

# DUBC NEWS



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## *The Senior Report*

After the near scare that was the Gannon Cup, the Senior squad returned to the heavy training schedule which had been interrupted by the late Head season. Nick Dunlop was taking a tactical approach, with his sights firmly set on the important races later in the season.



*The winning Home International VIII (l-r): J. Harty (UCG), J. Lindsay-Fynn (DUBC), M. Pollock (DUBC), E. Robson (DUBC), P. Hickey (Neptune), F. Sheridan (Neptune), T. Lohan (UCG), A. Coleman (DUBC); Front - F. Parker (DUBC)*

Thus Neptune and Commercial regattas were bound not to be the high watermark of our season. However, a four of James Lindsay-Fynn, Mark Pollock, Micheal O' Connell, William Gilbert and Fiona Parker reached the final but was disqualified after steering into Neptune's water one minute into the race. Nevertheless it was encouraging that we had built up 3/4 of a length's lead at that point. With spirited but ultimately inexperienced opposition from UCD and a scratch Commercial crew, the next day's Senior IV's was won without undue trial.

For the following two weeks the squad's focus was again brought to the short term as the University Championships had to be secured in Castletwellan. The necessities were done amid torrential rain, despite another brave attempt from UCD who led up to the 600 metre mark. The eight split into two fours and easily won the Senior and Intermediate competitions. Although the novices were unable to 'do the business' in their race, we still managed to take home the Wylie when UCD, who dominated the lower categories, accidentally stacked their

novice boat and were disqualified. Queens Regatta turned out to be a repeat of the previous day.

With the exams looming, Trinity Regatta was held on May 10th. Neptune were rampant at this stage, their VIII unbeaten. It would take a great effort (and probably a touch of luck as well) to beat them. The omens looked bad when the Senior IV was beaten by the Green and Black earlier in the day. In our favour, however, was the North Station and when the inevitable confrontation in the final started, we exploded into an early lead of 1/2 length which became 3/4 length coming into the Boohouse.

The Boohouse was used to great effect by Neptune who, with a huge burn cancelled our lead and then began to inch away. Coming into the minute mark they had 3/4 length which they held round the bend. The crews locked in that position until the boathouses when we began to charge down on them. With the rate at 42 we bore down to the cheers of the assembled spectators. But it was too

late and Neptune held on to win by 1/2 length. It was the nearest anybody had come to them all season.

Metro Regatta was foregone by the VIII due to exam commitments. However James Lindsay-Fynn and Mark Pollock raced in the coxless pairs and came second to Neville Maxwell and Tony O' Connor who later went onto win silver at the World Championships.

Athlone Regatta we did race. In the absence of Neptune and in the comfort of the Furlong's wonderful hospitality, we took the Senior VIII's and IV's as well as the Inter IV's which was enough to secure the Victor Ludorum for the club. By this stage it had been decided that our best chance of winning in Henley was to split the squad into two fours. The 1996 rule changes had made the Temple Challenge Cup a virtually impossible task, whereas the Britannia and the Visitors would be more realistic goals. However we did not win in Henley but our strategy was justified in view of the calibre of Goldie (eventual winners), Harvard and Imperial College / King's College in the Temple.

The National Championships now beckoned and the entries were as follows: Senior VIII, Senior IV and two Intermediate coxless pairs. Training began in earnest. Day one of the Championships involved the four and pairs.

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# OBITUARY

## HOWARD L. SCHOTTER

Rower, bon vivant, army officer, monk.  
1942- 1996

### Bill Jacques remembers two friends

Those of us who had the great fortune to be in Trinity in the early sixties - when it was a more diverse place than it is now - have recently lost two good friends who, between them, epitomised the eccentricity and joie de vivre which characterised that joyous period - Rosy Gibb (nee Gibson) and Howard Schotter.

Rosy was a noted College Character (in days when characters

almost outnumbered the normal), a great friend and supporter of the Boat Club. When Andrew Gibb (along with me) found himself, at a late stage in the season, no longer in the first VIII, he told Trinity News that he was occupying himself with "other things". In due course he and Rosy formed an intriguing partnership, she the gamine, he the quintessential stiff upper lip. They appeared at a dance in the Long Room, separated from close embrace by the presence of a child in a papoose.

