



# COLLINGWOOD COLLEGE BOAT CLUB

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### “Fresher” Success for CCBC

#### Socials

CCBC have once more been showing other colleges how it's supposed to be done, not only on the water but also on the town!

With more keen freshers than ever before we embarked on a potentially lethal bar-crawl—the now infamous “Conga”! Someone decided that tying a lot of drunk people together with string was a really good idea, and of course, mayhem ensued! Most people have slim to none memories of the evening, but a good time was had by all, even those who ended up injuring themselves!

Another classy evening was ahead of us on a “Stags and Hens” social. The boys were packed off to the bowling alley and a bar crawl whilst the girls enjoyed puddings in Varsity. We all eventually met up in Jimmy Allen's before attaching Nick Allan to a lamppost and a lot of drunken dancing in Klute!

And then of course, there was the traditional Christmas Meal. A lovely meal in Varsity, (with far more wine than was really necessary!) was followed by more drinking in Warehouse, Walkabout or Klute. A fine way to finish a very successful term!

Welcome to Collingwood College Boat Club's Alumni Newsletter. It's been another busy and successful term for CCBC, with a new intake of freshers, excellent results at the Novice Cup and more wins at Senate.

We started the year severely depleted of members and coxes, so it was a huge relief when we recruited record numbers of freshers. With a few notable exceptions, none of them had rowed before, so Wednesday afternoon sessions started with a flourish.

After only a few weeks of training we entered six crews into the Novice Cup. We went down to the start line wondering what on earth we hoped to achieve. What we managed was two semi finals and three quarter finals—the best performance from CCBC in the Novice Cup that anyone could remember.

After years of fundraising and drunken nights in Walkabout CCBC finally managed to raise enough money to buy a new boat.

After trawling the “For Sale” adverts on the web and in “Regatta” magazine, we eventually stumbled upon a Stelph Plastic 4+. After much discussion it was de-

One men's crew got through to the semis of the Novice Cup, and another through to the quarter finals of the Loser's Plate. There were two quarter finalist girl's crews in the Novice Cup and in the Loser's Plate, and one more women's crew got through to the semis of the Loser's. A successful weekend all round!

A few weeks later was Senate Cup, in which we entered the fresher boys (Collingwood Calvert). They did very well considering it was their first head race, and achieved eighth place with a time of 7 minutes and 55 seconds.

They were not the only crew to win at Senate, with the top men's crew (Collingwood Doody) and top women (Collingwood Turnock) winning their respective categories and the women's third

crew reaching second place in the Novice category.

On the last weekend of term an “Experienced Novice Regatta” was held on the Wear, to make up for the loss of this category in the Novice Cup. Collingwood entered one women's crew (Collingwood Christian-Edwards) and they came through winning their category in a close race against Castle.



Novice Cup Women's Quarter final Race

#### A New Boat for Collingwood

decided to name it after Professor Gerald Blake, an ex-principal of Collingwood and a great supporter (and coach) of the boat club.

The boat-naming ceremony was set to be our first Alumni event, and was well attended by past and present members. There was a champagne reception and brunch

before we all stood in the Turning Circle and Gerald revealed the name of the new boat.

The new boat will be used by the top two crews in the club, and we hope to christen it with a win soon!

For more news and views check our website: [www.collingwood.rowing.org.uk](http://www.collingwood.rowing.org.uk) and the new message board.

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