

2019 Fixtures *for the one hundred and thirtieth season*

January	27 th	Quintin Eights Head (10.00)
March	2 nd	Hammersmith Head (13.00)
	30 th	Head of the River Race (11.30)
	31 st	Vesta Veterans Head (13.30)
April	27 th	Hammersmith Amateur
May	4 th	Chiswick Amateur
	5 th	Wallingford ^{ML}
	11 th	Borne at Chiswick Bridge
	18 th	Putney Town
	25 th	Twickenham
June	1 st – 2 nd	Metropolitan ^{ML} , Peterborough Spring ^{ML}
	15 th	Barnes & Mortlake
	22 nd	Marlow International ^{ML}
	28 th	HRR Qualifiers
	29 th	Richmond Amateur
July	3 rd – 7 th	Henley Royal Regatta
	12 th – 13 th	Henley Masters
	13 th – 14 th	Kingston Amateur
	27 th – 28 th	St. Neots
August	3 rd	Henley Town & Visitors
	10 th – 11 th	Peterborough Summer ^{ML}
	17 th	Oxford City
October	6 th	Pairs Head, Rhine Marathon <i>Düsseldorf</i>
	19 th	Weybridge Silver Sculls
November	9 th	Kingston Small Boats Head
	23 rd	Fullers Fours Head of the River (13.30)
	24 th	Veterans Fours Head
December	7 th	Vesta Scullers Head

2019 Club Events

February	12 th	Birthday drinks, Duke's Head, Putney
	24 th	Annual General Meeting (12.00)
March	16 th	Women's Head of the River Race (11.30)
April	7 th	University Boat Races (from 14.15)
	12 th – 14 th	Training Camp, Hamhaugh Island
June	7 th – 9 th	Sculling Camp, Hamhaugh Island
	21 st – 23 rd	Henley Women's Regatta
July	3 rd – 7 th	Henley Royal Regatta
	16 th	O.G.M. & Election of Captaincy (20.15)
August	TBC	Squad End of Season Dinner
September	15 th – 16 th	Autumn Sculling Camp, Hamhaugh Island
October	26 th	Henley Lunch, Leander Club
February 2020	23 rd	Annual General Meeting (12.00)

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Cygnets Bungalow *38 Hamhaugh Island, Shepperton*

The bungalow is ideal for a riverside holiday and is available for booking by members and friends between May and the end of October. Other periods and winter bookings may be available, please enquire. **Contact:**

Derek Bush [bungalow\[at\]cygnet-rc.org.uk](mailto:bungalow[at]cygnet-rc.org.uk) **07880 548804**

Cygnets 300 Club



This is our principal fund raiser which keeps our fleet maintained and up-to-date. Tickets are just £10 each and there are ten annual draws with a top prize of £100 and a bumper £250 Christmas top prize. All members and friends are encouraged to participate and active oarsmen especially are expected to have a 'few' tickets. **Contact:**

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A History of Cygnet Rowing Club, 1890–2015

Copies of this high quality, hardback book are still available from Paul Rawkins. **Contact:** [prawkins\[at\]googlemail.com](mailto:prawkins[at]googlemail.com) or in writing to 30 Bracken Gardens, Barnes, SW13 9HW



Subscriptions and Donations

Active members: CSSC £330.00*, non-CSSC £400.00
Club friends: suggested minimum £15.00

For **electronic payment** please email the treasurer for bank details on [treasurer\[at\]cygnet-rc.org.uk](mailto:treasurer[at]cygnet-rc.org.uk)

By **cheque**, along with the tear-off slip below to: Mr M. Byrnes, Flat 102 Westfields, Railway Side, Barnes, London SW13 0PL

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**CSSC members are now required to show their CSSC membership card to a member of the Management Committee*



CYGNET ROWING CLUB

April 2019 Newsletter

From the Captain

Cristobal Cabrera

Dear Cygnets, family and friends. We started 2019 training hard to lose those extra pounds from Christmas and to be fit for the Eight's Head Season.

At the end of January we raced in Quintin Head with a Novice Development 8+ and a Masters G 8+ CYG/TSS composite. Our Novice Development 8+ rowed the course, with a very good solid platform, in a time of 15:14.1. The CYG/TSS- Composite showed experience and pushed themselves to a final time of 15:18.1. A good start to the year.

In February we went back to the training plan: ergs, circuits, weights and water sessions with the main objectives being to speed-up our less experienced rowers towards the summer and get the necessary miles on the water for the more experienced oarsmen.

At the beginning of March we entered Hammersmith Head with very similar boats to Quintin Head, namely a Novice development 8+ and Master F 8+ CYG/TSS composite. Both crews had a good row with the CYG NOV 8+ finishing the course in 12:51.6 (7th of 11) and the CYG/TSS 8+ composite in 13:07.4 (6th).

