Trinity College Boat Club: First and Third

Robert Shearme (2014)

This year has seen the beginning of developments across the Club in no short thanks to our new Senior Treasurer, Dr. Catherine Aiken, and Head Coach, Jacqueline Rediel (née Round). The Clubhouse has work planned for a new gymnasium upstairs, more ergs, new boats on order, and the implementation of a consistent training programme. A frosty Lents left the sides struggling and producing results that I do not think were indicative of our training programmes. Thankfully in Mays, for the top boats at least, this was turned around with M1 moving up and W1 staying level.

Michaelmas saw our usual large conversion of Freshers to novices thanks to the tireless work of our Lower Boats Captains. After a term of late nights, early mornings, and tired supervisions, their dues were finally paid with the 1st women's novice VIII winning the novice Fairbairn Cup and the 1st novice men's VIII placing third – a fitting set of positions.

The senior men and women also worked hard through the term and began grinding through our Head Coach's new training programme. The term ended with positive spirits and everyone preparing for the January training camp.

The camp took the Club to Newcastle-upon-Tyne and we were generously hosted by Tyne Amateur Rowing Club. Although cold at points, we managed to put down a solid number of miles and Jacqui opened the Club's eyes to the benefits of stretching and mobility. Everyone left feeling worked but not exhausted and



First and Third members.



Bumps.

injuries were thankfully kept to a minimum. The momentum continued through to Lent Term training with Jacqui really making her mark and shaping up the squads on both sides. Unfortunately the "Beast from the East" struck around the time of Lent Bumps and cancelled two days of racing.

The cancellation was due to the dangerously slippery towpath. A concerted effort was led by the Women's Captain along with other Clubs from many Colleges to grit the towpath each morning of Bumps to permit racing to go ahead. It was truly wonderful to see Colleges uniting together, distributing shovels and salt to ensure Bumps continued as per usual. The impact of this winter blast was, however, noticeable on our crews and ended with far too many boats being bumped.

Mays saw a turnaround as Jacqui really got into her stride, whipping up Club members into training better than before, and we also saw the return of four trialists. On the Men's Side Piers Kasas and Reggie Mitchell of Goldie joined the first boat, and on the Women's Side Millie Perrin of Blondie and Aurelia Dixon of the lightweight women's reserve boats joined the first boat. M1 felt the pressure as the boat was the lowest it had ever been in the Bumps rankings but they rose to the challenge and went up two. W1 managed a bump and finished level after being bumped down on the last day.

It is my sincere hope that having such a strongly-involved coach who cares for athletes both on and off the water will help ensure our club is second to none once again. The Club and I are indebted to the work that Jacqui has put in this year; she has truly gone above and beyond the call of duty. None of this would have been possible either without the invigorating support of Dr. Aiken to whom I am

extremely grateful. The Club will be taking receipt of a new tub this Michaelmas, thanks to the very kind donation from the 1967 Henley-winning crew; and the coaching this year has been generously supported by Dominic Cadbury in the name of his brother, Jocelyn. We should also have a new gymnasium upstairs, sturdy IV+, lower boats VIII, and a new pair.

I am extremely grateful to all who have provided support to me, the Committee, and Club this year. It has been a true pleasure to have spent my undergraduate time at Trinity with such a wonderful collection of people. I hope that this may continue into my postgraduate studies and as an alumnus.

Ra Ra 1st and 3rd!

Trinity College Field Club

David Morris (2014)

Throughout the year, the Field Club has continued to offer a valuable distraction through the huge selection of sports which it makes available to members of College.

The start of the academic year saw ambitious recruitment efforts at the Chaplain's Squash, and the Freshers' Sports Day which followed. All of the College sports teams recognised the importance of filling the gaps left by the previous year's graduates, so multiple opportunities were organised at the start of Michaelmas to allow new students to experience the benefits of getting involved, right from the start. For the rest of Michaelmas Term, Trinity then continued their winning form from the previous year, winning 60% of matches across all sports. High performers included the Mixed Lacrosse and Ultimate Frisbee teams who were both promoted into their first divisions after a stellar first term, joining the nine other teams already competing at the highest level in the University.

Trinity's Lent Term performances seemed unaffected by the increases in workload caused by looming exams, such that there again was a winning percentage of 60% across all sports. The main event of this term was the Christ Church Sports Day, which this year was being hosted by our sister college in Oxford. The day promised to be larger and more comprehensive than any in recent times, with the addition of sports like Table Football and Ultimate Frisbee, as well as a new match between the colleges' Second XI Men's Football teams. However, with a week to go, the