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

Non Collegiate Crews rowed prior to 1893

Fitzwilliam had 1 crew for the first time in 1893

Fitzwilliam had 2 crews for the first time in 1932

Fitzwilliam had 4 crews for the first time in 1949

Fitzwilliam had 5 crews for the first time in 1956

Fitzwilliam had 6 crews for the first time in 1963

Fitzwilliam had 7 crews for the first time in 1967

Fitzwilliam had 8 crews for the first time

1893 Fitzwilliam's 1st May crew was first to **make a bump,** on Magdalene at the start on day 2

1919 the 1st Fitzwilliam crew was first to **make 3 bumps** on Peterhouse 2, Clare 3 and Christ's 2

1933 the first Fitzwilliam crew to **win its oars** was 1st VIII bumping Queens' 2, Christ's 2, Trinity Hall 2 & Corpus Christi.

1950 Mays Fitzwilliam 2 was first crew to go **up 5 places**

1950 Fitzwilliam crews **1, 2 & 3 won their oars but 4 got "spoons"**

1955 was the first time a Fitzwilliam crew bumped another Fitzwilliam crew (5 bumping 4 on day 2)

1956 Fitzwilliam 3 First crew to make an **overbump** and to go **up 6 places**

1962 First Fitzwilliam crew to go **up 7 places** was M4

1965 One of the most odd occurrences I discovered was that the 3rd Fitzwilliam Mays Men's Crew overbumped Christ's 3 at Morley's Holt and yet there were only seven oarsmen in the Fitzwilliam crew as No 2 had failed to turn up! You can find out who that was by looking at the crew lists in the folder called "All Lent May Fairbairn Crews 1960-69 complete ". The Cox must have had fun steering the crew!

1969 First Fitzwilliam crew went **Head of the River** and retained it in 1970 and 1971.

1977 Fitzwilliam 4 was the first crew to make a **double overbump**.

1979 First Fitzwilliam crew to go up **8 places** **in one day** was M4. To achieve this result they started on the second day by double overbumping St Catharine's 6 (over over Magdalene 5, 1st & 3rd Trinity 6, Corpus Christi 4, Lady Margaret 9) which made them sandwich boat and rowing again 45 minutes later they made an overbump on Jesus 5 (over Selwyn 4, Clare 5). They were also the **first Fitzwilliam May crew** to achieve a **double overbump and an overbump on the same day**. Apart from the crews that rowed Head of the River this crew was **Fitzwilliam's most successful Mays bumps crew and Fitzwilliam's second most successful bumps (Lents and Mays) crew**. In addition to going up 8 places on the 2nd day this crew made bumps on Caius 4, Lady Margaret 8 and Corpus Christi 3 on the other 3 days so that in all they **went up 11 places - the first Fitzwilliam crew to do this.** **There is a separate article about this crew in these documents entitled “Record Breaking 1979 Fitzwilliam 4th May Crew – The Elite Eight”**

**Men's Fitzwilliam Firsts in Mays - Going Down**

1894 1st Fitzwilliam crew **to be bumped** was the only Fitzwilliam crew by 2nd Trinity in less than a minute on day 2.

1913 **Started and rowed over every day at the bottom of the river.**

1922 First crew to be **bumped three times** was M1 by Jesus 3, Pembroke 3 & Clare 2.

1926 First crew to win **wooden spoons** was M1, although the term was not recognised then.

1948 M2 was the first crew to be **double overbumped** (by Sidney Sussex 2) and 1st crew to go **down 7 places but rowed over on the last day to avoid spoons.**

1957 M5 was the first crew to be **overbumped to the bottom of the river.**

1971 M4 First Fitzwilliam crew to go **down 8 places by being** double overbumped by Corpus Christi 4 & bumped by Lady Margaret 10, Selwyn 5 and St Catharine's 6. No Fitzwilliam crews have descended more places than this one. **This is the worst Fitzwilliam Mays bumps crew**.