

year of pre-clinical medicine next year and both are already very involved with the club. Kitty rows in the first Ladies' VIII and was social secretary for the club this year while Matt, having rowed in the first VIII in the Lent Bumps is currently rowing in the second Mens' VIII. Both are really keen to move Selwyn's boats up the Bumps charts while also taking our first VIII's off-Cam where possible.

### May Bumps

The May Bumps run from June 13th to June 16th. We have three mens' and two ladies' crews with places; on the first day the first and second Mens' VIII start in the second mens' division, the third Mens' VIII start in the fourth mens' division, the first Ladies' VIII start in the first ladies' division and the second Ladies' VIII start in the fourth ladies' division. Below is a table of division times for the four days. Reports of how Selwyn boats will be emailed out to the Henley Fund email list as well as being posted on [www.selwynrowing.org.uk](http://www.selwynrowing.org.uk).

Support on the bank is always much appreciated by our crews so it would be great to see as many Selwyn supporters as possible on the bank cheering us on! If anyone would like any help with where to go to etc. then please get in touch with us.

Division	Start Time	
	Wednesday-Friday	Saturday
M1	19:45	17:45
W1	19:00	17:00
M2	18:15	16:15
W2	17:30	15:00
M3	16:45	14:45
W3	16:00	14:00
M4	15:15	13:15
W4	14:30	12:30
M5	13:45	11:45
W5	13:00	11:00
M6	13:00	11:00

### Donating to The Henley fund

Donations to the fund make a massive difference to rowing at the Selwyn so if you feel able to support us in anyway then please do. There are several ways to support us:

- *Regular Subscription:* These can be set up as annual or monthly payments and for whatever amount you feel able to contribute.
- *One-Off Payment:* These can also be made to the fund for any amount or if you would like to support a specific purchase then please contact us about this.
- Your *Tax Return* allows you to donate to charity any tax refund you may receive for the year. You'll find the relevant boxes to tick in Section 19A of your return. If you want to nominate the Henley Fund to benefit in this way, the Fund's code is QAL93WG and you will need to enter this in box 19A.3 of your return.
- Include the Fund in your *Will* (as "Selwyn College Permanent Henley Fund")

If you are a UK taxpayer then completing a gift-aid declaration increases the value of your donation by almost 30%.

Gift-aid forms and forms to make a donation are all in the alumni section of the Selwyn College Boat Club Website - [www.selwynrowing.org.uk](http://www.selwynrowing.org.uk). Or get in touch with us at the boat club via Clare Wilson, or at the Henley Fund via Fiona Morrison (Fiona.Morrison@lcp.uk.com) or Brian Hornsby (brian.hornsby@ntlworld.com/01372 818138.)

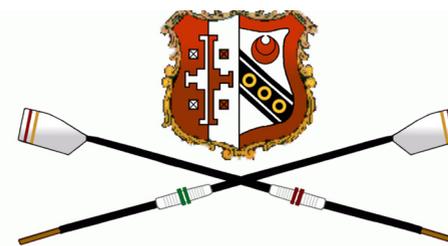
### Email Lists

We had some problems with the emails lists during the Lent bumps but these are now back in working order and so emails will be being sent out everyday during May Bumps. If you are not on the email list but would like to be then please send Clare an email and we can add you to the list straightaway.

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# Selwyn College Permanent Henley Fund Newsletter 2007



Hello, and welcome to The Selwyn College Permanent Henley Fund Newsletter 2007.

### Reunion Dinner

On the last day of the Lent Bumps the Henley Fund Dinner was held in Selwyn. This saw the return of several crews, in particular those from 1964 and 1977. The dinner was preceded by a display of items from the archive, including the newly purchased McEldowney items, and the triennial General Meeting of the Henley Fund. During the dinner we had speeches from members of both the 1964 and 1977 crews as well as from David Dufton, current Mens' captain. The following morning some members of the 1977 blade winning crew took out a boat and had a very successful outing! They can be seen gliding a very well sat boat back to the boathouse below.

### Recent Support for the Boat Club

This year the Henley Fund has again supported coaching for both the first Ladies'



and Mens' Vllls.. Better coaching for our first boats is also helping to raise the standard of our lower boats as those coaching lower boats have often benefited from the experience of first boat coaching.

We have also been supported to allow our first Vllls to race off-cam on several occasions which has been a fantastic experience for those involved and really helps to improve the overall standard of rowing.

During recent events some of our crews, particularly lower boats, have had some problems with their cox boxes. The Henley Fund has helped us with this by buying us a new cox box.

Both first and second Vllls on the Mens' and Ladies' sides of the club are now fitted with speed coaches. These give the cox additional information about the speed and movement of the boat and are really helping us to get the most out of all our outings. The speed coaches can also be linked to computers so we can keep a record of outings and how we have improved over the course of the term.

Thank-you to everyone who has donated to the Fund for making these purchases possible.

