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## Captain's Report

Since the start of the season we have seen over ninety people competing in Thames colours. These have spanned the entire spectrum of events and levels, and have produced in the region of 50 regatta successes.

About thirty people joined the club as complete novices in 1988-89. Because of the great deal of time and effort put into these groups by George Askew, Jim Banks and John Russell, we have retained most of these to develop for the future. John's group have been particularly successful, recording four wins by the end of the 1989 season.

After an unsettled start, the Men's intermediate group won a silver at London Docklands and were the basis of a Thames Cup crew which convincingly won their first round, but went out to the winners, UL, on the Thursday.

The Men's first squad was eventually whittled down to an eight and coxed four. The eight, being perhaps the less experienced members of the group, had a very intensive racing programme producing wins at Thames Ditton and Hammersmith and final places at London Docklands and Twickenham. This crew gained valuable experience racing the likes of Neptune and the NCRA eight at NIR.

The four had a hard season, consistently seeking, wherever possible, to compete in top class events. They were rewarded with wins at Hammersmith and Notts City, in a very good field, and sound performances at Ghent and London Docklands. The four also competed at Ratzeburg where they clearly

demonstrated their ability to compete in this class being within a length of Leander, the eventual Britannia winners, on both days. At Henley, after a comfortable win over Baltimore, they went down to a very strong Lea crew on Thursday. At the National Championships the four finished fourth.

The Men's Sculling Squad developed well with wins for Gavin Reddin at Hereford, Metropolitan, Reading and a bronze at the National Championships. Bill Baker won both days at Docklands and at Reading. Ian Pritchard, Blair Crawford and Dominic Macdonald also notched up successes.

Tessa Millar took on the Women's intermediate group, training and racing them very hard. Tessa's total commitment and highly professional approach along with Simon Crump's hard work, took this group from Senior III level through to winning Open eights events by the end of the season. In terms of numbers of wins, this was by far the most successful squad in the club with seven outright wins, two silver medals at London Docklands, finalists at Women's Henley, a bronze at Ghent, and 4th place, half a length off the bronze, at the National Championships.

The Women's first squad, coached by Noel Casey, stayed in the eight for much of the season, but eventually doubled-up in small boats for the National Championships. The new Empacher eight was a great boost to the crew. This was manifested in the form of two gold medals won at Ghent within a week of taking delivery of it. Further international experience was gained from a trip to Duisberg where the eight raced the East German and Bulgarian national crews. Although



Prince Michael of Kent and captain Steve Jones discuss the club's fortunes after the naming of last year's new boats.

defeated on both days, the experience of racing at top international level was clearly of enormous value in their attempts to bridge the gap between the top of club rowing and the international scene. The eight won the Club Eights event at Women's Henley, but having raced three times to achieve this found the Radcliffe College (Harvard, USA) crew a length too fast in the open event. The eight were clearly the fastest in the country and were considerably handicapped by the lack of true competition. Because of this they broke down into small boats for Bedford where they won coxless fours, doubles, and two single sculling events. This group won Gold in eights and coxless pairs and Silver in double sculls at the National Championships. Caroline Christie and Lucy Baird were selected to represent England in the Home Countries International (Lesley Bagulay eventually replacing Caroline because of injury but still

winning the event by a considerable distance).

Sue Key and Kate Brownlow, as in previous years, trained with the women's lightweight squad throughout the season. These two have consistently maintained a level of commitment and excellence and I was particularly pleased to see them winning a Silver at the World Championships in Bled this year.

On the whole 1989 was a very good year. The number of people competing and the resulting victories for Thames were both higher than average for recent years, and crews have been successful at the highest levels. On further analysis though, the results indicate a far greater level of success within the women's section than the men's. Whilst we must clearly continue to fully invest resource to develop this section to its greatest potential, we must also recognise the need to develop, at a more elementary level, the men's senior and intermediate

groups. During the 1989-90 season there is a clear need to provide more focus on these sections to both maximise the existing talent and indeed make this part of the club more attractive to newcomers.

The direction for the next year, then, is to achieve balanced success.

## Women's captain's report

The Thames women amassed some 32 wins during the 1988-89 season. The First Eight under the expert guidance of Noel Casey dominated the domestic scene, and also raced internationally in Thames colours, winning both days at Ghent and finishing second in Duisberg.

Notable wins included: The Serpentine, Reading Head, the Club Eights at Women's Henley plus doubling up for two golds and a silver at the National Championships. Lucy Baird and Lesley Bagulay were subsequently selected to represent England in the coxless pairs at the Home Counties. They won this even convincingly. More recently, Caroline Christie and Liz Banks won their section in the Pairs Head and Miriam Batten has been successful in sculling heads. I hope that some members of this crew will go on to represent Great Britain in the near future.

