



# Presidents Newsletter October 2024

To all of you who attended the President's Launch and Lunch - what a fantastic day it was! It truly felt like one of the best social events at the club in a long time. We were fortunate to have both of our Olympian representatives in attendance, which made the celebration even more special. However, the day was also tinged with a bit of sadness, as I'm sure Tony would have been in his element, immensely proud of how the event unfolded.

I am well aware that I am stepping into very large shoes, and I'm a poor substitute for such a remarkable President. This wasn't a role I was fully prepared for, but I promise to do my very best to carry on Tony's legacy and serve the club to the best of my abilities.

One of the main reasons for hosting the lunch was to relaunch the President's Fund, which supports members like Annie, Matt, and others. This season, the fund has been instrumental in helping several members, including:

- **Laura Beck**, who has completed her Level 3 coaching certification,
  - **Jerry Owen**, who represented Great Britain in beach racing (an event I admit I still don't fully understand),
  - And the club itself, by contributing to new telemetry for the boats, allowing coaches to monitor power output during races and training.
- Additionally, the fund will continue to support our current Olympians and **Rowan Law**, who will be trialling next year.

All of this is made possible through the generosity of our members and former members who contribute to the President's Fund. Donations come in two forms: a £100

contribution at the start of the season (September), or a monthly standing order of £9. In return, members are entered into three £100 prize draws, and refreshments will be provided at the Nottingham City Regatta, where the majority of the club's crews will be competing this year.

I am also committed to hosting another President's Launch event next September, and I'm happy to personally fund the food once again. I hope even more members and their families will attend, as it's the perfect way to kick off the new winter season.

Thank you all for your continued support. I look forward to seeing you at the Autumn Head or the Pudding Races just before Christmas.

Regards  
**Mark - President**



# Macmillan Coffee Morning

**WORLD'S BIGGEST  
COFFEE  
MORNING** 

Last week, we hosted a successful coffee morning in support of Macmillan Nurses, attended by over fifty members. Thanks to everyone's generosity, we raised over £400! A special thanks to Julie Cooke, Sarah Royles, Rachel Matherson, Geoff Smith, and Richard Willan for providing the delicious cakes. Real coffee was served by our club barista, Simon Hughes.

Looking ahead, our next event will be a **Poppy and Cake Day** supporting the Royal British Legion. It will be held on **25th October**, starting at **10 a.m.** at the clubhouse. We hope to see you all there again!



## Baron of Beef

On Sunday, alongside the Olympians, we celebrated the launch of a new double scull, generously purchased by the patrons of the Baron of Beef. The boat was ceremoniously launched by the one and only Bob Griffiths.

We'll be hosting another lunch at the clubhouse on **Friday, 15th November**.

The menu is still being confirmed, but we can assure you - it won't be chicken!

## New recreational quad

Kenwyn Rees launched a new Swift recreational quad, significantly lighter than our previous boats. In recognition of his contributions as a founding member of the group, and in light of his recent decision to step back from club activities for personal reasons, the recreational members have chosen to name the boat in his honour.

It was wonderful to have Kenwyn and his family join us last Sunday for this special occasion.

**Date for your diary: Club Dinner, 14th February 2025**

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