**Fitzwilliam College Boat Club 1967-8 Academic Year**

Captain - J H Reddaway Vice Captain - C J Gill Secretary - P. O Looms

Assistant Secretaries - A J Price, D J Russell

**Fairbairn Crews 1967**

 **Light Four Clinker Four**

Bow G M A Proffitt (steers) A J Price

2 P G Major G J S Wallis

3 J H Reddaway P O Looms

Str R N Winckless R A B Monje

Cox C B Murtough

Coach A V Cooke Esq C J Gill

 **First Boat Second Boat Third Boat**

 **Novice**

Bow A J Price R H Bateman B H Joscelyne

2 R A B Monje J J Litchfield M P Mosley

3 A W Northey P Rapley C J Gradwell

4 R J Lowe M J Richards P K Tomkins

5 D J Gittins W L Horne M R F Langdon

6 G J S Wallis P R Beaumont I M Rickell

7 C J Gill D J Russell J S McAllister

Str G A C Luddington D H Humphrey A H Adams

Cox I K Mason R A Sanders R M Humphry

Coaches Col K N Wylie P O Looms M J Trent

 Dr K Holmes (LMBC) M R Toole J H Reddaway

 P G Major D J Russell

With three of the successful light four from the May 1967 term available for selection and Robin Winckless returning from duty with the University Blue boat, hopes for the Light Fours competition were high.

True to form the final was reached and ended in a dramatic tie with 1st & 3rd Trinity. Press clippings are included in the [Before the Headship](https://billygoatswebsite.wordpress.com/2019/01/25/before-the-headship/) post.

The Clinker Four accounted themselves with distinction. They dead heated with 1st and 3rd and narrowly lost the re row. Trinity went on to the Final where they lost to St Catherine’s.

With three men in University trials and several experienced oarsmen not making themselves available the Fairbairn crew was always going to struggle to maintain their 3rd place in the event. Three freshmen were included in the crew as was May Boat cox Chris Gill rowing at 7. Despite a plucky performance they dropped down to 12th place

**Lent Crews 1968**

 **M1 1st VIII M2 2nd VIII M3 3rd VIII**

 **EMBC**

Bow G A C Luddington 1.B.Pem R F Brumby 1.B. L.M3 R H Bateman 1.B.Pem3

2 R D Lowe 2.R.O J P Shoesmith 2.R.O D M Glover 2.R. O

3 A W Northey 3.B.1&3 N H Penny 3.B TH2 P Rapley 3.R.O

4 F W Edmonds 4.R.O M J Richards 4.R.O R Drew 4.R.O

5 G J S Wallis up 2 places D J Gittins up 2 places W L Horne up 1 place

6 R A B Monje 2nd in Div.1 J E Sanderson 13th Div2 P R Beaumont 7th in Div3

7 A J Price J J Maynes P O Looms

Str P V Marshall M J Le Flufy C R McCall

Cox C B Murtough I K Mason R A Sanders

Cox C J Gill

Coaches A V Cooke Esq P G Major A J Price

 P G Major (Leander) G A C Luddington G J S Wallis

 J H Reddaway F W Edmonds

 **M4 4th VIII M5 5th VIII**

 **Vermin Vom**

Bow A D C Baird 1.B.By Corpus 3 A H Murison 1.B 1&3 7

2 R R Winterton 2.B By Christs 3 R P Mole 2.R. O

3 P J Banyard 3.B By LM 5 R D Barton 3.B 1&3 6

4 C G A Aylwin 4.R. O P K Tomkins 4. R. O

5 J D Roseveare down 3 places K J Heffer up 2 places

6 D A Birtwhistle 11th Div 4 I M Rickell 10th Div 5

7 G F Nutter B H Joscelyne

Str J A Roberts A H Adams

Cox H O Brigg R M Humphry

Coaches F W Edmonds P O Looms

 G A C Luddington R A B Monje

 C B Murtough

With a few more experienced oarsmen coming into the 1st crew, there was hope for more progress in the 1st Division of the Bumps. The crew did not disappoint and gained 2 further places to take the Boat Club into 2nd position on the River, bumping Pembroke and 1st & 3rd in the process. Chris Gill who was on University duty and was to cox Cambridge to victory later, takes up the story.

“The coxing thing was because after my late move back into the Blue Boat squad (in January), too many Fitz coxes were unavailable, so Fitz got special dispensation for Murtough (Goldie cox) and Gill to cox in the Lents. On the 3rd night the Times correspondent Doug Calder had this to say of the 1st boat, coxed on this day by Chris Gill – “Fitzwilliam pulled 1st & 3rd Trinity down one more rung in the Cambridge Lents yesterday, and in aggressive style as well. As the two crews rounded Ditton corner, Fitzwilliam pulled out all the stops and were really travelling. Overlapping Trinity on the inside of the corner, Fitzwilliam swung neatly across to make contact. As they did so, they were moving so much faster than Trinity that their bows went clean over Trinity’s stern. The reward was a large gash in their shell torn open by Trinity’s rudder post, and to avoid sinking four of the crew had to get out and walk home.”

