

NORTH EAST ROWING NEWS



A R A Dragon Boat Team - Hong Kong 1984

**N E R N IS BACK
IN PUBLICATION !**

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

HELLO THERE !!

Well, after an absence of some four years, the NORTH EAST ROWING NEWS is back !

This publication sees the NERN with a new Editor who hopefully will make it just as popular, interesting and informative as when Chris Kenyon used to scribe until the early hours ! A special mention and thanks must go to Chris for the efforts he has made to establish the NERN initially, providing a service to the Division 1 clubs. Unfortunately, there have been no recent issues, but we all know that this is due to the amount of time and effort that Chris unselfishly puts into carrying out his tasks as the A.R.A. divisional representative.

The NERN is probably more important to our region now than previously, due to the formation of the Northern Rowing Council, which in itself has probably helped to bring clubs in the region closer together, and the need to provide an information service, and to further improve communications.

It is intended to produce 3-4 issues each year, with a similar content and format to previous issues, covering club news, race results (possibly in a more condensed format), race reports, new ideas, ARA Div. 1 reps report, planned events, equipment for sale or wanted, and so on...

Therefore, all contributions towards the content will be gratefully received, so don't be shy (or lazy !) - Write to me, or stop me when you see me and tell me what's going on at your club or event.

For those of you who don't know me, I'm big, bearded, bespectacled, am occasionally seen sculling these days, and usually wander around in a Tynemouth RC top.

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MORE EDITORIAL COMMENT

Everyone read the October issue of that other magazine - ROWING ?

Anyone read the Peter Ayling comment on International policy ?

If you haven't seen it yet, find a copy. It makes interesting reading. In fact, if it is all a true and accurate report of the happenings at the top, just what on earth is going on? The sequence of events described by Peter is more like something out of slapstick comedy. Can it really be that our full time officials are really making such a mess of things ? It makes you wonder whether the people involved would still be in a job should they be working for a company with responsible management.

Peter writes towards the end of his article that he hopes that the contents of his writings are intended as a criticism with constructive purpose, and not as a personal criticism against the people involved. My view is that those people who are responsible for the sequence of events described do indeed deserve criticism, and strong criticism too. These are the people who are running our governing body.

Of course, there are always two sides to every story, and the next issue of rowing intends to publish an interview with Penny Chuter, Director of Coaching, when all the points raised by Peter will no doubt be discussed.

On to a different subject now. Isn't it about time that compulsory time penalties were awarded against those people who fail to arrive at the start of a Head Race on time? At the recent scullers heads, many of the scullers in the lower divisions were kept waiting until well after the scheduled start while the faster scullers ambled their way to the waters edge, and then up the course. We all know what it's like to sit in a boat for a long time. A suitable time penalty would guarantee that all scullers would be on the start line on time - I guarantee that.

The Northumberland ARA who organise the Tyne Head Race for coxed fours and eights did include in their prospectus a warning that crews could be penalised for late arrival, but as far as I know, the offenders were only penalised in one case. A compulsory time penalty I am sure would get the race underway at the scheduled start, and would mean that the early boaters would not be left sitting in the cold for an undue period of time.

What are your opinions ?

An obvious exception would be when the start of a race is delayed for safety reasons, as happened in this years Wansbeck Scullers Head, when a decision had to be taken to shorten the course to eliminate the very real possibility that capsized scullers could have been washed over the Weir at the finish of the course.

If anyone has other views on how events could be run and improved upon, let me know. Your views will be published.

WELCOME BACK TO NORTH EAST ROWING NEWS

Astonishing though it may seem, it is some ten years almost to the day, that the first edition of the North East Rowing News appeared. It was founded in an attempt to provide a regular and comprehensive news letter for all clubs in the division 1 area of the Amateur Rowing Association following a rather basic opinion poll which revealed that such a publication would be very much appreciated. For some six years, regular editions of the news appeared and it was most gratifying to see the enthusiasm with which it was received, not only by those who although they had left the area, placed a regular subscription for it to be able to keep in touch. Unfortunately owing to pressures of work, and other rowing commitments, I was unable to continue production and whilst it has been most gratifying to know that the news has been missed, a suitable volunteer could not be found to take over.

All that has now been remedied as Ken Hastie has come forward with enthusiasm characteristic of his club (Tynemouth RC) to take over the reins.

With the relatively recent establishment of the Northern Rowing Council, the re-introduction of North East Rowing News can only prove beneficial and I would urge all clubs and regattas to make full use of the space available to send in reports, comments and advertisements for future editions.

