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Coláiste Iognáid Rowing Club Newsletter January 2018 Edition No 9.

Welcome to our Newsletter to all current and former Rowers and friends of Coláiste Iognáid Rowing Club. All previous editions of the Newsletter can be seen on our website circ.ie. and this site includes much current and archive material going back to the formation of the club.

The Newsletter will be sent to all rowers for whom we have an email address. We appeal to all to pass the newsletter on to other former rowers and to forward any contact details or suggestions to us at our e-mail address rowingiognaid@gmail.com .

We have launched our Alumni Club named Club Ramhaiochta Naoimh Iognaid and have applied for registration with Rowing Ireland. We hope that as many of you as possible will join for a modest annual subscription of €120. I am informed that this name is a bit of a mouthful but am sure that if vocal support is required at any rowing event that simply calling the crew “Jes” will suffice as usual. An application form plus banking details are attached and all funds will go to the Colaiste Iognaid Rowing Club Boat Fund



Very sad News at the beginning of the year when **Kennedy O Brien SJ** passed away on the night of the 8th January. Kennedy had been a rower, coach mentor and ran the club for a number of years. He had been teaching at Gonzaga College in Dublin following a period in Belvedere. The presence of so many former Jes rowers at his removal was a fitting tribute to his standing within our club. The very obvious respect and great affection in which Kennedy was held by the pupils, parents and staff of Gonzaga and the wider Jesuit family was a moving

testament to his position within that community. Kennedy is pictured recently at the club when he performed the blessing on our new eight in 2016. His untimely passing is very sad for his immediate family, brothers Frank, Pat, Redmond, our long serving coach and Mary his sister and all have our sympathies.

Chris O 'Dea, former exceptional Jes rower during the sixties passed away in Dublin after a short illness. Chris rowed on the first crew for four years and then went on to row on the record breaking UCG Senior Eight in 1971. He subsequently rowed with Neptune in Dublin and in later years with Old Collegians. Chris was a very generous supporter of our club and of Irish Rowing and was instrumental in acquiring the services of professional coaching. His support was given with fuss or fanfare and he was a real rowing man. Our sympathies are with his wife Olive and step daughters Danielle, Caoimhe, and Nicola and his sisters Martini and Lily.



Chris, pictured third from the left with the winning senior schoolboy eight (now JM18) at Blessington Regatta 1968.

Good News **Max Murphy**, son of former Jes 1974 champion rower John Murphy, rowed in the winning Waikato eight in the New Zealand Championship in February 2018.

Club News

Our tourboat arrived after much delay in late February and has yet to be launched as the weather was totally unsuitable with both high flow and extreme cold. It will be put into use in the coming weeks and parents and school staff will be offered the opportunity to try rowing. The rowers from second year upwards are training at a great intensity and many have improved beyond recognition. Great work is being done by Coaches John Lawless, Noel Hume, Redmond O' Brien, Brian Maye, Paul Hornibrook, Gearoid Mitchel, Robert Mc Inerney, Adam De Burca and Laoise Ni Griofa. The fourth year girls deserve a special mention for their work in coaching and mentoring the first year girls. Also Matthew Kelly, Reuben Cruise and Philip Buckley were down on many occasions over the Christmas period to help out on their break from studies across the water. Philip Buckley is exploring the possibility of his college rowing crew in Cambridge coming over for a training camp with a potential of reciprocation at a future date.

The club had to replace two no outboard engines this year as our older engines which had given great service were both unreliable and prone to breakdown. Given the numbers of crews within the squads with often in excess of four crews on the water at any one time we had no choice but to replace the engines. Safety on the river is of paramount concern. We also had to purchase four ergometers and these were purchased from the organiser of the indoor rowing championship. Thankfully the cost of ergometers is now considerably reduced from a number of years ago. These purchases have placed a severe strain on already limited resources.

As stated earlier we have submitted an application to Rowing Ireland for the formation of our alumni club Club Ramhaiochta Naoimh Iognaid complete with constitution, colours and

officers' list. Dominic Burke has volunteered to be our first Chairperson and we await confirm of our acceptance. This is our first step and we hope that you our past rowers will support us and join our new club. The annual fee is €120 and we are having an at Home Day at the club on the 1st July and all are invited for a row and gathering and for those adventurous and fit enough a small amount of competition. This will follow on our very successful Jes Renewal Day last year. When our tourboat is up and running in the coming weeks we will be in contact and invite you to reacquaint yourselves in a gentle way with the river.

We have participated in a large no of events to date with very considerable success and currently have 76 no registered rowers of whom 70 remain active. Our core group of 45 no second years and above are showing considerable promise at many levels and as you will read in the Rowing News article achieving a considerable level of success.

The club is in a poor financial state with regards to both annual operational funding and boat funding and we are appealing to you to support our new alumni club by joining same. The Club Ramhaidh Naoimh Iognaid will donate all subscriptions to Colaiste Iognaid Boat Fund. Our website contains circ.ie was significantly upgraded by Evan Ryder, father of rowers Mark and Emma, and contains easily accessed up to date info on the events and club news.

Rowing News

Head of The Shannon at Carrick on Shannon held on the 2nd December in good conditions and a total entry of 45 no rowers travelled and had seven wins and a number of excellent performances. These included the women's J18 eight, the men's J16 and J15 eights, women's J18 coxless four, J18 pair, J15 single scull and J14 double.

Indoor Rowing Championships at University of Limerick on January 20th Following on the Provincial Indoor Championships in November we sent a large group of over 40 athletes to this very well attended event and Elise Carney Frazier came third overall in the women's J16 500metre event and we had many other outstanding personal best performances. Participation in these events is also a prerequisite of competing for places in the Junior 18 National Squads. Elise Carney Frazier and Caoileann Nic Donncha have both earned places on the National Junior 18 squads but no selection has yet been confirmed.



Elise Carney Frazier at the Indoor championship

St Michael's Head Limerick was rescheduled from O' Brien's Bridge due to flooding and held on the 24th February on the Shannon in Limerick and was very much an old style head rowing up the estuary past Barrington's Pier to St Michaels Clubhouse a total of 5.5km. The club had an overall entry of 45 rowers and again had good performances winning the men's J16 eight and women's J18 coxless quad and J16 coxed quad.



Erne Head Eniskillen was postponed by a week due to unsafe driving conditions caused by frost and was held on the 10th March. Again we had a large entry of 45 rowers and good performances from many crews over the 5km Head course in good rowing conditions. Our men's J16 Eight and women's J18 coxless four both won their categories. *JW15 coxed Quod under the arches at Enniskillen*

Tribesmen Head was held at the Lough Rynne Venue on the 24th March and the club entered all rowers. This was our first years first event in 2018 and three octuplets were entered two for first year boys and one for first year girls. The club had six wins and a number of good performances. There were a total of 65 rowers.



First Years Oct at Lough Rynne



MJ16 Eight setting off at Enniskillen

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