



In Summer 1978, finding that BSBC's success was no longer coming so easily, I decided to tap into the expertise of successful OBs. After a series of working party meetings in the early part of 1979, the Buffaloes were inaugurated at a Leander Club dinner on 27th April 1979. Our first President was The Rt. Revd. Launcelot Fleming, Dean of Windsor, Governor of the School and our most enthusiastic supporter. The first Chairman was Tony Wober, 1st VIII 1957 and member of the England VIII in the Empire Games of 1958. I became Secretary, and have remained so ever since.

Initially, our purpose was to raise the standards of Bryanston rowing. Social events and fund-raising were secondary. As time has gone on, though we have not lost sight of the prime purpose, we have had to admit that OBs are unlikely to be able to come and coach in Dorset for significant periods.

Social Events include (a) the annual dinner at Leander - at which 1st Vllls from 70, 60, 50, 40 etc. years ago are invited to enjoy reunions, and our guests include OBs who have distinguished themselves in rowing in the past year; and (b) the annual buffet supper in the School. This originally developed around the Autumn Term OBs' Race, now defunct. Currently, buffets are used to introduce parents of junior members of BSBC to the Buffaloes. (c) Also under this heading comes my presence at Henley Royal Regatta - keeping in touch, supplying lunch for wandering 'Buffaloes', receiving and distributing badges, etc. Fund-raising is largely through subscriptions from generous OBs (see Membership & Donations).

Our income covers the twice yearly mailing of Buffalo Bulletins to these members and to current parents, expenses of Buffalo support at Heads and Regattas (See Racing Support), and (mainly) the purchase of equipment for BSBC that is not likely to be affordable from their school budget. We try to supply the 'icing on the cake'

The Buffaloes contribute to BSBC's higher standards by sending me to take video film of national squads in training, attend Coaches' Conferences when the coaching staff are committed to work at Bryanston, etc.

OBs and parents are welcome to suggest other ways in which we can enhance our bulletins, social events (e.g. revival of the OBs' Race), fund-raising, and input to the coaching profile. Alan Shrimpton (1st VIII '54 & '55, staff from 1964, i/c Rowing 1977-86)

Some recent membership records have been lost due to a computer glitch. ANY SUBSCRIBING MEMBER who does not receive their postal copy of the Bulletin should let Alan Shrimpton know.

Current officers and committee: President - Bob Allan (Staff 1960-89, i/c Rowing 1963-69); Chairman - Michael Sydney (1st VIII '53); Secretary - Alan Shrimpton; Treasurer - Mike Adams (F '67 and staff since 1977); Graham Elliot - Master i/c Rowing; the Boys' and Girls' Captains; Geoff Hoyle (1st VIII '59); and parents Mr & Mrs Catto, Mr Richmond-Coggan, Mr & Mrs Roberts, Mr & Mrs Turnage, and Mr & Mrs Vidgeon.

The committee meets twice a year, in the Autumn and Spring Terms, to decide on the organisation of the social events, and to allocate funds to BSBC and to Buffalo support activities.



There are three regular social events in the Buffalo calendar:

1. The Buffalo Buffet - this is now aimed at the younger members of the Boat Club and their parents. It usually occurs in early March, on a Saturday that coincides with an informal afternoon of races on the Stour. Those involved receive special mailing in late January - early February.

In 2007 this will be on March 10th - we sent letters to the parents of members of the Boat Club in D and C in early February, but regret that some of them never arrived!

2. The Buffalo Dinner at Leander Club, Henley on Thames - this is open to the boys' and girls' senior squads, all Boat Club coaches and parents, all subscribing Buffaloes, and invited guests. It is generally also a reunion for crews of 10, 20, 30, 40, 70 years before (see Bulletin for current information). The date for this year is May 5th (2007). Details and booking forms are included with the Spring Bulletin, mailed in April.

3. Henley Royal Regatta - Alan Shrimpton, Buffalo Founder and Secretary, welcomes OBs and parents for picnics at his car (L3 in Lion Meadow). Further details are included in the Spring Bulletin, mailed in April. Any necessary extensive details on Henley arrangements will be found on the "Henley page".