Our Second Eight ended up being the most successful crew in the club in terms of wins. Coached by Simon Crump and Tessa Millar, several of these oarswomen started the year as novices but the whole crew was Senior 1 or above by the National Championships.

Achievements by this crew included: Reading Head (senior II

Thames is one of the few clubs offering facilities and competition across all rowing and sculling events. It must be our aim to ensure that we are providing the opportunity to be equally successful across this range.

pennant), Hammersmith, Reading Amateur (eight and coxed four), Putney Town and Putney Amateur (coxed four) and two Dockland silver medals. They also raced internationally at Ghent and gained a creditable bronze medal on the Sunday.

The strength and depth of our women's section was demonstrated at Women's Henley when the club eights final was contested between the First and Second Eights. The two crews joined forces to win the Victor Ludorum at the National Championships and at Bedford Regatta.

The novice group in the capable hands of John Russell won at Kingston, Alpha Bourne and Peterborough. Our veteran women led by Pauline Rayner chalked up several wins this year. At the FISA veterans in Vichy, Phoebe Mason and Pauline Rayner won their sculling divisions and the quad and composite eight with the Civil Service were also successful.

Finally, we must not forget to mention that the silver medal winning lightweight women's coxless four in Bled included two Thames members — Sue Key and Katie Brownlow, many congratulations to both of them.

**Tessa Millar.**



The Men's First Eight competing in the Head: I. Pritchard, A. McChesney, L. Slemack, C. Slemek, N. Copley, B. Crawford, H. Worden, D. McDonald, I. Grindal (cox).

## Men's Squad

Last year although a disappointing one in terms of results for Thames men, was useful in terms of experience as the top crews tackled with tough competition both at home and abroad.

Under Sean Bowden's coaching the group trained long and hard throughout the winter in small boats. Members of the sculling group joined the first squad in time for seat racing for the eight and the first and second eights consisted of combinations of the two groups. In a promising run-up to the Head the first eight finished sixth at Reading Head and gave Notts County a hard time in an informal race on the Trent.

In the Head itself, however, the first crew only managed to finish 36th and the second eight 48th.

After the Head the rowing group was split into a coxed four and an eight. The four which had its sight set on the last eight of the Britannia Cup, raced abroad at Ghent and Ratzeburgh, giving three of the crew their first experience of international competition. The crew's only win came at Notts City but it just missed out on a medal at the

National Championships finishing fourth.

The eight raced in most of the major domestic regattas. Despite some extremely close races including a two feet victory over Tideway Scullers in the semi-finals of senior I eights at Twickenham, the eight only won at Thames Ditton.

Despite a number of crew changes, the lack of regatta wins demoralised the crew, making for an unsettled run up to Henley. The eight went out on the first day to an experienced London crew after what was described in the press as the race of the day with the lead changing three times. The four went out on Thursday to a strong Lea crew after a comfortable win over Baltimore the day before.

The intermediate men's group trained hard throughout the year through a number of coaching changes. The Thames Cup eight which was formed from the group did not really come together until May when a silver medal at the Docklands showed that the crew's build to Henley was progressing well. Despite a comfortable victory on the first day of the regatta, Thames drew UL, the eventual winners, in the second round.

## Sculling Squad

Last year represented one of the most successful years in recent times for the TRC sculling squad. In regular training were Ian Pritchard, Gavin Reddin, Bill Baker and Dominic McDonald, and early in the season they combined to finish a creditable 12th in the Fours Head after only three outings in a quad. Later in the season they combined again, this time in a coxless four to win the Open Pennant at Henley Fours Head.

The Scullers head saw three finishers in the top 50, the exceptional result being Bill Baker's 25th place. At Ghent Reddin and Pritchard improved on previous years to finish 4th and 5th respectively in heavyweight sculls, whilst Bill Baker reached the semi-finals of lightweight sculls in a very competitive field.

Henley Royal Regatta saw the unusual sight of three Thames Scullers in the Diamond Challenge Sculls, all comfortably negotiating the qualifying round despite a record entry. An unlucky draw saw Baker and Pritchard go out to a Canadian world medallist and

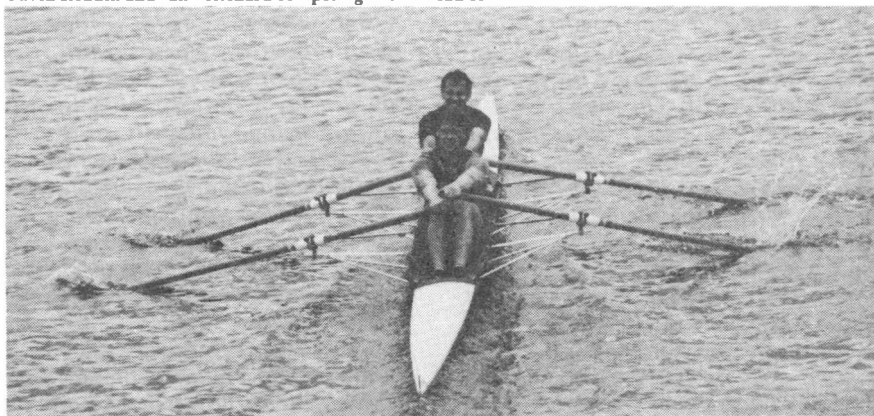
former Henley winner respectively, and Reddin to a Dutchman destined to become world champion in quads later in the summer.

