



A note from the Acting Headmaster

Thank you for all your patience over the last few days, as our ICT staff have worked tirelessly to restore the network, after a cyber-attack damaged a number of the servers. We apologise if you have been left waiting for responses to e-mails, and hope to have e-mail up and running by the time you read this. A cyber-attack is the latest challenge which 2020 has thrown at us but, as ever, our staff have taken it in their stride magnificently and have kept lessons running as normal.

We are delighted to present the developments in the Rowing Club, on which Mr Griffiths, and his team of coaches and boys, have worked so hard over the summer and this term. The Derek Barton room is a great facility for the club and we look forward to inviting Derek, a long-serving former Boatman of the rowing club, and his family to an event to open the room when conditions allow.

Top stories



YEAR 7 GEOGRAPHERS WALK THE WYE



Year 7 Geography students from Monmouth School for Boys, braved the rain and wind recently as they walked along the picturesque River Wye.

The boys thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to get out of the classroom and appreciate the amazing countryside which surrounds our school, including the iconic Biblins Bridge.

Many thanks must go to the staff who accompanied this trip.



ROWING CLUB BOUNCE BACK FROM FLOODING WITH BRAND NEW ERGO ROOM

Monmouth School Rowing Club have had an eventful year, though sadly a lot of it didn't take place on the water! Unfortunately Covid-19 wiped out a lot of the competitive summer but, as this newsletter has reported, many online regattas and training events took place and showed the resilience of both the boys and the staff.

However the global pandemic wasn't the only issue which the club has faced this year as you may recall, if you can cast your mind back to February, things became a little damp and the boathouse itself was flooded to a depth of over 3 ft. But, after a great deal of effort from staff and boys, with welcome support from the school, the boat club has now been reconfigured in order to create a brand new, larger ergo room and smaller workshop alongside.

Given the huge support, and the standing ovation that there was for Derek Barton, former boatman of the school, at the 150th Anniversary Dinner last year, the club has decided to name the new room after him, and it is hoped that there will be the possibility for a formal opening of The Derek Barton Room some time in 2021.

Mr John Griffiths, Head of Rowing, said, "The room is already being put to good use and thankfully the school is able to row in crew boats at the moment (unlike most clubs in Wales). We have been able to boat two Vllls from the Sixth Form as well as another two Vllls from Year 11. So, we have the numbers [of rowers] and I firmly believe we have the talent too. So if, and when, we are allowed to race this year, I am very optimistic about the possible outcomes."

Well done to all the boys and staff who helped make the boat club even better than before, and good luck with the season!



The floods arrive...



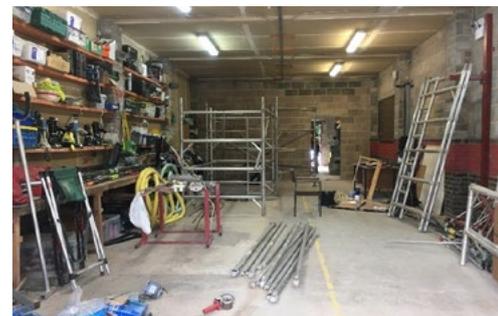
... and then leave.



The way in... (the weeds have now been cleared!)



The Derek Barton Room - 'Room with a view'!



Part-way through the refurbishments



The First VIII lend a hand with the blade racks



The new workshop

As another timely reminder of both the longevity and success of the Monmouth School Rowing Club, there are two other important items which have pride of place in the club's redesigned headquarters. Firstly there's the honours board (below), which gives the details of all of the national and international success achieved by students down the years and secondly there's a photograph, which was unearthed during the building work, which shows the boathouse in the 1960s (bottom, right). An excellent reminder of the legacy which our current staff and students continue to build upon.



Monmouth School Rowing Club Rowing Honours



Olympic Games

1980 Charlie Wiggan	M2-	Bronze
1980 Colin Moynihan	M8+	Silver
1984 Colin Moynihan	M8+	5th
1996 Robin Williams	Coach	
2008 Tom Lucy	M8+	Silver
2008 Robin Williams	Coach	
2012 Robin Williams	Coach W2-	Gold
2016 Robin Williams	Coach W2-	Gold