I am sure you will join me in wishing Ken every success in re-launching the news.

Chris Kenyon
Divisional Representative
ARA Division One
Editor (retired) North East Rowing News 1974 - 1980

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COVER PICTURE - HONG KONG DRAGON BOAT TEAM

The cover of this edition of NERN includes a photograph of members of the Amateur Rowing Association Dragon Boat Team who took part in the International Dragon Boat Festival in Hong Kong this year, and who were drawn from clubs in the Northern Rowing Council area.

The teams exploits were well documented in newspapers, radio and television both during their training period and when in Hong Kong and it is now a well-known fact that the team achieved the tremendous success of reaching the final - a feat which no British Team had previously achieved.

A full report on the 'expedition' will appear in the next edition of the News.

1983/1984 PAGE PENNANT COMPETITION - FINAL POSITIONS

POSITION 1984 1983		CLUB	POINTS 1984 1983	
1	(1)	<u>Durham ARC</u>	2346	(1707)
2	(3)	Tyne RC	1747	(1104)
3	(4)	Tees RC	995	(777)
4	(6)	Durham School BC	721	(589)
5	(2)	Cambois ARC	528	(1257)
6	(7)	St. Hild & St. Bede	485	(457)
7	(18)	Berwick ARC	482	(193)
8	(5)	Newcastle University BC	457	(731)
9	(3)	Newcastle R.G.S.BC	444	(447)
10	(12)	South Hylton ARC	420	(309)
11	(16)	Durham University BC	357	(228)
12	(13)	Hatfield College BC	293	(288)
13	(19)	University College BC	268	(159)
14=	(27)	Collingwood College BC	255	(42)
14=	(11)	St. Leonards School BC	255	(393)
16	(21)	St. Aidans College BC	244	(138)
17	(22)	Hexham BC	205	(133)
18	(17)	Durham University Womens BC	178	(214)
19	(15)	St. Cuthberts Society BC	144	(239)
20	(20)	Grey College BC	115	(147)
21	(10)	Queen Elizabeth H.S.B.C.	109	(427)
22	(24)	St. Chads College BC	94	(131)
23	(28)	Van Mildert BC	89	(30)
24	(26)	St. Johns College BC	82	(48)
25	(30)	St. Mary's College BC	40	(3)
26	(25)	Talkin Tarn ARC	34	(89)
27	(32)	Trevelyan College BC	32	(4)
28	(32)	Tynemouth RC	28	(262)
29	(-)	Newcastle Polytechnic BC	10	(0)
30	(23)	Graduate Society BC	8	(131)
31	()	Blyth RC	0	()
32	()	Johnston School BC	0	()
33	()	Teeside Polytechnic	0	()

(Chester-Le-Street ARC not affiliated)

Thanks are due to Kevin Flannery who 99% prepared this list, and in the words of Chris Kenyon 'Saved his bacon'

NORTHERN ROWING COUNCIL - PUBLICITY SEMINAR

Please note that the NRC Publicity Seminar scheduled for December 9th has been postponed until the end of January/Beginning February. Brian Dalkin is the man to contact about this event. Brian will be inviting representatives of the media to attend to discuss with club representatives the best way of promoting the sport of rowing in this area, how to promote certain rowing events, and how to give the media the information they require. It is hoped to have Jim Harland of BBC Radio Newcastle and there is a possibility that John Bird of BBC TV, an ex-oarsman himself, may come along too.

When Brian telephoned BBC Radio Newcastle to inform them the seminar was being postponed, he was promptly asked to go into the studios anyway to talk about rowing in the area. This he did, and the resulting 20 minute interview was broadcast live on Saturday afternoon, November 17th. If anyone wants to hear the interview, I have it on cassette tape, and I would be pleased to lend you the tape.

PROVINCIAL REGATTA CALENDAR 1985 (As at 01/10/84)

JANUARY	16	WEAR HEAD
MARCH	02	TYNE HEAD
	16	YORK HEAD
	30	THAMES EIGHTS HEAD
APRIL	06	UNIVERSITY BOAT RACE
	13	SCULLERS HEAD - THAMES
MAY	04	TYNE AT HOME
	05	TYNE JOINT
	06	SHEFFIELD
	11	DURHAM CITY
	18	STOCKTON
	25	BERWICK
	27	TYNEMOUTH
JUNE	01	HEXHAM
	08	WANSBECK
	15/16	DURHAM
	22	YORK SUMMER
	29	LEEDS
JULY	06	TALKIN TARN
	19-21	NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
SEPTEMBER	14	TEES
	15	BOSTON MARATHON
	21	BRADFORD AUTUMN
	28	TYNE SPRINT
OCTOBER	12	HYLTON SCULLERS HEAD
	19	WANSBECK SCULLERS HEAD
	26	TYNE SCULLERS HEAD
NOVEMBER	02	TEES SCULLERS HEAD
	23	WANSBECK FOURS HEAD
DECEMBER	07	RUTHERFORD HEAD

