

## Boat Captains Report for AGM of the 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 21

2020 was a difficult year in many ways with Rowing cancelled between Mid March and July. When we did get the OK to return only James and I were brave enough to start venturing out again.

During the autumn with members returning and people going out in the quad again the ability to get out on the river regularly was curtailed by Benny having a fit in the double.

Added to this our centenary celebration was cancelled and as things look at the moment it might be 2022 before we can confidently say it can happen. It is important this goes ahead as this what rowing clubs do. It will give all a sense of achievement and comradeship.

Therefore the question for 2021 is how we maximise our ability to get out rowing as much as possible.

- Using Benny as a Cox only is one which James came up with and is one which is already being implemented.
- Lack of available singles. The only single we have is a racing type single as oppose to a training single. It would be easy to get into trouble in this boat with the boat taxis and such like making waves. We have seen training singles that have a space for a cox. With a view on the finances we should investigate how we can fund these. I tried to use the single Benny made before and it had potential but there was certainly drawbacks such as a lack of stiffness in the seating area.
- Training new cox's. While Benny is with us we should start with earnest our search for the replacement for Benny.

Other things we are doing is raising the profile of the club both in the Philippines and further afield. With this in mind I have emailed my hometown Club at the Pengwern Club in Shrewsbury. I have no idea how this will be received or if there is any benefits to be gained but time will tell. However this is definitely something for the future because I cannot see full normality returning during the present year.

While we continue to have downtime we should the employees making the place as tidy as possible. I have noticed the general area continues to resemble a breakers yard.

In terms of the boats themselves they are in reasonable condition and adequate for our present needs.

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