



Christ's College Cambridge



A FAMILIAR LANDMARK TO ALL WHO CROSS THE RIVER CAM
BEAUTIFUL & CHERISHED ASSET OF THE COLLEGE
HOME TO MANY MEMORIES & CREWS FOR 125 YEARS
BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE



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ROWING IS A SPORT THAT HAS BECOME SYNONYMOUS WITH CAMBRIDGE.

Hundreds of our College's men and women have taken to the River Cam to row for Christ's. Our crews have had great success over the years, bumping their way to victory on numerous occasions, with some of our crews going on to pursue the sport at Olympic level.



HISTORY

Christ's College boathouse, built in 1887, is the oldest wooden-framed boathouse on the river Cam, and a familiar landmark to all who cross the river here.

This beautiful boathouse is a cherished asset of the College, and serves a multifaceted purpose within the sporting life of Christ's, being the focus of training, social events and the starting point for many life-long friendships and memories over the generations.

Though the boathouse has served the College and its crews very well over the last 125 years, it has sadly not kept pace with the changes to College life that it has been witness to. In 1978, the boathouse welcomed the first women's crew with their admission to the College, yet today in 2012 the boathouse still lacks adequate separate changing facilities. The boathouse has also struggled to provide space for necessary land based training equipment, something that has now become a crucial part of training in an increasingly professionalised sport. Though the crews have helped to accommodate these changes, the building's outdated facilities and restricted space cannot be expected to provide for our rowers going forward. It



is therefore in serious need of upgrade and expansion if it is to avoid further decay and be fit for purpose for the next hundred years.

We now have the opportunity to create a state-of-the-art rowing facility of the standard needed to take our crews forward to future victories on the Cam for generations to come..



THE CHRIST'S COLLEGE BOAT CLUB WILL ALWAYS HOLD AN IMPORTANT PLACE FOR ME AS THE PLACE WHERE I RESTARTED MY CAREER AFTER INJURY AS A SCHOOLBOY, AND MY TIME THERE WAS A CATALYST FOR SUBSEQUENT SUCCESS.

The 1st May Boat in '97 was the first VIII I ever raced in and the start of my close connection with that boat class. The Club provided the platform to move into the University Crews and the GB team the following year, then on to Olympic gold in 2000. For me, the CCBC was about training and racing within a tight-knit team, many of whom became my closest and lifelong friends, including an usher at my wedding ten years later. Central to this was the boathouse, where I trained while at the CCBC and on occasion when with the Cambridge and GB teams. It always struck me as a magnificent structure with the potential to be a truly

great asset for the Club and College. I am really excited to support the current development efforts and firmly believe that providing the proposed high quality base for future generations of CCBC rowers will lift the club and individuals to greater success, while greatly enhancing the opportunity for members to forge the kind of lasting friendships that I have been so privileged to experience.

**Kieran West MBE (m.1995)
Olympic Gold Medallist
CCBC, 97**

THE FUTURE

The chosen design selected from several proposals by local firms, creates an attractive building that retains much of the original boathouse structure, but adds greatly needed space on the first floor, where the floor area will more than double in size.

The current make-shift gym and boatman's office on the ground floor will be removed, clearing the ground floor for better boat storage and workshop space. On the first floor, separate male and female changing and showering facilities will be installed, along with a separate ergo room for the crews to be able to train together. In the original structure, the space will be reconfigured to accommodate a crew gym and professional boatman's office. The new layout will also provide a separate crew room, offering a central space for crew members to meet and socialise, encouraging a greater community spirit as well as a space on site for alumni events.

The original balcony will be reinstated and extended across the entire front, tying together both sides of the building and creating a wonderful additional outdoor space.



WITH YOUR SUPPORT

The cost of this vital project is estimated to be £2.5M. With all the necessary ground surveys and planning requirements already completed, we now seek funding to begin construction. Realising our ambitious plans for this essential project for rowing at Christ's will depend greatly on the kind generosity of our alumni.

Any donation, large or small, will be greatly appreciated by the College crews and all those who continue to hold such affection for the boathouse.

Naming Opportunities

Every donor who pledges over £10,000 to the project will be given the opportunity to have their name displayed alongside fellow donors inside the boathouse.

Naming opportunities in recognition of larger gifts are also available, for example the boathouse itself and key internal rooms.

We hope our members, who have been a part of its history will support us in securing its future, restoring and preserving its beauty, and renovating it into a sporting facility of which we can all be proud.



If you would like to discuss this project, please contact Catherine Twilley, Development Director at Christ's College on development@christs.cam.ac.uk or by telephone on 01223 748856.
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WE ARE ALL EXTREMELY EXCITED ABOUT THE PROSPECT OF A NEW BOATHOUSE. WHILE OUR CURRENT FACILITY HAS BEEN FUNCTIONAL, THE AGE OF IT IS CLEARLY SHOWING.

Land training is a very important part of any Cambridge crew's rowing. With increased space for both erging and gym work we will find our land training to be both more enjoyable, and more efficient, engendering a more competitive squad. One of the aspects that is lacking in our current boathouse is a communal space. With the addition of this in the new boathouse we will be able to host alumni events somewhere that is actually part of our boat club. Furthermore this space will be used for generally socialising after our outings allowing for an increase in crew cohesion.

Richard Steele (m.2011)
Captain of Boats



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