

# MCBC NEWSLETTER MICHAELMAS 2024

Welcome to the first MCBC newsletter of the 2024/25 year! For more info and regular updates follow our Instagram @biglegsmansfield 

This term, MCBC welcomed a brand-new set of novices to the river to join our returners. They have been progressing strongly with lots of water outings, ready to join our main squads. Unfortunately, due to poor conditions, the novice regatta was again cancelled this year, however our novices instead took part in the Longbridges 'ergatta' competition.

Our returners took part in Autumn IVs and IWL A. Both sides put points on the leaderboard in IWL with solid rows from both crews. In autumn IVs, our W4+ had a nail-biting race against Linacre, finishing just a metre behind, in what was one of the day's closest races. The M4+ had a strong first race beating St John's but were knocked out in the second round by the overall winners of the competition, Keble.



## NEW W2

At the start of 2025, our new Janousek for the W2 was delivered, which was very generously donated to us by alumni member Anthony Dwell. The new boat, named Jen, went on its maiden voyage on the 19<sup>th</sup> January. With growing numbers on the women's side over the last few years, the investment in this boat should help our women's second team reach great heights this year and into the future for many years to come. From everyone at MCBC, we would like to express our greatest thanks to Anthony Dwell for this very generous gift!

Pictured: New boat Jen, W1 after IWL, and M4+ after Autumn 4s



# NEW CLUBROOM AND NEW MURAL



Over the summer, our shared clubroom with St Hilda's college had a big renovation project. With a new kitchen, new flooring, paint and decoration on the walls it is now looking better than ever. The works have already paid off, leading to crew debriefs with hot chocolate taking place in the clubroom after outings, and more social events at the boathouse.

As part of the renovations, rowers from Mansfield got together over the summer to paint a giant mural of the Isis river above the bar. We would love this to grow over the coming years with more details and easter eggs added by current members of the club.

**Pictured above: the mural in progress, and morning hot chocolates after an outing**



# NOVICE REGATTA DINNER

Unfortunately, the novice regatta was cancelled this year, however we still had our novice regatta dinner and Oxmas drinks in the old hall to make up for it! We also entered two teams into the Longbridges Ergatta, with the open side team almost making the final before being thwarted by a jammed erg seat... Pictured below: some of our novices at Oxmas drinks.



Novice men

25/11/24



Novice women

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*Save the date: Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May  
Summer Vllls and 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner...*



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As always, MCBC greatly appreciates any and all support from our Alumni and beyond. Being a smaller boat club with rowers from primarily state schools, we face more challenges than most others at Oxford. We aim to make rowing a more accessible sport for those from all backgrounds - subsidising rowing battels and providing equipment at more affordable prices. We are very proud of our friendly and welcoming environment, and this wouldn't be possible without your generous support. Thank you so much for this support.

If you would like to help what we do and enable more people to get into this amazing sport, donations can be made by donating to Mansfield and including MCBC in the reference field. The donation will then entirely go to the boat club. To donate, click the link below and scroll down to Bank Transfer.

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