


# MCBC NEWSLETTER HILARY 2024

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

This term was one of the wettest winters in 10 years - leaving very little time on the water. However, MCBC pushed on, with membership still strong across both sides, erg turnouts larger than ever, and 2 fearsome teams entering the torpids replacement competition - tug of warpids.

**Right: Mansfield team competing in 'tug of warpids'**

## WELCOME

## TUG OF ► WARPIDS

## ▼ IWL D

Unfortunately, in an unprecedented turn of events not seen since 2014, Torpids this year was cancelled due to extremely high flow conditions and flooding. However, as is tradition, 'tug of warpids' was run instead, seeing college crews compete in mixed teams of 8 on boathouse island. Both the Mansfield teams entered won their first tugs, before withdrawing in time to get to the torpids dinner...

Despite limited water time this term, both the W1 and the O1 (open side) had a chance to compete in IWL D in the one week the river was rowable. The O1 came in as the 5<sup>th</sup> fastest college out of over 14 entered. Sadly, the W1's division was klaxoned halfway through, but they still rowed to the finish line with one of the fastest times. This means the W1 retain their top spot as 1<sup>st</sup> overall in IWL this year, the O1 are 5<sup>th</sup> overall, and Mansfield is 2<sup>nd</sup> overall!

**Below: the W1 after IWL D**







This year, two Mansfield students, Ruby Mullin and Lenny Jenkins are representing the University in the boat races on Friday and Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> March. Ruby, who started rowing at MCBC less than 3 years ago, will be racing in 5 seat of the Lightweight Women's crew, whilst Lenny is in 7 seat of the Men's crew.

We are very proud of this achievement and wish them both the best of luck in their races. A large MCBC contingent will be going down to support!

**Pictured: Lenny and Ruby crew photos from @oxfordunibc**



# TORPIDS DINNER



Despite the lack of Torpids, there was no lack of dinner; a perfect opportunity to look forward to the summer term of rowing.

**Pictured: O1 and Women's side at Torpids 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. Especially this term, the impact of not being able to regularly go to external lakes to train like some other colleges can was felt. We make rowing a more accessible sport for those from all backgrounds - subsidising rowing battels and providing stash and 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. So for this, we thank you.

If you would like to support what we do and enable more people to get into this 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.

<https://www.mansfield.ox.ac.uk/make-a-gift/make-a-gift-from-the-uk/>

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**Pictured left: The O1 back on the river after many weeks of flooding.**