At domestic regattas, the group won pots at all levels, and were easily the most successful oarsmen in the club. Gavin Reddin won open sculls at Metropolitan, Reading and Hereford, and completed a double by also winning senior 1 at the Met. Pritchard retained his championship of the Dee by winning open sculls at Chester, whilst Baker won Senior 2 and 1 events at Docklands and Reading. McDonald completed the picture with wins at Senior 3.

At the National Championships the group was joined by Blair Crawford (winner of Senior 2 sculls at Notts City), and two days of racing at Strathclyde resulted in a bronze medal in Heavyweight Sculls (out of 34 entries) for Gavin Reddin, a fitting reward for the hard work of coaches Alan Reddin and Richard Ayling. 1989 saw TRC further established as a centre for sculling, and men's and women's results from the Autumn heads suggest that this reputation will be enhanced in 1990.

**Gavin Reddin**

Gavin Reddin and Ian Pritchard competing in the Head of The Charles.





L. Bagueley, L. Baird, C. Christie, S. Thomas and T. Lohmann competing in the Fours Head.

## Women's First Squad

One of the things I like about life is the fact that one is always learning, and rowing is no exception to this. I am going to give you an overview of the season for the women's first eight, and tell you some of the things I have learnt, and if you know it all already, why didn't you tell me???

The women's 'top squad' started the season with a very clear aim: we wanted to beat the squad (see last year's *Journal*), and we hoped that we could come close enough to projected gold medal times to justify a bid for selection to represent Great

Britain at the 1989 World Championships.

Unfortunately illness and injury over the winter reduced our numbers from twelve to seven at the time of the Women's Head (Tessa Millar stepped in to the three seat on the day), and thereafter to eight once Caroline had fully recovered. Nevertheless, we approached the racing season with great determination, even having a mini training camp (a long weekend at Wimblehall Lake, rowing on still water and wallowing in clotted cream).

Our first racing came at Ghent; without any National Squad crews to race the eight won easily on both



days, and the times to 1,000m were so encouraging that we decided to enter Duisberg Regatta, to find some really international competition.

Duisberg was the first top class regatta for all except our cox, and it showed! Unfortunately the West German eight, with whom we might have been reasonably well matched, withdrew from competition on both days, leaving us with Bulgaria on Saturday and East Germany on Sunday. We did not row well on Saturday, losing to the Bulgarians by a large margin. On Sunday we redeemed ourselves, hanging on to the East Germans until half-way, and finishing six seconds behind them. It was, however, apparent that we were about 20 seconds off projected gold medal times, not the 10 seconds we had hoped. This was dispiriting, although our performance was comparable to the National Squad heavyweights, we had hoped to do much better.

There now followed a period of the doldrums. Having lost hold of our main objective we were rowing badly, losing to training partners without fighting, forgetting our rhythm and all our drill. We finally reshuffled the order of the crew, to relieve the pressures on the stroke, and things began gradually to improve. At Women's Henley, however, the first real race of the season met us psychologically unprepared. We met Radcliffe College in the final of the Open Eights, took an early lead of a length, which was then whittled away by a very determined crew. Radcliffe certainly knew how to race, and we did not respond to them as we should. It is not a race I enjoy thinking about; why could we not have raised our rate to match their push, and why

didn't I, at seven, call for such a response? How could we have let them past? I certainly envy them their season of hard racing that had taught them how to fight back.

Women's Henley was perhaps the nadir of the season. We had already put in the entries for NIR, there was no competition for the eight, but we decided to go to race in fours, pairs and doubles. NIR helped re-establish our self respect. It was evident from the results that while we were not at world class, we were well on a par with the heavyweight squad; one of our scratch fours finished only three seconds behind the Squad four, and the scratch pairs and doubles showed equally well. It was disappointing that we had no further opportunity to race the heavyweights, who unlike the lightweights did not attend the National Championships.

We went to Bedford Regatta in small boats to get more racing before the Championships, and again performed well (our results and that of the second eight won Thames the Victor Ludorum).