Schotter turned up at Trinity, tall, blond, and Prussian looking, enigmatically well-connected and hovering mysteriously between being American and British. He started rowing as a Maiden, and quickly established a reputation for stylish debauchery; like St. Augustine, he made sure he had seen the world before he rejected it.

Rosy got more column inches of affectionate obituary in the Times and Daily Telegraph than all her grey-suited contemporaries might aspire

to, and Howard's partner in crime, John Cary, writes here a (surprisingly restrained) account of their adventures together. They were both fun, and made everybody around them have fun. We shall all remember them, and they will remind us, in these more mundane times, that there really was, not so very long ago, a Golden Age, when clowns dived into the Lifefey to save drowning dogs and Russian Orthodox monks sang "Craven A" in the Widow's.

Just off the boat at Dun Loaghaire, we first met in the dining room of a dingy boarding house in Ballsbridge, whereupon we went for dark beer. That was in October 1965. I last saw Howard in the summer of 1969. He went into the army and I left for Ontario.

Howard dragged me out to Islandbridge early in 1966 and introduced me to rowing. By now he had made two lasting impressions on me, namely Guinness and rowing. What better combination? Howard rowed for DUBC as a maiden in 1966, as a junior in 1967 and was a member of the senior VIII in 1968.

There will be many of us who remember him not only for his determined and fine oarsmanship, but also as a wonderful member of the club. Whether it was in Christy's bar, at the Widows, Trial VIII's, Regattas, loading boats, in O' Neills or coaching maidens, Howard was always an essential part of those days.

He was terrific company and added to our lives. I treasure a picture of him standing up in Robert Neville's Morris Minor, very much worse for wear on the way up to Chapelizod to start Regatta heats in 1969.

Not only did he enjoy life in Dublin, he also enjoyed travelling. In the summer of 1966, we went overland together to India. His thirst for seeing the real India was unquenchable and his insistence on travelling hard and unceasingly made another lasting impression on me. I've travelled that way ever since.

A traditionalist and conservative at heart, he was, like many of us in the late '60s, somewhat unsure of what lay next. Long conversations over aged port about the future, gave rise to his serious questioning of where the social changes, occurring then, were to lead.

We shared a room in Rubrics next to No. 23. Our behaviour occasionally came to the attention of Dr. McDowell then

the Junior Dean. The JD however put up with our adventures and we were rarely fined. We were always appreciative of our tolerant and gentlemanly skip Larry Kelly.

Howard joined the Life Guards in late 1969 and served in Germany, the Persian Gulf, Borneo and Malaysia until 1974. In 1975, he made a decision to join the Church and spent the next two years studying for the priesthood in the Church of Ireland. Although qualifying to be ordained, he chose to join the Franciscan Order in 1978. His letters to me in those years revealed not only a true interest in theology, but also a progressive search for the more spiritual aspects of religion. We then lost contact.

I've now learned some of what his path was since then. In the early '80s Howard decided to pursue the ascetic and spiritual and in 1985 became a novice monk in the Russian Orthodox Church. He served in monasteries in Greece, Wales and New

York. He travelled to Europe and Moscow where he learned and taught. His monastic lifestyle was strict and focussed both on his duties and on teaching. He learned French and Russian and wrote commentaries on the theological differences between Russian and Greek Orthodoxy. He joined an order within the Church which concentrated on prayer and spiritualism. In 1990, Howard became known as Father Isaac. He was ordained in 1995.

In late 1995, Howard became ill with a brain tumour. He seemed to recover after an operation but in the summer of 1996, the cancer returned. Howard died in the Jordanville monastery in August 1996. He died, according to his sister, fulfilled and content.

Howard's intellect, his cheerful disposition and sense of humour, his capacity for enjoyment and his sense of the importance of the adventure of life will always be remembered.

JOHN CARY

As the only Trinity friend of Howard's who also served with him in the Life Guards, may I add a few memories to those of John Cary.

