

MCBC NEWSLETTER TRINITY 2024

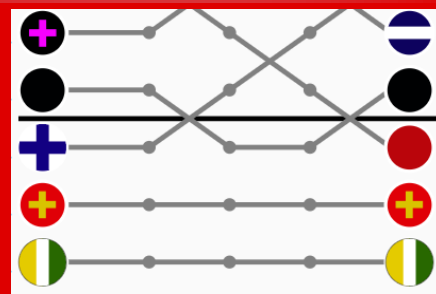
Welcome to the final MCBC newsletter of the 2023/24 year! For more info and regular updates follow our Instagram @biglegsmansfield

This term, MCBC came back to the river in full force with lots of training sessions as the flooding receded. The term started with an intense training camp on the river, and as the evenings got lighter there were many beautiful sunset outings. We had some new recruits learn to row this term, making it into summer Vllls just a few weeks (and in some cases just a few outings!) later. Highlights of the term included the women's side winning IWL, blades in city bumps and an amazing Summer Vllls week with both the top boats not being bumped on any day, and a lot of fun had by everyone.

Top: the W2 in summer Vllls



W1 results



O1 results

IWL WIN!

The Mansfield women had a great start to the term, securing blades in the external city bumps regatta, and topping the leaderboard on the last IWL of the year resulting in an overall win of the women's competition. The men came 6th in the IWL this term, meaning they finished 5th overall in the leaderboard.

Below: all of MCBC after the summer Vllls dinner



SUMMER VIIIS

This year, many colleges, including Mansfield, came into Trinity term with relatively new crews owing to the flooding for the previous two terms. Our second boats were comprised almost entirely of new rowers, as were some seats in our top boats – a testament to the club's goal of making rowing accessible to everyone.

The W1 had a fun week, finishing up +2 with 2 speedy bumps before Donnington bridge and 2 row overs. The lineup in the boat changed every day following an unfortunate bike accident on the first day. However, this last minute change up didn't stop them, bumping Trinity on day 1 and St Catz on day 3.

The O1 probably rowed further than any crew during summer VIIIs with a row over every day, coming within feet of John's on the first two days and then near to Brasenose on the second two. Although they never caught Brasenose or Johns this year, spirits remained high in the crew, and everything was put on the table - a testament to the hard work put in this year to retain the place at the top of division three.

The W2 managed to experience just about everything summer VIIIs had to offer this year. The crew was almost all comprised of novices, and unperturbed by the stacked Reuben 1st boat behind bumping them on day 1, they had a speedy week with a well deserved bump on St Anthony's on day 2, a row over on day 3, and bumped by Merton on day 4.

The O2 approached their bungline in division 6 with the mindset that making it to the starting gun was a success, with a boat full of new rowers this year (and this term), but defied all expectations with a bump off the start line on the final day. This (as OURCS were keen to point out on the tannoy) was the first bump for the Mansfield O2 in Summer VIIIs in 20 starts! Despite a poor year for weather leading to tricky conditions to learn to row, the results of this boat show what can be achieved with the right mindset.

Right: O1,W1,W2 and O2, Below: O1 from boathouse island



VIIIS DINNER



The VIIIs dinner was an amazing celebration after a hard day's racing on Saturday, and we welcomed many alumni back to the club to celebrate with us. The captains and presidents gave their speeches and it was a great opportunity to reflect on the year, and reconnect with past members. We also said a sad goodbye to some key members leaving the club this year. Next year we are celebrating 60 years of MCBC, so we plan the dinner celebrations to be bigger than ever...

Pictured: Photos from the dinner



As always, MCBC greatly appreciates any and all support from our Alumni and beyond. Being a smaller boat club with rowers from primarily state schools, we face more challenges than most others at Oxford. We aim to make rowing a more accessible sport for those from all backgrounds - subsidising rowing battels and providing equipment at more affordable prices. We are very proud of our friendly and welcoming environment, and this wouldn't be possible without your generous support. Thank you so much for this support.

If you would like to help what we do and enable more people to get into this amazing sport, donations can be made by donating to Mansfield and including MCBC in the reference field. The donation will then entirely go to the boat club. To donate, click the link below and scroll down to Bank Transfer.

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For any enquiries about alumni visits to the Boat Club or outings, please email our alumni officer james.bennett@mansfield.ox.ac.uk
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Pictured left: Our MCBC presidents Eva and Ruby giving a speech at the dinner.



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