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES

Brian Dalkin of Tyne RC has recently moved house. His new address is 25, Woodlands, Gosforth, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, NE3 4YN. New telephone numbers are: Home - Tyneside 285 1774, Office - Tyneside 489 9932.

Duncan Cameron of Tees RC has moved to 88, Garsbeck Way, Spencer Beck, Middlesbrough TS7 9QN.

Our heartiest congratulations also go to Duncan and Janet on the occasion of their recent marriage. Duncan has been involved with many clubs in the region including Berwick ARC, Tyne ARC, Tynemouth RC, and lately Tees RC. All the girls who marry club captains always seem to get involved with the job of club secretary these days - Watch him Janet - Don't let him tell you it's a cushy number !

NEW SECRETARY

New club secretary at Tynemouth RC is Jan Finlay, Sister-in-Law of Ken Hastie, club captain. Jan's address is 42, Glendale Avenue, North Shields, Tyne & Wear. Tel (0632) 577235. Jan too is marrying into rowing in April 1985, when she weds Duncan McGregor, who always gets involved with organizing club activities, but steadfastly refuses to take an official position !

TYNE ROWING CLUB

The recent amalgamation between Tyne ARC and City of Newcastle ARC has resulted in a new club, the 'Tyne Rowing Club'. Rowing vests are white with a number of black bands. The combination of both former clubs has meant that Tyne RC have an adequate number of boats to float a lot of people !

A recent loss to the club was that of the outboard motor used to propel the coaching launch, dropped into the murky depths of the Tyne by one member who shall remain nameless !

BERWICK ARC

Berwick seem to have the right formula for attracting new members judging by the number of crews that seem to be boating at regattas these days. 'Sam' told me some time ago of the plan to get each pub in Berwick to produce a crew to train in BARC's boats for a few weeks, and then to race in a small private regatta.

Sounds like an excellent idea, and it looks as though it's worked for Berwick who seem to have kept some of the 'Boozers' and turned them into athletes ! - Another club going through a revival period.

At the recent Wansbeck Scullers Head, Berwick purchased the Cambois wooden eight, which will be used for training through the winter on the Tweed.

PAGE PENNANT COMPETITION

The current standings in the Page Pennant competition will in future be compiled by that well-known statistician Kevin Flannery, who has agreed to take the task over from Chris Kenyon. It is hoped that up-to-date standings can be published in this magazine in future issues.

The final table for 1983/4, and the current standings for 1984/5 appear elsewhere in this issue. The commencement date for the new competition was October 1st 1984.

TYNEMOUTH RC

Another club going through something of a revival just now is Tynemouth, with many new younger members. Tynemouth have always had problems in boating at the Haven during the winter due to the boiterous conditions water conditions. It's no joke when boating is only possible on one occasion out of every six ! It used to be a standing joke that at the Haven regattas some years ago, the racewinners were the ones who caught the best waves ! The club has always been deeply grateful to those clubs who have been able to accomodate the TRC oarsmen through the winter months: Tyne RC, Chester-Le-St, and Cambois ARC.

After some initial problems, the new Burgashell sculling boats are proving to be a great asset to the club, with wins being recorded by Kevin Flannery and Ken Hastie. The boats were recently named after three of the club's long standing members, Ross Graham, George Winter, and Joe Wightman.

Club Captain Ken Hastie is often to be seen passing club members who are out rowing in his latest acquisition, an International Fourteen racing dinghy. Mind you, there have been occasions when excatly the opposite has happened due to unfavourable wind conditions !

TALKIN TARN ARC

Coming up in early December is the 125th anniversary dinner at the Howard Arms in Brampton. For those of you didn't get your tickets, you're too late as the last date for numbers is the 24th November. It was hoped to have Brian Armstrong as guest speaker, but Brian may have to travel overseas that weekend. Brian is a Vice-president of Tarn, and is also the National Squad administrative team manager.

Other happenings at Tarn are the regular boating of a veteran four and a ladies four, with new recruits taking up the sport from the Austen Friars Boarding School nearby. Mike Dodd has been Captain of the club for some years now, and is still at the helm.