BOAT CLUB NEWS:

Autumn Term 2005

As usual, we concentrated on our small senior squads, mostly in small boats, and we also had groups of C scullers who used the long term to improve their technique significantly. We took delivery of a beautiful Stämpfli coxless quad scull, and a set of blades kindly provided by the Parents' Association. We welcomed new coaches Caroline Dawson, Chris Horne (Assistant Boatman), Spencer Allen (USA) and Milly Rayson (AUS).

The most pleasing results came from the Pangbourne Junior Sculls. Piers Barnett finished in an amazing 3rd place out of the 57 Men's J17 and J18 single sculls, and then joined James Dodd in a double to finish 13th in the whole event, ahead of several quads. Piers took up the challenge of the GB Junior Team Assessments, and got things off to a good start, particularly on the ergometer. The senior girls and C boys quads achieved respectable places at Pangbourne and Wycliffe.

We continued to cement our friendly link with Canford, with almost all of our scullers taking part in two time trials for singles. In one, Piers came in fastest of all, and in the second, Canford's best sculler got revenge.

We rounded off the term with a 'Christmas Regatta'; two Santas, several pixies, and assorted loons dressed up for some ridiculous racing. The fate of the less than imperious staff team will hopefully be soon forgotten (who was that overweight cox?).



Spring Term 2006

Once again a very different atmosphere pervaded the Stour, as the usual siege of nearly 50 beginner Ds got the term rolling. With the hard working senior and C squads to look up to, there are those always-thrilling first few strokes in a sculling boat. We felt the new idea of a parents' rowing session (coached by sons and daughters) worked very well, despite the freezing temperatures. Now the mums and dads know just how tricky this sport is! We hope to run another session in the summer.

Results were respectable at Wycliffe and Burway, but we struggled this year to get on terms with the very best juniors at the inaugural National Junior Sculling Head at Henley. Piers Barnett continued to push himself to new limits within the GB Junior trials system.

The most enjoyable day was probably the Minihead, where our D and C boys and girls a quad sculls suddenly came alive and pipped Canford at the post. This was followed by the always pleasant Buffalo Buffet, thanks to Alan Shrimpton.

This year's training trip to Switzerland involved 15 members of the Club, half seniors and half from C. The weather was good, everyone worked very hard and we had an excellent week. Graham Elliot For detailed racing results, consult: web.bryanston.co.uk/bsbc/index.html

OB ROWING NEWS: There must be masses more news. Please send it in.

Laura Gordon (An '02) would like to disassociate herself from the comments attributed to her in the previous edition of this newsletter. The editor apologises for any unintended offence. Please, if you send us your rowing news, say if it is OK for it to appear in this Bulletin or not.

Mark Hall (Sh '88) has left the Cambridge coaching team, after great success with Goldie boats, and has started a new life as a chef in France. He married Victoria Fangen in 2004, and is now known as Mark Fangen Hall.

Mark Roberts (C '03) is rowing at Bristol University and recorded a 2000m ergometer time of 6' 05" at the Indoor Rowing Championships. Jonny Taylor (D '00) is coaching at Durham University, where he is doing a PhD in Physics. He also helped coach Nephthys (Oxford's 2nd lightweight VIII) for the Henley Races against Cambridge.

Recent Bryanston rowing coaches: Peter Lee is in the Durham University coaching team and Andrea Hoskins rowed at bow in the Durham University Women's VIII which came 9th in the Women's Head (2006).

OBs seen (or reported) at Henley 2005: (P = Bryanston parent; C = coach) Beak Adams, Rob Adams, Bill Bentley, Louisa Blair, Jonathan Bowen, Mimi Cawood, Oliver Cobb, Simon Collison, Richard Crisp, Adrian Cudmore, Leonard Dickson, Tony Duckett, Mark Fangen-Hall, Stewart Farquharson, Francis Ferris, Alex Hoodless, John Howard, Graham & Rodney Hutchinson, Peter Jowitt, Michael Lambert (P), Simon Lambert, David Latham, Harriet Latham, Peter Lee (C), Crispin Lennox, Felicity Mackness, Robin & Liz Mackness (P), Tom Merrick, Ed Oxlade, Steve Oxlade (C), Peter Quarrell (P), Rachel Quarrell, Robert Rakison (P), Mark Roberts, Tom Rossiter, David & Jane Shrimpton (P), Oliver Simon, Nicol Smith, Pip & Liz Stevenson (P), Jonny Taylor, Eric & Anthony Thompson, Nick Venning, John Voysey, Julian Wade, Chris Wigglesworth.

