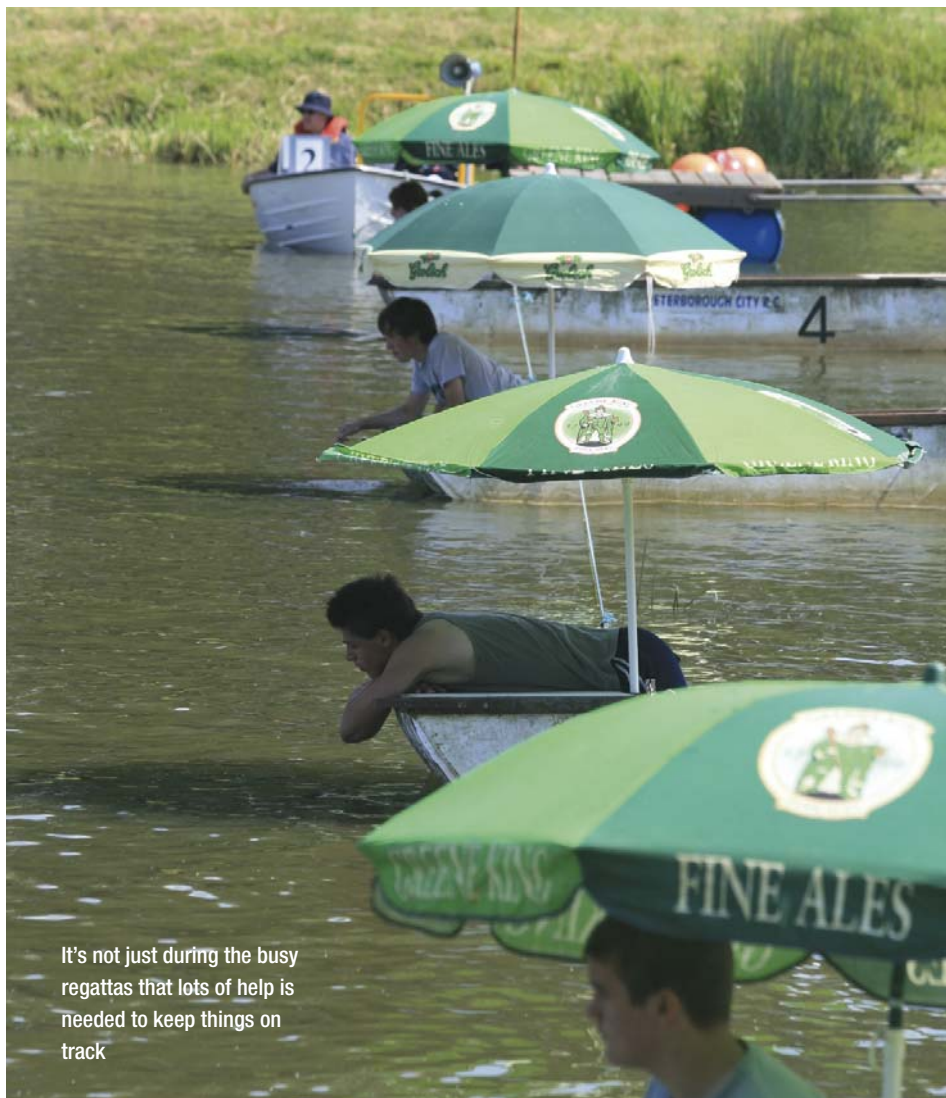


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It's not just during the busy regattas that lots of help is needed to keep things on track

An adaption from that well known speech by John F Kennedy and very appropriate with the Annual General Meeting being held on 14th November. The club is run by a management committee of volunteers and without people being willing to give up a bit of time to help the club it would not exist. Notices about the AGM will be on the notice board in the hall including a full list of committee posts.

All sorts of things have to be done to keep the club running from keeping a list of members and collecting the subscriptions to organising boat repairs. Someone has to keep the building in repair and pay the bills. Who helps raise the extra money that is needed to make up the difference between the money from membership and the actual cost of running the club?

There are **over 25 committee posts** which may seem a lot but this is a big club and it takes a lot of running. Most members have full-time jobs and so the work of running the club has to be divided up into manageable chunks. Fortunately we have some very loyal members who are prepared to do more than just come down and row but there is a need for new blood in some areas of the running of the club.....
Will you do something to help the club? if so talk to John Canton about what you could do.