At Strathclyde we doubled up, racing a four, double and pair as well as the eight. This was fortunate, as the eights race was a straight final. All four finals were quite close together, which left the double and pair no time to collect their medals (silver and gold respectively) before getting into the eight. The main opposition was a gutsy Cambridge crew who had beaten us at the Head; this time they met a crew which was not riddled with illness, which had suffered ignominious defeat, and which was not going to lose the Championship Gold that we regarded as ours by right. From the beginning of the race I had no doubt about the outcome.



The Thames Women's Second Eight, winners of Senior II Eights at Hammersmith Amateur.

We pulled gradually away from Cambridge, finishing clear.

So what did I learn from this year? Besides discovering the highly beneficial effects of training camps, quite a lot!

a) We were unfortunate that our group was whittled down to eight so early, as there was no perceived threat to any seat. This also affected the Heavyweight Squad four very badly, whereas the lightweight four were fighting for their places through most of the season, as were the Thames women's second eight. The improvement in the second eight between Ghent and the Championships was marked, while we really stood still.

b) We had very little competition.

I think there are two points here. Doubling up at certain regattas to find competition is the obvious solution, but I cannot help but feel that the standard of Women's rowing in Britain is very low, and for our top club crews to get the racing experience they need to become world class oarswomen they will have to go abroad. I realised at Duisberg how much of a difference there is between the usual club circuit (Ghent, NIR) and real top class racing. Until club crews can win at top level the heavyweight squad has no hope of doing so.

c) Don't lose sight of your objective for the season. If necessary, change it, but always have a clearly defined goal.

**Sarah Lohmann.**



John Russell (2) makes a guest appearance in the finals of mixed fours at Peterborough.

## Novice Women

In March Tessa Millar asked me to coach the novice women. When I took over this group the only time they had rowed further than Chiswick Bridge was at the Women's Head of the River when they finished 106 out of 152 crews.

After the race the crew was split into two fours and three other novices who had been sculling separately were brought into the group. After a few outings in the fours the crews' technique slowly started to improve but like all novices they did not like high rating or working hard.

Our first regatta was Alpha Bourne. The crew was still only rowing three or four times a week but we felt we could beat the competition with superior technique. They did but it was only after they had lost their first regatta at Senior

III status that the squad started training harder.

The extra training paid off and the second four won at Kingston. By now the squad was training in both fours and eights and learning to move boats. At Peterborough they raced in Senior III eights and fours and made the finals on both days with the four losing narrowly on both occasions. A third novice four, however, did win.

At Peterborough we also put out a mixed four in which Gary Davy and myself raced. It was a shock to everyone, but particularly me, when we won our heat on Sunday and reached the finals.

To finish the season Maxine Rogers and Brit Dolan, coached by Andy Inglis, competed at Bewl Bridge, doubling up in senior III pairs and mixed coxed fours with the Junior 15 Emmanuel boys. They won both events in great style.

**John Russell.**

## Junior Squad

At Henley several boys from Emmanuel School said that they would like to continue rowing during the School summer holidays. The idea was to enjoy fun rowing with some coaching and racing at junior events at several regattas. This approach resulted in a hard working J15 squad of between six and ten members that enjoyed considerable success.

Two coxed fours were entered in J15 fours at Molesey Regatta and after disposing of St Georges, Tifins, and Clair Court Schools the two fours met in an all Thames final won by Thames A crew.

	Thames A	Thames B
Bow	S. Nichols	B. Sessions
2	T. Bull	L. Smolski
3	R. Waller	K. Langbridge
Stk	A. Lees-Jones	M. Hawes
Cox	R. Messenger	D. Wilkinson

At Maidenhead Regatta the fours event was at J16 level and the Thames four of S. Nichols, B. Sessions, L. Smolski and K. Langbridge, coxed by S. Levy, rowing a year above their class, could not hold the strong Windsor Boys School four.

The J15 sculls event was won comfortably by M. Hawes who beat McIver of Eton Excelsior by two lengths.

The squad went on safari to Peterborough Regatta, camping over Friday and Saturday nights. On Saturday the Thames four of S. Nichols, R. Waller, L. Smolski and K. Langbridge, coxed by S. Levy,

beat a J16 four from Bedford School to win the event. The four also won the J16 sprint fours event on the Sunday.

The double sculls event was also at J16 and the combination of Hawes and Smolski (Saturday) and Hawes and Waller (Sunday) although not successful was not outclassed, finishing within two seconds of Wallingford on the Sunday. The J15 scullers, Hawes and Smolski were beaten in the final on both days.

It must be said here that Peterborough provides a well organised and efficiently run regatta over 1500 metres on a four lane course and well deserves late season entries from the club.

