 1923 Oxford used one of these boats, built as were all of them by Bossy Phelps (Dick's uncle) at Putney; and Steve Fairbairn, then Captain of Thames, promised his first eight that they should have one if Oxford were successful. In fact they won for the first time for some years in it; and a similar eight was ordered for us. The design was modified somewhat, for instead of having the middle of the boat side-seated, with the rest centre-seated, the whole of our boat was centre-seated. It was given to us by Steve's brother George, by then a Senator in Australia; hence its name. We duly won the Grand at Henley that year in it, with Ian Fairbairn at stroke and myself at 2.

The 'Senator' was used by the Club for many years after this with great success. She had the faults of the early Bourne boats, being built with no mid body and with the greatest width forward, she tended to drag her tail a little, and there is no doubt that she responded best to a fairly moderate rate of striking, below 35 strokes a minute. We used her until she was too weak for class racing. And then we let her go to B. C. Fisher, an old disciple of Steve's who was then President of Anglian Boat Club. She stayed with the Club through many of their vicissitudes. The story is taken up in a letter from Reg Aldington, which reads as follows:—

'It was about eight years ago when I attended an AGM of Anglian Boat Club. It was just after their disastrous flood, when their boathouse at Barnes Bridge collapsed and all their boats were smashed. The remains of the Senator George were going to be burnt with the rest of their fleet. The Committee agreed to let me have the 'Senator George.' A few days later I crawled into the wrecked

boathouse (very slimy) and managed to cut off the bow section. It was a very sad sight to see all the other boats smashed, eights, fours and sculling boats.

Transfer to the London Apprentice was a slight problem, but a friend kindly came to the rescue and picked the boat up with a 3-ton articulated lorry; weight of the bow section about 6 lbs!

Reg has retired from the London Apprentice and gave us the boat when he did so. It will hang on the wall of our big room. We are very grateful for his kindness in restoring it to us.

THE THAMES TRUST FUND

By C. S. Windebank

THE Thames Trust Fund continued to show a modest growth during the past year. It stood at £205 in 1969, at £351 in 1970 and at £700 at the end of August 1971. The year's increase was largely due to a windfall from the trustees of the old Tideway Trust and to an allocation from the Sparrow Morris fund, but we are also grateful for individual contributions.

However, with this rate of growth, the Fund cannot become large enough to meet a real emergency, such as a re-building project. The Trustees have considered whether to make an appeal to the general membership, but they feel that to do so might interfere with the needs of the Boat Fund and other short term requirements; and they do not want to take any step which might lead to demands on the Trust Fund for financing expenditure that ought properly to be a matter for the active members. They feel therefore that they must look to the older members to provide the steady flow of monies which is necessary if the Fund is to fulfil the purpose for which it was set up.

The bequest is the least painful method, and many members could will a few hundred pounds to the Fund. In this way they would all acknowledge the good times they have had in the past and emulate the example of our old friend Sparrow. Bequests should be made to 'The Trustees of the Thames Trust Fund,' Thames Rowing Club, Putney.

There is, of course, no need for members to wait until they become older members before making a will. It does not take effect

any sooner for action being taken now; and active members who follow this suggestion will know that they are providing for the future of the Club while they are contributing to its present activities.

Of course, if members enjoy the long lives they deserve, bequests will take a long time to have effect. Direct donations take effect immediately and give the donors the satisfaction of seeing the Fund grow during their lifetime. Donations may be sent to the Trustees at the Clubhouse or to the Honorary Treasurer.

THAMES MEN IN THE CITY

As the President reminded us at the Annual Dinner last December, we have a number of members who are distinguished in the City of London this year. Freddie Page is Master of the Fletchers' Company as well as being a Past Master of the Borderers Company. Jack, himself, is Master of the Furniture Makers Company, and Peter Cane of the Air Pilots and Air Navigators. One of the new Aldermen and Sheriffs is Murray Fox, who rowed with us before the last war after coming down from Emmanuel College, and K. N. Woodward-Fisher is Junior Warden of the Lightermans and Watermans Company.

RACING, 1971

TUDOR CLOSE CHALLENGE

20th February

First Eight : N. S. Read (bow); V. B. A. Temple; K. F. Reid; S. J. Wise; R. J. B. Hedont; S. J. Barber; A. G. Bingham; P. W. H. Rushmere (stroke); M. H. P. Denny (cox).

Started 4th; finished 6th; 9 min. 20 sec.

Second Eight : G. Hodson (bow); B. Lett; J. E. Taylor; A. F. Sharp; F. W. Pate; P. R. Benson; N. Rudd; D. Davidson (stroke); N. Storer (cox).

Started 11th; finished 13th; 9 min. 39 sec.

Junior Eight : L. W. Taylor (bow); H. Pluygers; N. H. Clarke; M. Adkins; N. Foulser; J. M. Wenyon; A. G. Tayler; D. Dickson (stroke); R. Overall (cox).

Started 18th; finished 10th; 9 min. 27 sec.

We won the Restricted pennant and the Junior pennant.

BOUSTEAD CUP

6th March

First Eight : N. S. Read (bow); V. B. A. Temple; K. F. Reid; G. A. Hodson; R. J. B. Hedont; S. J. Wise; A. G. Bingham; P. W. H. Rushmere (stroke); M. H. P. Denny (cox).

Lost to London R.C. 1 by 18 seconds.

Second Eight : D. G. Shove (bow); M. H. Rowlatt; J. E. Taylor; J. R. Lester; R. Hackford; A. F. Sharp; N. Rudd; D. Davidson (stroke); A. Jackson (cox).

Lost by 41 seconds.

Third Eight : L. W. Taylor (bow); H. Pluygers; N. Foulser; M. Dakins; J. M. Wenyon; T. Rees; A. G. Tayler; D. Dickson (stroke); W. L. Ross (cox).

Lost by 38 seconds.

Fourth Eight : F. D. L. Wilmot (bow); J. D. Mackerrell; W. S. L. Woolley; J. H. Muir; J. A. Stephenson; D. Warbrick-Smith; T. A. Bakiewicz; B. R. Hanham (stroke); P. G. Bailey (cox).

Lost by 22 seconds.

READING HEAD OF THE RIVER RACE

13th March

Eyre Club : A. J. H. Pollitt (bow); J. Irlam; S. A. W. Becker; A. A. Friend; P. M. J. Meagher; J. A. Friend; J. A. Mackerrell; P. M. Willett (stroke); P. G. Bailey (cox).

Started 94th; finished 93rd; 16 min. 14 sec.

HEAD OF THE RIVER RACE

20th March

First Eight : N. S. Read (bow); P. W. H. Rushmere; K. F. Reid; S. J. Wise; R. J. B. Hedont; D. G. Shove; A. G. Bingham; D. Davidson (stroke); M. H. P. Denny (cox).

Started 12th; finished 29th; 18 min. 47 sec.

Second Eight : J. H. Muir (bow); K. J. Braun; A. Wilkinson; P. Wilson; D. F. Hanham; B. R. Hanham; T. A. Bakiewicz; V. B. A. Temple (stroke); R. L. Penney (cox).

Started 43rd; finished 16th; 18 min. 35 sec.

Third Eight : F. D. L. Wilmot (bow); T. J. Cooper-Jones; W. S. L. Woolley; A. F. Sharp; J. A. Stephenson; S. J. Barber; N. Rudd; J. A. Mackerrell (stroke); N. Storer (cox).

Started 48th; finished 102nd; 19 min. 24 sec.

Fourth Eight : L. W. Taylor (bow); H. Pluygers; N. Foulser; M. Adkins; J. Wenyon; G. Rees; A. G. Tayler; D. Dickson (stroke); W. L. Ross (cox).

Started 51st; finished 149th; 19 min. 44 sec.

Fifth Eight : A. J. H. Pollitt (bow); J. Irlam; S. A. W. Becker; A. A. Friend; P. R. Benson; P. M. Willett; P. M. J. Meagher; J. A. Friend (stroke); P. G. Bailey (cox).

Started 110th; finished 221st; 20 min. 17 sec.

Sixth Eight : A. Muller (bow); P. Trewby; T. R. I. Haynes; P. Batchelor; R. Watson; J. Lee; M. Court; A. I. Morley-Fletcher (stroke); A. Jackson (cox).