VACANCIES..!
Pondlife needs a journalist
If you fancy contributing pieces about the club and club members for publishing in future editions speak to John Canton or Tim Lloyd

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY

Do you ever wonder what it costs to run the club – probably not! You pay the membership subscription and use the facilities – fair enough, but do you realise that it costs a lot more than the total of membership subscriptions to meet the cost of the overheads of the club. What about new boats and equipment? Where does that money come from?

At the Annual General Meeting our Treasurer, Hugo Spiegl, will reveal the answers to these questions and it is well worth finding out. If you like the idea of

having a better boat or newer blades or a redecorated clubroom then come to the meeting to learn more about what the club can and cannot afford.

If the accounts are anything like 2006 then they will show a total income from all sources of around £57,000 which is a lot of money but the costs of running the club total around £45,000. This leaves a bit of surplus to cover depreciation (the cost of replacing ageing equipment) but not as much as we really need. A few highlights:-

- **Money from subscriptions – around £25,000 only (less than half the total income)**
- **Insurance – around £14,000 per year in premiums (the biggest single item)**
- **Boat Repairs – around £6000 this last year (all those accidents and breakages!)**
- **Surplus from running regattas – around £29000 (including bar and catering)**
- **Cost of electricity – around £3000 per year**

So, attend the Annual General Meeting and get educated about the money the club does have and what it really needs!



Does the boat that you use have the sort of chips and scrapes shown in these photos?

This damage does not happen on the water - it happens in the boathouse through

people being careless when taking boats on and of the racks. It's in everyone's interests to have good equipment and it will stay in good condition if everyone takes extra care handling the boats in the

boathouse. Treat all boats as if you had paid for them yourself with your own hard earned money because it has cost the club £6000 last year to just repair and maintain the fleet.

COLLISION

A recent head-on collision between a coxless four and a quad on the river serves as a reminder of the vital importance of knowing and following the rules of the river. The result of the collision was 2 broken riggers, a broken blade and a bruised back but thankfully no serious injury, although there could easily have been. The cost was around £400-500!

In this instance it appears that both crews were in the middle of the river, travelling in opposite

directions, and neither steersman was looking around to ensure that the river was clear. Our river can be quiet at times but apart from our own boats there is other river traffic and things like fishing matches so there is no room for complacency. On the lake people know the circulation pattern and it is well

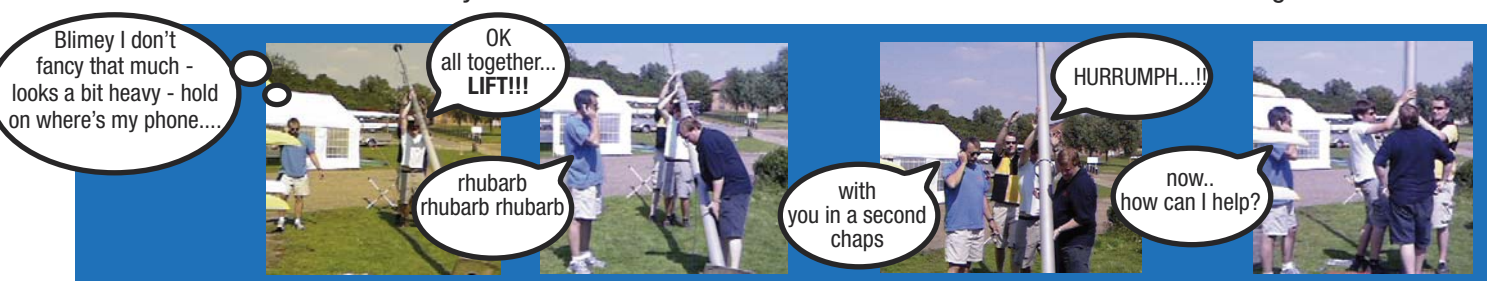
followed but the river also has it's circulation pattern too and because it is much narrower there is much less room for error.

The rule of the river is that you keep to the rowers/scullers left hand side of the centre of the river. For coxed boats it is to the coxes right. Where you are forced to be in the middle or on the wrong side, for some reason, then the person steering must be looking around very regularly to make sure that the river is clear.

Now we are getting into the winter the river is being used much more so everyone must follow this simple rule for safety's sake.



Continuing with the rather serious tone of this issue Pondlife is pleased to present this picture story which illustrates there is a need not only for manual labourers but for the born leaders who are senior management.....