The last event attended by the junior squad under club colours was the gemini Regatta on Bewl Bridge Reservoir which in a good year provides five lane racing over 1400 metres, but in a drought year with the reservoir nearly empty the course is no longer straight. The J15 squad entered two double scullers and three single scullers all at J16 level. In both events the squad crews were in the final but were beaten by Wallingford boys recently returned from competing in the Coup de Jeunesse! To salvage the squad's reputation K. Langbridge and L. Smolski teamed up with B. Dolan and M. Rogers to win the mixed fours coxed by S. Levy.

It is an understanding that during term time the club expects junior members to row for their schools but it is hoped that an even stronger junior squad can be brought together for the school holidays in 1990.

Alan Hawes.



Chairman Alan Reddin stands back as Mrs. Burrough christens the new empacher eight, donated to the club by her husband Alan Burrough, club president (right).

## Thames in 1989

Thames was honoured by another visit by the club's patron, HRH Prince Michael of Kent, in 1989. Again, the event was a boat naming ceremony during which club president, Alan Burrough, christened the new women's empacher he donated to the club. Two new pairs named after Mrs. Burrough and John Fitzmaurice were also given the champagne treatment by their namesakes.

At Henley support for Thames crews was as strong as ever although the Ladies Plate eight disappointed their fans at Remenham by losing to London. Thames' only consolation was that the winning margin was far less than the 15 lengths by which Thames beat London in the Boustead Cup earlier in the year.

The grind of winter training

towards the end of 1989 was relieved by the club regatta. This event was very well attended by both active and less active members. Racing consisted purely of mixed eights with medals awarded to the winning crew.

1989 also saw the Thames Rowing Club charitable trust making its first contribution towards the club in the form of a £1,000 donation towards the replacement of boats damaged in an accident after the National Championships. This payment primarily represented interest arising from the capital sum already invested in the charitable trust.

The club is able to claim back tax on any covenants or donations pledged to the charitable trust and legacies made to the trust are exempt from inheritance tax.

# Thames in 1989



Ham Ward (above left) in club colours at Henley. Master carvers (above) Guy Thomas and William Powell, dishing up the Sunday roast after the club regatta.



Captain Steve Jones (above right) models the latest in rowing kit for veterans at Vichy. Baker of Thames (right) and David Gates prove that oarsmen really do go to Henley to watch the racing.



Would you trust this man behind the wheel? Chief launch driver Alan Hawes (left) takes on board some liquid refreshment between races during the club regatta.





## Dick Phelps

High among the fondest memories of generations of rowers is the respect, gratitude and affection for their Club Watermen. Of all the river families, none has equalled the Phelps of Putney; and the death of Dick Phelps, Waterman to Thames Rowing Club for 35 years, leaves the sport mourning one of its best loved figures.

British rowing has been fortunate over the past 150 years in enjoying the support of a remarkable band of professional scullers as club boatmen. They acted as nursemaid to the novice; as trainer, coach and when necessary as hard taskmaster to the serious competitor; and always as a wise and much beloved counsellor to crews and club captain alike.

Richard William — always known as Dick — Phelps was one of

seven children born into the fourth generation of the famous Putney riverside family. Between 1860 and 1938, 10 Phelps won their Doggett's Coat and Badge, easily a record in a competition which has been raced annually since 1715 by watermen in the final year of their apprenticeship. Dick Phelps won in 1923, following his brothers Harry in 1919 and Tom in 1922. Unique too was their service to the sport. Four of the brothers were for many years Watermen to the leading clubs; Jack at London and then Winchester; Tom succeeding Jack at London; Dick at Thames and Bill at London University.

Born in Putney in 1897, and attending the Thomas Martyn Foundation School for Watermen's children there, Dick was apprenticed to his uncle, "Bossie" Phelps, in the family boat-building business. Bossie was a notable sculling coach,

Dick Phelps at his ninetieth birthday party in 1987 with members of the winning Stewards Four of 1948.



and Dick went with him each year to Henley, travelling on the horse-drawn cart that carried the eights there from Putney. A first-class craftsman, Dick Phelps built racing boats for the family firm until 1931 when he became Waterman to Thames RC.

It was not only the Thames fleet that he kept in good repair for the next 35 years. Every summer Thames raced at Ostend Regatta, and any Belgium Club with a Phelps boat in need of attention would offer it to a visiting crew, knowing that Dick Phelps would put it in racing order.

Knowledgeable as a coach, he had above all that happy knack of knowing just what to say and do when with a racing crew; and it was this as much as his ability as a craftsman that led to his appointment as boatman to the British Olympic Rowing Teams of 1932, 1936 and 1948 as well as to the England Teams for the 1954 and 1958 Commonwealth Games and for the World and European Championships.

