

The Blade

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Welcome to the 2nd Issue of the Blade and a brief but well-briefed update on Keble rowing. It has been a frustrating term for Keble rowers - bad weather left many to prove their muscle power on an ergometer rather than on the river. But the news that four College rowers have been chosen to represent the University in this year's Varsity Boat Race has come as a much-needed boost to spirits.

A TEST OF THE SYSTEM

Dave Streule (4th Yr Physics) and Iain Calton (4th Yr Chemistry) came up to Keble College with no rowing experience. They have written a brief chronicle of their progress over the years.

The 'likely lads' were recruited in 1997 by the stalwart of novice rowing, Conrad Wolfe. Training began under his expert tuition, with assistance from Olympian, Ed Coode. Although Christchurch Regatta was cancelled, we excelled in Keble's 2nd boat in Torpids and Eights later that year. Guided by 'comedian' Dave Williams, we recorded the second highest 2nd Torpid on the river, beaten only by Oriel.

Our 2nd Year saw promotion to the 1st VIII. Under OUBC coach, Justin Sutherland, the crew trained in adverse weather conditions to produce an accomplished 1st Torpid. In Trinity, the 'lads' rowed at Four and Bow in an Eight stroked by James 'Double Blue' Roycroft and including the German Silver medallist, Colin Von Ettinghausen.

Following two terms in the rowing wilderness, we returned to the heart of College rowing. Trained by Len Diplock (Canadian Lightweight) and coxed by Trevor Peterson (Canadian Lightweight cox), a spirited, but star-free, VIII stayed level, bumping Univ, but being bumped by an OUBC-powered Lincoln VIII.



In September 2000, we both commenced training, twice a day, six days a week, for the Lightweight squad. The highlight of Iain's term was stroking his Trial VIII to victory, while Dave has developed solid technique with a top 5 erg.

We have both been selected for the reserve boat to race on Saturday 1st April. Win or lose, we have proved that the Keble system works and hopefully the College will produce more University oarsmen in the near future.

WOMEN'S ROWING

I've been amazed that Keble's rowers have managed to maintain their commitment through months of land training and cancelled outings due to the awful weather. The women's first boat was hoping to race in Torpids, which took place from 28 February to 3 March, but after a threatened cancelling of our division and a continued deterioration of the weather, the crew was forced to pull out. Despite these setbacks, the current squad is showing great potential and we're looking forward to putting out some strong crews for Summer Eights. Enthusiasm is high and, as well as a large number of fun crews that are threatening to begin training, we are aiming to put out two or three serious women's crews.

Congratulations to Elizabeth Alpass and Caroline Bailey who have secured places in Osiris, the 2nd University Women's Boat!

Erin Anderson,

Women's Rowing Captain



MEN'S ROWING

After a frustrating term's training, the men's first eight managed almost to maintain its position in Torpids, going down just two positions. The 2nd VIII were bumped down several places. Under challenging conditions this was a very decent result. It has also been an excellent opportunity to provide experience for the two freshers in the first boat who, despite only learning to row a few months ago, have proved themselves very capable. We are now eagerly anticipating Summer Eights when some of our most experienced rowers will return to represent Keble. With the help of our recently appointed coach, Jürgen Ostermann, and the use of our new Aylings AX2 boat, the men's 1st VIII should be amongst the strongest contenders for the regatta.

Andrew Greaves,

Men's Rowing Captain



Rowing Society Ties

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Keble Rowing Society : Membership Application Form

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I would like to become a member of the Keble Rowing Society. I rowed in the _____ crew

Please state whether College or University Crew, which VIII, Torpids or Eights and any other details of the crew

in _____ 19__/200_

Please state whether Torpids, Summer Eights, the Boat Race, Henley etc

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