I rowed in both Maiden and Junior VIII's under Howard's captaincy. He was a stickler for discipline and for doing everything properly. There was no room for sloppy oarsmanship or slackness in training.

Howard and I were members of a Dining Club which met

twice a term. None of those who attended will ever forget the 11-course dinner, with wines to match, which he arranged in the Kildare Street Club. Howard liked to live life with panache and style.

Howard was an unusual army officer. He spoke his mind, questioned his superiors and ruffled many feathers in the process. A fluent German speaker, he was well liked and respected among

the locals during his service in Detmold. I remember many outings to German Towns where Howard introduced me and others to the local way of life.

Howard was extremely knowledgeable and well read. I have memories of long animated and sometimes heated discussions. I followed his spiritual journey with great interest; almost the last time I saw him was in the unlikely setting of the

Franciscan Monastery where he had become a monk. I took him off to tea in Sherborne where I discovered he had not lost his appetite for things material. Under the brown habit of the ascetic Franciscan, there still lurked the old Howard whom none will ever forget.

Brian Williamson

# CAPTAIN'S REPORT

A look to the future by James Lindsay-Fynn

As the centenary approaches tested by John Johnston, DUBC is in a time of who will be largely responsible for the novice coaching change. Nick Dunlop retires after four years of much appreciated time and effort on the good work that Brendan Smyth did last year and coach. During this period is placing a large emphasis selection for the Senior VIII on sculling.

has largely relied on Darwin's principles of natural selection, with only 9 men standing by Trial VIII's. This has been due to the lack of novices coming up through the ranks to provide the necessary competition for places. Despite this Nick ensured that the sum of these nine men was greater than the individual parts, beating Neptune on numerous occasions and reaching Henley Finals.

This October 150 new members were recruited. On their first day they were all individually

The Senior and Intermediate squads are at a record high, not only in quantity but also in quality. Under the watchful eye of Nick Mahony there is the potential there for a very successful year. The squad comprises of three U 23 internationals, four from last years winning Home International VIII, one from the Junior Worlds and four others with a high level of previous experience.

The season started with the club performing well in the sculling ladder. This prompted a decision to

enter a quad, along with a coxed and coxless four in the London Fours Head. They finished 34<sup>th</sup>, 161<sup>st</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> respectively, with the quad just eight seconds behind the Irish heavyweight quad. This was DUBC's first decent performance in a quad. However these results are not outstanding and there is clearly much improvement needed to be in contention with our old rivals: Oxford Brookes and Imperial College.

Whilst over in London seeing the Imperial rowing machine at work with its professional coach, huge influx of juniors and a budget of £ 140,000, some from sponsorship, one can see how they continue to win Henley Medals. If DUBC is to maintain the success achieved so far but is

also to further this, it is essential that we adopt the systems of those clubs that have continued to beat us at Henley. I see this as a three tier move: first to attract talented oarsmen to the club, secondly to have a permanent semi-professional coaching system and thirdly to finance this in the form of sponsorship. This might seem like selling out to the amateur traditions of the club, however, the bare reality is that rowing, like every other sport in the world has turned professional. If people in years to come not only want to see DUBC win but also actually row on the Saturday and Sunday of Henley we must move with the times.

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## **The Championships continued**

The pair of Robert Laird and Conor Fennessey finished fourth in the final and the other pair of Andrew Coleman and Ewan Robson were unlucky to not make the final finishing third in their heat. The Senior IV were optimistic despite the daunting opposition of Neptune 'B' consisting of four 1996 Olympians. In the straight final we found ourselves in lane 6 with Neptune 'A' and St. Michael's alongside. The lightweights were in lane 2. A crisp start pushed us into a canvas lead. Then it was level, and as all the other crews fell away, we held on doggedly to the international boat. They slowly moved out to 1/2 length by 1000m and extended this to a

length. In the end 4 seconds separated us, so despite being the best 'club' IV in the counting, we managed only second.

