Hild Bede Boat Club

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An Unexpected End to the Year

Welcome to issue 7 of the club newsletter. We hope that all members of HBBC both past and present remain fit and well during these difficult times. Sadly, life as we know it has been on hold in Durham for the last few months, with teaching moving online and little opportunity for time on the water.

As the university prepares to welcome back students in October we hope to see some kind of return to normality throughout the community and potentially be able to get back on the water. In the meantime we are encouraging members to stay fit and active via group zoom squad workout sessions. These are proving a great success and helping to maintain a good team morale!

Meet the 2020-2021 Exec

Presidents



Oliver Le May

Seat: Free Lance
Describe yourself as a
Durham night out:
Monday night Klute as I'm
cheap and don't always start
the week right
Favourite HBBC Memory:
Watching the mixed crew in
my first year win at Durham



Dasha Scanlan-Oumow

Seat: 7 Describe yourself as a Durham night out:

Unexpected SNK with the guilty jägerbombs 8 hours before Monday 9am

Favourite HBBC Memory:

Peaking my rowing career as a novice winning Novice Head, probably due to the completely unnecessary carb load of pasta the night before

Senior Men's Captain



Will Tyrell

Seat: 7
Describe yourself as a
Durham night out:
A regular dinner in college
that somehow descends into
being in Jimmy's until closing
Favourite HBBC Memory:

Watching Hatfield get smaller as we rowed away at Tyne New Years Head 2020

Senior Women's Captain



Seat: Stroke
Describe yourself as a
Durham night out:

Doing pull-ups on the ceiling beams in Klute to impress the boys and being kicked out twice in one night

Favourite HBBC Memory:

Seeing club members out in the streets and saying hi

Charlotte Chevrie

Alumni Officers



Harry Petter

Seat: Preferably one that works

Describe yourself as a Durham night out:

Gospel Project followed by an evening Billy B sesh - It's never too late for business *Favourite HBBC Memory:* Setting the boat while Billy and Johnny dragged me to victory for Novice Cup in my first year...



Charlie Davison

Seat: Any even number (although take no responsibility if it happens to be stroke)

Describe yourself as a Durham night out:

Jimmys - technically nothing special, but you know you'll always have good time

Favourite HBBC Memory:

Winning Durham city regatta last year, and then within 2 hours accidentally smashing my pot the night before

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Novice Women's Captains



Maddy Burt

Seat: Stroke Describe yourself as a **Durham night out:** Lloyds because I can't decide if I prefer a night out or a cheap Sunday brunch **Favourite HBBC Memory:** Last minute sub in for novice cup



Ella Loveland

Seat: 7 Describe yourself as a **Durham night out:**

Sunday Night Klute - don't expect too much but with the right people it can be good fun! Favourite HBBC Memory:

The weeks of training in awful weather for Novice Head, for it to be cancelled that morning...

Secretary



Chris Hamilton

Seat: 2 Describe yourself as a **Durham night out:**

Cheeky Wiff Waff Monday with the boys to start the week off right

Favourite HBBC Memory:

Screaming support (and maybe a little bit of abuse) towards Hild Bede crews at **Novice Cup**

Novice Men's Captain

night out:

Seat: Stroke



Sunday Night Klute Favourite HBBC Memory: The huge performance at Tyne **New Years Head**

Describe yourself as a Durham

Harry Hook

Treasurer



Stella Baričič

Describe yourself as a Durham night out:

The only acceptable night out is the HBBC Challenges Social. Favourite HBBC Memory:

Training sessions with the women's squad and rowing in that one Tyne race that actually didn't get cancelled.

Hardyman

Captain of Coxes



Describe yourself as a Durham night out: It would have to be a black tie

event to see me in a club. Formal, Vern, Bailey bars for some gin and home by 11 to bake cookies for the next day's 7am session (if not I'm not persuaded by Joe Wilson to go to Klute and immediately regret [forget] it)

Favourite HBBC Memory:

Tyne New Years Head 2020 - the peak of our season was probably 5 days before the race and yet we put in a good innings with a last minute sub. This was the race I felt I got the hang of steering the Tyne and was able to truly enjoy it. Not much feels better than beating Hatfield after a lot of chat.

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Meet the 2020-2021 Exec

Water Safety and Welfare Officers



Izzy Davies

Seat: 6 Describe yourself as a Durham night out:

A college ball because it's a rare occasion

Favourite HBBC Memory:

Winning Novice Head



Describe yourself as a **Durham night out:** A Newcastle night out, all or nothing Favourite HBBC Memory: Winning Varsity against Cuths' Senior Women's boat

Seat: Mostly Stroke

Laura Wright as Novice rowers

Social Secretaries



Katerina Elena Vickers

Seat: Bow Describe yourself as a Durham night out:

Spontaneous bailey bar crawl getting out of hand and somehow ending up in Jimmies Favourite HBBC Memory:

When I climbed chads roof during the challenges social to find out it was the wrong roof!



Thomas Niven

Seat: Stroke Describe yourself as a Durham night out:

Bailey bar crawl, simple but reliably a good time.

Favourite HBBC Memory:

Novice Cup. My boat didn't win all our races but being in the water competitively was fantastic.

Boatpeople



James Milburn

Hugo Lowe

Seat: 3, though occasionally the river right next to the boat can be good Describe yourself as a Durham night out:

Bailey bar crawl, fairly boring and easy but does the job

Favourite HBBC Memory:

Any time sitting on the steps and wasting a day while some boats go past



Wednesday night Lloyds for inexplicable reasons

Favourite HBBC Memory:

Devouring two large Big Mac meals after Rutherford



Tim Fyffe

Seat: 2 Describe yourself as a Durham night out:

Tuesday night Klute, an ever present part of HBBC, just like me Favourite HBBC Memory:

All the socials, particularly the carnage at the end of welcome drinks this year.



