

# BEDFORD ROWING CLUB & BEDFORD ROWING SOCIAL CLUB SPRING 2010 NEWSLETTER



right outside our club!. If you want to be part of this enterprise contact John Mingay

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## **Bar Committee Report**

The bar takings for the year to 31st March 2010 were considerably down on the previous year which reflects the problems being experienced by the majority of local pubs.

However income in the first five weeks of the new year show a significant improvement and with the recent changes and more to come we hope the situation will continue to improve.

Some new wines and guest beers have already been introduced and we are now preparing to make snacks, sandwiches and chips available every day. To be able to do this we need to make some changes in the kitchen to comply with current regulations but these should all be in place by the end of May.

A menu and price list will be published shortly.

The new bar sign has been placed above the entrance door and the balcony umbrellas now have permanent stands. The first items of new furniture have now been delivered and the refurbishment of the seating and stools is now underway and should be complete by the end of June.

From the 26th May we intend to open at 5.00 pm on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings to try to attract those who would like a drink as they finish work, and enjoy our balcony on fine evenings.

These new opening hours will be reviewed at the end of the summer.

We will be advertising these new features to local businesses during May, to attract new social members. See the Chairman's report for other social activities.

Mike Perry

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## **Social Club Chairman's Report**

Slowly but surely things on the Social Club side are improving, Mike Perry reports that takings this financial year are encouraging. With the new furniture, refurbishment of the seating unites are bar-stools and the new umbrellas on our balcony, all we need is a decent Summer (!). Hardly a week goes by with another pub closing their doors in the Borough and surrounding district. "Times is

## **Juniors**

The junior squad is going from strength to strength and secured 2 wins at Star Regatta recently, for the Womens Junior 14 Coxed Quadruple Scull of Gabi, Roxy, Emma, Corinne and cox Harrison and for Harry in Junior 13 Single Sculls - well done!



The following crews will be racing at the Peterborough Junior Championships on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June – website here - <http://www.peterboroughcityrowing.co.uk/events/index.php?id=20102>

Womens Junior 14 Coxed Quadruple Scull who will double up in 2 singles and a double, and Jonti in Open Junior 14 Single Sculls.

Please give them your support and cheer them on

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## **Bedford River Festival 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> July**

Over a quarter of a million visitors attended over the two days for the last Festival in 2008. The club hopes to run a 'Give Rowing a Try' stall again on both days in the 'Sports Village'. We also would like to run a 'float' in the River Procession both afternoon and evening, plus a raft in the Raft Race on the Sunday afternoon.

Do come along with your friends and family and enjoy the best view in Town, the Raft Race starts



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hard". However Friday night Club Evenings attract a good crowd with the meat raffle [thanks to Glynis and Paul] making a healthy profit every week, plus a number of Parties booked and the return of the Doctors 'Consultation' Evening, things could be a lot worse.

Finally, my thanks to Emma, Jeff and Mike for all their efforts on behalf of the club over the past few months.

John Mingay – Social Club Chairman

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### **Forthcoming Events**

June 2010	
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> to Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Marlow Regatta
July 2010	
30 <sup>th</sup> June to 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Henley Royal Regatta
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Rowing Club Summer Party
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Bedford Quarts Sprint Regatta
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	EGM – to elect a new captain
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	River Festival
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	St. Neots Regatta weekend
August 2010	
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Peterborough Summer Regatta weekend
September 2010	
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Annual General Meeting – 8pm
October 2010	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Club Dinner

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### **Wins 2010 so far.**

Two Gold medals Dave Catlin at the British Rowing Masters Championships on Sunday 13th June. In F2x with Mike Harris, and in F2- with Bill Sadler of Hornets BC.



Three Wins at Peterborough Spring Regatta over the 1000 metre course on Saturday 5th June

WNov.1x – Aga Gagol, WMasD.1x – Sara Reay, IM2.1x – Robb

The WIM2.4+ won WIM2.4+ at Nottingham City Regatta on Saturday 22nd May, beating crews from Kingston and Marlow along the way, having also won at Bedford Regatta the weekend before.

A win for the Masters 4- at Marlow Spring. It was a straight final over 900 metres against Maidenhead RC and Star Club, and they won in their new boat.

Six wins at Bedford SBH in ELI.1X (Leon), Mas.EF.2X (Dave C and Mike H (snr)), W.IM2.4+ (fastest womens 4+ of the day), Mas.B.1X (Tom R), W.Mas.CD.1X (Sara R) and Mas.B.NOV.1X (Phil D)

Sara Reay raced in the North of England Head at Chester, on Saturday 20th March, in a composite Women's Veteran B/C eight and came home with a win over a Grosvenor crew.

Wins for the Juniors at Champion of the Thames Junior Sculling Head – Sunday 21st March WJ16 4x+ against Star Club, The crew was Phoebe, Abbie, Lauren Henman and Lauren Fothergill – cox Harrison. WJ15 4X+ against two champs crews, the crew was Emma, Corinne, Phoebe and Gaby with Harrison coxing and J18 2X, against Berkhamsted School the crew was Matt Larkworthy and Matt Harris.

Wins at the Bedford Fours and Eights Head The Vet C 8 (young Vets) in a dead-heat in the handicap Vet C/D/E with Star Club.

The Vet C 4+ of Mike Hardy, Chris Wisbey, Vince Galvin and Simon Fretwell, the Mixed Novice Eight, in the conventional 4 women – 4 men combination, by a clear 34 seconds over a 6 men – 2 women combination.

A win at Peterborough Head Sara R in composite UK Gold WSen.8+.

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### **Sprint Regatta 2010**

This takes place on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July. If you help out on the bank or by supporting an event by Sponsorship, please contact Mike & Sandra Perry on 07831 651247.

**Sponsorship.** We are struggling for sponsorship for the Sprint Regatta this year. Is anyone prepared to sponsor? Do know of any business in the town that may like to sponsor? Please could you send their name, address/e-mail (for preference) to Sandra Perry via the club [sandra.perry@bedfordrowing.co.uk](mailto:sandra.perry@bedfordrowing.co.uk) or mobile 07721 516 468.

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