New building work nearing completion at the old boathouse is a Warden's flat, and men's and Ladies changing rooms and showers for the use of the various bodies that use the Tarn for recreation. The cost is being met by the local authority.

The veteran regatta held in September was a successful and enjoyable event, despite the fact the rain fell almost constantly. Eddie Carruthers ended a race, leapt from his boat, and then promptly ran twice round the Tarn in the fun-run! Norman Howitt of Cambois ARC, that veteran runner/rower of Blyth Beach Race fame, was also seen to be pounding the Tarnside footpath.

Russell Kernahan of Tyne RC has expressed his intention to race in next year's veteran regatta (Yes - it's definitely on!), but this time will study a map of the course more thoroughly beforehand!

PAGE PENNANT COMPETITION 1984-1985

In the next issue of the NERN it is hoped to be able to publish the formula used to calculate the Page Pennant points. Lack of available space in this issue prevents us from doing so.

The current standings (up to the Wear Scullers Head) are:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
1-	Tyne RC	217
2	Durham ARC	111
3	Tees ARC	109
4	Berwick ARC	91
5	Tynemouth RC	69
6	Cambois ARC	10
7	St.Hild & St.Bede	9
8	South Hylton ARC	6
9=	Royal Grammar Sch.	5
9=	St. Leonards Sch.	5
11	St. Cuthberts Society	3

All other clubs have yet to score. It is pleasing to see smaller clubs Berwick and Tynemouth showing well up the list. Tynemouth have already passed the total number of points in the whole of last years competition. Berwick's points have come mainly from the Tweed Head of the River Race. Let's hope that more of the smaller clubs will be making their mark soon.

DURHAM ARC

John Lund of Durham ARC (Formerly Captain of Selset Oarsmen) has recently come out of hospital after having a second disc removed from his back. Our best wishes for a complete recovery from the painful and persistent back trouble that John has had to put up with.

CLUB SECRETARIES

Chris Kenyon is in the process of compiling an up-to-date list of Club Secretaries. The updated list will appear in the next edition of NERN. Any club which has changed their secretary since the last Almanack was published, should inform Chris of the change if they have not already done so.

NORTHERN ROWING COUNCIL OFFICIALS FOR THE COMING YEAR

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SOUTH HYLTON AMATEUR ROWING CLUB

Bad news is that the clubhouse is to be demolished to make way for landscaping improvements to the banks of the Wear.

Good news is that a new clubhouse is to be built about 500 metres downstream near the site of the old mill, when the landscaping work is completed.

It's a real delight to see a small club like S.H.A.R.C. doing so well just now, with many young enthusiastic members taking up the sport.

Sadly missed from the recent sculling events was the figure of Jack Russell, a stalwart of South Hylton, who is still having problems following a broken ankle about a year ago. Jack always entered sculling events on a regular basis, often being the only representative of the club during it's lean period a few years ago. Our best wishes go to Jack and we hope to see you sculling again in the summer.

DURHAM ARC

When talking to John Lund recently, I asked how Angie had done in the World Lightweight Championships at Montreal, he told me the dock strike had prevented them from taking her own boat out of the country, and ended up with something which had more resemblance to an orange crate than a racing craft!

GOING BACK..... 11 YEARS

(Excerpts from the first North East Rowing News - February 1973)

South Hylton sponsored row raised £130 towards the cost of new boathouse. 30 miles rowed in an eight in 4 hours 34 minutes. Crew: D. Wright, Paul Woowat, E. Beattie, R. Fleming, R. Trotter, Peter Woowat, G. Beattie, D. Tuckerman, Cox- J. Herron.

Durham regatta is to be held on a Saturday & Sunday this year. The course is being lengthened and deepened at the Pelaw Wood end. The Wharton will now be awarded to Elite Fours. Doubling up will now be permitted.

New clubs Selset Oarsmen and Teeside Polytechnic have been formed.

Kim Metcalfe of Durham ARC is proposing to start a novice fours league through the winter at Durham.

Mrs. Lester, Chairman of the Women's Rowing Council, wished to discourage the view amongst the oarsmen of the country that women's rowing is all 'a bit of a giggle'

The opening of Holme Pierrepont is to take place in May.

D.U.B.C. new eight 'Prince Bishop' built by Sims of Twickenham is 45 lbs lighter than any other eight in G.B., and is the first boat to be built with carbon-fibre ribs. Cost is £1100! Stern is so hot that the cox appears to be sitting on the sternpost!