And so yet again the chips were down on the VIII. Promising mid-week paddling and a crew change where Mark Pollock moved down to stroke and Andrew Coleman moved back to 2 lifted our spirits in the face of Neptune's season of dominance but St. Michael's too were on the scene, making their traditional late late appearance. Off the start things seemed to go wrong - left for dead by all the other crews we had to claw our way back through UCD, DFRA, and Garda throughout the first 1000m. But as we closed on St. Michael's time began to run out rapidly and with Neptune another length and a half ahead the championship had slipped beyond our

grasp. We came third for the third year in a row.

However the season had not ended for seven of the crew. William Gilbert and Micheal O' Connell were selected to go to the Nations Cup in a coxless four whilst James Lindsay-Fynn, Mark Pollock, Ewan Robson, Andrew Coleman and cox Fiona Parker were selected to go to the Home Internationals where they were part of the winning VIII. Mark and James were to go on and row in the World Championships in a coxless pair but were denied the privilege of rowing with the best by circumstances out of their control.

**MICHEAL O' CONNELL**



# THE NOVICE REPORT

## SO NEAR YET SO FAR

The year started with about 120 novices joining up in fresher's week under the guidance of Brendan Smyth, Mickey Burgess and James O'Reilly. Christmas Commons went well with one frisky novice managing to be photographed by an intrepid reporter from Trinity News while trying to gain entry to a Phil debate. This photograph appeared in the following edition. Debate continues to this day over the identity of the perpetrator as any notable features were hidden from view.

St. Michael's Head was our first race and a measure of our determination was shown when the stroke of the first eight managed to snap his oar about five strokes past the start line. Although disappointed with the results the day was a good introduction to competitive rowing.

We fared similarly at Lagan Head, promising much but failing to deliver. However, with the improvements shown in training, hopes were high approaching Erne Head. These were dashed by our rivals from the north side of the river when UCD managed to crash into us taking about 3 feet off our bow. This before the race had even started.

Revenge was sweet when we finished third in the 4's and 8's events in Galway Head, beating UCD in both disciplines. At Dublin Head we won the novice category convincingly. This result was celebrated in style that evening at Trail VIII's.

The fact that we had beaten UCD in the last two heads of the season made us favourites for the Colours race. However UCD gained an early lead and managed to hold on to win by a length.

After this result we were desperate for revenge at Neptune Regatta. The first VIII reached the semi-final, bowing out to the eventual winners Queens, while the second VIII went one better and reached the final. Commercial Regatta was a valuable learning experience as we competed as intermediates but we exited from the competition early in the day.

Next on the agenda was a weekend in Castlewellan for the University Championships and Queens Regatta. Unfortunately the University Championships were poorly contested but some real drama unfolded the next day. In the final of the eights the first VIII was disqualified for not getting onto the stake boats quickly enough.



*Making a splash at Carlow Regatta: The novices of 1997*

The race got under way but was soon halted because of a collision involving 4 boats and the umpire decided to restart the race. On the way back to the start the stroke of the second VIII caught a crab and was catapulted out of the boat. To his eternal credit he clambered back into the boat and led his comrades to an inspiring race.

At Trinity Regatta both the IV and VIII qualified easily for their final but were beaten at the last hurdle by UCD. However the flag was flown for Trinity novice rowing when Carl Cassidy won the Novice sculls.

Exams now became the focus of our attention. With the training time lost to study and exams things weren't looking great going into Metro. However the VIII confounded the odds to win our first regatta by 1 ½ lengths from UCD. We had no time to celebrate though as we had also entered Carlow Regatta the following day. An Athlone VIII was dispatched easily in the first round setting up what was to be a mammoth encounter with UCD in the second round. Clearly out for revenge, UCD took an early lead of a length but we were not about to let them beat us so easily. Although we left it until the last few hundred meters, a storming finish enabled us to win by half a length. However this great result could not be replicated in the final against Neptune who just pipped us on the line.

With the exams over the remaining squad of twelve were able to concentrate

solely on training. After our recent success we were confident that we could make a big impact at the Champs. However our final regatta at Athlone was a disaster finishing fourth in the final.