Started 150th; finished 240th; 20 min. 26 sec.

Seventh Eight : F. S. Beardmore (bow); C. E.

Harrison; J. E. Bolt; A. Hawes; W. Pate; G. R. Blanchard; G. S. Dear; P. C. Cowell (stroke); A. Rossiter (cox).

Started 200th; finished 180th.

Eighth Eight: Caius College (Cambridge) II rowed as TRC VIII.

Started 232nd; finished 241st; 20 min. 26 sec.

Ninth Eight (Novices): S. Noke (bow); D. M. Willett; C. Leegood; A. Warren; A. Jones; J. MacCartney; M. Campbell; R. Phillips (stroke); A. Vos (cox).

Started 302nd; finished 294th; 21 min. 10 sec.

TIFFIN SCULLS

3rd April

D. W. Gramolt. Started; 78th finished 7th; 21 min. 42 sec.

N. S. Read. Started 35th; finished 10th; 21 min. 54 sec.

S. J. Wise. Started 72nd; finished 33rd; 22 min. 59 sec.

J. McLaughlin. Started 59th; finished 53rd; 23 min. 48 sec.

K. J. Braun. Started 29th; finished 64th; 24 min. 8 sec.

A. M. St. L. Ramsay Murray. Started 81st; finished 100th; 26 min. 33 sec.

D. W. Gramolt won the Veteran pennant.

The TRC team finished 4th.

BEDFORD SCULLS

4th April

A. M. St. L. Ramsay Murray finished 11th in the Veteran Division; 9 min. 30 sec.

P. G. Bailey finished 5th in Novice Division and 6th in Restricted Division; 9 min. 58 sec.

HAMMERSMITH REGATTA

1st May

Kelmscott Cup (Junior Senior Fours)

A. P. Bobroff (bow, steers); G. E. Lee; R. C. Brereton; P. E. Bobroff (stroke).

Heat 2: St. Paul's School B.C., 1; T.R.C., 2; Emmanuel School B.C., 3; 1 length.

Goring Cup (Senior Junior Pairs)

P. Wilkinson (bow, steers); P. Wilson (stroke).

Heat 1: T.R.C., 1; Auriol R.C., 2; Thames Tradesmen R.C., 3; 3 lengths.

Final: T.R.C., 1; Furnival S.C., 2; University of London B.C., 3; 2 lengths.

SCULLERS HEAD OF THE RIVER

RACE

17th April

D. W. Gramolt. Started 8th; finished 8th; 22 min. 19 sec.

N. S. Read. Started 63rd; finished 26th; 22 min. 49 sec.

V. B. A. Temple. Started 23rd; finished 28th; 22 min. 50 sec.

T. A. Bakiewicz. Started 17th; finished 45th; 23 min. 8 sec.

D. F. Hanham. Started 36th; finished 53rd; 23 min. 17 sec.

R. Hackford. Started 53rd; finished 67th; 23 min. 27 sec.

J. McLaughlin. Started 86th; finished 91st; 23 min. 41 sec.

R. J. B. Hedont. Started 214th; finished 94th; 23 min. 43 sec.

K. J. Braun. Started 65th; finished 104th; 23 min. 51 sec.

J. E. Taylor. Started 190th; finished 111th; 23 min. 56 sec.

A. I. Morley-Fletcher. Started 240th; finished 172nd; 24 min. 55 sec.

D. G. Shove. Started 124th; finished 191st; 25 min. 11 sec.

A. M. St. L. Ramsay Murray. Started 128th; finished 194th; 25 min. 12 sec.

L. W. Taylor. Started 301st; finished 241st; 26 min. 2 sec.

P. G. Bailey. Started 195th; finished 256th; 26 min. 18 sec.

J. Beresford. Started 130th; finished 281st; 27 min. 37 sec.

J. H. Muir. Started 291st; finished 281st; 27 min. 37 sec.

A. Hawes. Started 148th; finished 281st; 27 min. 37 sec.

M. J. Levy. Started 281st; finished 295th; 28 min. 27 sec.

J. Beresford won the Veteran over 70 pennant.

PUTNEY REGATTA

8th May

Vernon Pairs (Junior Senior Pairs)

'A' Crew: J. Wenyon (bow, steers); N. Christie (stroke).

'B' Crew: T. A. Bakiewicz (bow, steers); J. H. Muir (stroke).

'C' Crew: P. Wilkinson (bow, steers); P. Wilson (stroke).

Heat 1: Midland Bank R.C., 1; T.R.C. 'C', 2; canvas.

Heat 3: Kingston R.C., 1; T.R.C. 'A', 2; 3 lengths.

Heat 4: T.R.C. 'B', 1; Vesta R.C., 2; 4 lengths.

Semi-final: T.R.C., 1; Midland Bank, 2; 2 lengths.

Final: Kingston R.C., 1; T.R.C. 'B', 2; 3 lengths.

Novice Fours

C. Leegood (bow); R. Phillips; H. Samuel; J. MacCartney (stroke); N. Storer (cox).

Heat 2: Walbrook R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2; Forest School B.C., 3; easily.

CHISWICK REGATTA

22nd May

Allanson Memorial Cup (Senior Eights)

A. G. Bingham (bow); P. W. H. Rushmere; N. Rudd; G. A. Hodson; R. J. B. Hedont; S. J. Wise; N. S. Read; S. J. Barber (stroke).

Semi-final; Quinton B.C., 1; T.R.C., 2; 3 lengths.

Anglian Trophy (Senior Pairs)

B. R. Hanham (bow, steers); J. S. Stephenson (stroke).

Final: T.R.C., 1; Poplar Blackwall & District R.C., 2; Kingston R.C., 3; 2 lengths.

Galt Goblets (Senior Junior Pairs)

'A' Crew: J. C. M. Wenyon (bow, steers); N. Christie (stroke).

'B' Crew: P. Wilkinson (bow, steers); P. Wilson (stroke).

Heat 2: Burway R.C., 1; T.R.C. 'B', disqualified.

Heat 3: T.R.C. 'A', 1; Kingston R.C., 2; easily.

Semi-final: T.R.C. 'A', 1; Burway R.C., 2; easily.

Final: T.R.C., 'A', 1; Marlow R.C., disqualified.
Mortlake Cup (Junior Senior Fours)
A. P. Bobroff (bow, steers); P. E. Bobroff; R. C. Brereton; G. E. Lee (stroke).

Heat 3: T.R.C., 1; Thames Tradesmen R.C., 2 easily.
Semi-final: T.R.C., 1; Putney Town R.C., 2; 3 lengths.

Final: T.R.C., 1; National Westminster Bank R.C., 2; 4 lengths.

Ronald Studd Cup (Junior Eights)

L. W. Taylor (bow); M. Hammond; M. Burgess; R. Phillips; P. R. Benson; G. E. Rees; M. Hiaert; A. G. Tayler (stroke); W. L. Ross (cox).

Heat 2: St. Paul's School B.C., 1; Kensington R.C., 2; T.R.C., 3; 1 length; canvas.

Repechage: Abingdon School B.C., 1; Reading University B.C., 2; T.R.C., 3; 1 length; canvas.

VESTA OPEN DASHES

23rd May

Quintin Cup (Senior Eights)

A. G. Bingham (bow); P. W. H. Rushmere; N. Rudd; G. A. Hodson; R. J. B. Hedont; S. J. Wise; N. S. Read; S. J. Barber (stroke); M. H. P. Denny (cox).

Heat 3: Quintin B.C., 1; Vesta, 2; T.R.C., 3; 1 length; $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

Senior Pairs

B. R. Hanham (bow, steers); J. S. Stephenson (stroke).

Heat 1: T.R.C., 1; Furnival S.C., 2; $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

Semi-final: T.R.C., 1; Vesta R.C., 2; 2 lengths.

Final: T.R.C., 1; Poplar, Blackwall & District R.C., 2; 1 length.

TWICKENHAM REGATTA

29th May

Riverside Cup (Junior Senior Fours)

A. P. Bobroff (bow, steers); P. E. Bobroff; R. C. Brereton; G. E. Lee (stroke).

Heat 2: T.R.C., 1; Lensbury R.C., 2; easily.