Bede college new boat 'Herbert Chicken II' cost £575.

Chester-le-St ARC are to get a new boathouse, which is to be shared by the Sea Cadets and Footballers. Cost is going to be £70,000

Clive Hole is about to start his first term in charge of rowing at Durham School, following the departure of David Bland. Clive is also known to have a liking for sailing his 'elderly but fast' Wayfarer.

St. Leonards School are to purchase a 44 seat bus from the Northern Bus Company. Rowing master Bill Parker and supporters have raised £1000

Tyne Long distance sculls winning team was Durham ARC: C. Kenyon, T. Bishop, G. Potts, and R. Yarrow.

First Tees scullers head won by Munding (DUBC) from Brough (DUBC) Kenyon (DARC) Gattey (DUBC) and Mannerson (DUBC)

Two Durham University oarsmen are in the GB under 23 squad - Paul Brough and Rolf Munding. David Sturge (Tyne) and Mark Hayter (Newcastle Univ.) are in the senior squad.

Page pennant winners were Durham ARC from Durham Univ, then Durham School, Tyna ARC, Bede College, and Berwick.

Winners of the invitation eights event at Durham University Senate regatta were Durham ARC: G. Potts, T. Bishop, M. Matthews, C. Kenyon, J. Hedley, F. Snowden, K. Metcalfe, R. Gaskell, and cox M. Wardman.

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WANSBECK SCULLERS HEAD - 20TH OCTOBER 1984

A terrific wind blew down the course, and whipped the water into foam topped waves. The organisers decided that the conditions beyond the railway bridge were too dangerous, and shortened the course to about 1 and a half miles. The start of the race was delayed by about 30 minutes, but when underway, the racing was very close, and in fact only 5 seconds separated the first 3 veteran scullers, and only 3 seconds separated the first three novice scullers.

1	7:20	P. Johnson	Tees	E	Overall winner
2	7:35	K. Flannery	Tynemouth	SB	Senior B winner
3	7:38	G. Wheeler	Tyne RC	SA	Senior A winner
4	7:52	W. Sadler	R.G.S.	SC	Senior C winner
5	8:03	D.O'Neill	Tyne RC	SA	
6	8:04	G. Appleby	Tyne RC	Vet	Veteran winner
7	8:05	C. Kenyon	Tees	Vet	
8	8:07	Berwick pair		Pair	Pairs prize
9	8:09	M. Edwards	York	Vet	
10	8:10	G. Benton	Berwick	SC	
11	8:18	P. Robinson	Tyne RC	Vet	
12	8:20	I Boyd	Tyne RC	Vet	
13	8:26	P. Mackfall	Tees RC	SB	
14	8:36	S. Williams	Cambois ARC	SC	
15=	8:45	D. Davison	Tyne RC	W	Womens prize
	8:45	S. Mullen	Cambois ARC	N	Novice winner
17=	8:48	K. Hastie	Tynemouth	N	
	8:48	C. Dunster	Tyne RC	N	
19	9:07	D. McGuire	Tynemouth	SC	
20	9:30	J. Lambert	Tynemouth	SC	
21	9:31	R. Morrison	Berwick	N	
22	9:38	F. Greenwood	Durham ARC	N	
23	9:47	C. Routledge	Tyne RC	N	
24	10:23	T. Pearson	Blyth	Vet	
25	10:24	L. Reed	Berwick	N	

As he watched the smoke and steam from local industry rising lazily into the clear blue sky and being mirrored in the glass-like waters of the River Tees on the morning of Monday the 15th of October, your correspondent could not help but reflect what a splendid example of 'Murphy's Law' this presented! In this case the law would have stated - if anyone described the worst possible conditions in which to row a sculling head on the River Tees those conditions are most likely to present themselves on the actual day of the race! No prizes for guessing that this did in fact happen, and as the 29 competitors who covered the course from North Tees Power Station to Stockton will testify they had a far from comfortable ride. No less than four of the scullers took an early bath - we will not name them but suffice to say that Runcorn sculler E. Coldwell climbed back into his boat and finished in second place, only seven seconds behind Paul Johnson of Tees, the overall winner. That some surprising results were recorded almost goes without saying. Ironically, those who mastered the conditions bets - certainly five out of the top ten came from clubs where a three inch chop is regarded as rough conditions!