Cork and the Novice Pot now beckoned and the squad set off with high hopes. Two IV's were entered on Friday with the first four winning their heat and the second four being unlucky not to reach the final which proved to be a disappointment, the four finishing fifth.

Everybody now focused on the VIII but injury problems struck the crew forcing late changes in the crew. Qualification was again achieved without too many difficulties, but once again a victory in the final was beyond us.

It was a disappointing end to what had been a memorable season. The good news is every member of the squad who rowed at Iniscarra has returned in October and this is due in no small part to the enthusiasm we got for the sport from Brendan Smyth, James O'Reilly, Mickey Burgess, John Mohan and Shane Hurlihey. We also owe a debt of gratitude to Aiden McMahon, Ciaran Lewis, Mick Doyle and all the others who helped out during the year.

**OWEN O' SULLIVAN**

## ***“WELL ..... YOU COULD ALWAYS HAVE TRINITY”***

*Report on a special dinner by Drift Wood.*

Never in the history of DUBC at Henley have one family resident there accommodated Trinity crews for as many years as the Dudeneys have done. Terry and Elaine, and their children Thomas and Laura, first saw DUBC set foot in their home in 1977. That was the crew that won the Ladies' Plate that year. In 1996, various changes in their life styles caused Terry and Elaine to terminate their 20 year term of hospitality.

To mark this sad, but also understandable decision, a dinner was held to thank the Dudeneys for the warmth, enthusiasm and support they have shown to DUBC over this long period. Including Terry, Elaine and daughter Laura – Thomas couldn't make it – 29 Trinity oarsmen and their ladies, from Dublin, Birmingham and Paris attended. The London Rowing Club was the Venue. September 27<sup>th</sup> the date.

As they arrived, the Dudeneys were received by Club president Rob Van Mesdag who offered them and all others by way of presidential cocktail, a Kyr Royale. After prayer, the party sat down to a dinner of fillets of lamb, followed by a chocolate roulade, then cheese, all of which was washed down with suitable wines.

After the toast “Trinity at Henley”, proposed by the President, Tim Coote, who was captain some years ago, gave a most amusing speech in praise of the Dudeneys, thanking them for their loyalty to DUBC and ending his eulogy by presenting them with a decanter engraved with the words: “To Terry and Elaine from DUBC”.

Terry, thereupon, reminded his audience of some of the amusing incidents that he could remember: the steady hum of ergos one very early morning, Mickey Burgess's unfortunate illness one Sunday night after the regatta, and of course the way the Dudeney-Trinity relationship had begun.

He said: “Twenty years ago, after an American crew that had planned to stay with us, had withdrawn, Elaine rang the Regatta Office to find out whether there might be another crew she could have.

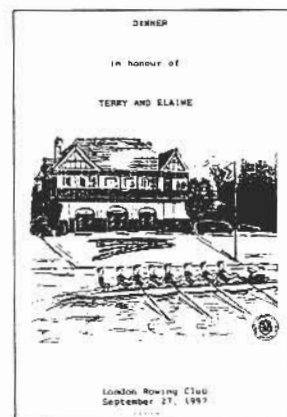
There was a long silence. Then a shaky voice in the Regatta Office said: ‘Well you could always have Trinity’”.

The evening made a small profit which goes to the Henley Fund.

The editor received this message from Elaine. She writes:



*Tim Coote presents Elaine and Terry with their decanter. Laura, left, is all smiles*



“We, the Dudeneys, would like to thank all those at DUBC who were associated with the social dinner at London Rowing Club. We felt very honoured that so many people had gone to so much trouble and travelled so far on our behalf and will always have fond memories of the occasion. Our thanks to all who contributed towards our inscribed decanter of which we are very proud.

We look forward to our continuing association with the Club and to seeing the many friends we have made over the years, here, at Silgrove House.”

# HENLEY REPORT

## A CHANGE OF APPROACH



*The Britannia IV: James Lindsay-Fynn (Bow), Mark Pollock (2), Micheal O' Connell (3), William Gilbert (Stroke), Fiona Parker (Cox)*

ably. On the Friday they met Lea Rowing Club and again led from start to finish in a slightly tougher race.