Our thanks to Dave Truss who brilliantly played the lead role

On the water.....



The J14 quad heading towards a course record at the Boston Marathon to round off a superb season.



Tim and Jo stay focussed, also at the Boston Marathon.



The novice four of David Todd, Will Robertson, Neil Elder and Tom Fairchild, coxed by Kate Wallace, achieve their first win at Huntingdon Head.



Georgia and Holly looking relaxed at Cambridge Autumn.

and just off.....



This is what a 31 mile race does to you!

60th Anniversary Celebrations in 2008

In 1948 Peterborough Regatta and Peterborough City Rowing Club were started and so in 2008 they will both be 60 years old. Good reason to arrange some celebrations particularly as the club has come such a long way in terms of size, standard and facilities. Ideas so far include:-

A big party in June to which past and present members will be invited as a grand reunion. The full details are yet to be decided but a group headed by Steve Brown are starting the planning of this.

- Sponsorship "push" to get companies to help the club replace old equipment and update parts of the clubhouse which will be 25 years old next year.
- T-shirts, car stickers, and other mementos.
- A special edition regatta programme with photos of early racing and scope for sponsors advertising

If you have any ideas for next year or would like to get involved in any of the activities please speak to John Canton.



Peterborough City Rowing Club in 1955

in the early years this was the total membership of the club and in the background is the original boathouse comprising a timber site hut donated by local builders Mitchell Construction. The club has moved onbut two in this photo are still active in the club today."

2007 End Of Season Ball



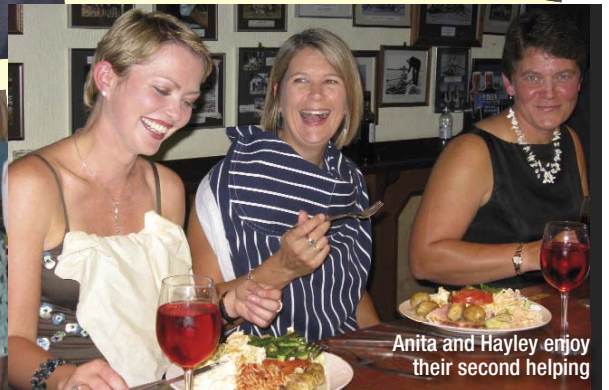
Rolls Pollard in the thick of the action



the action in the annex



Richard who came cunningly disguised as a snooker player was ejected by the bouncers



Anita and Hayley enjoy their second helping



unusually Richard found something to say



On 6th October 100 members and guests celebrated in style the end of the 59th racing season for the club. Everyone put on their best evening wear for this annual occasion that traditionally looks back over the past year and includes the presentation of a number of annual trophies to worthy club members.

An innovation by the Social Committee this year was the use of a small marquee on the patio to extend the seating so that all attending could sit down to eat rather than having to contend with a finger buffet as before. It was a great idea and could be used for other functions.

The food prepared by the 100 Club led by Mike Jaggard with the help of his wife Janet, Janet Maclachlan, Peter and Rosemary Cooper and Kate Davis was fantastic. Rolls Pollard got out his carving knife to serve roast beef and ham to go with the poached salmon and other great food. Certain people were seen to have more than one helping!

After the meal the Chairman, John Canton, followed by his wife Jo and Richard Noyes as Vice Captains reviewed the past year and made the presentations of the clubs annual trophies as follows:-

Captain's Cup - **Keith Blackman** and **Tim Ellis** jointly for their exceptional work for the club.

Ladies Cup - **Jan Taylor** for her dedication to the organisation of junior rowing

Coxes Cup - **Kate Wallace** and **Lewis Tuck** jointly as the two coxes who won the most events.

Thorpe Meadows Trophy - **Tom Chung** who achieved the most wins in the season

Junior Cup - **Tom Kisby** for his valuable help to our junior coaches

Most Valued New Member - **Stephen Taylor** for support to the rowing side by

After the presentations the party continued until the early hours of the morning!

towing trailers to regattas and welding up broken riggers on a regular basis!
Most Promising New Member - **Elme Marais** and **Peter Todd** jointly who show great potential.
Tom Agutter Trophy - **Tom Chung** for highest achievement at junior national level.
Coaches Shield - **Kerry Stapleton** for his work with the J14 quad which won the National Schools Regatta.
Victor Ludorum Shield for the Club Regatta - **Stephen Blades/Nick Hurford/Ed Rippon** who jointly won the most number of races.