

FEBRUARY 2016 UPDATE

Boathouse development update

Work is progressing on the development of the boathouse. Since our plans for further extensions were turned down by the City Planning Committee last summer, the Committee agreed to proceed with the redevelopment of the Main Boathouse (MBH) on the previous plans for which we have had planning permission for five years. We recently engaged LHL Co to update these plans for current building regulations, to produce a cost estimate and to redo the 4-year old MBH structural survey. In addition, we asked them to advise on the development potential on the Old Boathouse site (which we have agreed to sell having previously received approval for a change of use). Their reports were received last week and the development sub-committee is meeting next week to discuss them. The structural survey reemphasised problems we are all too well aware of, e.g. leaking roof, cracks in walls etc. With the estimate of redevelopment costs and some indication of OBH site value the sub-committee will be putting proposals to the next the Committee regarding our next steps. John Sparrow, since Nov 15 Chair of the Development sub-Committee, is happy to respond to any queries and hear views from any member on this redevelopment - johncsparrow@gmail.com .

New Boats

The Club will very shortly be taking delivery of two new boats, a men's coxed four and a double. The four is to be named Tom Ransley, a YCRC member, bronze medallist in the eight in the 2012 Olympics and a member of the YCRC crew that won the Britannia Cup at Henley Royal Regatta in 2007. As yet we do not have a boat naming date as Tom is training for the 2016 Olympics with the GB squad, but as soon as we have a date we will let everyone know. Sticking to our custom of naming doubles after York street names, the new double will be named Fossgate.

Balloons release

As you may have read in the local press, YCRC played a major role in supporting the recent release of 400 black balloons, an event which marked the end of a week long campaign by the Royal Life Saving Society to raise awareness of the risks waterways such as the Ouse can pose. As a club we are very aware of the need to take safety very seriously as we understand the dangers the river can pose and so were very happy to support this event, hosting it in the boathouse and providing safety launches. Our thanks to all Club members who played a part.

Next social event

A reminder that the next social even will the bar quiz, to be held on Thursday 3rd March at about 8pm (ie after circuits). Food will be available and the bar will be open; please let Tabatha know if you are intending to come so that she can get the food quantities about right -

Cole.tabatha@gmail.com. It will be great fun, so do come along!

Warm pogies

One of the parents has offered to make really warm waterproof and windproof pogies for any club member. They can be made in a range of colours and Karen has an Instagram page where the options can be seen - kpogies. The cost will be £12 for a pair and £18 for a full set of two sculling

and one sweep pogie; this includes a £2/£3 donation to the boathouse fund. If you would like a set or would like more information, contact Karen on karen@thepaisleys.co.uk.

Hoodies, sweatshirts and T-shirts

The supplier of hoodies, sweats, polos and Ts to the juniors, Keal Teamwear, have set up an online shop that can now be accessed by anyone, with orders for a single item at the same cost as bulk items. The link is below; any queries just contact Keal directly.

<http://keal-teamwear.com/sportswear/clubs/york-city-rowing-club>

Pre existing health conditions

May we ask all members who train either on the land or on water and who have a pre existing significant health condition do so with someone who knows about their condition close by and able to help in case of sudden illness. Exercise can be an important part of rehabilitation, but we must make sure that we take all reasonable precautions.

Check your equipment

May we ask everyone to check their equipment before every outing and in particular, before the Yorkshire Head. We don't want any crews coming to grief!

Second hand kit

I have a set of second hand sweep and sculling pogies for sale - £5, proceeds to the boat house fund.

I also have a second hand men's lycra for sale in good condition. It is a JL small, which is about the equivalent of a Godfrey medium - £20, proceeds to the boat house fund.

Please contact me if you are interested in either – lizporte29@gmail.com. First come, first served!

New members

Last but by absolutely no means least, a very warm welcome to our new/returning club members:

Caitlin Campbell joining the Junior Squad

Tristan Parkin joining the Men's Squad

Tom Flemming rejoining as a social member