And so, without being troubled all week, they lined up against a ferocious looking German crew from Hansa-Hamburg in the semi-finals. The crew was given a taste of their own medicine when the Germans shot off the start

on the Berks station, taking a lead of a length by the barrier. However the crew rallied and began to eat into their lead during the no-man's land section of the course, fighting back to just 1/3 length down when entering the enclosures. However the German's 3 1/2 stone per man weight advantage proved too much and they crossed the line 2/3 length ahead. This was disappointing for the crew who were left wondering what would have happened if they had been on the faster starting Berks station. University of London then disposed of Hansa-Hamburg in the final.

In the light of the rule changes to the Temple Challenge Cup, it was decided to send two fours to Henley, rather than a Senior VIII. There was a fair amount of confidence in the two crews, as a total of seven out of the nine competitors had already been selected to row for Ireland.

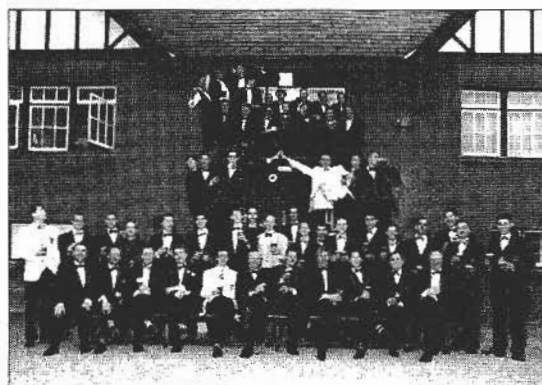
This year our accommodation was provided by the Coleman's and was extremely enjoyable, full use being made of the swimming pool.

The first day of the regatta saw the Britannia four of William Gilbert, Micheal O' and going onto win comfort-

James Lindsay-Fynn and cox Fiona Parker easily dispose of Edinburgh University to progress to the next round. Thursday saw the first race for the Visitors crew of Andrew Coleman, Ewan Roberson, Robert Laird and Conor Fennessey. This crew was unlucky enough to hit buoys soon after the start and they never really recovered, losing to Bedford School by half a length. That same day the Britannia four emphasised it's fast starting capabilities by leading Staines Boat Club by 1 1/2 lengths at the barrier then disposed of

This year's Trial VIII's will take place on March 28<sup>th</sup>, the same day as Dublin Head. Why not come down on the day and take this marvellous opportunity to support the club whilst renewing old acquaintances. The bar will be open all day to offer refreshment to hoarse voices.

The Centennial Trial VIII's dinner provides the ideal setting to reacquaint yourself with the club. All members are welcome and should reserve their tickets by writing to Malcolm Cruickshanks in 23. O. 1 or phoning the club ansa-phone on 671 3953. Tickets will be priced at around £20.



*Let the Games begin - last year's Trial VIII's photo*



# A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Expressions of regret at declining standards and lamentations for the "Old Days" were regularly voiced at Trinity Regatta over the last few years. Each year the enclosure teemed with experts who knew just what was wrong, what was needed and how to organise the best regatta of all time. I confess to being as vocal as the next, just as knowledgeable and far more experienced than any of the other armchair organisers. Providence alone knows what drove me to make D.U.B.C. an offer they couldn't refuse. The Captain, James Lindsay-Fynn recognised my gullibility when I offered to take on the chairmanship of five Trinity Regattas commencing with 1998. He eagerly accepted my offer. His sighs of relief still echo in my ears. President Rob Van Mesdag steered it through the necessary meetings and, with no rival claimants, your humble correspondent wound up with the albatross.

Surely it could not be that bad? After all it is the Centenary of rowing on the upper reach of the Liffey, it is the Centenary of the building of the Boathouse and of the merger of the two clubs, D.U.B.C and D.U.R.C. So we have three anniversaries deserving of celebration.

The first practical steps were taken when we decided to divorce the Regatta from Trinity Week. There were several reasons for this including exam pressure, competing social events and the inevitable social problems. The I.A.R.U., particularly the President, enthusiastically backed our efforts when we sought to change our dates and they agreed to allocate two days to the Regatta, if needed. Our new dates are Saturday and Sunday, the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of June, 1998.