Worthy of note were the performances of Mrs Angie Lund of Durham ARC who won the womens prize, Craig Routledge of Tyne RC, probably the smallest sculler in the race, and a novice at that, who won the Senior C restricted pennant, Craig Dunster, also of Tyne RC who can hardly be regarded as a veteran of long distance sculls who won the novice event, and Fred Greenwood of Durham ARC, that most loyal Veteran C/Novice supporter of regattas and heads who found himself finishing well ahead of a number of fast performers.

1	P. Johnson	Tees	E	23:42	16	G. Appleby	Tyne	VC	27:57
2	E. Coldwell	Runcorn	SC	23:49	17	R. Hewitt	Hild/Bede	SC	28:24
3	K. Flannery	Tynemouth	SC	23:52	18	M. McQuillan	S. Hylton	SC	28:30
4	G. Wheeler	Tyne	SA	24:45	19	Miss D. Davison	Tyne	W	28:58
5	J.R. Ward	York	SA	24:54	20	C. Routledge	Tyne	N	31:05
6	I. Boyd	Tyne	VB	25:57	21	C. Dunster	Tyne	N	31:29
7	M. Edwards	York	SC/VB	26:00	22	A. Cartwright	Durham	SC	33:33
8	D. Coverdale	York	SA	26:06	23	F. Greenwood	Durham	VC	33:52
9	P. Mackfall	Tees	SB	26:09	24	M. Parker	S. Hylton	SC	35:18
10	K. Maynard	Agcroft	SB	26:27	25	M. Shaw	Tees	N	36:28
11	W. Sadler	Tyne	SC	26:33	26	Mrs C.J. Ward	York	W	37:07
12	D. O'Neill	Tyne	SA	26:42	27	K. Senior	Tees	SC	39:17
13	J.C. Kenyon	Tees	VC	26:59	28	M. Byron	Tees	SC	40:54
14	T. Jones	Tees	SC	27:03	29	G. Calvert	Tees	SC	44:57
15	Mrs. A. Lund	Durham	W	27:55					

PRIZE WINNERS:

Overall:	Johnson	Tees
Senior A:	Coldwell	Runcorn
Senior B:	Flannery	Tynemouth
Senior C (Shell):	Edwards	York
Senior C (Rst):	Routledge	Tyne
Novice:	Dunster	Tyne
Veteran B:	Boyd	Tyne
Veteran C:	Kenyon	Tees
Women:	A. Lund	Durham

HYLTON SCULLERS HEAD - 6TH OCTOBER 1984

Delightful conditions greeted the competitors for this event, calm water with a slight following breeze. The entry of 22 scullers was slightly down on previous years, but competition was keen nevertheless, especially in the veteran division. A special mention must be made of the excellent catering facilities provided by the ladies of South Hylton ARC. The food was varied, plentiful, and of excellent value for money. Believe you me, Ladies, the competitors really do appreciate your efforts!

1	16:51	P. Johnson	Tees RC	E	Overall winner
2	17:09	K. Flannery	Tynemouth RC	SC	SA winner
3	17:42	G. Wheeler	Tyne RC	SA	
4	17:51	P. Mackfall	Tees RC	SB	SB Winner
5	17:59	M. Parker	South Hylton	SC/J	SC winner
6	18:02	G. Appleby	Tyne RC	Vet	Veteran winner
7	18:05	C. Kenyon	Tees RC	Vet	
8	18:09	M. Edwards	York City	Vet	
9	18:10	A. Granlund	Durham ARC	SA	
10	18:21	D. O'Neill	Tyne RC	SA	
11	18:22	K. Metcalfe	Durham ARC	Vet	
12	18:31	I. Boyd	Tyne RC	Vet	
13	18:43	P. Robinson	Tyne RC	Vet	
14	18:46	A. Lund	Durham ARC	WE	Womens winner
15	19:10	K. Hastie	Tynemouth RC	N	Novice winner
16	19:30	B. Beattie	South Hylton	SC/J	Junior winner
17	19:34	D. Davison	Tyne RC	WSB	
18	20:23	N. Ripon	Durham ARC	WSC	Womens Senior C winner
19	20:33	F. Greenwood	Durham ARC	Vet/N	
20	20:37	D. Wood	St. Leonards	WSC	
21	20:48	C. Hole	Durham ARC	Vet	
22	22:29	D. Lobban	South Hylton	WSC	

As usual, Tyne RC put on an excellent event in excellent conditions for the umpteenth year running. The entry was the largest out of all the local heads, with 30 scullers completing the course. The race was watched by Mike Marshall, former Captain of Tyne ARC, who occasionally ventures up this way from down south.

