

# HBBC Newsletter

2020-2021 in review



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The start of the academic year (2020-2021) was unlike any Hild Bede boat club has faced before. Unable to come together as a club we instead trained either alone or in small groups in order to be prepared for rowing to pick back up, which luckily happened towards the end of the year. During the Easter term Hild Bede was once again able to demonstrate its dominance both in the wear and beyond. The first race of the term was the Hexham Regatta on the 5th of June 2021. The boat club was able to enter 6 boats across various divisions. In the 1st division, the senior women's 1st 4+ placed 2nd, while the double saw the women's squad return to a division they haven't raced in in years. Whilst the senior men's 8+ placed first in their division. results. The next time the squads competed was in Durham Regatta on the 12th of June 2021. Over 2 days of racing we entered 8 crews, consisting of 2 senior women 4+'s, 4 senior men's 4+'s, a senior men's single, a senior men's 2+ and a senior mens 8+. The results were again phenomenal. The senior men had a tough draw in the 8+ and were swiftly knocked out by the DU 1st 8+. The double of Wilson/Fyffe overturned the previous weekend's result and made it through a round over local rivals DARC. The single of Tyrrell lost in the first round to a GB start athlete and the college 4+ lost in the final to a shoddy 'Collingwood' crew. The 1st women's 4+ departed from the competition in the first heat after some dodgy steering, while the 2nd 4+ rowed well but could not match the speed of their competition. With that the 2020-2021 academic term came to an end, and while the pandemic undoubtedly curbed some of our spring racing efforts, both the women and men performedxceptionally well under the given circumstances. Over the summer the Senior Men's 4+ containing two Hatfield Rowers stayed in Durham for Henley preparations, and came away from Dorney as the fastest non-qualifier in the student coxed fours event.

The start of this current academic year (2021-2022) has thankfully been and will continue to be full of racing opportunities for Hild Bede boat club. In Michaelmas term both senior squads competed in Durham Small boat heads on the 6th of November 2021. We entered 2 senior women's boats that placed 3rd in their divisions. We entered 2 senior women's oats that placed 3rd in their divisions. The boys did brilliantly as well, with the 1st 4 placing 3rd, the 2nd placing 8th, and 3rd placing 7th, while the double sculls came 2nd and Joe Wilson won his single sculls division. Overall it was a great opening to the season. Novice cup also went ahead for the first time in 2 years and we did extremely well. We had 2 novice women and novice men boats that were able to compete. The final race of the year should have been Rutherford head. Which unfortunately due to weather has postponed and will rather be raced during Epiphany term. As this newsletter comes out we are set with a term packed with senior and novice racing. In this edition you will find our racing calendar and we will communicate regular updates on the success of Hild Bede.

Special thanks to: Stella Baričič (senior women's captain 2020-2021), Will Tyrrell (Senior men's captain 2020-2021), Jasmine Hamid (Co- Senior women's captain 2021-2022), Harry Hook (Senior men's captain 2021-2022) for their contributions.



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## 2020-2021 Rowing Summary

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## Senior racing

So far 2022 has started off strong. The Senior Men sent two 8+ to Tyne United, however, due to COVID cases the Senior Women were unable to race. The men's 1st VIII came 13th overall and were second fastest college crew of the day. The 2nd VIII placed 4th in their band and furthering their race experience as a more novice crew.

Next came Durham small boat heads, where the senior women entered 3 4+ and the senior men entered a single skull. The senior womens top two 4+ raced each other down the Wear coming 6th and 7th in their band. With times of 9.04 and 9.08. The 3rd 4+ sadly had to be pulled in the morning due to high wind speeds in

the afternoon. The single skull was still able to race as wind speeds reduced later in the day. Miguel Carr faced the challenge of being overtaken through Elvet bridge resulting in him having to go through the 1st arch, despite clipping the wall he was able to get through and complete the race in a time of 8.14.9. Overall a very good day of racing given the challenging 40mph gust winds and rain.

The next weekend the senior squads headed up to Newcastle for Rutherford head which has been rescheduled from last term due to adverse weather. The senior crews entered are two mens 8+ and a women's 8+. The mens 1st VIII, despite injuries causing a crew change, were the 3rd fastest college VIII, posting a superb time of 16:04. The 2nd VIII also had a new lineup and braved the choppy water to come through the line in 18:56, gaining some useful experience for the Tideway races later this term. The women's 1st VIII had a tricky job just getting to the startline with a sub 4 hours before the race. They had a fantastic race and came third in their band.

## Novice update

Sadly in very Durham fashion, Novice head (20th Feb) had to be scrapped due to a very high river following the recent storms. Hopefully we will be seeing them race soon.

Written by: Flora Nicholls (co-novice women captain)

The novice women have come on leaps and bounds from last term! Having now graduated to using the plastic boats and cleavers, they are now fully indoctrinated into the rowing world. They've been keeping busy pulling rapid erg times (3:46 1km!), going on exciting adventures the other side of Elvet, and emerging victorious by over a boat length in not one, but two battles against the novice men!!!



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# So far in 2022



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Ben and Hope really outdid themselves, putting on a truly spectacular evening. After meeting in the Swan we made the short pilgrimage to the Marriot where we were treated to great food, lots of wine and an HBBC first - awards!

The night continued to impress with a guest performance by Paint it Red who ensured all were fired up for Klute.

In reliably HBBC tradition everyone was more than happy to continue the celebrations in Klute and show Durham how to party. We all can't thank Hope and Ben enough for their hard work and dedication in organising a fantastic night and giving us a chance to celebrate HBBC again after so long.



## BALL 2022

Special thanks to Hope  
and Ben for all their  
hard work

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## 26th-27th

26th-27th Feb  
BUCS  
Newcastle  
Senior Men  
OP 8+

## 5th-6th

5th-6th March  
Senate Cup  
Durham  
Seniors  
1800m  
OP & W4+

## 5th-6th

5th-6th March  
Alumni Weekend  
Seniors  
Vs  
Alumni  
race

## 12th

12th March  
Women's 8 Head of  
the River race  
London  
Senior Women  
6.8km  
W8+

## 26th

26th March  
Head of the River  
race  
London  
Senior Men  
6.8km  
OP 8+

## Racing Calendar February - March

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## Alumni weekend 5-6th March 2022

The alumni weekend is back! Join us in Durham for a formal dinner on the 5th and the classic alumni vs current HBBC rowers on the 6th. The alumni weekend this year also falls on the same weekend as Senate Cup, so come and support HBBC seniors against the other Durham colleges. For information or questions please contact: Jasmine Hamid on Facebook or message the boat club Instagram.



## Upcoming Alumni Events

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## The boat race 3rd April 2022

Meet us in London to watch The Boat Race which is back again this year on the 3rd of April. Details and information can be found on the Facebook event (<https://fb.me/e/1gWPVdbOe>) so click going or interested to get the latest information.



Senior men at Rutherford 2022

## Head of the river races

Both the senior squads will be sending crews down to London for Women's Eight Head of the River race (wHoRR) and Head of the River race (HoRR).

wHoRR this year will be on 12th of March 2022. The Senior Women will be entering a 8+ and competing in the challenge category. HoRR is on the 26th of March 2022 and the men have entered two 8+ both in the GB university category.

If you are in and around Putney for either race it would be lovely to have some support for both crews, we will provide more details about the races closer to the time. So keep an eye on our Instagram: @hildbedeboatclub



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# Upcoming Events