Many Old Oars will remember the Sesquicentenary Dinner, undoubtedly one of the most successful social events organised by the Club in living memory. We aim to replicate it again this year and if possible do it better. With luck it may become a regular feature in future years. It will be held on Saturday night, the 13<sup>th</sup> of June. Put it in your diary.

Great regattas are not created in one season. This is the first year in a build up to re-establishing Trinity Regatta as the premier event in Irish rowing. Its all about getting a successful formula which attract and entertain spectators, provide good racing and prizes for competitors, provide a showcase for sponsors and give good value for money.

There are a number of schemes under consideration for this year, ones which for now must remain unspoken but which we anticipate will be a first in Irish rowing for a very long time. Book now! Don't miss it or you'll never be able to tell your grandchildren "I was there"

Yours sincerely,

Donagh McDonagh

Twenty years on from the memorable event, Henley was re-visited last year by the 1977 Ladies' Plate winning crew. A short outing on the famous stretch of water was preceded by a gathering the evening before in David and Jane Hickey's home in London. Pictured at that gathering, in appropriately celebratory mode, were:

(l-r) Back row: Robin Tamplin, Kieran Mulcahy, David Hickey, Ted O' Morchoe, Chris George, James Murnane. Front Row: David Sanfey, David Weale, Jarlath McGee, John Macken, Donagh McDonagh, Rory Reilly.



# ODDS AND ENDS

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Feb 28	Erne Head
March 14	Tribesman Head
March 28	Dublin Head Trial VIII's
April 4	Neptune Regatta
April 5	Commercial Regatta
April 11	Gannon Cup
April 17	University Championships, Limerick
April 18	Limerick Regatta
May 8	Trinity Ball
May 9	Ghent Regatta
May 16	Cork Regatta
May 30	Metropolitan Regatta
May 31	Carlow Regatta
June 13	Trinity Regatta
June 20	Athlone Regatta
June 21	Galway Regatta
July 1-5	Henley Royal Regatta
July 17-19	National Championships Iniscarra, Cork

Mr. James Lindsay-Fynn, and there are some very records so we would ask the Captain of the Boat lean years for which there all members to please Club for 1998, is endeav- are few names at all. It make an effort to reply. It ouring to make our list of would be much appreci- will also let us know that alumni as accurate as ated if you would forward you are actually still possible. In typical Boat us all the details you have alive. Club fashion he is not of people with whom you John may be con- actually going to do it rowed during your time at tacted at: himself but has delegated D.U.B.C. As much infor- mation as possible would 39 Butterfield Park, Captain, John Mohan. be nice, but a name and Rathfarnham, Dublin 14.

At present we approximate year of grad- have approximately four uation may be enough for college to fill in the gaps. and details. However not This is a very im- all of these are correct portant part of the club

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## APPEAL NEWS

The Boat Club Appeal last year realised the sum of £4700. This annual injection to the Henley crew expenses and club equipment is a wonderful feature of the Boat Club. We are the envy of other clubs in having this loyal and regular support from so many of our past members and friends.

Those of you who were at Henley last year will have seen the club's new coxed four racing through to the semi-finals of the Britannia. The Appeal fund contributed to the purchase of that boat; and later in the year to a set of sculling blades. This is in addition to the usual feeding and accommodation of the crews – last year the two fours of course – during their stay at Henley. So, take a bow, all those of you who contributed once again, and thank you to you all.

Robin Tamplin

As was advertised last year Lizzie Cufflinks are now available. Contact Raymond Blake through 23. 0. 1. to order a pair

You can find DUBC on the World Wide Web:

<http://www.tcd.ie/Clubs/Boat/>

One Lizzie member who has been moving up in the world is past-captain Raymond Blake. As can be seen from the picture Raymond is now an expert on the world of fine wines, exchanging his Black and White Battledress for a more rural look. He is a regular contributor to Food and Wine Magazine and has swapped the handle of an oar for the neck of a bottle of vintage claret.

