



# Worcester College Boat Club

Christmas Newsletter 2016

## Boats, boats, boats!

The Long Vacation saw the refurbishment of Pamela, our beloved Carl Douglas single. Fantastic craftsmanship from Mark Seal saw Pamela restored to a pristine condition, and she now rows as well as ever.

After a long year without the bear, we have finally found a suitable replacement four. A 1999, recently refurbished Janousek 4+ was sourced, and now makes a sturdy winter, yet still competitive four for training.

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Pamela Refurbishment  
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## Squad News

The start to the 2016/17 season saw a strong number of returners, numbering at around 10 for the men, and 13 for the women. A large squad, and many hours on the erg shall see the women do well this year, and a strong performance by the men at Cambridge Winter Head indicates a good start to the season which much more potential to come.



Continuing the long standing tradition of the WCBC infiltration of the Lightweights, our very own Livia Dewaele (who only started rowing last year!) raced the Henley Course at Trial Eights last weekend! We wish her the best of luck in her pursuit of making The Boat Races.





A fantastic beginning for the WCBC novices who will be vying for more, and will be training eagerly for bumps.



The Power Buff Girls won their first round race against St. John's by a considerable margin, but the luck (or lack of) the draw meant they faced Nephthys winners, Wolfson WA in the second round, performing exceptionally well, only losing by a length.

The Worcester Men lost their first round race against Keble B, the Nephthys runner ups, before rowing over to reach the second round against St. Peter's. Having convincingly sent SPC home, the luck of the draw brought Worcester misery again in the form of another Nephthys winner, Keble A.



Destiny's Children lost their first round race against a boat full of seniors in the form of Regent's Park A, and unfortunately lost against a very strong LMH B. The girls won't go home disheartened, and will only train harder to seek their revenge in the form of bumps.

Michelle Row-Bama won their first round race convincingly against Christ Church B, a boat carrying seniors, only to end up facing the larger and more experienced grads of GTC A in the third round.

Overall, a fantastic result, showing real talent and hunger amongst the novices – Christ Church Regatta has proven that the Boat Club, joined by an amazing group of novices, will make a very large dent in the bumps table for this season.





## Dates for your diary

**Saturday 18th February:** Henley Fours and Eights Head - WCBC will be going to Henley's hallowed waters to race at Henley Fours and Eights Head. We will be looking to enter a few Martlet boats. Contact our Alumni Officer, Lydia Brindley at [wcbc.martlet@worc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:wcbc.martlet@worc.ox.ac.uk) if you're interested!

**Wednesday 1st March to Saturday 4th March:** TORPIDS - We would love to see you down by the river once again to support us during Torpids!



**Saturday 11th March:** Women's Eights Head of the River Race. We will be looking to send a competitive First Women's Torpid down to WEHORR to pit themselves against the rest of the country on the legendary Tideway.

**Saturday 25th March:** Head of the River Race. You guessed it - same thing for the First Men's Torpid!

## Keeping in Touch

We'd love to keep in touch with Martlets, so please do reach out to us - we've created a consistent way of contacting us through email ([wcbc.martlets@worc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:wcbc.martlets@worc.ox.ac.uk)) for you to do so! We'd love to have you back to look around, to have a chat or to help us out with some coaching or motivational advice!

Keep up to date by following us on our website, Facebook, Twitter or Instagram:

@WCBC\_Oxford | [wcbc.worc.ox.ac.uk](http://wcbc.worc.ox.ac.uk)

Do send us any Martlet news that you'd like to feature in the next edition!

We wish you a Happy Christmas and New Year!

## Supporting WCBC

We really appreciate your support and rely on your contributions to maintain and improve our equipment. If you'd like more information on our finances or how to contribute, please do contact us!

If you can't support us financially, we'd love to have your support as coaches, or even just at races that we attend! Keep an eye out on our social media or contact a committee member (details on our website) for more information!

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