The lower boats performed well recording seven bumps, with only the 4th boat going down 3 places.

**May Crews 1968**

 **M1 1st VIII M2 2nd VIII M3 3rd VIII EMEBC**

Bow P O Looms 1.B By LM G F Nutter 1.B.Jesus3 R F Brumby 1.B.Caius 3

2 P V Marshall 2.B.LM D J Russell 2.S.Cats3 D M Glover 2.R.O

3 A J Price 3.B.Pem D J Gittins 3.R.O P W Dring 3.B Selwyn 3

4 R J Lowe 4.B.1&3 F W Edmonds 4.B.Queens 2 R J Drew 4.R.O

5 PG Major M L Francis W L Horne

6 G M A Proffitt up 2 places R A B Monje up 3 places P R Beaumont up 2 places

7 J H Reddaway 2nd in Div 1 G J S Wallis 14th Div2 J J Maynes 8th Div4

Str R N Winckless M J Le Flufy C R McCall

Cox C J Gill C B Murtough R A Sanders

Coaches R M Blomfield Esq P G Major P O Looms

 A C Twinn Esq J H Reddaway M J Trent

 A V Cooke Esq R N Winckless G J S Wallis

 J H Page Esq M R Toole

 **M4 4th VIII M5 5th VIII M6 6th VIII**

 **Sally's Boyos After Eight**

Bow A W Northey 1.B byChr5 R D Barton 1.B by Mad5 C B Murtough 1.B by 1&3 7

2 M R Toole 2.B by Mad5 M P Mosley 2.B by Chu5 R A Sanders 2.B by LM11

3 C W Dickson 3.B by Chu5 I M Rickell 3.R.O A P Welch 3.B by Jes 6

4 D P Jones 4.R.O P K Tomkins 4.R.O G Sanderson 4. B by King4

5 M D Harper down 3 K J Heffer down 2 R T Banks down 4

6 R J Harper 12th Div 6 J P Shoesmith 13th Div6 P R D Cunnyngham-Perdriau

7 G W A Baker R H Bateman N Penny 6th Div 7

Str G A C Luddington A H Adams J J Litchfield **Wooden spoon**

Cox I K Mason R M Humphry R G Bell

Coaches P G Major P O Looms R A B Monje

 J H Reddaway R A B Monje P O Looms

 **M7 7th VIII M8 8th VIII**

 **Kopul Gradu**

Bow D J McKenzie P C Ray

2 H E Canning M A Brown

3 J A Tice P J Webber

4 D B Crosby M R French No racing record available for 7th and 8th

5 R W H Wilkins K E F Scotland crews

6 D T Bishton J W Dyas

7 N C Clarke J W Cowley

Str M F Trent K A Starling

Cox A H Stone M W Fowler

Coaches P G Looms D J Russell

 R A B Monje P D Matthewman

With 3 men returning from University duty (5 including the 2 coxes), hopes were high for the Headship with the crew needing only 3 bumps to go head. On the 4th May the crew won the Head of the Cam by 6 seconds from Queens, with 1st & 3rd coming in 3rd 11 seconds behind. Aspirations for the Mays’ Headship were confounded however. Again Chris Gill takes up the story – “The eight, unusually with all available talent on board - three blues, a Goldie and five other very competent oarsmen – promised (and turned out) to be the fastest on the river, but such conditions breed complacency.

The Bumps arrived, but Peter Major developed a bug the evening before the first night and was prohibited from rowing by the doctor.

Substitution and a shuffle of the crew order followed, but the crew did not row well on the first night, narrowly failing to bump Pembroke in the first half of the course and instead getting bumped by Lady Margaret just metres from the finish. That put paid to our chance of going Head of the River that year (although, perhaps more fittingly, the equally strong 1969 crew was to go Head 12 months later, in the College’s centenary year.

Gloom descended, Peter Major was put back in the crew regardless of medical advice, and on the second night we bumped Lady Margaret (quite vindictively) well before the half way mark. Further bumps followed on the two remaining nights but we were denied the chance of contending Queens’ for the Headship and had to be content with finishing second on the river.

Sadly, Bob Winckless and John Reddaway elected to go to Henley with University crews, so the Fitz VIII did not compete at the Royal Regatta. It might have done rather well! “

Winckless and Reddaway competed at Cambridge regatta on the 25th May and won the senior coxless pairs in Fitzwilliam colours.