RESULTS WERE:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>SCULLER</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>PRIZEWINNERS</u>
1	17-52	P. Johnson	Tees RC	E	Elite winner
2	18-36	G. Wheeler	Tyne RC	SA	Senior A winner
3	18-42	J. Appleby	Durham ARC	SA/VB	Veteran B winner
4	18-45	G. Calvert	Tees RC	SC	Senior B winner
5	18-52	W. Sadler	Tyne RC	SC	Sen C shell winner
6	18-55	G. Appleby	Tyne RC	SB/VC	Veteran C winner
7	18-58	D. Coverdale	York City	SA	
8	19-01	P. McFall	Tees RC	SB	=
9	19-02	C. Kenyon	Tees RC	SA/VC	
10	19-03	A. Granlund	Durham ARC	SA	
11	19-07	M. Edwards	York City	SC/VB	
12	19-09	D. O'Neill	Tyne RC	SA	
13	19-13	J. Ringer	Tyne RC	SA	
14	19-14	M. Parker	South Hylton	SC/J	Junior winner
15	19-29	I. Boyd	Tyne RC	SA/VB	
16	19-32	P. Robinson	Tyne RC	SC/VC	
17	19-37	J. Ward	York City	SA	
18	19-47	K. Flannery	Tyne RC	SC	Sen C Rst winner
19	19-49	C. Routledge	Tyne RC	SC	
20	19-52	A. Lund	Durham ARC	W	Womens winner
21	20-29	K. Senior	Tees RC	SC	
22	20-51	B. Beattie	South Hylton	SC/J	
23	21-03	D. Davison	Tyne RC	W	
24	21-24	Denton	Tyne RC	N	Novice winner
25	21-57	J. Le Geyt	Tyne RC	SC	
26	21-58	A. Ballantyne	Tyne RC	SC/J	
27	22-08	C. Dunster	Tyne RC	SC	
28	22-15	K. Hardy	Tyne RC	SC	
29	22-40	C. Ward	York City	W	
30	23-20	N. Dunster	Tyne RC	N	

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ANY VOLUNTEERS ?

North-East Rowing News needs a Durham based correspondent, to pass on news of the happenings on this stretch of the river. I would be delighted to hear from anyone who would be willing to pass on the bits and pieces for each issue, ideally someone who has regular contact with the clubs schools and colleges.

DISTRIBUTION OF NORTH EAST ROWING NEWS

A copy of each issue of the North East Rowing News will automatically be sent to each club within ARA division 1, but anyone who would like to have a copy delivered to their home can have this arranged by sending a cheque for £2:50 covering the first four issues to myself. Please make cheques payable to 'Northern Rowing Council'

Torrential rain caused the River Wear to rise on the scheduled date of 4th November, and the conditions prompted the organiser John Massingham to cancel the event. A re-arranged race was held on the 10th November, and a field of 16 scullers (out of an original entry of 25) took to the water. Even on the re-arranged date, there was much debate as to whether the race should go ahead due to the strong current running; the final decision was to hold the race over the full course. For my view, it was a risky decision, and one which could have had severe repercussions if a sculler had capsized coming through Elvet Bridge - an extremely difficult manoeuvre in the conditions on the day. Perhaps I over-dramatise - but having seen one person drown through absolute foolishness, and having pulled his body from the water some years ago, and having just recently read the newspaper cuttings of a Tarn crew that was swamped at Tees regatta some years ago, again with loss of life, I learn to treat water with the utmost respect, and would add that on occasions, event organisers perhaps do not give enough thought to the safety aspect. Remember that at the Wear L.D. Sculls there are no rescue craft. - I wasn't at the Tees Scullers Head, but I heard that this too could have ended dramatically.

Nevertheless, it is very pleasing to see University students promoting events - Too often is heard the cry: Why don't students put as much into the sport as they take out? - Well, in the case of Hild/Bede, they have been putting on a pretty good event for some years now.

The race itself must have amused the onlookers around Elvet Bridge, with scullers coming through the inside arches - some diagonally, some sideways, and one very nearly upside-down! Most scullers took either easy arch or the very inside arch - but Dunster of Tyne RC had to do things the hard way when his team-mate Denton became lodged against a parapet!