I had a 'grandfatherly' moment at Maidenhead Junior Regatta, finding that both Andrew Eames (Captain of Boats 1975 and '76) and Julian Rodd (Captain of Boats 1980) had sons in the same Tideway Scullers quad, but did not yet know one another. They soon did.



Bryanston folk seen at a Boat Race Party on April 2nd: Beak & Cate Adams (hosts), Rob & Heather Adams, Jeremy & Jane Arnold, Tim Cotton, Tessa Eastman, Mr & Mrs Pocknell, Andy & Vicky Roberts, Patrick Slade.

THE BUFFALOES: Who? What? Why?

When I took charge of BSBC in 1977, I faced two major problems. Due to the rampant inflation of the mid-70s, no new equipment was bought in that decade. Also, we had lost some high quality coaches (Rodney Dingle, a European Championships Gold Medallist; John Sutherland-Smith, a Cambridge trial cap and fine sculler; and Bob Allan, Oxford trial cap, was about to become Second Master). We had some very enthusiastic new coaches, but it is no insult to two Cambridge college captains, Mike Adams and Peter Hardy, to say that neither of them was an international gold medallist! As the boys' 1st VIII coach at the time, I felt equal to two major challenges, but not three. Thanks to support from the Bursar of that time, I managed to persuade the Governors to establish a better financial structure for the club, but chasing top-quality coaches was beyond me. There was only one thing for it, recruit assistance. So, in summer 1978 the Buffaloes were conceived and, after a 9-month pregnancy, they were inaugurated at a dinner in Leander Club on April 27th 1979.

Not surprisingly, it wasn't realistic to persuade distinguished OB oarsmen to come down to Bryanston to coach (our most distinguished one lives in Norwich, and all of them had jobs), but we did have an irregular stream of top GB coaches popping in for a day at a time: Bob Janousek (GB national coach), Daniel Topolski (Oxford coach), Mike Spracklen (coach of the GB lightweight squad), et al.

These all played a valuable part in generating or maintaining some 'fizz' in the club.

What the Buffaloes could do was, through subscriptions and donations raise the money to provide the 'icing on the cake'. Our policy has always been to buy only those items, essential in

our view, which the School was unlikely to provide. Over the years, we have supplied BSBC with over £30,000 of benefits, including subsidies for holiday training and competition, coaching launches, rowing ergometers, video cameras, etc.

We also evolved three annual social events:

- (i) a buffet supper in the School to welcome the parents of newcomers to the club,
- (ii) a dinner at Leander at which we can celebrate and thank our benefactors and heroes (including heroines) and arrange reunions for past crews, while making clear that rowing is worth making a fuss about and
- (iii) our informal picnics at Henley. We are the only Bryanston sport-support organization, our social events are a unique combination of staff and parents, OBs and current pupils (as is our committee), and have always been immensely enjoyable.

Most recently, stimulated by an exceptionally handsome pledge, we have started doing our 'homework' on a replacement boathouse. Not that we would pay for the whole thing! What we want is to help the School build, not just a shed for boats, but also a 'clubhouse' to include a gym and a crew room where coaching videos can be shown, small social events run etc, canoeists will be included. *On that tack, many congratulations to OB David Coulson, who is now the National Kayaking Coach for Juniors.*

Thanks to OB architect, Rob Adams, we have surveyed a number of new boathouses in the Thames Valley and have provisional designs that will help us negotiate more wisely, positively and usefully when the School is ready to start work on this project (?around 2010).

We conclude that we need to adopt a broader approach in working with the School to enhance the standing of rowing at Bryanston.