World Rowing Championships

1977 Charlie Wiggan	M4x	7th
1977 Jeremy Edwards	LM4-	5th
1978 Colin Moynihan	LM8+	Gold
1978 Charlie Wiggan	M4x	10th
1979 Charlie Wiggan	M2-	4th
1981 Colin Moynihan	M8+	Silver
1981 Robbin Williams	LM4-	11th
1982 Jeremy Edwards	LM8+	6th
1982 Robin Williams	LM8+	6th
1982 Colin Moynihan	M8+	8th
1984 Robin Williams	LM8+	6th
1988 Robbin Williams	LM4-	Silver
1989 Robbin Williams	LM4-	Bronze
1990 James Hartland	LM2x	11th
1990 Steve Pearson	LM4-	5th
1990 Robin Williams	LM4-	5th
1991 James Hartland	LM4x	8th
1991 Steve Pearson	LM8+	5th
1992 James Hartland	LM8+	Silver
1995 Richard Rogers	M8+	6th
1997 James Hartland	LM8+	Silver
2007 Tom Lucy	M8+	Bronze

Henley Winners

1970 Charlie Wiggan	Thames
1976 Roger Wiggan	Visitors
1978 Colin Moynihan	Thames
1979 Charlie Wiggan	Goblets
1980 Robin Williams	Visitors
1981 Julian George	Britannia
1981 Charlie Wiggan	Grand
1984 Colin Moynihan	Grand
1990 Steve Pearson	Temple
1990 Robin Williams	Wyfold
1992 Steve Pearson	Wyfold
1993 David Peill	Temple
1993 Robin Williams	Wyfold
1994 James Goodwin	Temple
1995 James Goodwin	Thames
1995 Oly Jenkins	Temple
1995 David Peill	Temple
1996 James Goodwin	Grand
1996 David Peill	Wyfold
1997 James Hartland	Ladies
2002 Alasdair Woodbridge	Britannia
2010 Simon O'Neill	Wyfold
2014 Steve Tuck	Ladies

Oxford/Cambridge

1880 WM Warlow	Cambridge	Lost
1974 Paul Marsden	Oxford	Won
1977 Colin Moynihan	Oxford	Won
1989 Tim Waters	OULRC	Won
1992 Andrew Block	Goldie	Won
1993 Andrew Block	Goldie	Won
1994 Greg Whiting	Isis	Lost
2013 Laurie Harvey	Isis	Won
2014 Laurie Harvey	Oxford	Won
2016 Jamie Brown	CULRC	Won
2017 Jamie Brown	CULRC	Won

Under 23 World Championships

2002 Alasdair Woodbridge	BM4+	6th
2004 Rob Hollis	BM4+	Silver
2005 Rob Hollis	BM8+	10th
2006 Rob Hollis	BM4+	5th

Nations Cup (U23):

1993 Andrew Block	BM4+	Bronze
1994 Oly Jenkins	BLM4-	Gold
1994 David Peill	BM8+	5th
1996 Oly Jenkins	BLM4-	Silver

Match des Seniors (U23):

1980 Robin Williams	BM8+	Gold
1980 Roger Meager	BM8+	Gold
1982 Francis Bucknall	BM4-	4th
1982 Nick Hartland	BM4-	4th
1987 Stewart Bell	BM8+	Gold
1990 James Hartland	BLM4-	Gold
1991 Paul Rogers	BM4+	4th

FISU World Championships

2006 Ben Curtis	M4-	4th
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Junior World Championships

1990 Richard Rogers	JM2x	11th
1991 David Peill	JM2-	7th
1991 Richard Rogers	JM4-	Gold
1998 Alasdair Woodbridge	JM8+	8th
2003 Ben Curtis	JM4+	5th
2005 Tom Lucy	JM4-	Bronze
2006 Tom Lucy	JM4-	Gold
2014 Will England	JM8+	4th
2019 Iwan Hadfield	JM8+	Bronze

Coupe de la Jeunesse

1991 Rich Hughes Jones	JM8+	Gold
1991 Rhys Demery	JM4x	Silver
1996 Simon Jenkins	JM2-	
1997 Peter Couldridge	JM2-	
1997 Simon O'Neill	JM2-	
2002 Rob Hollis	JM8+	Silver
2009 Steve Tuck	JM8+	Gold
2013 Will England	JM2-	Bronze
2018 Jack Tottem	JM4-	Silver
2019 Jack Tottem	JM4+	Gold

Home International Regatta

Too numerous to mention, but it is believed that current and/or old Monmothians have taken part at every Home International Regatta since its inception in 1962



If you have any updates or corrections to this list, please contact John Griffiths - griffiths.john@habsmonmouth.org

THIS WEEK'S 'MUSIC MOMENT' - SIXTH FORM JAZZ



It was good to see group music restarting at Monmouth School for Boys this week.

Pictured are the Sixth Form jazz group, performing *Curtain Call*.

As soon as our I.T system allows, the clip of this performance will be available on our website - keep an eye out for it on the front page, in the 'Latest News' section.

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