

And a big thank you goes to...

Eleanor Prince, President

What a delightful term! We've had sun, we've had racing and we've had a fabulous Sirens day. A fully rowable river and many keen rowers means we've spent hours training and having fun. This is reflected in another year of exciting Summer VIIIs results, with another congratulations to our W2 for a second consecutive year of blades! A few thank yous must go out for Rosie and Sarah for their above and beyond and continuing support on and off the river. To our

coaches, Scott and Megan, for getting another generation of rowers from zero to hero. To my wonderful committee for their dedication and for being so great to work with. And to all of you reading this today, for your support by the river or further afield. I've had such a fabulous year as President, I'm so lucky to get another two years as part of this club (catch me as the MCR member 26/27)!



Above, SHCBC W2 following their impressive blades win during the 2026 Summer Eights. Special thank you to Lucy Hamer (front) for her incredible coxing!

The 2026 Siren Spectacular

Rhys Williams, Men's Captain

For many Hilda's rowers, the highlight of Trinity Term (nay even the year!) comes around in the form of Sirens' day, where rowers past and present congregate to celebrate the triumphs of the club. This year was certainly no different. Alumnae from as far back as the 60s all the way up to last academic year were present for our annual jollification of Hilda's rowing, with a drinks and lunch reception at Longbridges, followed by some rowing on a millpond Isis, and topped off with rooftop drinks and a fabulous dinner in our beautiful riverside pavilion.

Our rowers thoroughly enjoyed mingling with the alumnae, and listening to stories from the club's history. Three mixed student-alumnae eights were fielded over the course of the afternoon, with some pretty nippy race starts to

boot! Perhaps M1 could learn a thing or two from our club veterans...

The evening meal brought further tales of intrepid Hildian escapades at Iffley Lock, plus the highly anticipated annual committee awards. A splendid evening was enjoyed by all; and despite being a tad bacchanalianly bereft, a mass migration to the college bar proved to one and all the commitment of SHCBC to the ancient arts of revelry and merrymaking. (On an



Above, SHCBC alumnae set out to row on Sirens day with St Hilda's principal, Sarah Springman, as Stroke.

unrelated note, I vow to never schedule a lock trip to Abingdon for the morning after BCD ever again...)

Special thanks of course must go to the boat club committee, college catering staff, and the magnificent Sarah and Rosie for making the whole afternoon so special. With the centenary of the women's boat race looming, one can only imagine the festivities to come at Sirens' 2027. Next year's president will certainly have their hands full!

Below, President Eleanor Prince chats to current and former rowers wearing SHCBC Blazers at Sirens.





Above, SHCBC M1 during 2026 Summer VIII's. Over 4 days, the men successfully reached their highest place on the river ever. Boat stroked by Jonathan Sullivan and coxed by Harry Hutchinson.

2026 Summer VIIIs Round Up

Anna Hutchens, Women's Captain

What a term for SHCBC! With sunrise getting earlier, and sunset later, we started Trinity Term with a multitude of outings each week, helping each crew improve rapidly in the lead up to Eights. We had three women's crews and three men's crews entered into eights, but they faced an extra challenge this year: the largest Rowing On in living memory. With well over 50 of each women's/men's crews competing for 37 spots each in the Eights draw, we knew it would be a tough ask for both the M3 and W3. However, they excelled, comfortably

making the draw - a huge success reflecting the depth of our programme. This success only continued into Eights Week, with a series of valiant rows from W3, +4 blades for W2 (bumped Balliol II, Exeter II, Regent's I, Hugh's II) and +3 for W1 (bumped Wolfson II, Antony's I, Trinity I). On the men's side, similar success was evident - with M1 going +1, M2 finishing +2 and M3 bringing home

some new decor in the form of spoons - what a week! This series of successful rows has left our W1 in their highest position on the river since 2017, and our M1 in their highest ever position on the river. Our W2 also currently has the most consecutive days rising (8) of any crew in Summer Eights this year. The success of both sides this year would not have been possible without the fabulous support we have received: our coaches, Megan Culbert, Scott Houghton and Rosie Mayglothling as well as more widely from the College. We are so grateful to you all!