Heat 7: Upper Thames R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2; $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

Twickenham Cup (Junior Eights)

L. W. Taylor (bow); J. Banham; C. Gardiner; R. Phillips; P. R. Benson; G. Rees; D. Dickson; A. G. Tayler (stroke); W. L. Ross (cox).

Heat 3: T.R.C., 1; RAF Honnington B.C., 2; 1 length.

Heat 8: Eton College B.C., 1; T.R.C., 2; 1 length.

CAMBRIDGE REGATTA

29th May

Junior Sculls

D. Davidson.

Heat 3: T.R.C., 1; N. Kingsbury, 2; 1 length.

Final: P. Wilson, 1; T.R.C., 2; 1 length.

WORCESTER REGATTA

29th May

Non-Status Coxed Pairs

W. H. Needham (bow); J. A. C. Mackerrell (stroke); B. Orrowed (cox).

Heat 2: T.R.C., 1; Southampton University B.C., 2; 2 lengths.

Semi-final: Nottingham & Union B.C., 1; T.R.C., 2; easily.

HEREFORD REGATTA

31st May

Ladies Vase (Junior Coxed Fours)

J. Banham (bow); G. Rees; D. Dickson; A. G. Tayler (stroke); L. W. Taylor (cox).

Heat 1: T.R.C., 1; Monmouth School B.C., 2; 1 length.

Heat 6: T.R.C., 1; BRNC Dartmouth B.C., 2; 2 lengths.

Heat 10: T.R.C., 1; Lanchester College B.C., 2; $\frac{3}{4}$ length.

Semi-final; Nottingham Britannia R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2; 1 length.

Non-Status Coxed Pairs

W. H. Needham (bow); J. A. C. Mackerrell (stroke); R. Puller (cox).

Veteran Sculls

K. J. Braun.

Semi-final: T.R.C., 1; R. F. Wilson, 2; easily.

Final: G. Justicz, 1; T.R.C., 2; 1 length.

BRENT REGATTA

31st May

Junior Senior Fours

A. Muller (bow, steers); G. J. Lee; A. R. Sharp; D. M. Boyce (stroke).

Heat 4: Henley R.C., 1; Southampton University B.C., 2; T.R.C., 3; $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

Junior Sculls

J. Burch.

Final: T.R.C., 1; R. Ford, 2; $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

OSTEND REGATTA

30/31 May

A. G. Bingham (bow); P. W. H. Rushmere; N. Rudd; G. A. Hodson; R. J. B. Hedont; S. J. Wise; N. S. Read; S. J. Barber (stroke); P. G. Bailey (cox).

30th May: Elite Eights: Dudock Van Heel 1, 5 min. 59.93 sec.; Antwerp SC/RC, 2, 6 min. 00.76 sec.; T.R.C., 3, 6 min. 17.31 sec.

30th May: Open Sprint: Final: Basse Seine, 1, 1 min. 09.08 sec.; Moseley B.C., 2, 1 min. 10.73 sec.; T.R.C., 3, 1 min. 10.80 sec.; University College School B.C., 4, 1 min. 14.76 sec.

31st May, Elite Eights: Dudock Van Heel, 1, 6 min. 18.93 sec.; Basse Seine, 2, 6 min. 29.96 sec.; T.R.C., 3, 6 min. 32.20 sec.; Moseley B.C., 4, 6 min. 46.20 sec.

WALTON REGATTA

5th June

Ladies Cup (Grand Eights)

A. G. Bingham (bow); G. A. Godson; N. Rudd; S. J. Barber; R. J. B. Hedont; V. B. A. Temple; N. S. Read; P. W. H. Rushmere (stroke); M. H. P. Denny (cox).

Final: Quintin B.C., 1; T.R.C., 2; $2\frac{1}{4}$ lengths; 4 min. 29 sec.

Walton Cup (Thames Cup Eights)

Crew as above.

Heat 2: T.R.C., 1; Milesey B.C., 2; 3 ft.; 4 min. 33 sec.

Semi-final: T.R.C., 1; London R.C. scratched.

Final: Quintin B.C., 1; T.R.C., 2; 1 length; 4 min. 30 sec.

Miskin Cup (Junior Eights)

D. Davidson (bow); J. Banham; D. Dickson; R. Phillips; P. R. Benson; G. Rees; M. Burgess; A. G. Tayler (stroke); W. L. Ross (cox).

Heat 3: T.R.C., 1; Imperial College B.C., 2; 1½ lengths; 4 min. 47 sec.

Semi-final: St. George's College B.C., 1; T.R.C. 2; ½ length; 4 min. 42 sec.

Novice Fours

S. J. Betts (bow); G. R. Reddin; H. R. Samuel; P. C. Cowell (stroke); N. Storer (cox).

Heat 1: London Hospital B.C., 1; T.R.C., 2; London School of Economics B.C., 3; ¾ length; 2 min. 35 sec.

Cadet Fours

T. C. Rolt (bow); N. Foulser; L. W. Taylor; P. G. Bailey (stroke); A. Jackson (cox).

Final: Hampton Grammar School B.C., 1; T.R.C., 2; Ealing Grammar School B.C., 3; 2 ft.; 2 min. 18 sec.

Senior Pairs

B. R. Hanham (bow, steers); J. S. Stephenson (stroke).

Semi-final: Quintin B.C., 1; T.R.C., 2; ½ length; 5 min. 41 sec.

Junior Senior Pairs

J. C. M. Wenyon (bow, steers); N. Christie (stroke).

Heat 3: T.R.C., 1; Burway R.C., 2; easily; 5 min. 52 sec.

Semi-final: T.R.C., 1; King's College B.C., 2; easily; 5 min. 52 sec.

Final: Wallingford R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2; easily; 5 min. 47 sec.

Junior Sculls

D. G. Shove.

Heat 2: S. Otterburn, 1; T.R.C., 2; 2½ lengths 6 min. 2 sec.

METROPOLITAN REGATTA

6th June

Thames Cup (Senior Coxed Fours)

D. Dickson (bow); G. Rees; A. G. Tayler; D. Davidson (stroke); W. L. Ross (cox).

Heat 1: City Orient R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2; 3 lengths.

Ampthill Cup (Senior Pairs)

B. R. Hanham (bow, steers); J. S. Stephenson (stroke).

Semi-final: T.R.C., 1; City Orient R.C., 2; 2 lengths.

Final: Thames Tradesmen R.C., 1; T.R.C. disqualified.

READING REGATTA

12th June

Austin Balsom Cup (Thames Cup Eights)

A. G. Bingham (bow); G. A. Hodson; N. Rudd; S. J. Barber; J. E. Taylor; S. J. Wise; N. S. Read; P. W. H. Rushmere (stroke); M. H. P. Denny (cox).

Heat 2: Quintin B.C., 1; T.R.C., 2; 1½ lengths; 4 min. 7 sec.

Reading Vase (Wyfold Fours)

T. A. Bakiewicz (bow, steers); V. B. A. Temple; S. A. Slee; D. L. Cruttenden (stroke).

Heat 3: National Westminster Bank R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2; 1/3 length; 4 min. 36 sec.

Junior Senior Coxed Fours

'A' Crew: D. Davidson (bow); G. Rees; M. Burgess; A. G. Tayler (stroke); W. L. Ross (cox).

'B' Crew: M. C. Travers (bow); G. E. Archer; F. Manville; M. J. Walker (stroke); S. J. B. Peal (cox).

Heat 2: T.R.C. 'A', 1; Maidenhead R.C., 2; 1½ lengths; 4 min. 40 sec.

Heat 4: T.R.C. 'B', 1; Wallingford R.C., 2; 1½ lengths; 4 min. 39 sec.

Semi-final: T.R.C. 'A', 1; Jesus College, Oxford, scratched.

Semi-final: Nottingham B.C., 1; T.R.C. 'B', 2; 1½ lengths; 4 min. 41 sec.

Final: Walbrook R.C., 1; Nottingham B.C., 2; T.R.C. 'A', 3; 2½ lengths; 4 min. 35 sec.