His happiest task as Club Waterman took place on the Thames in the 1950s, going out in a double sculler with "Berry", Jack Berisford's father, a famous British Olympic oarsman who was then in his eighties. Dick and Berry may have totalled 150 years between them, but their technical ability was still a delight to watch. Berry died at the age of 91.

At Dick Phelps's ninetieth birthday party at the Thames Clubhouse in 1987, he said he and Berry always argued as to which would live the longer. He won the argument, celebrating his ninety-second birthday the month before he died. He was one of the last of an outstanding group of men; his humour, his

kindness and his complete loyalty to his club will stay with all who met him.

**Peter Coni.**

*Peter Coni's obituary of Dick Phelps was published by The Independent.*

## **C. H. Van Dam**

C. H. Van Dam (Kees) died in 1989. The following is an extract from an address given at his memorial service, at Henley Parish Church, by his grandson Michael. Older members will have little difficulty in recognising and remembering the qualities mentioned.

I was one month old when I first met Granpa; having not yet learnt to discriminate I sucked his left ear with relish. He thought it was a huge joke and it sealed a loving relationship.

Granpa was born in June and whether one believes in the influence of the signs of the Zodiac or not he was a copybook example of a Gemini—a twin personality. In Holland he was a Dutchman to the core, born and educated in Rotterdam of a long line of ancestors. In Britain only his name gave a hint of his origin. He was foremost a materialist, yet he was deeply spiritual. He was wholly committed to Freemasonry which tallied with his belief in a Universal Mighty Concept and Giver of Life, and the Freemason's code of help for others was second nature to him.

He was generous beyond belief and then occasionally and surprisingly penny-pinching. He was kind and gentle and could be argumentative and aggressive. In his wild youth he liked a good old punch up.

At 17 he went to Cambridge,





thanks to an English friend of his father's—the latter being bankrupt and unable to provide. Granpa immediately found himself in the First Trinity B boat; he and seven other oarsmen found they had four tenors and four basses so they sang together every evening in chapel. This formed a special bond which helped their spirit of friendship and rowing successes, both at Cambridge and at Henley Royal Regattas. Granpa also trained with the Boat Race crew but developed tonsillitis days before the race.

From the age of six Granpa spent many hours in the Maritime Museum in Rotterdam. With his amazingly retentive memory he

could later recall every ship model on display and all those in store in the basement. As a result of this vast knowledge of ship building and rigging he was asked to help restore Pepys' own ship models in Cambridge.

Whilst in Cambridge he joined the British RNVR and on returning to Holland tried to persuade the Dutch admiralty to set up a naval reserve but they remained obstinately neutral.

In 1940 he planned to escape to England by boat with three friends but got a message from the British Admiralty that they wanted him in Holland. His friends never reached our shores.

He was always greatly daring: During the war he sat cross-legged on his dining room table in the garden, in the rain, guarding all his possessions. The Germans had ordered him out of his house within 24 hours. Under the table was his precious wireless set which would have meant the firing squad had it been discovered. He plied the soldiers then occupying his house with his remaining Dutch gin.

The sea and the river were Granpa's greatest love. He sailed in the Olympics in 1936 with his friend Ducky Endt (Endt being the Dutch for duck). Whilst working in London he rowed for Thames Rowing Club at Henley and elsewhere. After the war he sailed in umpteen Harwich - Hook races.

Granpa sailed in ten Fastnet races, always as navigator; he said he never needed a yacht of his own since he had a sextant and a third mate's certificate. He was elected member of the Royal Institute of Navigation in London. He loved the challenge of the sea and its character-forming qualities. He fought passionately to establish a Dutch Sail Training Ship. Without his drive, influence and powers of persuasion there never would have been one.

Granpa was an authority on art, music, antiques, history and many other subjects and maintained those interests to the very last.

His amazing cheerfulness and optimism even when things looked black, were infectious and though he was deeply apprehensive for the future state of the world, politically, ecologically and for humanity in general, this was never allowed to mar his enjoyment of being able to apologise for his own errors.

Granpa was one of the few re-

maining First Trinity elderly oarsmen seen at Henley Royal Regatta wearing the distinctive black and white striped trousers dispensing sham champagne from the boot of the car at D15, with occasional dashes to the barge to watch a race. He had calmed down somewhat though he still loved to entertain, to tell his thousands of stories, go to concerts, to travel and be involved in everything. Life was serene and happy in blissful surroundings with occasional bursts of the old rumbustiousness. Thinking of him one remembers first and foremost the generosity, the laughter, the stories, the rude noises and the friendly arguments—there was never a dull moment.

## “Older Members”

Sarah Bolton, (Sarah Lohmann now), asked me to write an article about the “older” members. By this I assume she meant members “older” than me, by and large.

When I joined TRC the club won the Grand and the Stewards, the first Journal was produced, Dick Phelps celebrated his fiftieth birthday, and C. W. Hughes died, aged 93. He was born five years before the club was founded.

