**Fitzwilliam Men's Firsts in Lents - Going Up**

Fitzwilliam first rowed as Fitzwilliam in 1888 having previously rowed as Non Collegiate in 1887.

Fitzwilliam had 2 crews for the first time in 1921

Fitzwilliam had 3 crews for the first time in 1933

Fitzwilliam had 4 crews for the first time in 1957

Fitzwilliam had 5 crews for the first time in 1960

Fitzwilliam had 6 crews for the first time in 1967

1888 First time Fitzwilliam **rowed over** **for four days in the same position, at the bottom of the river**.

1891 Fitzwilliam made their **first bumps** when they bumpedSidney Sussex in First Post Reach and Queens' at First Post Corner, having on day 1 been bumped by Pembroke 3 to bottom of the river and on day 2 rowing over.

1905 Fitzwilliam first went **up 3 places** when they rowed over, bumped Queens' 2, Jesus 3 and Christ's 2

1920 Fitzwilliam first went **up** **4 places** to be the **first to** **win their oars** by bumping Caius 3, Lady Margaret 4, Kings 2 and Queens' 2

1929 Fitzwilliam first went up **5 places** when Fitzwilliam 1st crew bumped Trinity Hall 3, Lady Margaret 3 Pembroke 3 and on the Saturday bumped Magdalene & as sandwich boat bumped Caius 3. This was also the first Fitzwilliam crew **to row up into the** **2nd Division**

1929 Fitzwilliam first went up **6 places** when its 2nd crew who started by overbumping Kings 3 (over Pembroke 5 & Lady Margaret 5), followed by over the next 3 days bumping Queens' 3, Emmanuel 4 and 1st Trinity 5. This was also the **first Fitzwilliam crew to make an overbump** and the **first second boat to win its oars**

No Fitzwilliam crews went up **7 places** or **8 places** in the Lents

1965 First Fitzwilliam crew to go up **9 places** was the 4th crew who bumped Sidney Sussex 3 & overbumped Downing 4 at Railway Bridge (over Churchill 5 & Emmanuel 4), then on Day 2 bumped Peterhouse 3, on Day 3 overbumped Selwyn 3 (over Churchill 5, Caius 3) and on the 4th Day bumped Kings 2 moving up to division 4. This the first Fitzwilliam crew to make **two overbumps** in the Lents.

1969 Fitzwilliam went **Head of the River**.

No Fitzwilliam crews first went up **10 places** in the whole Lents but Men's 3rd VIII 1962 went up 10 places in one day! (see later)

No Fitzwilliam crew went up **11 or 12 places** in the Lents

1962 Our Fitzwilliam 3rd Crew was the first to go up **13 places** in the Lents. On the first day they overbumped Kings 3 (over Queens' 5 & Corpus Christi 3) and then rowing as sandwich boat they triple overbumped Lady Margaret 6 at Morley's Holt (over Jesus 5, Queens' 4, Selwyn 3, Christ's 4, Trinity Hall 4 & Magdalene 3). N.B. This was the **first ever triple overbump** in the University Lents and Mays bumps.

Going up 10 places in one day remains a university record in 2022.

On the 2nd Day they bumped Caius 3 at the Ditch, 3rd Day bumped Peterhouse 3 at Grassy and on the 4th Day bumped Lady Margaret 5.

Finished up 13 again a university record which still stands in 2022.

**This crew made three university records including both the Lents and the Mays**

**(a) First ever triple overbump**

**(b) First crew to ascend 10 places in one day**

**(c) First crew to ascend 13 places in one set of bumps**

**These three records made in 1962 still stand in 2022, 60 years later**

It is interesting that in 2018 Magdalene 4 made what was thought to be the very first quadruple overbump but even that only took them up 9 places, one less than this crew achieved. In fact the very first crew to make a quadruple overbump was Peterhouse Women's 1st crew in the 1986 Mays but also during these races Peterhouse was bumped twice and rowed over once so overall they only went up 7 places in these bumps.

There are separate articles about this outstanding Fitzwilliam crew entitled "Record breaking 1962 Fitzwilliam 3rd Lent Crew - a composite article - Part 1 and "Record breaking 1962 Fitzwilliam 3rd Lent Crew - a composite article - Part 2" in this series of documents.

**Fitzwilliam Men's Firsts in the Lents - Going Down**

1891 First mention of **being bumped** was by Pembroke 3 to bottom of the river.

1891 First winning **wooden spoons** although at that time this "honour" had not been identified.

1892 First mention of **overbump** when Fitzwilliam 1st crew on day 1 was overbumped by 1st Trinity 4 to bottom of river.

1938 The first Fitzwilliam crew to **descend 5 places** was the 2nd crew who were bumped by Christ's 4, bumped by Corpus Christi 3, overbumped by Trinity Hall 3 and rowed over, thereby avoiding wooden spoons.

1961 The first Fitzwilliam crew to **descend 6 places** was M3 who were overbumped by Magdalene 3 at the Railings, bumped by Queens' 4, bumped by Kings 3 and bumped by Queens' 5

Was this the **largest drop for Fitzwilliam? No!!!!**

No Fitzwilliam crews **descended 7 places**

2011 The first Fitzwilliam crew to **descend 8 places** was 2nd crew who on Day 1 werebumped by Trinity Hall 2, on Day 2 **double overbumped** by Hughes Hall, on Day 3 bumped by Addenbrooke's and on Day 4 bumped by Clare Hall. This was the **first Fitzwilliam Lent crew to be double overbumped.** Is this the **largest drop for Fitzwilliam? Yes it is!**

1988 Possibly the **quickest bump against Fitzwilliam** was in 1988 when the 1st VIII was bumped at the A14 Road Bridge by Churchill in just 15 strokes.