RMC Sandhurst Cup (Junior Eights)

D. Davidson (bow); J. Banham; D. Dickson; R. Phillips; P. R. Benson; G. Rees; M. Burgess; A. G. Tayler (stroke); W. L. Ross (cox).

Semi-final: T.R.C., 1; Reading University B.C., 2; ¾ length; 4 min. 18 sec.

Final: Reading University B.C. 'A', 1; T.R.C., 2; Bryanston School B.C. 3; ½ length; 4 min. 14 sec.

Senior Pairs

B. R. Hanham (bow, steers); J. S. Stephenson (stroke).

Heat 2: T.R.C., 1; City Orient R.C., 2; 2½ lengths; 4 min. 55 sec.

Semi-final: Marlow R.C., 1; T.R.C. disqualified.

MARLOW REGATTA

19th June

Marlow Eights (Thames Cup Eights)

A. G. Bingham (bow); G. A. Hodson; N. Rudd; S. J. Barber; J. E. Taylor; S. J. Wise; N. S. Read; P. W. H. Rushmere (stroke); M. H. P. Denny (cox).

Heat 4: Leander Club, 1; T.R.C., 2; RMC Sandhurst 3; 2½ lengths; ¾ length.

Town Cup (Wyfold Fours)

'A' Crew: V.B.A. Temple (bow, steers); T. A. Bakiewicz; D. L. Cruttenden; S. A. Slee (stroke).

'B' Crew: W. H. Needham (bow, steers); J. A. C. Mackerrell; W. S. L. Woolley; J. H. Muir (stroke).

Heat 2: Midland Bank R.C., 1; T.R.C. 'B', 2; 1 length.

Heat 4: T.R.C. 'A', 1; Crowland R.C., 2; 3 lengths.

Heat 6: T.R.C. 'A', 1; Walton R.C., 2; r.o.

Heat 10: T.R.C. 'A', 1; Kingston R.C., 2; 2 lengths.

Semi-final: T.R.C. 'A', 1; Midland Bank R.C., 2; 1 length.

Final: Nottingham University B.C., 1; T.R.C. disqualified.

Junior Eights

L. W. Taylor (bow); J. Banham; D. Dickson; R. Phillips; D. Davidson; G. Rees; M. Burgess; A. G. Tayler (stroke); W. L. Ross (cox).

Semi-final: T.R.C., 1; Reading University B.C., 2; canvas.

Final: King's School, Worcester, B.C., 1; T.R.C., 2; Lady Margaret B.C., 3; 2½ lengths.

Junior Senior Fours

J. C. M. Wenyon (bow, steers); N. Christie; R. C. Brereton; G. E. Lee (stroke).

Heat 3: T.R.C., 1; Molesey B.C., 2; easily.

Heat 8: Maidenhead R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2; 1 length.

Junior Senior Coxed Fours

'A' Crew: M. C. Travers (bow); P. E. Archer; F. Manville; M. J. Walker (stroke); S. B. J. Peal (cox).

'B' Crew: D. Davidson (bow); G. Rees, M. Burgess; A. G. Taylor (stroke); W. L. Ross (cox).
Heat 3: T.R.C. 'A', 1; Nottingham University B.C., 2; 2 lengths.
Semi-final: T.R.C. 'B', 1; Radley School B.C., 2; RAF R.C., 3; 1 length.
Final: Mortlake/Anglian R.C., 1; T.R.C. 'A', 2; T.R.C. 'B', 3; 2 lengths.

Senior Pairs

B. R. Hanham (bow, steers); J. S. Stephenson (stroke).

Heat 2: Leander Club, 1; T.R.C. 2; 2 lengths.

Junior Sculls

D. G. Shove.

Heat 1: N. Casey, 1; T.R.C., disqualified.

HENLEY ROYAL REGATTA

30th June, 1st, 2nd, 3rd July

Thames Challenge Cup

		st	lb
Bow	N. Rudd	11	4
2	P. W. H. Rushmere	11	6
3	G. A. Hodson	11	11
4	S. J. Barber	12	0
5	R. J. B. Hedont	11	9
6	S. J. Wise	12	6
7	N. S. Read	10	13
Stroke	A. G. Bingham	10	7
Cox	M. H. P. Denny	8	12

Wednesday: Race 42: T.R.C., 1; Nottingham B.C., 2; 4 lengths; 7 min. 25 sec; Barrier, 2 min. 4 sec.; Fawley, 3 min. 30 sec.

Thursday: Race 27: T.R.C., 1; Metropolitan R.C., 2; - length; 7 min. 8 sec.; Barrier, 2 min. 1 sec.; Fawley, 3 min. 25 sec. The loser was still leading in this race after Fawley.

Friday: Race 13: Harvard University, U.S.A., 1; T.R.C., 2; easily; 7 min. 4 sec.; Barrier, 1 min. 57 sec.; Fawley, 3 min. 20 sec.

Wyfold Challenge Cup

		st	lb
Bow, steers	V. B. A. Temple	11	7
2	T. A. Bakiewicz	12	8
3	D. L. Cruttenden	16	2
Stroke	S. A. Slee	12	10

Wednesday: Race 19: T.R.C., 1; Spuyten Duyvil R.C. of New York, 2; 4 lengths; 8 min. 9 sec.; Barrier, 2 min. 11 sec.; Fawley, 3 min. 46 sec.

Thursday: Race 32: T.R.C., 1; Vesta R.C., 2; 3½ lengths; 7 min. 50 sec.; Barrier, 2 min. 10 sec.; Fawley, 3 min. 39 sec.

Friday morning: Race 7: T.R.C., 1; Burway R.C., 2; 1½ lengths; 7 min. 55 sec.; Barrier, 2 min. 11 sec.; Fawley, 3 min. 44 sec.

Friday, Semifinal: Race 28: Marlow R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2; 1½ lengths; 7 min. 42 sec.; Barrier, 2 min. 10 sec.; Fawley, 3 min. 43 sec.

BEDFORD REGATTA

10th July

Talbot Jarvis Cup (Senior Eights)

N. Rudd (bow); D. Davidson; G. A. Hodson; S. J. Barber; R. B. J. Hedont; S. J. Wise; N. S. Read; A. G. Bingham (stroke); M. H. P. Denny (cox).

Heat 2: London R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2; ¾ length; 3 min. 32 sec.

Senior Junior Eights

R. Wiltshire (bow); N. Mill; R. C. Brereton; V. B. A. Temple; T. A. Bakiewicz; D. L. Cruttenden; S. A. Slee; G. E. Lee (stroke); R. L. Penney (cox).

Heat 3: T.R.C., 1; Bedford Modern School B.C., 2; ¾ length; 3 min. 40 sec.

Semi-final: Marlow R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2; 1 length; 3 min. 42 sec.

Senior Fours

V. B. A. Temple (bow, steers); T. A. Bakiewicz; D. L. Cruttenden; S. A. Slee (stroke).

Heat 4: T.R.C., 1; London R.C., 2; 1 length; 2 min. 6 sec.

Semi-final: T.R.C., 1; Hereford R.C., 2; 2 lengths; 2 min. 4 sec.

Final: Wallingford R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2; 1 length.

Senior Coxed Fours

A. G. Bingham (bow); N. S. Read; R. J. B. Hedont; S. J. Wise (stroke); M. H. P. Denny (cox).

Heat 5: St. Neots R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2; 2 lengths; 3 min. 46 sec.

Junior Fours

G. Rees (bow); G. A. Hodson; M. Burgess; D. Davidson (stroke); N. Storer (cox).

Semi-final: T.R.C., 1; Wycliffe College B.C., 2; easily; 4 min. 11 sec.

Final: T.R.C., 1; Shawnigan Lake R.C., 2; 2 ft.; 4 min. 2 sec.

Novice Fours

T. S. Foster (bow); M. J. Levy; M. G. Green; P. G. Bailey (stroke); N. Storer (cox).

Heat 2: T.R.C., 1; Birmingham University B.C., 2; easily; 4 min. 42 sec.

Heat 11: Wycliffe College B.C., 1; T.R.C., 2; 1 length; 4 min. 36 sec.

Senior Pairs

B. R. Hanham (bow, steers); J. R. Stephenson (stroke).

Heat 1: Abingdon R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2; 2 lengths; 4 min. 21 sec.

