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The News for Curlew

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GOODBYE 2023; HELLO 2024

CURLEW ALUMNI REUNITED

After the unfortunate cancellation of this year's planned Alumni reunion a few intrepid souls kept the flame alive. Current Club Chair, John Adcock, met up with Curlew legends Peter Blaseby, John Brunton, Tim Cooper-Jones, Paul Maloney and Jonathan Hood and enjoyed a whitebait lunch in the old Curlew Clubhouse now the Trafalgar Tavern. As well some excellent food, drink and of course many rowing stories there was also a fascinating impromptu tour of the Tavern given by the owner, "colourful" local personality Frank Dowling. We are grateful for our previous members for making the trip and passing on their wisdom! We look forward to more alumni events in the future.



NEW BOATS?!

As many of our members will be aware, the club has been looking to buy new 8+s for both the men's and the women's squads for some time. Last summer, the men's squad welcomed a men's Filippi, and just in time for the new year, the women's squad welcomed an ex-demo King 8+ to our fleet.

Both of these purchases will support the growth of squads across the club, and enable the club to plan for the future – the men fielded three boats at last year's Head of the River Race, whilst the women entered two crews at WeHORR 2023.

The women's 8+ will be named Anita Jeff, after our former chair, who was in this role from 2012 to 2017. Anita has also previously served as women's captain, as well as treasurer, and has contributed significantly to the club over the years.



WHAT'S HAPPENED?

NEW WELFARE REP? WHO?



In exciting news, the club has a new Club Welfare Officer who will be taking up the role – Ryan Neighbour.

Ryan joined Curlew back in January 2021 having moved back to London from Norway. Ryan learnt to row at Kingston Rowing Club (hence the garish red and white striped unisuit he occasionally wears – see left).

The role of the Club Welfare Officer (CWO) is to support the club, and everyone involved with the club, to create a safe, inclusive environment and respond to concerns and disclosures. While the CWO is a safeguarding focal point, it is the responsibility of everyone – the committee, all members, and all visitors – to uphold British Rowing's safeguarding policies and procedures to safeguard all.

Ryan will be supporting the committee to update and communicate the safeguarding policies and procedures to coaches, volunteers, members and visitors, as well as responding to safeguarding concerns and disclosures when they arise in line with both club policy and best practice.

We would also like to thank Alex, our previous CWO, who undertook the role admirably.

If you want to contact Ryan, please reach out to him directly.



CURLEW COMPETES AT BRITISH ROWING INDOOR CHAMPS

Howard Cole took part in the British Rowing Indoor Championships on Saturday, 9th December at the NEC in Birmingham. Sadly, Jon Cole, was unable to compete despite training for the competition due to a chest infection.

Howard, as an honorary member of Curlew, was the oldest competitor this year at 86 years old, and competed in the Masters 85-89 open category with a time of 11:18.9. This broke the competition record for his age group. Well done, Howard!

Almost 1500 competitors took part in BRIC's 50 races, which took place in-person for the first time since 2019.



WHAT ELSE?

SIGN UP FOR TRAINING CAMP!

Curlew Senior Squad Training Camp will be taking place from Friday, 29th March 2024 to Tuesday, 2nd April 2024. Whilst Location and final cost are yet to be confirmed, we are looking to confirm numbers for the camp. For those looking to attend training camp this year, please find the link for signing up [here](#).



HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS

Congratulations to Wizzy and Thea who took part in the Scrambled Legs Running Club santa run on 9th December!



IMPORTANT RACE DATES:

IN MEMORIAM

Charles Gibbon passed away peacefully on 30 September 2023, and will be greatly missed by his many friends at Curlew.



Head Race Season

18th February – Hammersmith Head, Thames

9th March – Womens Eights Head of the River Race, Thames

23rd March – Mens Head of the River Race, Thames

24th March – Vesta Masters Head of the River Race, Thames

Regatta Season

5th May – Wallingford Regatta

19th May – Poplar Regatta

15th – 16th June – British Rowing Masters Championships, Nottingham

21st – 23rd June – Henley Women's Regatta, Henley-on-Thames

28th June – Henley Royal Regatta Qualifiers Henley-on-Thames

2nd – 7th July – Henley Royal Regatta, Henley-on-Thames

19th – 22nd July – British Rowing Junior and Senior Championships Nottingham