On pages 21, 22 and 23 of the Journal are listed the names of the 492 members. Ninety-three of these are still members, (almost 20%), and their names are:

Alexander JCD  
 Alves TH  
 Andrew PHF  
 Armstrong Dr JH  
 Aske RE  
 Bannochie JM  
 Beardmore FS  
 Bence-Smith Cranmoor AR  
 Beresford JM  
 Beresford JR  
 Booth MB  
 Bradley-Cook JR  
 Brown AP  
 Brown RW  
 Buckley JC  
 Bull W  
 Burkard U  
 Burrough A  
 Butcher ASF  
 Cane APW  
 Champion CL  
 Christie TH  
 Chipp DA  
 Cooke JL  
 Crill Sir Peter  
 Currie JCM  
 Deane EH 7190  
 Dear GS  
 Debenham HC  
 Dizer JP  
 Douglas TEM

Duncan AM  
 Eldeen JN  
 Eugster CME  
 Fairbairn D  
~~Fraser HK~~ 10190  
 Fitzmaurice JH  
 Fraser HK  
 Goodall DE  
 Grimwade CJ  
 Gussmann RC  
~~Harrison RE~~ Deleted  
 Headley The Lord  
 Huggins EW  
~~Iveagh The Earl of~~ (Figs)  
 Johnson JR  
~~Joyner BEA~~  
 King S  
 Kirkpatrick PC  
 Lawrence BC  
 Levy Prof JF  
 McCarragher D  
 MacDonald IF  
 MacIntyre RH  
 Macmillan RAF  
 Marks R  
 de Marneffe FLA  
 Massey PMO  
 Moody EGH  
 Murray AM StL Ramsay  
 Nattrass TM  
 Northam PC

O'Mara JTM  
 Page GGH  
 Parlbay GE  
 Pope J  
 Rayner M  
 Reed EJ  
 Rushmere HW  
 Ruth AB  
 Sangster JL 723  
 Scott M. Bodley  
 Shave AE  
 Shiah AU  
 Simmonds LE  
 Sulley AL  
 Tanner BS  
 Tanner JA  
 Tanner MM  
 Tarn AH  
 Teraoka TWM  
 Traylen HE  
 Turnbull Sir Richard  
 Turner AM  
 Wall RG  
 Ward JHM  
 Warwick WHD  
 Watson AR  
 Williams LS Deputes  
 Wilmott ECW 7180  
 Wilson TP  
 Windebank CS  
 Woodward-Fisher KN

A further 152 are known to have died. We would like to hear from as many of the remaining 247 as are still with us, preferably with their cheques for renewing their membership and donations to the boat and building funds. We could have quite a party if they all came along together.

I wonder if 20% of our current membership of 638 will still be members in 2030. Geoffrey will be

drafting the 175th anniversary history and even Thelma might have got her water pump and heat exchanger by then.

When Arthur Andersen printed the club accounts with a Chairman's report on the front page, I used to slip a bit in about the members who had passed on to another river in the sky. This ceased in 1984, since when we have lost the following up to March 1990:

Adams Col PA  
 Alexander MF  
 Arnott AB  
 Bayly-Jones Rev GD  
 Beckett HWT  
 Bedwell J  
 Bigland EF  
 Bloomfield Ms S  
 Bristow CA  
 Brown Miss H

Bunting JB  
 Cato MR  
 Coles FE  
 Coombe RH  
 Cooper JR  
 Dove IE  
 Duffie MLA  
 Duncan RA  
 Grace JC  
 Hamilton J

Hellberg CJ  
 Holt KJ  
 Homberger H  
 Hutton Squire AJ  
 King ADN  
 Lord RHB  
 Lowe SC  
 Mullins JJ  
 Neate A  
 Owen Dr JR

EH Deane  
 RC Farrahman + CHG  
 18 1989  
 EEH Mishim  
 ADJ Duhus  
 JA MacNabb