Senior Junior Pairs

J. C. M. Wenyon (bow); N. Christie (stroke); A. Rossitter (cox).

Semi-final: T.R.C., 1; Bedford R.C., 2; 4 lengths; 4 min. 38 sec.

Final: Bedford/Leander, 1; T.R.C., 2; - length; 4 min. 31 sec.

Junior Senior Sculls

R. Hackford.

Heat 3: N. Taylor, 1; T.R.C., 2; 2 lengths; 4 min. 52 sec.

Junior Sculls

S. D. Nevin; D. G. Shove.

Heat 2: N. Aitchison, 1; D. G. Shove, 2; 2 lengths; 4 min. 42 sec.

Heat 4: S. D. Nevin, 1; P. Clare, 2; easily.

Heat 9 S. D. Nevin, 1; R. Morrison, 2; 4 lengths; 4 min. 46 sec.

Semi-final: S. D. Nevin, 1; A. Champion, 2; 2 lengths; 4 min. 34 sec.

Final: S. D. Nevin, 1; R. McGraw, 2; easily; 4 min. 30 sec.

MOLESEY REGATTA

17th July

Senior Eights

D. J. Wilkes (bow); V. B. A. Temple; N. M. L. Aitchison; A. Fenn; T. A. Bakiewicz; D. L. Cruttenden; S. A. Slee; B. R. Hanham (stroke); M. H. P. Denny (cox).

Semi-final: T.R.C., 1; Molesey B.C., 2; 2 lengths.

Final: Quintin B.C., 1; T.R.C., 2; $\frac{3}{4}$ length.

Senior Junior Eights

D. M. Boyle (bow); D. G. Shove; R. Wilshire; N. Mill; R. C. Brereton; J. A. C. Mackerrell; R. Hackford; A. G. Bingham (stroke); W. L. Ross (cox).

Heat 1: Kingston R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2; $3\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

Senior Fours

V. B. A. Temple (bow, steers); T. A. Bakiewicz; D. L. Cruttenden; S. A. Slee (stroke).

Semi-final: T.R.C., 1; London R.C., 2; 2 lengths.

Final: T.R.C., 1; Twickenham R.C., 2; 4 lengths.

Senior Coxed Fours

N. S. Read (bow); S. J. Wise; R. J. B. Hedont; A. G. Bingham (stroke); P. G. Bailey (cox).

Heat 3: Auriol R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2; 1 length.

Invitation Eights

N. H. Clarke (bow); A. M. St. L. Ramsay Murray; S. Collingwood; A. I. Morley-Fletcher; T. Kirby; S. Boddington; D. R. Mount; T. R. I. Haynes (stroke); P. G. Bailey (cox).

Heat 2: Molesey B.C./London R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2; 2 lengths.

Junior Senior Eights

N. Rudd (bow); D. G. Shove; R. Wilshire; N. Mill; R. C. Brereton; S. J. Barber; G. A. Hodson; D. Davidson (stroke); W. L. Ross (cox).

Heat 1: Kingston R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2, $\frac{3}{4}$ length.

Junior Senior Fours

D. Davidson (bow, steers); N. Rudd; G. A. Hodson; S. J. Barber (stroke).

Heat 5: T.R.C., 1; National Westminster Bank R.C., 2; 3 lengths.

Semi-final: T.R.C., 1; Kingston R.C., 2; 4 lengths.

Final: T.R.C., 1; Molesey B.C., 2; easily.

Junior Fours

M. Burgess (bow); J. Banham; P. R. Benson; D. Dockson (stroke); N. Storer (cox).

Heat 1: Weybridge R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2; 1 length.

Novice Fours

'A' Crew: T. S. Foster (bow); M. J. Levy; M. Green; P. G. Bailey (stroke); N. Storer (cox).

'B' Crew: R. Knight (bow); S. Williamson; A. Jones; C. Morgan (stroke); T. Levy (cox).

Heat 2: Auriol R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2; 1 length.

Heat 5: Kingston R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2; 1 length.

Junior Senior Sculls

N. S. Read.

Heat 1: N. S. Read, 1; M. Johnson, 2; easily.

Heat 6: K. Redwood, 1; N. S. Read, 2; 2 ft.

Junior Sculls

S. J. Wise; R. J. B. Hedont.

Heat 2: J. Kenyon 1; R. J. B. Hedont, 2; 1 length.

Heat 6: S. J. Wise, 1; J. Morton, 2; easily.

Heat 10: S. J. Wise, 1; K. Cantrell, 2; 1 length.

Semi-final: N. Aitchison, 1; S. J. Wise, 2; 3 lengths.

TIDEWAY SCULLING REGATTA

18th July

Junior Senior Sculls

N. S. Read.

Semi-final: N. S. Read, 1; r.o.

Final: N. S. Read, 1; P. Howland, 2; 3 lengths.

Veteran Sculls

K. J. Braun.

Semi-final: K. J. Braun, 1; R. Warren, 2; 2 lengths.

Final: K. J. Braun, 1; P. Clarke, 2; 2 lengths.

Novice Heavyweight Sculls

R. J. B. Hedont.

Heat 2: R. J. B. Hedont, 1; S. Sunter, 2; easily.

Semi-final: R. J. B. Hedont, 1; P. Clisby, 2; A. McCowan, 3; 2 lengths.

Final: M. Levy, 1; R. J. B. Hedont, 2; easily.

Novice Lightweight Sculls

P. G. Bailey.

Heat 1: V. Chapman, 1; P. G. Bailey, 2; S. Hall, 3; 1 length.

Cadet Sculls

M. J. Levy.

Heat 2: I. Oldacre, 1; M. J. Levy, 2; easily.

MAIDENHEAD REGATTA

31st July

Daily Telegraph Cup (Senior Eights)

N. S. Read (bow); V. B. A. Temple; R. J. B. Hedont; A. Fenn; T. A. Bakiewicz; D. L. Cruttenden; B. R. Hanham; A. G. Bingham (stroke); M. H. P. Denny (cox).

Semi-final: T.R.C., 1; Quintin B.C., 2; 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ lengths; 3 min. 11 sec.

Final: Kingston R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2; 2/3 length; 3 min. 8 sec.

Jack Arnold Memorial Bowl (Senior Junior Fours)

R. Wilshire (bow); A. C. Bloke; N. J. Snell; D. G. Shove (stroke); T. Levy (cox).

Semi-final: T.R.C., 1; Thames Tradesmen R.C., 2; 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lengths; 3 min. 54 sec.

Final: Maidenhead R.C., 1; Kingston R.C., 2; T.R.C., 3; 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ lengths; 3 min. 44 sec.

Toen Cup (Junior Senior Fours)

D. Davidson (bow, steers); M. J. Wilkinson; G. A. Hodson; S. J. Barber (stroke).

Heat 4: T.R.C., 1; Hereford R.C., 2; 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ lengths; 3 min. 42 sec.

Semi-final: T.R.C., 1; Reading R.C., 2; 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lengths; 3 min. 44 sec.

Final: Kingston R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2; 2 ft.; 3 min. 39 sec.

Novice Fours

M. G. Green (bow); C. Morgan; A. D. Jones; J. Macartney (stroke); T. Levy (cox).

Heat 2: Molesey B.C. 'A', 1; T.R.C., 2; Barclay's Bank B.C., 3; canvas; 4 min. 8 sec.

HENLEY TOWN & VISITORS REGATTA

7th August

Junior Senior Fours

D. Davidson (bow, steers); M. J. Wilkinson; G. A. Hodson; S. J. Barber (stroke).

Semi-final: T.R.C., 1; Walbrook R.C., 2; 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

Final: T.R.C., 1; Marlow R.C., 2; Poplar Blackwall & District R.C., 3; 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

Novice Fours

M. G. Green (bow); C. Morgan; A. D. Jones; J. Macartney (stroke); T. Levy (cox).

Semi-final: T.R.C., 1; Kingston R.C., 2; canvas.

Final: Eton Excelsior R.C., 1; T.R.C., 2; Maidenhead R.C., 3; 2 lengths.

Junior Senior Sculls

N. S. Read.

Semi-final: N. S. Read, 1; A. Manning, 2; 4 lengths.