RESULTS WERE:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>SCULLER</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>PRIZE</u>	
1	10-01	J. Appleby	Durham ARC	VB	Veteran Winner
2	10-27	K. Flannery	Tynemouth	SC	SC Winner
3	10-45	D. O'Neill	Tyne RC	OPEN	Open winner
4	11-03	K. Metcalfe	Durham ARC	VB	
5	11-24	Robertson	Durham ARC	SC	
6	11-40	A. Lund	Durham ARC	W	Womens winner
7	12-21	D. Davison	Tyne RC	W	
3	12-23	Chappell	Hild/Bede	SC	
9	12-27	K. Hastie	Tynemouth RC	N Rst	Novice winner
10	12-49	P. Metcalfe	Durham ARC	VB	
11	13-07	Simpson	Hild/Bede	N Rst	
12	13-30	N. Ripon	Durham ARC	W	
13	13-44	C. Dunster	Tyne RC	N Rst	
14	13-47	F. Greenwood	Durham ARC	N Rst	
15	14-07	Holliman	St. Cuthberts	NRst	
16	14-09	Denton	Tyne RC	N Rst	

EQUIPMENT WANTED

Cambois ARC are looking for a Carbo-craft/Aylings eight for winter training/Summer Season. Anyone who has a second hand boat for sale should contact any Cambois member.

Many fund-raising activities are taking place to help for the new boat, the latest being a disco in the boathouse which by all accounts must have been a great success - the beer ran out! Apparently, a great deal of it had been consumed by the younger members, proved by the fact that the following mornings outings consisted of light, lighter and very light rowing. The question in everyones minds though, was did Darren score, or didn't he?

ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL DC (Newcastle)

Since Joe Liddell retired from teaching, Master-IN-Charge of rowing has been Roger Tarry, a former Captain of Tyne ARC. Roger and his wife Jenny have recently moved to Durham to be nearer the hospital where Jenny works. News from the RGS boathouse at Scotswood is of vandals setting fire to it in April this year, causing extensive damage to the doors and three fours. Damage is estimated at £2000. Two of the fours have been repaired, and are back in use, while the third is still at Brown's Boathouse. The outboard motor which had been used for coaching was also stolen, but a replacement 9.8 hp Mercury has been bought, covered by insurance.

RGS are indebted to Tyne RC for accomodating them through the summer while thier boathouse was undergoing repair, and Roger has asked that his sincere thanks are conveyed through these columns. It's a pleasure.

Further improvements to the RGS boathouse are new changing rooms (with insulated walls!), new roller shutter doors (Heavy duty and fireproof!), and a more sophisticated burglar alarm. RGS currently have a lot of enthusiastic lads rowing there, which includes a senior B four, a senior C four, and two novice fours, as well as some keen youngsters who have just taken up the sport this term. New items of equipment on order include a set of eight Suttons oars and two ergometers from Concept I. Other improvements around the RGS boathouse include the landscaping works carried out by the Tyne & Wear Council - Unfortunately, some enterprising rogue has systematically sawn through each of the planks attached to the riverside seating and removed them!

ULLSWATER ROWING CLUB

For a long, long time I could never understand why rowing was not a popular sport in the Lake District with all that available water. It couldn't be the limited population; I mean look at Keswick, Ambleside, Penrith - they are all sizeable towns. At long last it looks as though there is to be a club formed at Penrith which will carry the name of Ullswater RC. The person responsible for the setting up of the club is a MR. Rumbold, formerly of Maidenhead RC.

No doubt the club will be looking for cheap (or-free!) secondhand equipment to get started. Any offers?

More details will be published on this club in the next issue of North East Rowing News. In the meantime, I for one am looking forward to travelling to the Lake District for the first regatta.

BRITISH ROWING ALMANACK - 1985

May I urge all Club secretaries and Regatta secretaries to notify both the Amateur Rowing Association and the editor of the British Rowing Almanack, of any changes of names and addresses which have taken place and which will be appropriate for 1985.

The 1984 edition of the Almanack includes quite a lot of outdated entries and it can only be to the benefit of Clubs and Regattas if up-to-date information is available.

May I therefore recommend that firstly any changes are notified to the 'Executive Secretary, Amateur Rowing Association, 6 Lower Mall, Hammersmith, London W6 9DJ' with a copy of the notification to be addressed to 'The Editor - British Rowing Almanack' at the same address.

Where possible, could telephone numbers also be included - if only for the reason that any Club Captain or Official will tell you that it is most frustrating when urgent contact needs to be made with another Club or Regatta, and the appropriate telephone number has not been included in the Almanack entry!

Chris Kenyon - Divisional rep.

Ed's note -

Don't forget also that club records (regatta wins) must be sent in immediately following the Rutherford Head race for inclusion in the 1985 Almanack.

The appropriate form has been sent to your club secretary - so if you are the Club Captain, and you haven't seen it yet - then chase him up!

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