THE BUFFALO DINNER

The Buffaloes annual dinner takes place at the Leader Rowing Club Henley on May 5th. The event is open to all and generally there is a guest speaker. To book for this event please contact Alan Shrimpton at the School for details

BUFFALO MERCHANDISE.

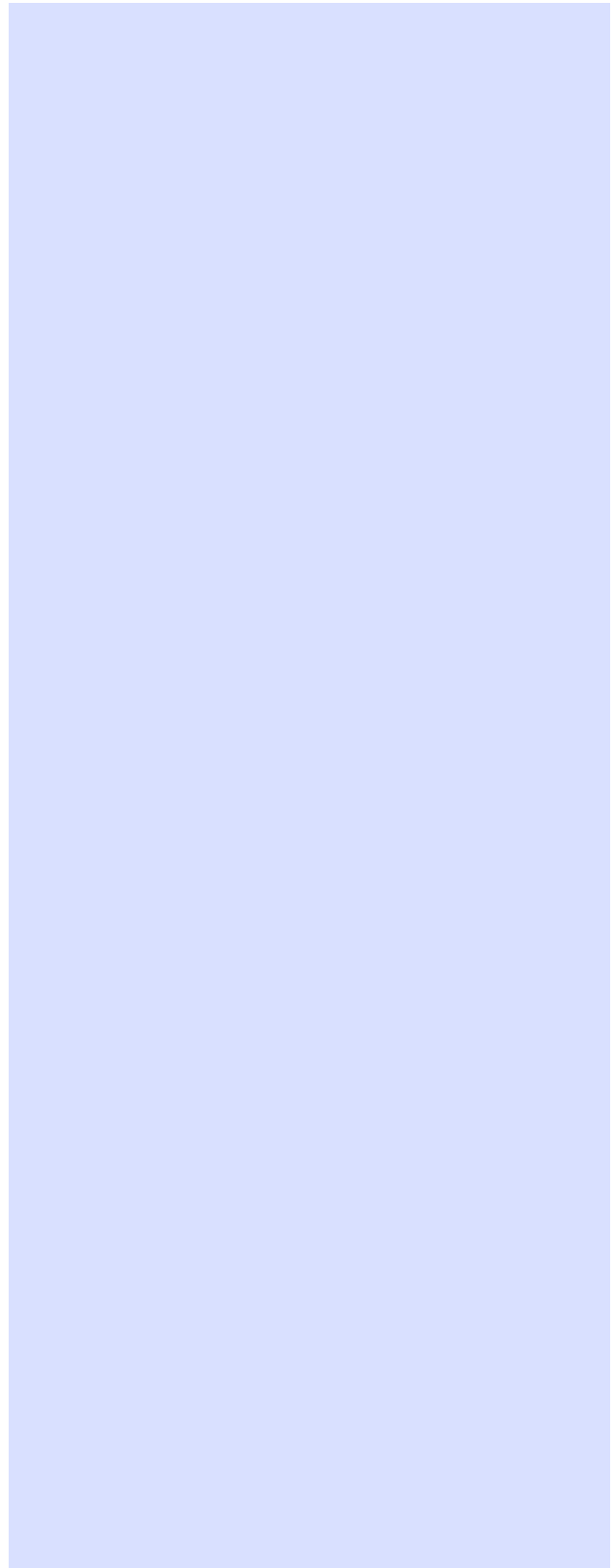
The Buffaloes have a select range of unique Buffalo branded merchandise. Funds generated from sales enable the Buffaloes to support the Rowing Clubs activities and specialised equipment.

These are unique and are only available from the Buffaloes. The range is being extended but at present we have:

- pashminas for the Ladies
- branded ties for the gentleman
- a select range of Summer straw hats
- a super quality Umbrella

An order form with Photographs and prices can be found here very soon. Otherwise please contact: Alan Shrimpton, Bryanston School, Blandford, DT11 0PX.