Final: M. Levy, 1; N. S. Read, 2; $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

Junior Sculls

S. J. Wise.
Semi-final : S. J. Wise, 1 ; R. Gen, 2 ; easily.
Final : K. Meredith, 1 ; S. J. Wise, 2 ; C. Bell, 3 ;
2½ lengths.

DE MANCHA SHIELD

A team consisting of T. R. I. Haynes, M. Burgess, Greg Reddin and J. A. C. Mackerrell competed in the above swimming event in October. Few details are available beyond the fact that our team was disqualified in the first heat. We recall a De Mancha race some years ago in which T.R.C. swam across the bath rather than down it ; but we have no reason to believe that a similar mischance led to our difficulty this year.

HAMMERSMITH SCULLS

26th September

W. S. L. Woolley, finished 21st, started 14th,
14 min. 52 sec.

A. M. St. L. Ramsay Murray, finished 33rd,
started 23rd, 15 min. 34 sec.

THAMES ROWING CLUB REGATTA

2nd October

C. W. Hughes Bowl (Club Fours)

Final : V. B. A. Temple (bow, steers) ; S. A. Slee ;
N. Rudd ; K. J. Braun (stroke), 1 ; G. A. Hodson
(bow, steers) ; P. W. H. Rushmere ; R. J. B. Hedont ;
P. F. Wilson (stroke), 2 ; ¾ length. Five crews raced
in all.

International Regatta Trophy (Invitation Fours)

Final : T. P. Wilson (bow, steers) ; H. R. Green ;
B. A. Gauld ; D. C. Pollard (stroke), 1 ; N. H.
Clarke (bow, steers) ; J. A. Webb ; D. H. McLellan ;
P. J. Norman (stroke), 2 ; ¾ length.

George Vize Beakers (Club Pairs)

Final : N. S. Read (bow, steers) ; S. J. Barber
(stroke), 1 ; M. J. Wilkinson (bow, steers) ; A. G.
Bingham (stroke), 2 ; 1 length. 6 crews entered.

John Lang Cup (Junior Sculls)

Final : T. A. Bakiewicz, 1 ; A. G. Bingham, 2 ;
S. J. Wise, 3 ; 1½ lengths. Nine scullers raced in all.

Beresford and Doubledee Cups (Club Handi- cap Sculls.

R. J. B. Hedont (Received 30 seconds), 1 ; A. M.
St. L. Ramsay Murray (received 50 seconds), 2.
Ten scullers raced.

Invitation Eights

Winners : S. Wainwright, I.C.B.C. (bow) ; C.
Davies, London R.C. ; C. Wooderson, Kingston
R.C. ; C. J. D. George, U.L.B.C. ; B. Jones, Mortlake-
Anglian R.C. ; C. Martin, Mortlake-Anglian ; T. A.
Bakiewicz, T.R.C. ; A. G. Bingham, T.R.C. (stroke) ;
M. Mathews U.C.S.B.C. (cox). Sixteen eights raced.

ETON EXCELSIOR LONG DISTANCE SCULLS

10th October

N. S. Read, finished 6th, started 10th, 11 min.
58 sec.

S. J. Wise, finished 12th, started 33rd, 12 min.
14 sec.

A. M. St. L. Ramsay Murray, finished 47th,
started 23rd, 13 min. 25 sec.

HEAD OF THE RIVER FOURS

16th October

T.R.C. 1 : D. Davidson (bow, steers) ; N. Rudd ;
G. A. Hodson ; S. J. Barber (stroke) ; started 6th,
finished 26th ; 12 min. 38 sec. (18th in coxless
section).

T.R.C., 2 : D. J. Wilkes (bow) ; A. G. Bingham ;
C. J. Rodrigues, A. Fenn (stroke) ; N. G. Hughes
(cox).

Started 86th, finished 33rd ; 12 min. 47 sec. (3rd
in restricted section).

WEYBRIDGE SILVER SCULLS

23rd October

N. S. Read, finished 12th, started 22nd ; 15 min.
19 sec.

S. J. Wise, finished 43rd, started 59th ; 16 min.
2 sec.

J. E. Taylor, finished 52nd, started 47th ; 16 min.
8 sec.

J. McLaughlin, finished 75th, started 52nd ;
17 min. 12 sec.

A. M. St. L. Ramsay Murray, finished 88th,
started 62nd ; 17 min. 55 sec.

P. G. Bailey, finished 95th, started 96th ; 18 min.
18 sec.

MARLOW LONG DISTANCE SCULLS

30th October

N. S. Read, finished 15th, started 12th ; 20 min.
52 sec.

S. J. Wise, finished 28th, started 38th ; 21 min.
19 sec.

TIDEWAY VETERANS REGATTA

30th October

Category A Sculls :

D. W. Gramolt ; J. E. Taylor.

Heat 2 : P. Hilditch, 1 ; J. E. Taylor, 2 ; 1½ lengths.

Final : D. W. Gramolt, 1 ; F. Johnson, 2 ; 1 length.

Category D Sculls :

A. M. St. L. Ramsay Murray.

Final : J. Pinches, 1 ; M. Villain, 2 ; A. M. St. L.
Ramsay Murray, 3 ; 1½ lengths.

HEAD OF THE CAM SCULLS

6th November

V. B. A. Temple, finished 30th, started 36th ;
12 min. 29 sec.

S. J. Wise, finished 53rd, started 131st ; 12 min.
52 sec.

J. E. Taylor, finished 59th ; started 35th ; 13 min.
1 sec.

A. M. St. L. Ramsay Murray, finished 114th,
started 86th ; 13 min. 58 sec.

HENLEY SCULLS

13th November

V. B. A. Temple, finished 10th, started 20th ;
14 min. 48 sec.

A. M. St. L. Ramsay Murray, finished 38th,
started 23rd ; 16 min. 33 sec.

BLACKHEATH HARRIERS

Race for Oarsmen

13th November

T.R.C.: A. G. Bingham (Captain); W. S. L. Woolley; P. C. Cowell; S. J. Wise.
 A. G. Bingham finished 28th; 32 min. 51 sec.
 W. S. L. Woolley finished 31st; 33 min. 5 sec.
 P. C. Cowell finished 7th; 30 min. 40 sec.
 S. J. Wise finished 12th; 31 min. 11 sec.
 Result: Gladstone Warwick R.C., 1; Globe R.C., 2; T.R.C., 3. 28 teams took part.

THAMES ROWING CLUB CHRISTMAS EIGHTS

11th December

Eighteen crews took part in this handicap race over a course from Chiswick Steps to the Club Flagstaff. The crews in order of finishing were:—

	Started	min	sec	Finish in order of net time
University College School B.C.	6	11	44	6
T.R.C. scratch VIII ...	18	12	4	9
T.R.C. Junior VIII ...	8	12	5	10
T.R.C. Vandals ...	11	11	30	4
T.R.C. All Stars ...	16	11	0	2
Baling Grammar School B.C.	5	12	20	12
I.C.B.C., I ...	14	11	26	3
King's College B.C. II ...	4	12	36	15
T.R.C., I ...	17	10	52	1
I.C.B.C. II ...	9	11	52	7
Kensington R.C. I ...	15	11	38	5
Kensington R.C. II ...	7	12	23	13
I.C.B.C. V ...	1	13	28	16
T.R.C. II ...	13	12	3	8
T.R.C. House ...	10	12	16	11
I.C.B.C. IV ...	2	13	30	17
King's College B.C. I ...	12	12	30	14
I.C.B.C. III ...	3	13	50	18

BOUSTEAD CUP, 1972

11th March

The wind and water conditions were extreme in the race for the Boustead Cup between the Thames and London first eights. There was a good dropping tide and a cold northern wind, giving bad water and a strong cross wind at Mortlake and down to Barnes, and even worse conditions along Chiswick eyot, where the crews had necessarily to seek the shelter of the Surrey shore.