For the Head of the River Race we entered one 8+ which recorded a time of 22:34.9. The crew (pictured below) were: Anna (cox, BBLRC), Henrik, Niall, Martin, Eric, Rupert, Mustafa, Rupert and Tom.

We are now planning a Training Camp at the Bungalow in Shepperton (12th – 14th April) to prepare for spring and summer racing and we're looking forward to a full and successful Regatta Season.



Please join me in welcoming a new club committee of management, following the 2019 Annual General Meeting which was held on Sunday 24th February. Most of the previous year's committee members stayed on, with only one new member; Henrik Jonstrommer and a vacancy for Hon. Ass. Treasurer. Please contact the Treasurer if you feel you can fulfill this role or would like more information about what it entails.

We have also added the role of Social Media Coordinator who will work alongside the secretaries and webmaster to help manage the club's social media output.

2019/20 Committee

<i>Chairman</i>	N. Wylie
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<i>Hon. Treasurer</i>	M. Byrne
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<i>Committee members</i>	Dr. R. P. du Parcq, P. Rawkins, A. Rawkins, I. Golder, H. Jonströmer

<i>Social Secretary</i>	R. Bailey
<i>Rowing Safety Advisor</i>	C. Pretzlik
<i>Social Media Coordinator</i>	C. Cabrera

2019/20 Captaincy

Captain C. Cabrera *Deputy* N. Smith *Vice* T. Broadhurst

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The world of 1919 was very different from 1914 when so many men had departed in high spirits for the Western Front. Organised sport had ceased to exist in all but name for the best part of five years and those Cygnet members returning from France were uncertain of what or to whom they would be coming back to. Seventy nine active members had served in the war; eleven would never return.

Prime Minister Lloyd George had promised 'demobbed' servicemen 'A Land Fit for Heroes'. Reality proved rather more prosaic. Some Cygnets may have had the good fortune to reclaim pre-war jobs as post office sorting clerks and the like at Mount Pleasant or The City. For other more lowly grades, advertisements such as this one in 'The Post' offered successful candidates the prospect of promotion, if not riches: "Large numbers of Postmen are returning honourably discharged. The best is not too good for these. They can secure a big advance in prospects by passing a Sorting Clerkship". For all, there would have been a longing to pick up the threads of pre-war life and leisure pursuits.

The first recorded club meeting following the end of WWI took place at club headquarters – the Rutland Hotel, Hammersmith – on 18th June 1919. 'Wally' Wheldal took the chair as he had done at the last pre-war general meeting in September 1914. Among those present were a mix of old and young including many who had seen active service. Doubtless, some would have reflected upon 'absent friends'.



Hammersmith c1920. The Rutland Hotel far right.

For the 'old swans', who had kept the club 'ticking over' during the war years, the election of thirteen new members heralded a new beginning for Cygnet that had hardly seemed possible during the dark days of 1916–17. One of the newcomers was H.W.T ('Jack') Sheppard who would make his mark on many aspects of club life in the coming decades, ultimately serving as club president in 1962–71.

Anxious to resume business as usual, the meeting immediately set about drawing up a fixture list for the remainder of 1919. Given that Cygnet like most other clubs on the Tideway found itself in a period of post-war convalescence, there was a sense that planned events should not be overly ambitious. Formal race fixtures were therefore confined to two races for four-oared boats – one fixed and the other sliding seats – and one for eight-oared craft.

Having dealt with the active aspects of club life, the meeting's attention turned to the social side. There was a strong desire among those present for a reunion supper to be held at Hammersmith and a more elaborate concert to be held at the Pillar Hall Restaurant in the Cannon Street Hotel in London. Organisation of the latter was put in the capable hands of G J Leates who set about engaging artistes, contacting relatives of deceased prize winners from 1914 and selling some 300 tickets at 2/- each.

The Reunion Concert took place on 24th January 1920 and followed familiar lines, which would itself have been a comfort to many. There were sixteen items on the programme which opened with an overture and processed through such contemporary musical renditions as 'The Body Upstairs' and 'Phonofiddleoddisities' before closing with a monologue entitled 'Teeth'. The prize giving was divided into two halves: 1914 and 1919. The latter featured such names as Bueler, Carter, Sheppard and Yunk who would figure largely in regatta successes throughout the early 1920s.

So ended the first year of reunion. Apart from the resignation of the president Rudy Lehman, due to ill health, there was cause for quiet satisfaction. The club had survived to see its thirtieth year and there was £104 in the General and Accident Fund. Plans were already afoot for a much more ambitious regatta programme in 1920 and there was even talk of acquiring the freehold of an appreciable plot of land on an upriver island at Shepperton.