

# MICHAELMAS

## 2010



Robinson College  
Boat Club  
Old Blades Newsletter

# RCBC



## WELCOME TO THE OLD BLADES NEWSLETTER

Dear Old Blade,

Welcome to the first edition of the new termly RCBC newsletter. I hope that this will become a regular way in which the Old Blades can stay in touch with boat club developments. If you have any ideas or anything to contribute to the newsletter I'd love to hear them.

Last year was a fantastic year for the boat club and we're hoping that we can build on last year's success to reinstate Robinson as one of the top boat clubs on the river.

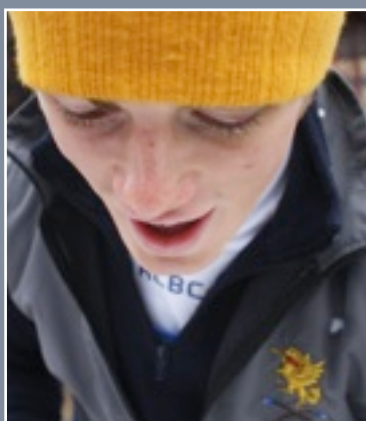
Best wishes,

Simon Bushell

RCBC Old blades secretary 2010 – 2011



# LENT 2010



## A year of change

Above from top: Aron Zaltz, our Canadian Friend, who became co-captain at the beginning of Lent 2010. Simon Bushell, the other half of the captaincy. Tim Steele, the new Mens' 1<sup>st</sup> Boat which was bought at the beginning of the year.

## 2009 / 2010 Update

Last year started with a fantastic Michaelmas term, with a large squad of very enthusiastic and talented novices joining RCBC. Equipment failure led to NM1 finishing a disappointing 29<sup>th</sup>, however the Men's 1<sup>st</sup> VIII more than made up for this by finishing as the 9<sup>th</sup> fastest college crew, the best result of the decade for RCBC. W1 raced well too, finishing 5s faster than LMBC W1, always a satisfying result!

Despite being in the unfortunate position of having neither a men's or women's captain after Christmas, Lent term started well with a well attended and productive rowing week before term started, and Harriet Clough taking on the women's captaincy and Aron Zaltz and Simon Bushell sharing the men's captaincy.

RCBC also secured a fantastic new Sponsorship deal with Centrica, and Robinson Head - powered by Centrica, was a great success, with over 50 crews entering.

Binson had an incredibly successful Lent bumps campaign - for the first time we had 5 boats rowing, with fantastic results all round - with M2 up 2, W1 going down 1 but denying a very strong Homerton crew blades on the last day, and M1 bumping Fat II, Selwyn, Christ's and Churchill to win blades for the first time in the Lents this side of the millennium and make a return to the first division.

Both W1 and M1 entered the Head of the River Races, with W1 coming in 40 seconds quicker than last year and the men finishing strongly despite 3 very ill crew members and fairly tough conditions.

May term again didn't start quite as planned, with many promising new faces deciding not to row in the Mays. However we still had 5 promising looking boats and all boats had fantastic races in the bumps, especially on the women's side, with W2 winning blades and W1 going up 3. M2 rowed very well to finish up 2 and M1 were involved in some of the most exciting races of the week, rowing twice a day every day as the 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> division sandwich boat, getting within touching distance of King's and Christ's before they bumped out, and holding off Selwyn on both of the last two days despite Selwyn having about 6 feet of overlap coming out of grassy corner.

All in all, despite many setbacks, I think it is fair to say that the 2009/2010 season was one of RCBC's most successful years in recent history. We're eagerly looking forward to continuing the good work this year.



Rupert Price - Second Year Engineer, CUL Triallist, Deep Thinker

# 2010 / 2011 COMMITTEE



## The Year to Come.

### Upcoming events

Robinson Head powered by Centrica: 11th February  
 Lent Bumps 1 - 5th March  
 Lents Dinner 7th March (TBC)  
 Women's Head of the River 19th March  
 Head of the River Race 2nd April

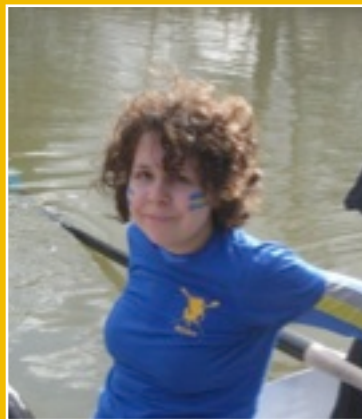
You are warmly invited to join us on the bank or in hall for any of these events, and we would as always be very grateful for any coaching if you find yourself in Cambridge or fancy making the trip back to college!

### 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations

As you may know 2011 is RCBC's 30th birthday, so we are holding a 30th anniversary dinner to mark the occasion. This will be tied in with the Mays dinner, so may I take this opportunity to invite you to join the Old Blades in the RCBC marquee on the banks on Saturday the 18th of June and for dinner in hall that evening. Dinner will be priced at £33 (drinks included - if you are interested in a non drinking price please let me know) I am hoping to secure a discount on accommodation by booking early so if you are interested in coming please let me know by email ([sfb35@cam.ac.uk](mailto:sfb35@cam.ac.uk)). More details will be sent out soon.

To get involved with the boat club please drop Simon Bushell an email on [sfb35@cam.ac.uk](mailto:sfb35@cam.ac.uk)

We're always looking for coaches, bank parties and anybody interested in helping out with the running of the club.



Jessica Rose Brush is our new Womens' Captain. After a turbulent start to term with no Captain we're grateful to Jessica for volunteering to run the womens' side of the club. Jessica has previously been may ball committee president for two years in a row so I'm sure her organisation skills will be up to scratch!



## This Year's Committee:

Photos anticlockwise from top left.

Mens Captain: Chris Oulton - all round lad and ex St Pauls School Rower. Chris also enjoys Rugby and has played for the University Rugby Second XV (the LX Club)

Mens LBCs: Chris O'Beirne and Joe Griffiths - both noviced in Cambridge. Chris has spent the last year rowing for the University 1<sup>st</sup> VIII but now returns to RCBC. Joe has rowed in the RCBC 1<sup>st</sup> VIII since May 2009 and was part of the Lent 2010 campaign to win blades.

Treasurer: Andy Aitken - an outstanding rower who recently turned his attention to coxing and took the women's 1<sup>st</sup> VIII up three in Mays and enjoyed an excellent WeHoRR race with no rudder or fin.

Secretary: Jack Herlihy - a schoolboy rower from Merchant Taylors, Jack has successfully organised stash for the boat club, rowed in M1 for the last year and has just finished organising our Fairbairns Dinner.

Sponsorship Secretary & Old Blades Secretary: Simon Bushell - all round keen bean. That's why he has two jobs and was captain last year.