London won the toss and chose the Surrey station. The crews started rather too far over to Surrey at Mortlake, chiefly because they seemed to find it difficult to work into the wind. Soon after starting Thames were blown over to London, but soon recovered; there was a clash before Barnes Bridge, from which London got back much of the half length or so they had lost at the start. In the circumstances the crews were allowed to race on. At Barnes Bridge, with Thames close to the

Middlesex pier, London pressed hard over to them, with cox's hand in the air claiming a foul. This could clearly not be allowed. Both crews then went over to Middlesex, with London pressing over the more strongly. Below the bandstand they came back to a more conventional position in the stream, and London hit Thames, this time losing ground. The fault however was clearly theirs, and again the crews were allowed to race on. Thames then went ahead. London crossed behind Thames into rougher water and then re-crossed to their own station. In the process, by a great effort, they came near to hitting Thames' rudder, but cleared it by about 8 feet, with both crews dead in front of the launch which was in its proper place on the river. Thames drew away in the very rough water down the eyot, handling their boat much better than London here; and they held their lead when smooth water was reached at Hammersmith. The final verdict was one of five lengths to Thames. At one time or another each crew was in the wrong, but there was no deliberate interference, and the situation did not warrant stopping and re-starting the race or any disqualification.

Races between the second, fourth and fifth eights finished with London some lengths ahead, but the third eights, with our Juniors representing TRC, deadheaded.

EYRE CLUB AT HENLEY 1971

TWO crews represented Eyre Club at Henley, a Wyfold four and a Britannia coxed four.

In 1970 the Eyre Wyfold four had thrown away a certain win in a heat through bad steering, losing a blade when they hit a buoy early on. This year's crew smashed the loom of 2's oar on a pile at the Fawley gap when it seemed they had demonstrated that they had the race well in hand despite some erratic steering. Twice they had given their lead away and had had little difficulty in regaining it. But the abnormal flood conditions presented them with a problem with which they were unable to cope. A deflection to bowside at the gap could not be corrected because the flood stream caught the bows uncontrollably. Though bow realised their peril, the most savage correction could not prevent two's blade hitting the next pile and leaving him with an oar in two pieces.

The crew consisted of two oarsmen with previous Henley experience and a promising if somewhat temperamental Youth Pair whose successes earlier in the season had augured well for an assault on the ARA Youth Championships. In the event their experience at Henley was sad, and a later injury prevented appearance in the Championships.

The coxed four in the Britannia Cup consisted of young and relatively inexperienced oarsmen whose appearance was hoped to be an investment for the future. Both Wyfold and Britannia fours were put together later than we wished, and abnormal floods following the storm before Marlow Regatta limited training at Henley and they suffered from other complications. They were unlucky not only to meet the ultimate winners in their heat, but they also had to give away two stone a man in a strong head wind and a raging stream when they raced. But they had their merits and enthusiasm and the bare record of their defeat does them less than justice.

A. M. St. L. R. M.

THE FIRST EIGHT AT HENLEY

1971

by Anthony Bingham

MOST of last year's senior squad were lost to wives, careers and so-called retirements, and in consequence the first eight was reformed to consist of five seniors (three from the previous year's Thames Cup crew), two junior-seniors and one junior, with Martin Denny as cox. One could describe all nine as budding comedians in their own individual way.

Alan Hawes took over the coaching a week before Marlow Regatta, and immediately transferred the crew to Molesey for two weeks training, the boat travelling on Stephen Wise's wood lorry. We rowed with the Molesey eight on a number of evenings, gaining much needed experience of side-by-side racing thereby. After Marlow there was a re-shuffle, and Rodney Hedont returned to his cherished five seat after two weeks absence through illness, allowing his substitute, John Taylor, to relax from the strain.

Even the severe rain of that week did not damp our enthusiasm and improvement came — enormously helped by an immense meal prepared for us by Pat Hawes on the Wednesday evening.

We moved to Henley on the Friday before the Regatta and then drove nine miles to our superb Henley digs at Shurlock Row—a haven from the noise and bustle of Henley where not the least interesting denizen was an exceedingly hairy griffin, aptly named by Nigel Read as a walking paintbrush. Retaliation was swift, on Stephen Wise's clean shirt.

Training followed the usual Henley pattern, a morning outing a stroll to Remenham Club, lunch in Henley, lazing around through the afternoon and waking up for the evening outing, another stroll to Remenham, and then return to Shurlock Row for our evening meal. Another stroll or a look at the colour TV ended the day.

On Saturday afternoon we took on the St. Andrews PE crew, discovering afterwards that they were the American schoolboy champions. After a mutually useful outing their coach asked for another on the following morning. We took a length and a half off them in the first half mile of the course to the surprise not only of both crews but also of the spectators. Indeed so surprised was everyone that the news got into the next morning's papers. While this would normally have driven a Thames crew into the depths of despair, it encouraged us and produced the confidence lacking up to then.

The draw gave us Nottingham BC in the first round, and they were rather dark horses as they did not arrive at Henley until the day before the regatta. We were surprised and perhaps glad to note from the programme on the first day that they were lighter than we were. In the event we had a reasonable but uninspired row to win by 4 lengths. On Thursday we met the Metropolitan (alias London RC) crew. I think some overconfidence had crept in, for we were $\frac{3}{4}$ length down at the half mile, and there were signs of consternation on the bank as well as in the boat. Controlled power got us back to $\frac{1}{4}$ length down and level at the mile. At the last signal we had our noses in front and kept going to win by half a length. It sounded as though the enclosures gave their usual ovation to a Thames/London race.

As we sat in the Stewards Enclosure on Friday waiting for our heat against the seeded Harvard lightweights, it was good to see how the successes of the Wyfold four and ourselves had brought out the Thames ties. Harvard were reputed to have broken six minutes over 2000 metres in practice, but nevertheless went off very hard at the start to gain a lead; and though we had a good start, they managed to be a length and a half up at the Barrier.

Eventually the verdict was easily—we just could not match their pace. The consolation was that we had lost to the eventual winner. The best of Henley is that if you don't win, you can really start to enjoy yourself on the day you are knocked out.

THE THAMES LIONS

by Nigel S. Read

THAMES R.C. has explored many sports since the Thames Hare & Hounds were formed by us, and a new or revived outlet for our prowess has recently been found on the fields of Marlow Rugby Club.

On the afternoon of 21st November fifteen brave oarsmen changed their boats for boots and spent ninety gruelling minutes participating in the art of coarse rugby. For what is thought to be the first time in recent history we scored; and although the final score was 44-4, or 34-3 for those of us who have not yet caught up with the new rules, we certainly did not disgrace ourselves. The rugby club had a tougher time than they had expected from a 'bunch of rowers' as they call us. Thames not only managed to play a semblance of rugby but also have a considerable amount of entertainment to those who braved wintry conditions to watch us. It was good to see more Thames supporters than the home club mustered.

At the start of the match all eyes were on our large Australian 2nd row forward whose only experience of rugby was in the club bar at previous club dinners. His playing was well summed up by the referee who, after being sworn at a few times, reminded him that we were not playing to the rules of Australian football. More than one player, however, had his own individual style of rugby. The pack contained a good mixture of talent and included two of our ex-oarsmen now playing for Old Paulines (and incidentally providing the necessary red, white and black shirts), two or three oarsmen providing weight in the form of beer, and some of the current first eight who contributed very little weight (especially the writer). In the centre and backs we had more of the first eight squad of varying talent. The side was completed by the club's champion parachutist on loan from Mons Officers Training School. He had plenty of practice at sky-diving and occasionally even made a tackle.

The team was thankful to officials on the touchline, with special thanks to our Guinness-drinking 'coin'—an able dispenser of refreshments at half-time (much to the noticeable disapproval of Marlow and the referee). It must be recorded that the usual retribution led to some discomfort in the second half.

Fortunately refreshments were not restricted to half-time as the usual post-match social took place in the bar. The afternoon was enjoyed by so many that another match has been arranged. This should lead to still more extra-curricular activities in future, fostering club spirit and making winter training more interesting.

THE NEW A.R.A. RULES OF RACING

THIS year sees a complete revision of the ARA 'Laws of Boat Racing' and 'Rules for Regattas.' The changes are necessary to accommodate the advent of six-lane courses to this country, and advantage has been taken to bring in many alterations. These are mostly designed to close the gap between our rules and those of FISA, but there are other changes as well, and these affect competitors as well as the general organisation and conduct of racing. The principal alterations affecting competitors are as follows, but the list is not exhaustive, and the official Rules should be consulted in any case of doubt.

