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The News for Curlew

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GOODBYE 2023; HELLO 2024

Saturday 2nd December was a big day for Curlew, as not only did the Plum Pudding races take place, but the club gathered for a moment of festive cheer at our annual Christmas party.

Despite the weather being extremely chilly, and a little bit foggy, the plum pudding races took place with smiles across the board. With some interesting steering, Christmas hats and jumpers worn by many, and an unofficial warning from the umpire, crew C ultimately coming out on top as our winners!

Later that same day, the annual Christmas dinner took place at the Greenwich Tavern. A very successful auction and raffle have raised some much needed funds for the club, and seen bottles of wine go to extremely good homes!

Thank you to Ashley, Charlotte, and Farah, for organising both events to much success!

PLUM PUDDINGS; CHRISTMAS FEAST



WHAT'S HAPPENED?

LEARN TO ROW COURSE COMES TO A TRIUMPHANT END

Curlew's annual autumn Learn to Row course has now concluded, with our fledgling rowers graduating in a special day at our clubhouse.

While learning to row may not seem like a big achievement to those who have been rowing for years, it's a really big ask for those who have never had any involvement in the sport; to learn a new language and an unnatural and counterintuitive body movement. It has been wonderful to see our graduates take up the challenge, and do so well!

12 of our learn to row graduates will be joining the club on a permanent basis in the new year as part of our development and recreational rowing squad.

Additionally, another taster day will be taking place in April 2024, with the aim being to start a new course in June – look out for more information!

FIRST RACE OF THE SEASON; DOCKLANDS HEAD GOES AHEAD

With last year's Docklands Head being cancelled, our members were extremely keen to get back on the water and race at home. Taking place on 12th November 2023, a significant number of crews took on the 2750m straight course down the Royal Victoria Dock as well as the Royal Albert Dock.

Boats were entered from across the club, with men's and women's eights flying down the course, as well as entries from the Curlew School of Sculling with the 2x combo of not only Frieder and Ed, but Wizzy and Kat too.

From men's co-captain, Nick, after his boat's win in the 4- division, 'during the race we were feeling smooth and loose but to have beaten both crews from Lea, our local rivals, was both a surprise and a good show of what our crew was capable of.'