HBBC Ball

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In a time when it was socially acceptable to gather in a group larger than six, HBBC's finest diners embarked on an evening of celebration, excess and wild shapes for the annual club ball

Honoring the age old tradition, the swan was the venue of choice to "whet" the whistle with generous quantities of *Alpine shandies*.

This year saw members return to the Marriott Country Hotel, complete with a dance-floor and plenty of blue decorations.

Attendees were treated to *Witless*, a band of Mary's students up and coming in the Durham indie scene, as well as a delightful three course meal and plentiful beverages. The speeches did not disappoint, with awards of all varieties and even a special viewing of Harry Hook's squats. No boot was left un-shot..







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Onwards to the final destination of any good night, Klute hosted the club the only way it knew how. What more could anyone want? Huge thanks to Joe Wilson and Ailsa Maclean for putting on a fantastic evening, we can't wait till next year!









TURC NEW YEARS HEAD



Dash for the finish!

Back in January before the world as we knew it was put on pause, the senior men took to the Tyne to complete in the TURC and DUBC New Years Head marking the first HBBC race of the decade!

Both men's VIII's put in stellar performances, with M1 being the fastest college, beating the next by 30 seconds as well as several university crews. M2 were the fastest 2nd VIII, as well as taking a college 1st VIII too. Needless to say, the highlight of the day was undoubtedly the celebratory MacDonalds afterwards!



Senior Men's 1st VIII

Left to right: Franek Pauwels, Harry Hook, Will Tyrell, Ollie Le May, Johnny Campbell, Aidan Altoft, James Milburn, Nick Walton, Kitty Hardyman (cox)



Senior Men's 2nd VIII

Left to right: Charlie Davison, Harry Petter, Josh Puckey, Ruaridh MacDermot Budd (cox), Edvin Nordheim Edvardson, Tim Feffe, Charlie Gregg, Barnabas Zaman

BUCS

Only a few weeks after TURC New Years Head, the lads took to the Tyne once again for BUCS, and put in a stellar effort considering there were waves big enough to surf!... It's all the more impressive considering a significant number of them were having a large one at the fashion show the night before - there are no half measures in Hild Bede!



The Senior Men's 1st VIII

An Interview with the New Presidents





We got in touch with Ollie and Dasha to find out about their plans for next year and a bit more!

Hi guys! Firstly, could you tell us a little about yourselves?

Dasha: I'm studying Biology & Anthropology and going into my third year. I've lived all over the place, but currently my family are based in Cambridge which is where I return to during holidays.

Ollie: So I'm studying advanced colouring in, and I live down south near Southampton.

How long have you been rowing for and why did you first start?

Dasha: I started rowing as a novice in First Year, and loved it from the get-go, although I must have peaked way too early as our crew won Novice Head and hasn't had huge success since then... third year lucky!

Ollie: I've been rowing for 8 years, started thanks to a lack of coordination (but also as it was an enticing sport which I had never come across previously and had seen to be exciting).

What are your main plans for this year?

Dasha: This year, we have big plans! Although corona didn't allow us to hit the ground running, we have taken the time to prepare ourselves for next year and hopefully be able to be just as successful in two terms as we should have been in all three. Other than the usual goals of winning Henley, Durham Regatta and every novice race possible with our expected glorious intake of novices, a few good socials will be thrown in too. We also want to focus on unifying the men's and women's squads and sharing skills between the crews.

Ollie: On top of what Dasha's said already, we are also looking to keep the club as connected as possible during the pandemic to make sure everyone knows we are there.

What's your favourite erg workout and song to go with it?

Dasha: I love a good circuits training, with a few erg sprints thrown in, all to the good tunes of Top Hits 2015.

Ollie: It would be ambitious to describe a workout as favourite, but if I had to 1000m descending sprints are pretty tasty, with a charming backing track of Stadium Pow Wow

Rather you than me! What's your typical order in the Swan?

Dasha: Cant step out of line, the only acceptable order is a Taddy's.

Ollie: Alpine lager shandies go down a treat in the swan.

We approve. Most importantly, Klute or Jimmys?

Dasha: Klute SNK every Sunday every week.

Ollie: It would be criminal to say anything other than Klute.

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Alumni Spotlight: How to Row Upside-down! By Hugo Morgan, HBBC 2016-2019

You don't know what you have until you no longer have it. This is one of the many things that I discovered during this past year. Having graduated in July 2019 I decided to take a year out to go travelling. But being unable to let go of the sport that I had come to love, I integrated rowing into my plans! This led me to the other side of the world and to New Zealand. I found myself a role coaching the novice program at Wellington Rowing Club in the South of the North Island. Rowing on a saltwater harbour, and dealing with people on a working schedule were just a couple of the new challenges that I had to adapt to. I met some lovely people while I was there and joining the club gave me the opportunity to visit places that I wouldn't have done otherwise, including Lakes Ruataniwha and Karipiro, and the Nelson Lakes National Park. With only a small intake of novices, (we are talking less than 5 not the 50 + you would expect in the first week back at Durham) national titles were never going to be a realistic goal, but that didn't stop us having a fun time and beating a few local crews in the process!

The experience I gained from Hild Bede Boat Club as a rower, coach and member of the Exec turned out to be invaluable, and allowed me to do something that I wouldn't even have dreamed of four years earlier when I joined the club. I can now say in confidence that the community and opportunities that HBBC offer can rival those all around the world!

If anyone else would be interested in going to New Zealand and coaching some novices at Wellington Rowing Club, please do get in touch as the club is now looking for someone to take over my role!







Alumni - want to join our mailing list?

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