## Ladies' off-Cam racing

"The Permanent Henley Fund has allowed the Ladies' to race off-Cam three times this year – to Fours head, to Womens' Eights Head of the River on the Tideway in London and to Bedford Regatta. WEHARR came at the end of Lent Bumps and was the first time five of the crew had raced in London. There were a few exciting moments including a battle between four crews to get the fastest stream! Overall we finished 165th, beating ten of the eighteen other Cambridge crews who had entered, including two crews who had bumped us in the Lent Bumps. Bedford Regatta was the first off-Cam event of the May Term. This 1.2km sprint race gave most of the crew their first experience of a stake boat start. In our first race we started brilliantly against Trinity Hall 1st Ladies getting clear water between our stern and their bow, however we were unable to hold this and they beat us by one third of a length. We learnt from this race and produced some of our best rowing yet this term to beat Magdalene College, Oxford, by two lengths in the first round of the Plate Competition. Unfortunately we lost to Clare College, Cambridge, in the final of the Plate, however as they start 9 places above us in the May Bumps we were pleased that we gave them a good race and rowed well. These off-Cam races have been a fantastic experience for those taking part. They have allowed us to experience rowing at a more serious level and improved the rowing of our crew: hopefully all of this will show in the May Bumps."

## The Men go to Henley and London

Last summer, following the May Bumps, the first Men took a four to the qualifiers at Henley. The crew was composed of four of the May VIII but with only two weeks to train before the race they had set themselves a big challenge.

Entering the Prince Albert Challenge Cup they had to compete with 20 other crews over the 2112m course. Unfortunately

they didn't qualify, coming 17th, however it was good to see a Selwyn crew at Henley for the first time for several years.

This year the first Men also entered the Head of the River Race on the Thames. Despite some solid training and a day's rowing on the tideway the crew never raced...

"When the moment came to boat we were ready, a fairly rocky but relatively smooth row-up saw us arrive to marshal as the first crews were scheduled to start. Fifteen minutes later they finally did, Leander looked impressive, but there was a lot of spray being kicked up. When one of the next crews through aimed for the bank and started bailing out we knew this was going to be a tough day, when the blue boat hammered past we just wanted to go out there and give it some. When one of the next crews through sank in sight of us and no crews came through after that we knew things were serious. The waves were, in polite terms, massive. We rowed back smooth, aiming for Surrey just before Hammersmith and crashing through waves that would have been more at home in the sea. After Hammersmith it calmed down a touch, we were rowing well as well, too well at times, with the marshals concerned at our superior speed while paddling to the crews around us. Coming past Putney we sat tall and showed off, high in the water with very little water in the boat we elegantly showed what we could do, looking far better than our start position suggested we would be. Overall it was a disappointing day in London for us, we knew we would have done well and not getting the chance was a big blow for us."

## Lower Boats Rowing

"The last twelve months have been very successful for Selwyn's lower boats.

On the mens' side of the club the momentum of Lents 2006 – the second eight going up three places and the third eight winning their blades – continued through to the Mays.



The second Ladies win their Blades, Lent Bumps 2007.

The third eight won another set of blades, with four of the Lents crew again selected for Mays. Bumping up to the Head of the River on the first day, the second eight rowed seven races as the "sandwich boat" finally winning a well-deserved place in the second division. Although the second ladies did not get on in Lents 2006 they narrowly missed out on winning their blades in the Mays. In the end they moved up three to leaving them second place in Division 4.

There was a large recruitment of novices in Michaelmas 2006 and Selwyn's crews performed well in the novice category of the Fairbairn's cup. The mens' first novices came thirteenth and the womens' first novices came seventh. Impressively, the womens' second novices came eleventh overall and were the fastest womens' second novice eight.

In the Lents 2007, the second mens' eight climbed two places to the head of division three but faced a fast first boat from Homer-ton College on the last day and fell back to second place. An inexperienced third mens' eight dropped two places but rowed well against stiff competition. The womens' second eight trained hard all through the Lent term. They had to compete in the "getting on" race which they did successfully to start thirteenth in the third division. They then bumped up four places to win their blades

and a permanent place.

At the start of the Easter term there was plenty of competition on both the mens' and womens' side of the club for places in the lower boats and all this bodes well for the Mays."

## Lent Bumps Overview

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>M1</b>		↓	↓	↓	→
<b>W1</b>		↓	↓	↓	↓
<b>M2</b>	↑	↑	→	→→	↓
<b>W2</b>	↑	↑		↑	↑
<b>M3</b>	↓	↓	→		→
<b>W3</b>	Did not manage to "get on", the fifth fastest non-qualifier				
<b>M4</b>	Did no manage to "get on", the fastest non-qualifier				

## Sponsorship

This year the boat club secured another year's sponsorship from Oliver Wyman Ltd., formerly Mercer Management Consulting. With the college's financial support for the boat club diminishing, this sponsorship money is funding the day to day running of the club and prevents the cost being transferred to the students. This leaves the Henley Fund free to finance equipment, coaching and off-Cam racing to further improve the standard of rowing within the club.

## New Captains elected

At the end of the Lent term our captains for next year were elected. Kitty Jackson will be the Overall and Ladies' Captain while Matt Long will be the new Mens' Captain. Both Kitty and Matt will be going into their third