

Sunday 29th November 2009
12 noon at the Bowbridge boathouse

Taurus boat-naming



Join Taurus and Oxford Brookes University Boat Club members at lunchtime at the club's boathouse, for a grand naming ceremony to honour five top Poly/ Brookes Olympians. Taurus contributed to the purchase of two new Empacher pairs and in addition Brookes have recently bought two fours, including the victorious Athens 2004 M4- shell, and also an eight from GB Rowing. Appropriately the boats will be named after five of our most successful international medallists, of whom we are all hugely proud. Hopefully their names will inspire the next generation of world beaters from Brookes.

All Taurus members welcome, food and drink will be on hand. Please contact Robbie Kennedy on rabbie_k@hotmail.com, 07779-639389 if you are coming, to give an idea of numbers.

Ben Hunt-Davis MBE (2, left) rowed at Oxford Poly in 1990-91. He won U23s silver ('91) and was a senior GB oarsman from '92 to '00.

Fred Scarlett MBE (7) was at Oxford Brookes University in the mid-90, winning HRR twice. He was a GB senior oarsman from '98 to '00.

Rowley Douglas MBE (cox) was at Oxford Brookes University in the late 1990's, won his first international regatta in 1998 and coxed the GB M8+ cox in 1999 and 2000.

All three won silver with the GBR M8+ in 1999, and gold at the Sydney Games.

Steve Williams OBE was at Oxford Brookes University in the late 1990's, rowed the M2- with Fred Scarlett in 1998, and won M4+ gold in 2000. He won 5 M4- golds: 3 at worlds and 2 at the Olympics ('04 and '08).

Alex Partridge was another late '90s Oxford Brookes oarsman, winning U23 M4+ gold ('00) and world M4+ bronze ('01). He has been a senior international ever since, highlights including being unbeaten in the M4- ('05 to '06), Olympic silver ('08) and world gold ('09).

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To Oxford



To Reading

To
Henley

The green arrow marks the entrance to the boathouse, on the east side of the A329 and on the outside of a fairly tight corner.

Directions to the Oxford Brookes boathouse:

The Bowbridge (Cholsey) boathouse now owned and used by Oxford Brookes is south of Wallingford, a short way upstream of the S-bends for those who remember training on that stretch.

Aim for Wallingford (from Oxford and the north, use the A4074, from the south, it's best to approach via Henley, Reading or Pangbourne.) If you are approaching from any other road than the A329, go round Wallingford until you reach the junction of the A329 and the A4130. Turn onto the A329, signposted Moulsoford, and look out for the first real corner, just after some houses, where the boathouse is on the left, on the bend, and not very visible from the road.

From Pangbourne take the A329 until you are nearly at Wallingford, the boathouse turn is on the right, about 1.25 miles after the Cholsey bridge over the railway.