Tantilising Tales from Trinity

The Hearsay Hildabeast

What a term that was. Summer VIIIs has been and gone, and as much as we should congratulate W2 on their incredible performance in achieving blades for the second year running, a special mention should be given to M3's joy in getting spoons (crucially denying Christchurch M3 blades, something we should all be proud of).

Luckily for your Hearsay Hildabeast's last(!) column this year, the end of term has provided plenty of material to report on. Before we get onto any silly rowing business, some notes from the AGM should be passed on.

Commiserations should be extended to EP, who in an apparent burst of early onset dementia, managed to both misplace the name of a certain FG, as well as forgetting the pivotal role that TS has so obviously played as a Social Secretary this year. A shoutout should also be given to SH, for

making sure that our future committee was being asked the real questions.

Back on the water, I'm not particularly bothered about how fast any of these silly boats ended up going. However, what does concern me is the state of RD's back. That level of swing cannot be healthy. Speaking on on-water performance, a shoutout should also be given to FG, for highlighting just how impressive, diligent and professional SHCBC rowers are in even turning up to outings. It's always good to give a contrast - what a hero.

With that, my column is coming to an end. For those of you that have read the whole thing, or even enjoyed putting up with my ramblings and completely unbiased opinions throughout this year - thank you! As I leave, just a reminder to have a lovely summer, enjoy the heat, and remember that ergs don't float (so don't do them).



Above, SHCBC W1 and Coach Megan (front) after finishing day 4 Summer VIII's with a result of +3. Below, W3 women sport unicorn headbands on day 1 of Summer VIII's.



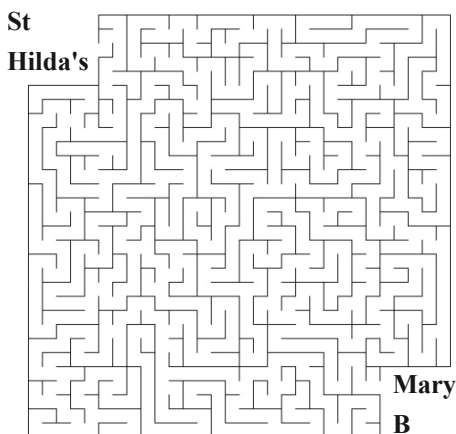
2026-2027 Committee



Above, SHCBC 2025-2026 committee. From left to right: Shea Heaney, Adam Wood, Rebecca Sadler, Phoebe Threadgould, Eleanor Prince, Anna Hutchens, Shahar Eyal, Alex McInerny, Rhys Williams, Benji Etheridge, Ted Shaw. Missing: Kalina Hagen and Georgina Summers

Give these puzzles a punt!

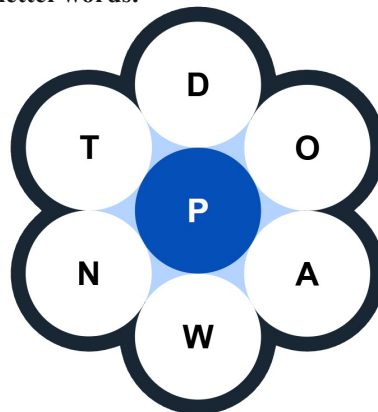
Help the freshers get from Hilda's to their taster sessions at longbridges.



Find the panagram below!

Letters cannot be repeated.

Coach level: Reach more than 20
4 letter words.



President: Rhys Williams



Womens Captain:
Flora Gillies



Open Captain:
Adam Wood

Incoming 2026-2027 committee:

Captain of Coxes: Emily Blatch

Treasurer: Rebecca Sadler

Secretary: Dhruv Narayanan

Women's Vice Captain: Phoebe Threadgould

Open Vice Captain: Finn Gribbin

Women's Social Secretary: Julia Pagen

Open Social Secretary: Flora Gillies

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