

# Curlew girls on course

CURLEW Rowing Club have really scored a hit with their ladies four crew.

Regatta umpire and Amateur Rowing Association Divisional Representative Peter Blaseby thinks Curlew is onto a dead cert with its crew of girls.

He should know, he coaches them.

The four girl Curlew 'birds' are Nickie Dunkley, 19, from Chislehurst; Ros Glenn, 19, from Eltham; Bev Quinn, 19, from Elmers End; and Sue Daley, 23, from Greenwich.

Besides Peter, other ARA officials have taken an interest in the Curlew four.

Nickie and Bev are members of the national swimming squad and will be going to Canada for two weeks to compete in the Canada Cup.

Both of them started training at Beckenham Swimming Club when in their early teens.

The ARA's women's squad co-ordinator and coach Dan Topolski is aim-

ing to form a junior novice squad which will be competent at national and international levels.

He said "I'm wildly impressed by the quick progress of these girls."

## Meteoric

The girls have been rowing for only six weeks but their progress has been meteoric.

Successful at Gravesend recently they also fought a tough battle at the recent Greenwich Festival Regatta on Sunday.

Coach Peter Blaseby said: "Even though the girls lost in the regatta, it's encouraging in many ways. They gave the other crew a good race and they're all fit."

Peter wants to enter the girls in the National Championships at Nottingham this month.

Dan Topoloski also thinks they can go on to higher things.

Together with Bill Thompson, his assistant coach, he wants to build up two fours (one eight) from a hard core of girls.

Dan has already recruited swimmers, basket-ball players and shot-putters, a new departure in British rowing.