**January Update**

Another short update this month:

**New Welfare Officer**

If you were not already aware, at the January Committee meeting, Roger Woollen was appointed as the new Club Welfare Officer. As taken from the website:

‘*We are committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all of our members and fully support the British Rowing Safeguarding and Protecting Children Policy. Roger joined the club 4 years ago in order to learn to row. He has qualified as a Session Coach and assists coaching juniors.*’

You can contact Roger with any Welfare and Safeguarding queries or concerns at **welfare@ycrc.co.uk**

A big thank you to Roger for taking on the role, but also a big thank you to Anne Homa, who oversaw the CWO responsibilities until the committee appointed Roger.

**Bar Refurbishment**

Committee have approved work to completely redecorate the bar - this work will give the bar a completely new (and modern!) look, though in the short term there will be some disruption - hopefully to a minimum. Work has already begun so you will see people coming in and out while the work is completed, the bar should be ready by the end of February. A big thank you must be given to Rebecca Marchant who has volunteered a considerable amount of time to making this happen.

**Water Bottles**

Those who saw the last monthly update will be aware the club that single use plastic bottles are being discouraged - continuing from this, club branded reusable bottles are being looked into with support from a local school business, do speak to your captains and coordinators to discuss more.

**Thursday Night Refuel**

Once a month, there is now a post circuits ‘refuel’ event held at the club after Thursday night circuits, this was first held in January and was very popular, going forward this will now be once a month - keep an eye on the notice boards!

This is open to everyone, there will be delicious food available!!!

Best regards

Benjamin Bolans

**Club Secretary**