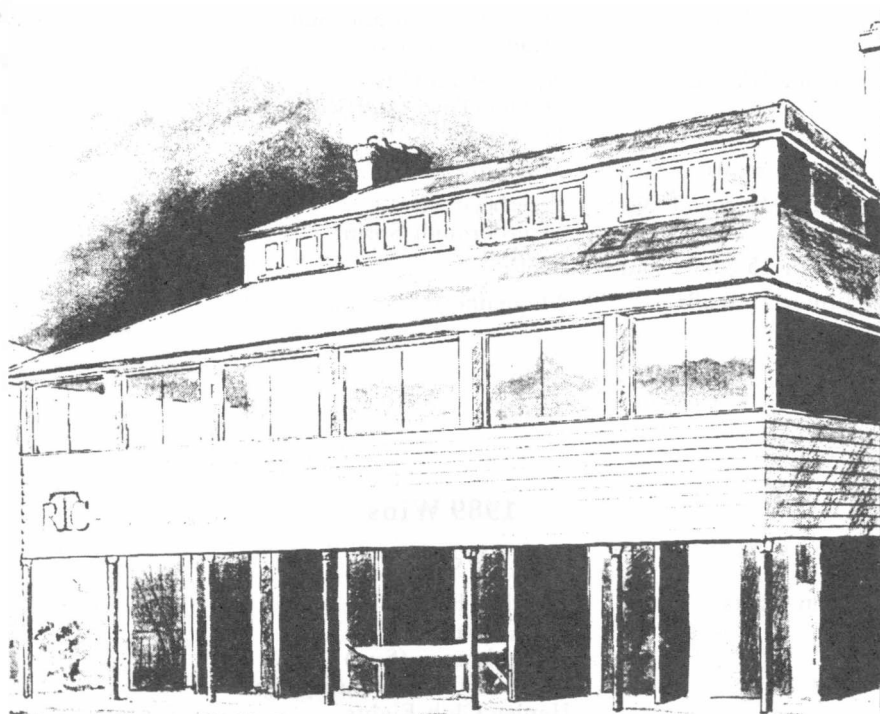
Penney LC  
 Phelps RW  
 Phillips HJL  
 Plumer FC  
 Potts B Havelock  
 Rickett CG  
 Scott RG  
 Scouler JDM  
 Southwood LF  
 Sporborg HN  
 Swatton RR  
 Tanner LI  
 Thoday AG  
 Vassilissin A  
 Van Dam CH  
 Watts HEG  
 Webber AF  
 Weight-Vowden PD  
 Wilmot JA  
 Winsor JWA

Their absence in the TRC bar on  
 Sunday mornings, at Remenham

Club during Henley, and at the  
 Annual Dinner is sorely missed. We  
 still reminisce about them.  
 Apologies for any omissions or  
 premature demises. Bill Williams  
 would never have had any problems  
 and Swat would have added colour-  
 ful epilogues about them.

Now that entire 1934 Thames  
 Cup Eight is together again with  
 Freddie Page alongside on his bike  
 they must be hot favourites for the  
 Head of the Styx on Boxing Day.  
 Make a note of the date in your  
 diaries if you intend to be present.  
 See you in the mead bar.

Tim Wilson.



The Editor welcomes contributions for next year's Journal from both "older" and active members.

## 1989 Wins

### Men

Open eights	Thames Ditton
Senior II eights	Docklands silver
Open coxed fours	Nottingham City
Open coxless fours	Henley Fours Head Hammersmith Amateur
Senior I coxless fours	Hammersmith Amateur
Open sculls	Metropolitan Reading Amateur Hereford National Championships Bronze Chester
Senior I sculls	Lightweight Tiffin Sculls Head Henley Sculls Head Metropolitan Reading Amateur
Senior II sculls	Docklands (Sat and Sun) Reading Amateur
Senior III sculls	Nottingham City Henley Town and Visitors Docklands
Novice sculls	Maidenhead
Junior 16 coxed fours	Peterborough Peterborough Sprint
Junior 15 coxed fours	Molsey
Junior 15 sculls	Maidenhead

## 1989 Wins

### Women

Open eights	Reading Head Ghent (Sat and Sun) Ghent bronze (Sun) National Championships gold Henley Club Eights Reading Amateur
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Veteran C eights	National Veterans (Civil Service comp) FISA (Civil Service comp)
Senior I eights	Bedford London Docklands silver (Sat and Sun)
Senior II eights	Hammersmith Amateur
Open coxed fours	Serpentine
Open coxless fours	Bedford
Senior I coxed fours	Twickenham Putney Town Reading Amateur
Senior III coxed fours	Alpha Bourne Vesta winter Vesta Dashes
Novice coxed fours	Alpha Bourne Peterborough Kingston
Open coxless pairs	Pairs Head National Championships gold Home Counties first
Senior III coxless pairs	Bowl Bridge
Veteran C quad sculls	FISA
Open double sculls	Serpentine (Sun) National Championships silver
Senior III double sculls	Walton Small Boats
Veteran double sculls	Docklands (Civil Service comp) National Veterans (Civil Service comp)
Senior II double sculls	Bedford
Senior III double sculls	Walton Small Boats Head
Open sculls	Serpentine (Sun)
Veteran C sculls	HORR Docklands FISA
Veteran D sculls	FISA
Senior II sculls	Bedford Chester Sculls Head Reading Sculls Head Henley Sculls Head
Senior III sculls	Bedford Walton Small Boats Head
Victor Ludorum	National Championships Bedford