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RULES OF MEMBERSHIP

1. The name of the Club is Bryanston Buffaloes.
2. The objects of the Club are to support the sport of rowing generally, particularly at Bryanston School, and to enable its members to associate together to promote that end.
3. Any person who is in sympathy with the objects of the Club shall be eligible to become a member of the Club and shall be regarded as a member from the time when he pays the subscription appropriate to him and shall not be required to be elected as a member. Both men and women shall be eligible to become members and in these Rules references to men include references to women.
4. A person shall cease to be a member if:
(a) he sends a written resignation to the Secretary,
(b) he fails to pay his subscription in any year and the Committee resolves that he be struck off the list of members, or
(c) the Committee resolves that he ceases to be a member (but so that the Committee shall not be bound to disclose the reason for so resolving).
5. The subscription to be paid by each member shall be determined from time to time by the Club at any general meeting. Subscription rates may provide for the payment of different subscriptions by different members or classes of members or for the payment of a single subscription in respect of two or more members from the same family. The Committee may waive the payment of a subscription by any member if it considers that there is good reason for doing so.
6. There shall be an Annual General Meeting of the Club in each year at a time and place to be fixed by the Committee. So far as possible not more than fifteen months shall be allowed to elapse between one Annual General Meeting and the next.
7. Other general meetings of the Club may be held from time to time if the Committee thinks it

necessary to do so. The Secretary shall also convene a general meeting if not less than 15 members of the Club give notice in writing requiring him to do so.

8. General meetings shall be convened by not less than 14 days' notice in writing being given or sent to all members by such means as the Secretary shall consider appropriate.

9. The officers of the Club shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, a Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The President is the senior officer of the Club and shall take the chair at every general meeting at which he is present. The Chairman is the chief executive officer of the Club and shall take the chair at every meeting of the Committee at which he is present.

10. The first President, Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected at the inaugural meeting of the Club and shall hold office until the end of the first Annual General Meeting. Subsequent holders of these offices shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting and shall hold office from the end of that meeting until the end of the next Annual General Meeting.

11. The Vice-Presidents of the Club shall be persons whose services to rowing at Bryanston School are considered to be worthy of special recognition. There shall be no limit on the number of Vice-Presidents. The first Vice-Presidents shall be elected at the inaugural meeting of the Club. Other Vice-Presidents may be elected at any Annual General Meeting, but no person shall be eligible to be elected after the inaugural meeting unless either

(a) he is proposed by the President, Chairman or Secretary on the recommendation of the Committee, or

(b) written notice of the intention to propose his election has been given to the Secretary not less than 7 days before the meeting at which his election is to be proposed and the Committee does not oppose such election.



Vice-Presidents shall hold office for life or until they resign by notice in writing given to the Secretary.

12. The Club shall be governed by a Committee which shall consist of the President, the Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Masters in Charge of Boys' and Girls' rowing, the Captains of Boys' and Girls' Rowing, the Captain of the Bryanston Buffaloes Boat Club and not less than three nor more than seven Committee members elected and holding office in accordance with the next Rule.

13. The first Committee members shall be elected at the inaugural meeting of the Club and shall hold office until the end of the first Annual General Meeting. Subsequent Committee members shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting and shall hold office from the end of that meeting until the end of the next Annual General Meeting.

14. Without prejudice to the generality of its powers to conduct the affairs of the Club the Committee may:

- (a) co-opt additional members, notwithstanding that the membership of the Committee is thereby increased above the maximum number specified in Rule 12:*
- (b) appoint any person to fill a casual vacancy occurring in any of the offices mentioned in Rule 10:*
- (c) appoint assistants to the Secretary or Treasurer.*

Co-opted members of the Committee, persons appointed to fill casual vacancies and assistants to the Secretary and Treasurer shall hold office only until the end of the next following Annual General Meeting.

15. These Rules may be added to or varied by a resolution passed at any general meeting of the Club by two-thirds of the votes cast on such resolution. The President or the person taking the chair at any meeting at which a resolution adding to or varying these Rules is proposed may,

however, refuse to allow such resolution to be put to the meeting if he considers that, having regard to the nature of the addition or alteration, insufficient notice of the proposal to move such resolution has been given to members.