Competitors are now classified quite differently from before. The old classes of junior, junior senior, senior junior and senior disappear. All below the age of 18 at the 1st January in the year of racing are Juniors unless they have already won two junior races. All over the age of 18 at the 1st January in the year of racing are Seniors unless they have won six qualifying races in previous years. Elites are those who have thus won six qualifying races or those who have attained one of the first three places in an Olympic Regatta or a FISA Championship (other than a Junior Championship). A Novice is one who has never won an open race. Veterans must be 32 years of age, and Lightweights must be below 70 kg, or 67.5 kg if single scullers. The age rules apply to Junior Coxswains, but other classifications do not. Wins in restricted and unrestricted boats count alike in deciding classification. Classification of an oarsman does not affect his classification as a sculler and vice versa.

Events may be open or closed. Qualifying races are open races (other than races restricted to Juniors) held over a distance of not less than 1000 metres. It is to be noted that the qualifying distance under FISA is 1500 metres, and that the shorter distance has been adopted to fit in with our generally shorter courses. There are several categories of non-qualifying races, and these include processional races of the 'Head' type. Double sculls races are no longer non-qualifying, unless offered as 'unclassified.'

Novice races are not subject to any age limit. Only one may be won, and it may be over any distance, before classification alters. Class A Junior races are open to any Junior; Class B Junior races open to any Junior who has not won two Junior races. Senior races are in three categories, of which Senior C is expected to correspond roughly to the old Junior class; Senior A and Senior B to the old Junior-Senior class. Elite races are expected to be offered as Elite Grand and Elite Thames, corresponding to the old Grand and Thames Cup classes. Elite B will correspond to the old Senior-Junior class.

Competitors in Senior C class may win two qualifying races, those in Senior B four qualifying races, and those in Senior A may win until they become Elite. While this requires six qualifying wins the Senior A classification persists in racing until the end of the year, permitting further wins until then. It may be noted that competitors do not have to win in the order Senior C, B, A. They may dodge about from one class to another within the maximum qualifying number of wins for each.

The names of the substitutes no longer have to be entered in the entry form for a regatta; they may be given in writing up to one hour before their race. Substitutions are not allowed for single scullers, but they are allowed in pair-oar races and double sculls. Where it is appropriate the date of birth and the weight of competitors and coxswains must be entered in the entry form and in the substitutes list.

To help crews in planning their racing, a copy of the draw and timetable of races must be sent to the clubs entered within two days of the draw for the regatta. The list of crews and substitutes must be displayed prominently by the regatta before and during racing. Objections to the qualifications of competitors must be made to the secretary of the regatta 'as soon as possible.'

A boat's proper course during a race has

been re-defined. The boat is not allowed to leave this course if it gains any advantage over its opponents by doing so. It is left to the umpire to judge what is this proper course, but it is expected that he will have agreed about this with the regatta committee before starting his duties. It is important to note that if a competitor leaves his course and gains an advantage thereby he may be disqualified by the umpire without warning. Fouls and interference are re-defined. It should specially be noted that interference is no longer confined to washing from in front; any interference which diminishes the chances of an opponent can now be penalised after due warning.

Crews must now be at the start at least two minutes before the time of a race. It is no longer permissible to wear white clothing unless it happens to be the registered uniform of a club; the club's own colours must now be worn. A marshall will be provided at the embarking point to ensure that crews are properly constituted and dressed and otherwise conform to the rules.

Multi-lane racing necessitates a different method of starting from that used for our ordinary two or three lane stake-boat starts. The full FISA method has been adopted for such cases; but it is expected that our old procedure will still be used on most of our courses, if only because accurate aligning of the bows of competing boats is not possible with ordinary stake-boats.

In all racing the old exhortations 'You are out of your water' and 'Watch your steering' and other—unofficial—remarks are now superseded. If an umpire has to warn a crew for interference or fouling, he will raise his white flag vertically, name the crew, and move his flag in the direction in which the boat is to move. If he has to stop a race, he will ring a bell, hold up his red flag and give the order stop. If he has to stop a single crew in a race, he will raise his white flag, name the crew and give the order 'stop.' It will be possible to re-start races on two or three lane courses, as before, but it will not be possible on multi-courses; and there the race must be re-rowed if all crews stop. If they are not all stopped, the umpire may decide whether the rest of the crews may continue or be re-started, or he may determine the finishing order of the boats.

A crew must still abide by its accidents, except where damage is sustained within 100 metres of the start to equipment or by the action of an outside agency. Competitors

failing to abide by the decisions of an umpire or to follow his directions may be removed from a race or disqualified. Objections and protests are to be made to a judge, umpire or the regatta secretary and confirmed in writing as soon as possible. Claims for fouls may be made by inviting the attention of the umpire by raising the hand.

OBITUARY

We regret to report the deaths of Eric Beresford, G. D. Clapperton, D. H. L. Gollan, E. A. E. Howell and E. Rolfe Matthews.

Eric Beresford died in Spain to which country he had retired, and we had not seen a lot of him in the last year or two. He rowed for us very successfully before the last war, winning the Thames Cup at Henley in 1927 and 1928 and the Wyfold Cup in 1929, racing in each crew at stroke. He rowed again for us in the Grand in 1931, when his crew was in the final and in 1935 and 1938. He stroked the Stewards four of 1938 as well, losing in the semi-final to Trinity College, Oxford.

Jock Clapperton was perhaps one of the most outstanding coxswains of the years immediately after the first world war, steering Oxford in 1923 and 1924 and the winning Leander crews of 1925, 1926 and 1946. He was a Steward of Henley Royal Regatta.

Donald Gollan sculled for a number of years after the first world war and then rowed in our successful Grand eights of 1927 and 1928. He challenged Jack Beresford in the Wingfields on a number of occasions, but he never won that event.

E. A. E. Gowell was a member for many years and a very familiar figure among us both at Putney and at Henley. He will be remembered as the first editor of 'Rowing Magazine.'

Rolfe Matthews was the first President of the University of London Boat Club, and went on to row for Vesta R.C. However he liked coming to see us in Thames, and we were always happy to welcome him there.

THE NEW COXSWAINLESS FOUR 'SPARROW'

Members of the Club will know that we took active steps to keep the memory of Sparrow Morris fresh in our minds soon after we realised that we had lost him. As a result there has been a substantial addition to the Thames Trust Fund ; and we are most

happy to see a more tangible memorial in the form of a new coxswainless four as well.

This has been built by Sims of Twickenham and was delivered to us a few weeks ago. It was named and launched on Sunday, 23rd April in the presence of a large gathering of members of friends. The naming ceremony was performed by Sparrow's sister, Mrs. Betts, in a very natural and impressive manner ; and the boat then took the water manned by a crew consisting of four of the Club's members who had rowed in Winning Wyfold Fours ; these were : Gordon Dear (bow, steers), Peter Thomson, Alex Riemer and John Pope (stroke). Of the crew, Peter Thomson had rowed in the winning Sapper crew of 1956, while all the others rowed in the winning Thames crew of 1955.

Good wishes to all who race in the 'Sparrow' were expressed not only by Mrs. Betts but also by our President, Jack Beresford.

CORRESPONDENCE

Karl Vernon writes :—

Quarry Wood
23 Grange Road
Hastings
8th April 1972

Dear Fellow Members, Thames R.C.

I am very sad indeed not to be able to get to my dear old Club, but I am nearly 93 and cannot manage it, alas.

I am fortunate enough to be in a Home for Elderly Vegetarians and my only relatives have to travel hundreds of miles to see me and get me to Henley Regatta. I would be heart-broken of they could not do so. Some old members of the Club have managed to visit me here, bless them.

Yours sincerely
'Bean'

I got the nickname the first week I joined the Club in 1905.

K. Vernon.

POSTSCRIPT

We find we nearly omitted to record that Nigel Read won Junior Senior Sculls at Staines Regatta in July, 1971, beating Johnson (Shawnigan Lake B.C.) in his first heat and R. Ford (Weybridge R.C.) in his second, both easily. In the semi-final he beat G. Mulcahy (Quinton B.C.) by 3 lengths, and in the final he beat A. James (Thames Tradesmen R.C.) without being too much pressed.

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